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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**CME Group Inc. Reports Strong Third-Quarter 2017 Financial Results**

- **Average daily volume rose 10 percent to 15.7 million contracts, including records in Energy and Metals**

CHICAGO, October 26, 2017 - CME Group Inc. (NASDAQ: CME) today reported revenue of \$891 million and operating income of \$568 million for the third quarter of 2017. Net income was \$309 million and diluted earnings per share were \$0.91. On an adjusted basis, net income was \$406 million and diluted earnings per share were \$1.19. Financial results presented on an adjusted basis for the third quarters of 2017 and 2016 exclude certain items, which are detailed in the reconciliation of non-GAAP results.¹

“Broad-based strength across our asset classes during the third quarter drove average daily volume up 10 percent, compared to the same quarter last year,” said CME Group Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Terry Duffy. “This performance, coupled with expense discipline, resulted in double-digit adjusted earnings per share growth. Our options business was especially strong during the quarter. Total average daily volume in options increased 14 percent, with overall electronic options up 36 percent. We also continued to expand the number of customers we serve worldwide. As a result, quarterly average daily volume from Europe rose more than 20 percent to surpass 3 million contracts for the first time, and record activity from Asia where volume grew 17 percent to nearly 700,000 contracts per day.”

Third-quarter 2017 average daily volume was 15.7 million contracts, up 10 percent compared with third-quarter 2016. Clearing and transaction fee revenue was \$756 million, up 7 percent compared with third-quarter 2016. Third-quarter 2017 total average rate per contract was 74.9 cents, in line with second-quarter 2017, driven by a favorable product mix which offset volume discounts. Market data revenue was \$97 million, down 4 percent compared with the third quarter last year and up slightly from second-quarter 2017.

1. A reconciliation of the non-GAAP financial results mentioned to the respective GAAP figures can be found within the Reconciliation of GAAP to non-GAAP Measures chart at the end of the financial statements and earnings presentation materials.

As of September 30, 2017, the company had \$1.7 billion of cash and marketable securities and \$2.2 billion of long-term debt. The company paid the regular third-quarter dividend of \$224 million in September, and has returned approximately \$8.2 billion to shareholders in the form of dividends since the implementation of the variable dividend policy in early 2012.

CME Group will hold a Q&A conference call to discuss third-quarter 2017 results at 8:30 a.m. Eastern Time today. A live audio Webcast of the Q&A call will be available on the Investor Relations section of CME Group's Web site at www.cmegroup.com. An archived recording will be available for up to two months after the call.

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CME Group Inc. and Subsidiaries
Consolidated Balance Sheets
(in millions)

	<u>September 30, 2017</u>	<u>December 31, 2016</u>
ASSETS		
Current Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,631.1	\$ 1,868.6
Marketable securities	88.0	83.3
Accounts receivable, net of allowance	390.3	364.4
Other current assets (includes \$50.0 and \$30.0 in restricted cash)	340.8	171.7
Performance bonds and guaranty fund contributions	46,942.3	37,543.5
Total current assets	<u>49,392.5</u>	<u>40,031.5</u>
Property, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization	388.9	425.2
Intangible assets—trading products	17,175.3	17,175.3
Intangible assets—other, net	2,370.0	2,441.8
Goodwill	7,569.0	7,569.0
Other assets (includes \$2.2 and \$61.7 in restricted cash)	1,427.3	1,726.6
Total Assets	<u>\$ 78,323.0</u>	<u>\$ 69,369.4</u>
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 36.1	\$ 26.2
Other current liabilities	244.6	1,376.7
Performance bonds and guaranty fund contributions	46,942.3	37,542.7
Total current liabilities	<u>47,223.0</u>	<u>38,945.6</u>
Long-term debt	2,232.6	2,231.2
Deferred income tax liabilities, net	7,437.0	7,291.0
Other liabilities	566.5	560.9
Total Liabilities	<u>57,459.1</u>	<u>49,028.7</u>
Shareholders' equity	<u>20,863.9</u>	<u>20,340.7</u>
Total Liabilities and Equity	<u>\$ 78,323.0</u>	<u>\$ 69,369.4</u>

CME Group Inc. and Subsidiaries
Consolidated Statements of Income
(dollars in millions, except per share amounts; shares in thousands)

	Quarter Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
Revenues				
Clearing and transaction fees	\$ 756.2	\$ 704.2	\$ 2,340.2	\$ 2,267.9
Market data and information services	96.9	101.1	289.8	306.4
Access and communication fees	25.7	23.8	74.9	67.7
Other	12.0	12.6	39.8	40.3
Total Revenues	890.8	841.7	2,744.7	2,682.3
Expenses				
Compensation and benefits	141.4	130.6	423.0	394.2
Communications	6.1	6.9	18.4	19.9
Technology support services	19.3	17.3	56.2	52.4
Professional fees and outside services	25.8	33.5	83.0	104.2
Amortization of purchased intangibles	23.8	24.0	71.8	72.0
Depreciation and amortization	26.9	31.2	85.1	95.5
Occupancy and building operations	19.8	19.6	59.1	65.3
Licensing and other fee agreements	41.5	31.5	108.2	103.3
Other	18.3	21.8	65.2	113.0
Total Expenses	322.9	316.4	970.0	1,019.8
Operating Income	567.9	525.3	1,774.7	1,662.5
Non-Operating Income (Expense)				
Investment income	139.9	36.5	391.2	71.3
Interest and other borrowing costs	(29.1)	(31.1)	(87.9)	(91.9)
Equity in net earnings (losses) of unconsolidated subsidiaries	33.9	28.6	96.5	82.4
Other non-operating income (expense)	(105.3)	(10.5)	(222.9)	(30.9)
Total Non-Operating Income (Expense)	39.4	23.5	176.9	30.9
Income before Income Taxes	607.3	548.8	1,951.6	1,693.4
Income tax provision	298.7	76.0	827.4	532.7
Net Income	\$ 308.6	\$ 472.8	\$ 1,124.2	\$ 1,160.7
Earnings per Common Share:				
Basic	\$ 0.91	\$ 1.40	\$ 3.32	\$ 3.44
Diluted	0.91	1.39	3.31	3.43
Weighted Average Number of Common Shares:				
Basic	338,771	337,592	338,557	337,299
Diluted	340,329	339,143	340,114	338,834

**CME Group Inc. and Subsidiaries
Quarterly Operating Statistics**

	3Q 2016	4Q 2016	1Q 2017	2Q 2017	3Q 2017
Trading Days	64	63	62	63	63

Quarterly Average Daily Volume (ADV)

CME Group ADV (in thousands)

Product Line	3Q 2016	4Q 2016	1Q 2017	2Q 2017	3Q 2017
Interest rate	6,791	8,300	9,169	8,210	7,424
Equity	2,876	2,875	2,766	2,707	2,624
Foreign exchange	772	883	894	879	971
Energy	2,294	2,586	2,496	2,632	2,693
Agricultural commodity	1,156	1,193	1,261	1,491	1,381
Metal	431	488	512	533	611
Total	14,319	16,325	17,098	16,453	15,704
Venue					
Electronic	12,672	14,375	14,947	14,582	14,264
Open outcry	982	1,130	1,362	1,115	889
Privately negotiated	665	820	789	756	551
Total	14,319	16,325	17,098	16,453	15,704

Average Rate Per Contract (RPC)

CME Group RPC

Product Line	3Q 2016	4Q 2016	1Q 2017	2Q 2017	3Q 2017
Interest rate	\$ 0.508	\$ 0.491	\$ 0.492	\$ 0.491	\$ 0.485
Equity	0.676	0.691	0.718	0.731	0.738
Foreign exchange	0.806	0.804	0.823	0.807	0.796
Energy	1.097	1.099	1.130	1.096	1.072
Agricultural commodity	1.335	1.336	1.334	1.300	1.251
Metal	1.542	1.486	1.496	1.449	1.376
Average RPC	\$ 0.750	\$ 0.731	\$ 0.731	\$ 0.749	\$ 0.749

CME Group Inc. and Subsidiaries
Reconciliation of GAAP to non-GAAP Measures
(dollars in millions, except per share amounts; shares in thousands)

	Quarter Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
Net Income	\$ 308.6	\$ 472.8	\$ 1,124.2	\$ 1,160.7
Restructuring and severance	—	—	3.9	—
Amortization of purchased intangibles	23.8	24.0	71.8	72.0
Loss on disposal of assets	—	—	0.6	5.3
Loss and expenses related to sale-leaseback of data center	—	—	—	28.6
Foreign exchange transaction losses (gains) ¹	(2.9)	1.0	(10.0)	16.5
Net (gains) losses on CME Venture investments	—	(5.2)	—	(1.4)
(Gains) losses on sale of BM&FBOVESPA shares	—	(6.4)	(86.5)	(6.4)
(Gains) losses on sale of Bolsa Mexicana shares	(2.0)	—	(2.0)	—
Income tax effect related to above	(7.4)	(3.2)	(25.4)	(37.3)
Other income tax item ²	86.1	(126.4)	164.0	(89.0)
Adjusted Net Income	<u>\$ 406.2</u>	<u>\$ 356.6</u>	<u>\$ 1,240.6</u>	<u>\$ 1,149.0</u>
GAAP Earnings per Common Share:				
Basic	\$ 0.91	\$ 1.40	\$ 3.32	\$ 3.44
Diluted	0.91	1.39	3.31	3.43
Adjusted Earnings per Common Share:				
Basic	\$ 1.20	\$ 1.06	\$ 3.66	\$ 3.41
Diluted	1.19	1.05	3.65	3.39
Weighted Average Number of Common Shares:				
Basic	338,771	337,592	338,557	337,299
Diluted	340,329	339,143	340,114	338,834

1. Results include foreign exchange transaction net gains and losses principally related to cash held in British pounds within foreign entities whose functional currency is the U.S. dollar.

2. In the third quarter of 2017, we recognized expense primarily for the remeasurement of deferred tax positions resulting from a state and local income tax law change.