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CME Group and BarclayHedge Honor Managed Futures Leaders at Fifth Annual Managed Futures Pinnacle Awards

CHICAGO, June 21, 2016 /PRNewswire/ -- <u>CME Group</u>, the world's leading and most diverse derivatives marketplace, and <u>BarclayHedge</u>, recognized managed futures industry leaders at the fifth annual <u>Managed Futures Pinnacle Awards</u> last night.

The winners of this year's Pinnacle Achievement Award are Richard Dennis, independent trader, and William Eckhardt, Chairman and CEO of Eckhardt Trading Company. In the mid-1980s, Dennis and Eckhardt developed trading systems and techniques which they taught to groups of beginning traders, known as the "Turtle Traders". Their experiment proved that succeeding in trading futures was a skill that can be taught, and their influential research and teachings have had an enormous impact on the broader financial services industry.

More information about the awards and the winners, as well as a video about their achievements, can be found at <u>www.mfpawards.com</u>. The complete list of award recipients follows:

BEST DIVERSIFIED CTA	
2015 Best Diversified CTA (\$500 million+ AUM)	Quantitative Investment Management
2015 Best Diversified CTA (Less than \$500 million AUM)	Splendor Capital Management Ltd.
5-Year Best Diversified CTA (\$500 million+ AUM)	Two Sigma
5-Year Best Diversified CTA (Less than \$500 million AUM)	Polar Star Management
BEST SINGLE SECTOR	
2015 Best Single Sector CTA	Cogent Energy Investment Management, LLC
5-Year Best Single Sector CTA	Esulep Management
BEST MULTI-ADVISOR FUTURES FUND	
2015 Best Multi-Advisor Futures Fund	AC Investment Management
5-Year Best Multi-Advisor Futures Fund	AC Investment Management
BEST OPTIONS STRATEGY	
2015 Best Options Strategy	Tianyou Asset Management, LLC
5-Year Best Options Strategy	Doherty Advisors, LLC
3-YEAR BEST SYSTEMATIC CTA	Whitehaven
3-YEAR BEST DISCRETIONARY CTA	H2O AM
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3-YEAR BEST HYBRID CTA	Splendor Capital Management Ltd.
2015 BEST EMERGING CTA	Tianyou Asset Management, LLC

Managers were nominated based on quantitative data provided by BarclayHedge for the various award categories. All data was collected and analyzed by BarclayHedge. CME Group can neither verify nor negate the accuracy of the data used to calculate nominees and winners.

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