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## **CME Group Named "Best Futures Exchange" by Markets Media Magazine**

CHICAGO, Feb. 25, 2016 /PRNewswire/ -- CME Group, the world's leading and most diverse derivatives marketplace, today announced the company was named "Best Futures Exchange" at Markets Media's 2016 Markets Choice Awards. The award ceremony, held Feb. 24 in New York, recognized CME Group's excellence in diverse and innovative new products, client service and education, and technology design and execution as voted by peers and customers.

The <u>Markets Choice Awards</u> include more than 20 categories that span across exchanges, sell-side desks, institutional buy-side investors, hedge funds and technology providers. The methodology in selecting nominees and winners focused on the most important opinions -- those of market participants.

"We are honored to be named Best Futures Exchange by Markets Media," said Terry Duffy, CME Group's Executive Chairman and President. "2015 was a milestone year for CME Group, and we've continued to reach new volume records in just the first quarter of 2016. In this time of heightened global volatility, it's clear that market participants see the value in turning to CME Group's deep and liquid markets to manage risk exposure."

"At CME Group, our top priority is to meet the rapidly-evolving needs of our customers," said Phupinder Gill, CME Group's CEO. "We're especially gratified that this recognition is based on direct feedback from market participants."

CME Group was also recognized in 2015 by Markets Media as the "Best Global Exchange" and in 2014 and 2013 as the "Best Futures Exchange."

To select award winners, Markets Media conducted several dozen one-on-one interviews with senior market participants. Readers and social media followers also had the opportunity to generate nominees. The publication, in consultation with the Markets Media Advisory Board, then deliberated internally and selected the winners.

As the world's leading and most diverse derivatives marketplace, CME Group (<a href="www.cmegroup.com">www.cmegroup.com</a>) is where the world comes to manage risk. CME Group exchanges offer the widest range of global benchmark products across all major asset classes, including futures and options based on <a href="mailto:interest rates">interest rates</a>, <a href="equity-indexes">equity-indexes</a>, <a href="foreign-exchange">foreign-exchange</a>, <a href="energy">energy</a>, <a href="mailto:agricultural">agricultural</a> <a href="mailto:commodities">commodities</a>, <a href="mailto:metals">metals</a>, <a href="weather">weather</a> and <a href="mailto:real-estate">real-estate</a>. CME Group brings buyers and sellers together through its <a href="mailto:CME Globex">CME Globex</a>® electronic trading platform, its trading facilities in New York and Chicago, and through its London-based <a href="mailto:CME Europe">CME Europe</a> derivatives exchange. CME Group also operates one of the world's leading central counterparty clearing providers through <a href="mailto:CME Clearing Europe">CME Clearing Europe</a>, which offer clearing and settlement services across asset classes for exchange-traded contracts and over-the-counter derivatives transactions. These products and services ensure that businesses everywhere can substantially mitigate counterparty credit risk.

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