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REGISTRATION STATEMENT
UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

CHICAGO MERCANTILE EXCHANGE HOLDINGS INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware

(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation or Organization)

6200

(Primary Standard Industrial
Classification Code Number)

36-4459170

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification Number)

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(Address, Including Zip Code, and Telephone Number,
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APPROXIMATE DATE OF COMMENCEMENT OF PROPOSED SALE TO THE PUBLIC: As soon as practicable after the effective date of this Registration Statement.

If any of the securities being registered on this form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, check the following box. //

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The Registrant hereby amends this Registration Statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the Registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this Registration Statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 or until the Registration Statement shall become effective on such date as the Securities and Exchange Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.

The information in this prospectus is not complete and may be changed. We and the selling shareholders may not sell these securities until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities and neither we nor the selling shareholders are soliciting offers to buy these securities in any state where the offer or sale is not permitted.

PROSPECTUS (Subject to Completion)
Issued November 18, 2002

4,751,070 Shares

CLASS A COMMON STOCK

Chicago Mercantile Exchange Holdings Inc. is offering 3,000,000 shares of Class A common stock and the selling shareholders are offering 1,751,070 shares of Class A common stock. This is our initial public offering, and there has been no organized public market for our Class A common stock. We anticipate that the initial public offering price will be between \$31.00 and \$34.00 per share. Chicago Mercantile Exchange Holdings Inc. will not receive any proceeds from the sale of shares by the selling shareholders.

We have applied to list our Class A common stock on The New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "CME."

Investing in our common stock involves risks. See "Risk Factors" beginning on page 7.

PRICE \$ A SHARE

	<i>Price to Public</i>	<i>Underwriting Discounts and Commissions</i>	<i>Proceeds to Chicago Mercantile Exchange Holdings</i>	<i>Proceeds to Selling Shareholders</i>
<i>Per Share</i>	\$	\$	\$	\$
<i>Total</i>	\$	\$	\$	\$

Chicago Mercantile Exchange Holdings Inc. has granted the underwriters the right to purchase up to an additional 712,660 shares to cover over-allotments.

The Securities and Exchange Commission and state securities regulators have not approved or disapproved these securities, or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated expects to deliver the shares to purchasers on _____, 2002.

MORGAN STANLEY

SALOMON SMITH BARNEY

WILLIAM BLAIR & COMPANY

UBS WARBURG

JPMORGAN

, 2002

[INSIDE FRONT COVER]

[Photographic montage of a globe, hand signals and wallboard displays (from our open outcry trading floors) and a computer keyboard (used for electronic trading). The image is captioned "Our futures and options on futures contracts are traded on CME's open outcry trading floors in Chicago, electronically on CME's GLOBEX® platform and through privately negotiated transactions."]

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Our principal executive offices are located at 30 South Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606, and our telephone number is (312) 930-1000. In this prospectus, the terms "company," "exchange," "we," "us" and "our" refer to Chicago Mercantile Exchange Holdings Inc. and its subsidiary, Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc., when the distinction between the two companies is not important to the discussion. When the distinction between the two companies is important to the discussion, we use the term "CME" to refer to Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. and "CME Holdings" to refer to Chicago Mercantile Exchange Holdings Inc. On December 3, 2001, we reorganized into a holding company structure. This reorganization was effected through a merger of CME Holdings' wholly owned subsidiary, CME Merger Subsidiary Inc., into CME. Following the merger, CME became a wholly owned subsidiary of CME Holdings. For a more detailed discussion of our reorganization, see the section of this prospectus entitled "Our Reorganization."

Unless otherwise indicated, all information in this prospectus (1) reflects the consummation of our reorganization; and (2) assumes the underwriters do not exercise their over-allotment option granted by us. In this prospectus, we refer to our Class A, Class A-1, Class A-2, Class A-3 and Class A-4 common stock collectively as our Class A common stock, and we refer to our Class B-1, Class B-2, Class B-3 and Class B-4 common stock collectively as our Class B common stock.

You should rely only on the information contained in this prospectus. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with information different from that contained in this prospectus. We are offering to sell shares of Class A common stock and seeking offers to buy shares of Class A common stock only in jurisdictions where offers and sales are permitted. The information contained in this prospectus is accurate only as of the date of this prospectus, regardless of the time of delivery of this prospectus or of the Class A common stock.

We have not taken any action to permit a public offering of the shares of Class A common stock outside the United States or to permit the possession or distribution of this prospectus outside the United States. Persons outside the United States who come into possession of this prospectus must inform themselves about and observe any restrictions relating to the offering of the shares of Class A common stock and the distribution of this prospectus outside the United States.

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PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

The following is a summary of some of the information contained in this prospectus. In addition to this summary, we urge you to read the entire prospectus carefully, especially the risks of investing in our Class A common stock discussed under "Risk Factors" and our consolidated financial statements and notes to those financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus.

Overview

We are the largest futures exchange in the United States and the second largest exchange in the world for the trading of futures and options on futures, as measured by 2001 annual trading volume. In 2001, our customers traded futures and options on futures contracts with a notional dollar value of \$293.9 trillion, making us the world's largest exchange by this measure. We also have the largest futures and options on futures open interest of any exchange in the world. As of November 15, 2002, our open interest record was 23.2 million contracts, set on November 14, 2002. Our open interest is the daily total of positions outstanding on our exchange. Open interest is a widely recognized indicator of the level of customer interest in an exchange's products.

We bring together buyers and sellers of derivative products on our open outcry trading floors, on the GLOBEX electronic trading platform and through privately negotiated transactions that we clear. We offer market participants the opportunity to trade futures contracts and options on futures for interest rates, stock indexes, foreign exchange and commodities. Our key products include Eurodollar contracts and contracts based on major U.S. stock indexes. These indexes include the S&P 500 and the Nasdaq-100. We also offer foreign exchange contracts for the principal foreign currencies and contracts for a number of commodity products, including cattle, hogs and dairy. We believe several of our key

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products serve as global financial benchmarks. Our Eurodollar contract provides a benchmark for measuring the relative value of U.S. dollar-denominated, short-term fixed-income securities. Similarly, our S&P 500 Index and Nasdaq-100 Index contracts are closely linked to the benchmark indexes for U.S. equity performance.

Our products provide a means for hedging, speculation and asset allocation relating to the risks associated with interest rate sensitive instruments, equity ownership, changes in the value of foreign currency and changes in the prices of commodity products. Our customer base includes professional traders, financial institutions, institutional and individual investors and major corporations, manufacturers, producers and governments.

Trading on our trading floors is conducted exclusively by our members, either through open outcry or by using GLOBEX terminals located on our trading floors. Trades executed by our members can be for their own account or for the account of non-member customers. Members also conduct trading electronically through remote access to our GLOBEX platform and through privately negotiated transactions that we clear. Non-members may also access our markets through the GLOBEX electronic trading platform. Generally, member customers are charged lower fees than our non-member customers. In the first nine months of 2002, our members were responsible for approximately 78% of our trading volume.

Our principal source of revenue is from charges for trade execution and clearing that we assess on each contract traded on our exchange or using our clearing house. We assess clearing and transaction fees based on the product traded, the membership status of the individual executing the trade and whether the trade is executed on our open outcry trading floors, through the GLOBEX electronic trading platform or as a privately negotiated transaction. In addition to clearing and transaction fees, we derive revenue from the sale of valuable data and information regarding pricing and trading activity generated by our markets.

Our 2001 net revenues were \$387.2 million, an increase of 70.9% from the \$226.6 million recorded during 2000. For the nine months ended September 30, 2002, our net revenues were \$333.8 million, an increase of 18.3% from \$282.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2001. In 2001, we derived \$292.5 million, or 75.5% of our net revenues, from fees associated with trading and clearing products on or through our exchange. For the nine months ended September 30, 2002, we derived \$261.4 million, or 78.3% of our net revenues, from such fees. In 2001, we derived approximately 62% of our clearing and

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transaction fees revenue from open outcry trading, nearly 27% from electronic trading and approximately 11% from privately negotiated transactions. During the first nine months of 2002, approximately 53% of our clearing and transaction fees revenue was generated from open outcry trading, nearly 39% from electronic trading and approximately 8% from privately negotiated transactions. Revenues from market data products totaled \$48.3 million, or 12.5% of our net revenues, in 2001 and \$36.5 million, or 11.0% of our net revenues, in the nine months ended September 30, 2002.

Our net income for 2001 was \$68.3 million, compared to a net loss of \$5.9 million during 2000. Our net income for the nine months ended September 30, 2002 was \$61.0 million, compared to net income of \$54.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2001.

We own our clearing house and are able to guarantee, clear and settle every contract traded through our exchange. During the first nine months of 2002, we processed an average of more than 553,000 clearing transactions per day. We currently have the capacity to clear more than 1.5 million transactions per day. Our systems are scalable and give us the ability to further increase substantially our capacity with very little lead time. As of September 30, 2002, we acted as custodian for approximately \$27.7 billion in collateral. In the first nine months of 2002, we moved an average of \$1.7 billion of settlement funds through our clearing system each day. In addition, 40 exchanges and clearing organizations worldwide have adopted our Standard Portfolio Analysis of Risk, or SPAN, risk evaluation system. The New York Mercantile Exchange, or NYMEX, and Euronext N.V. also use CLEARING 21, our state-of-the-art clearing system.

CME was founded in 1898 as a not-for-profit corporation. In November 2000, CME became the first U.S. financial exchange to demutualize and become a shareholder-owned corporation. As a consequence, we have adopted a for-profit approach to our business, including strategic initiatives aimed at optimizing volume, efficiency and liquidity. We posted record trading volume of more than 411.7 million contracts in 2001, an increase of 78.1% over 2000, which was previously our busiest year. During the first nine months of 2002, we posted trading volume of more than 413.8 million contracts, an increase of 40.0% over the same period in 2001.

Currently, we have or are developing strategic relationships with the leading derivative exchanges and clearing organizations in France, Spain, England, Singapore, Japan and Korea. These relationships are intended to extend the market reach of our global derivatives business.

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We devote substantial resources to introducing new products based on new markets or securities. For example, last year we formed a joint venture with Chicago Board Options Exchange, or CBOE, and the Chicago Board of Trade, or CBOT, to trade single stock futures and futures on narrow-based stock indexes. The venture is called OneChicago, LLC. OneChicago commenced its trading operations on November 8, 2002. We also recently entered into an agreement with NYMEX to introduce small-sized versions of key NYMEX energy futures contracts for trading on our GLOBEX electronic trading platform. The products, based on our successful E-mini stock index contracts, are called e-miNY energy futures and clear at the NYMEX clearing house. The first of these products, e-miNY crude oil and natural gas futures contracts, began trading on June 17, 2002.

Competitive Strengths

We have established ourselves as a premier global marketplace for financial risk management. We believe our principal competitive strengths are:

Highly Liquid Markets. Our deep and liquid markets tend to attract additional customers. This further enhances our liquidity.

Global Benchmark Products. We believe our key Eurodollar product serves as a global financial benchmark for measuring the relative value of U.S. dollar-denominated, short-term fixed-income securities. Similarly, our stock index products are closely linked to the benchmark indexes for U.S. equity performance. As a result, our products are increasingly recognized by our customers as efficient tools for managing and hedging their interest rate and equity market risks.

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Diverse Portfolio of Products and Services. We differentiate ourselves from our competitors by developing and offering to our customers a diverse array of products. We also offer a broad range of trade execution and clearing services.

Wholly Owned Clearing House. We believe our performance guarantee and capital-efficient clearing systems are major attractions of our markets. In addition, because we own our clearing house and have significant available capacity, we are able to efficiently introduce new products. We are also able to provide clearing services to other exchanges.

Proven and Scalable Technology. We possess fast, reliable and fully integrated trading and clearing systems. Our systems are highly scalable and designed to accommodate additional products with relatively limited modifications and low incremental costs.

Global Reach. Our electronic trading services are available around the world approximately 23 hours a day and five days per week.

Growth Strategy

Globalization, deregulation and advances in technology offer significant opportunities for expanding futures markets, and exchange markets generally. We intend to increase our trading volume, revenues and profitability by implementing the following four strategies:

Expand Our Current Core Business. We intend to advance our position as a leader in the futures industry by:

Expanding Customer Access. We continue to expand our customer base and trading volume by broadening the access, order routing, trading and clearing solutions we offer to existing and prospective customers.

Expanding Electronic and Other Trade Execution Choices. Our strategy is to offer our customers a broad range of trade execution choices, including increased electronic trading, enhanced facilities for privately negotiated transactions and new links with exchanges around the world.

Enhancing Our Market Data and Information Products. We intend to leverage the value of our market data and information capabilities by developing enhancements to our existing information products and creating new products.

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Add New Products. We intend to continue to introduce, either directly or through alliances with other exchanges, new products based on new markets or securities. In addition, we intend to continue working with emerging cash market trading platforms to jointly develop innovative futures products.

Provide Transaction Processing and Other Business Services to Third Parties. We intend to leverage our existing capacity and scalable technology and business processes to offer a broad range of services to other exchanges, clearing organizations and e-marketplaces. We believe that third parties will be attracted by our proven ability to process high volumes of transactions.

Pursue Select Alliances and Acquisitions. We plan to supplement our internal growth through the formation of joint ventures or alliances and select acquisitions of businesses or technologies that help us to enter new markets, provide services that we currently do not offer, open access to our markets and advance our technology.

Corporate Information

We were incorporated in Delaware in August 2001. Our principal executive offices are located at 30 South Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606, and our telephone number is (312) 930-1000. Our Web site is <http://www.cme.com>. Information contained in our Web site is not incorporated by reference into this prospectus. You should not consider information contained in our Web site as part of this prospectus.

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THE OFFERING

Class A common stock offered by us	3,000,000 shares
Class A common stock offered by the selling shareholders	1,751,070 shares
Common stock to be outstanding immediately after this offering:	
Class A common stock	31,817,662 shares
Class B common stock	3,138 shares
Use of proceeds	We intend to use the net proceeds from this offering for development of our technology infrastructure, for capital expenditures, to finance possible acquisitions and investments in technology, businesses, products or services, for working capital and for general corporate purposes. Please see the section of this prospectus entitled "Use of Proceeds."
Proposed New York Stock Exchange symbol	CME

The number of shares of our Class A common stock outstanding immediately after this offering is based on the number of shares outstanding at September 30, 2002. This number does not take into account:

68,400 shares of Class A common stock subject to restricted stock awards, which are not vested;

1,101,400 shares of Class A common stock issuable upon the exercise of outstanding stock options issued under our stock option plan, with an exercise price of \$22 per share; and

2,875,873 shares of Class A common stock issuable upon the exercise of the outstanding stock options issued to our chief executive officer, at a weighted average exercise price of \$18.99 per share, assuming a value of the Class A common stock at September 30, 2002 of \$32.50, the mid-point of the range shown on the cover of this prospectus, and assuming the entire option is exercised for cash and settled in Class A common stock only.

If the underwriters exercise their over-allotment option in full, we will issue and sell an additional 712,660 shares and the number of shares of Class A common stock to be outstanding immediately after this offering will be 32,530,322 shares.

COMMON STOCK OWNERSHIP AND SPECIAL RIGHTS OF CLASS B SHAREHOLDERS

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Our Class B common stock is associated with trading rights on our exchange and is owned by holders of those membership interests. Holders of our Class B common stock have special rights, including the right to elect 6 of our 20 directors and the right to approve specified "Core Rights" related to their trading privileges. Seventeen of our 20 directors own or are officers or directors of others who own memberships on our exchange. Following this offering, we estimate that our shareholders who own memberships on our exchange will own, of record, more than 80% of our outstanding Class A common stock. Shareholders who own memberships may have interests that are different from the interests of the holders of Class A shares who do not own memberships. For more information on the rights and interests of our members, see the sections of this prospectus entitled "Business" and "Risk Factors." Except with respect to the special rights described above, shares of our Class A common stock and Class B common stock are identical with respect to voting, liquidation, dividend and dissolution rights. Shares of our Class A common stock outstanding prior to this offering are subject to transfer restrictions that vary from 180 to 540 days from the completion of this offering. Shares of our Class B common stock cannot be transferred separately from the transfer of the associated membership interest in our exchange. See "Description of Capital Stock" for more information on these rights and transfer restrictions.

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SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL DATA

The summary information set forth below is not necessarily indicative of the results of future operations and should be read in conjunction with "Selected Financial Data," "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and the financial statements and related notes included elsewhere in this prospectus. The as adjusted balance sheet data below gives effect to the sale by us of 3,000,000 shares of our Class A common stock in this offering at an assumed offering price of \$32.50 per share, the mid-point of the range shown on the cover of this prospectus, after deducting estimated underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses.

Year Ended December 31,			Nine Months Ended September 30,	
1999	2000	2001	2001	2002
				(unaudited)

(in thousands, except per share amounts)

Income Statement Data:

Income Statement Data:										
Net revenues	\$	210,602	\$	226,552	\$	387,153	\$	282,197	\$	333,789
Total expenses		203,958		234,635		272,788		191,222		232,541
Limited partners' interest in earnings of PMT Limited Partnership		(2,126)		(1,165)						
Net income (loss)		2,663		(5,909)		68,302		54,481		61,018
Earnings (loss) per share:(1)										
Basic		0.09		(0.21)		2.37		1.89		2.12
Diluted		0.09				2.33		1.86		2.04

As of September 30, 2002

Actual	As Adjusted
(unaudited)	
(in thousands)	

Balance Sheet Data:

Assets:

Cash and cash equivalents(2)	\$	197,164	\$	285,731
Proceeds from securities lending activities(3)		554,870		554,870
Cash performance bonds and security deposits(4)		1,920,033		1,920,033
Total current assets(5)		2,723,747		2,812,314
Total assets		2,863,830		2,952,397
Liabilities and shareholders' equity:				
Payable under securities lending agreements(3)		554,870		554,870
Cash performance bonds and security deposits(4)		1,920,033		1,920,033
Total current liabilities		2,543,993		2,543,993

As of September 30, 2002

Shareholders' equity	299,570	388,137
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- (1) Earnings per share is presented as if the common stock issued on December 3, 2001 had been outstanding for all periods presented. Diluted loss per share is not presented for the year ended December 31, 2000, because shares issuable for stock options, which would be included as part of the calculation, would have an anti-dilutive effect.
- (2) Cash equivalents consist of highly liquid investments with maturities of three months or less.
- (3) Securities lending transactions utilize a portion of the securities that clearing firms have deposited to satisfy their proprietary performance bond requirements. Securities lending proceeds change daily. The related investment of these proceeds is short-term in nature. Investments consist principally of money market mutual funds. Securities lending activity is represented by an equal and offsetting current asset and current liability. See the section of this prospectus entitled "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Liquidity and Capital Resources" for a more detailed discussion of our securities lending program.
- (4) Our clearing firms are subject to performance bond requirements pursuant to the rules of our exchange. These requirements can be satisfied in cash or by depositing securities, at the clearing firms' election. The deposit of cash is reflected in our financial statements while the deposit of securities is not reflected in our financial statements. The amount of cash performance bonds and security deposits that are deposited by our clearing firms may change daily as a result of changes in the number of the clearing firms' open positions and how clearing firms elect to satisfy their performance bond requirements. The balance of cash performance bonds and securities deposits will also fluctuate daily based on the change in the value of positions held by clearing firms. When clearing firms deposit cash, it is held or invested by us on an overnight basis. We are required to return these funds when performance bond requirements are reduced, as these funds ultimately represent assets of the respective clearing firms. Therefore, the current asset represented by cash performance bonds and security deposits has an equal and offsetting current liability. See the section of this prospectus entitled "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Liquidity and Capital Resources" for a more detailed discussion of cash performance bonds and security deposits.
- (5) Current assets consist of cash and cash equivalents, marketable securities, accounts receivable and other current assets in addition to cash performance bonds and security deposits and securities lending. Current assets are short-term in nature and are generally converted to cash in one year or less.

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Year Ended December 31,			Nine Months Ended September 30,	
1999	2000	2001	2001	2002
(in thousands, except notional value of trading volume)				

Other Data:

Total trading volume (round turns, in contracts)(6)	200,737	231,110	411,712	295,463	413,790
GLOBEX trading volume (round turns, in contracts)(6)	16,135	34,506	81,895	55,999	131,685
Open interest at period-end (contracts)	6,412	8,021	15,039	13,938	17,618
Notional value of trading volume (in trillions)	\$ 138.3	\$ 155.0	\$ 293.9	\$ 210.2	\$ 257.8

- (6) A round turn represents a matched buy and sell.

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RISK FACTORS

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You should carefully consider the risks below before making an investment decision. The risks described below are not the only ones facing our company. Additional risks not presently known to us or that we currently deem immaterial may also impair our operations.

Our business, financial condition or results of operations could be materially adversely affected by any of these risks. The trading price of our Class A common stock could decline due to any of these risks, and you may lose all or part of your investment.

Risks Related to Our Business

Our shareholders who own memberships on our exchange, and who may have interests that differ from or conflict with those of shareholders who are not also owners of memberships, currently own substantially all of our voting stock. Shareholders who own memberships on our exchange account for 17 of the 20 directors on our board and, after the offering, will continue to control the election of all directors. Our dependence on the trading and clearing activities of our members, combined with their ability to control the election of directors, will enable them to exert substantial influence over the operation of our business.

Immediately following this offering, we estimate that our shareholders who own memberships will together own, of record, shares representing in excess of 80% of our outstanding Class A common stock. As a result, they will, if voting in the same manner, control all matters submitted to our shareholders for approval, including electing directors and approving changes of control. As of the date of this prospectus, 17 of the 20 directors on our board own or are officers or directors of others who own memberships on our exchange. In addition, we are dependent on the revenues from the trading and clearing activities of our members. This dependence also gives them substantial influence over how we operate our business.

Many of our trading members and clearing firms derive a substantial portion of their income from their trading or clearing activities on or through our exchange. In addition, trading privileges on our exchange have substantial independent value. The amount of income that members derive from their trading or clearing activities and the value of their memberships are in part dependent on the fees they are charged to trade, clear and access our markets and the rules and structure of our markets. Our trading members, many of whom act as floor brokers and floor traders, benefit from trading rules, membership privileges and fee discounts that enhance their open outcry trading opportunities and profits. Our predominantly electronic trading members benefit from fee discounts and transaction fee caps that enhance their electronic trading opportunities and profits. Our clearing firms benefit from all of the foregoing, as well as decisions that increase electronic trading, which over time, will reduce their costs of doing business on our exchange. As a result, holders of our Class A common stock may not have the same economic interests as our members. In addition, our members may have differing interests among themselves depending on the role they serve in our markets, their method of trading and the products they trade. Consequently, members may advocate that we enhance and protect their clearing and trading opportunities and the value of their trading privileges over their economic interest in us represented by Class A common stock they own.

The share ownership of our members, in combination with their board representation rights and charter provision protections described in the immediately following risk factor, could be used to influence how our business is changed or developed, including how we address competition and how we seek to grow our volume and revenue and enhance shareholder value.

Our certificate of incorporation grants special rights to holders of Class B common stock, which protect their trading rights and give them special board representation, and requires that we maintain open outcry trading until volumes are not significant.

Under the terms of our certificate of incorporation, our Class B shareholders have the ability to protect their rights to trade on our exchange by means of special approval rights over changes to the

operation of our markets. In particular, these provisions include a grant to the holders of our Class B common stock of the right to approve any changes to:

the trading floor rights;

access rights and privileges that a member has;

the number of memberships in each membership class and the related number of authorized shares of each class of Class B common stock; and

the eligibility requirements to exercise trading rights or privileges.

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For a more detailed description of the approval rights of our Class B shareholders, see the section of this prospectus entitled "Description of Capital Stock." Our Class B shareholders are also entitled to elect six of the 20 directors on our board. As the transfer restrictions on shares of Class A common stock held by Class B shareholders terminate over time, Class B shareholders will continue to have these board representation rights, even if their Class A share ownership interest is very small.

Our certificate of incorporation also includes a provision requiring us to maintain open outcry floor trading on our exchange for a particular traded product as long as the open outcry market is "liquid." Our certificate of incorporation requires us to maintain a facility for conducting business, disseminating price information, clearing and delivery and to provide reasonable financial support for technology, marketing and research for open outcry markets. Our certificate of incorporation provides specific tests as to whether an open outcry market will be deemed liquid, as measured on a quarterly basis. If a market is deemed illiquid as a result of a failure to meet any of these tests, our board will determine whether or not that market will be closed.

We only recently began operating as a for-profit company and have a limited operating history as a for-profit company. Accordingly, our historical and recent financial and business results may not be representative of what they may be in the future.

We have only operated as a for-profit company with private ownership interests since November 13, 2000. We have a limited operating history as a for-profit business on which you can evaluate our management decisions, business strategy and financial results. As a result, our historical and recent financial and business results may not be representative of what they may be in the future. We are subject to risks, uncertainties, expenses and difficulties associated with changing and implementing our business strategy that are not typically encountered by established for-profit companies. The major U.S. futures exchanges have operated historically as mutual, membership organizations. There is little history or experience in operating an exchange as a for-profit corporation upon which we can draw. As a not-for-profit company, our business strategy and fee structure were designed to provide profit opportunities for our members. We targeted profit levels that provided sufficient levels of working capital. Today, our for-profit initiatives are designed to increase our revenues, make us profitable, optimize volume and liquidity and create operating efficiencies. These initiatives may not yield the benefits or efficiencies we expect. For example, fee increases, volume and member discounts and new access rules to our markets may not separately result in higher revenues and profits or greater volume or liquidity in our markets. As a result, we may not be able to operate effectively as a for-profit corporation. It is possible that we may incur significant operating losses in the future and that we may not be able to achieve or sustain long-term profitability.

Our business is subject to the impact of domestic and international market and economic conditions, many of which are beyond our control and could significantly reduce our trading volumes and make our financial results more volatile.

We generate revenues primarily from our trade execution services, clearing services and market data and information services. We expect to continue to do so for the foreseeable future. Each of these revenue

sources is substantially dependent on the trading volume in our markets. Our trading volume is directly affected by U.S. domestic and international factors that are beyond our control, including:

economic, political and market conditions;

broad trends in industry and finance;

changes in levels of trading activity, price levels and price volatility in the derivatives markets and in underlying fixed-income, equity, foreign exchange and commodity markets;

legislative and regulatory changes;

competition;

changes in government monetary policies and foreign exchange rates;

consolidation in our customer base and within our industry; and

inflation.

Any one or more of these factors may contribute to reduced activity in our markets. Our recent operating results and trading volume have been favorably impacted by global and domestic economic and political uncertainty. This is because our customers have sought to hedge or

manage the risks associated with volatility in the U.S. equity markets, fluctuations in interest rates and price changes in the foreign exchange and commodities markets. The future economic environment will be subject to periodic downturns, including possible recession and lower volatility in financial markets, and may not be as favorable as it has been in recent years. As a result, period-to-period comparisons of our financial results are not necessarily meaningful. Trends less favorable than those of recent periods could result in decreased trading volume, decreased capital formation and a more difficult business environment for us. Material decreases in trading volume would have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and operating results.

Stock-based compensation expense relating to the option granted to our Chief Executive Officer could have a significant impact on our reported earnings that is unrelated to the operating performance of our business.

Our stock-based compensation expense is a non-cash expense. This expense can fluctuate significantly from quarter-to-quarter based on changes in the value of our Class A common stock and the underlying trading rights on our exchange associated with our Class B common stock. This is because the amount of expense we record for each quarter for the option granted to our CEO is determined using variable accounting. Variable accounting takes into account changes in the value of our Class A common stock and the underlying trading rights on the exchange associated with our Class B common stock from quarter to quarter. As a general matter, if the combined value of our Class A common stock and Class B common stock, including associated trading rights, subject to our CEO's option goes up from the combined value at the end of the previous quarter, we will record additional expense in the amount of the change in combined value. Similarly, if the combined value goes down, we will record a negative expense or credit in the amount of the change in combined value. As a result, our earnings may be subject to significant volatility that is unrelated to the actual operating performance of our business and quarter to quarter or period to period comparisons may not be meaningful. This offering is expected to occur in the fourth quarter of 2002. We expect that our stock-based compensation expense will increase significantly in that quarter based on the expected initial public offering price.

Our operating results are subject to significant fluctuations due to seasonality and a number of other factors. As a result, you will not be able to rely on our operating results in any particular period as an indication of our future performance.

A number of factors beyond our control may contribute to substantial fluctuations in our operating results particularly in our quarterly results. In the three years prior to 2001, we experienced relatively

higher volume during the first and second quarters, and we generally expect that the third quarter will have lower trading volume. This trend was not evident in 2001 or 2002 in part because of the volatility of interest rates and U.S. equities in the third quarter in each of those years. As a result of seasonality and the factors described in the preceding risk factors, you will not be able to rely on our operating results in any particular period as an indication of our future performance. If we fail to meet securities analysts' expectations regarding our operating performance, the price of our Class A common stock could decline substantially.

Our cost structure is largely fixed. If we are unable to reduce our costs if our revenues decline, our profitability will be adversely affected.

Our cost structure, with the exception of stock-based compensation, is largely fixed. We base our cost structure on historical and expected levels of demand for our products and services. If demand for our products and services and our resulting revenues decline, we may not be able to adjust our cost structure on a timely basis. In that event, our profitability will be adversely affected.

The global trend toward electronic trading may divert volume away from our open outcry trading facilities. Our revenues, profits and stock price will be adversely affected if we experience reductions in our open outcry trading volume that are not offset by increases in our electronic trading volume.

Both newly formed organizations and established exchanges are increasingly employing electronic trading systems that provide fast, low-cost execution of trades by matching buyers and sellers electronically. These organizations are attracting order flow away from some traditional open outcry trading markets. Many market participants believe that these electronic trading systems represent a threat to the continued viability of the open outcry method of trading. Some major European and Asian futures exchanges have closed their traditional open outcry trading facilities and replaced them entirely with electronic systems. Although we offer an electronic trading system, currently the majority of our revenue is generated by open outcry trading. Reductions in our open outcry trading volume that are not offset by increases in our electronic trading volume would have a material adverse effect on our revenue, earnings and stock price.

The success of our markets will depend on our ability to complete development of and successfully implement electronic marketplaces that have the functionality, performance, reliability, speed and liquidity required by customers.

The future success of our business depends in large part on our ability to create interactive electronic marketplaces in a wide range of derivatives products that have the required functionality, performance, reliability, speed and liquidity to attract and retain customers. A significant portion of our current overall volume is generated through electronic trading of our E-mini S&P 500 and E-mini Nasdaq-100 products. However, during the first nine months of 2002, approximately 67% of our volume and approximately 53% of our clearing and transaction fees revenue was generated through our open outcry trading facilities. Most of that open outcry volume is related to trading in Eurodollar contracts. To date, our electronic functionality has not been capable of accommodating the complex trading strategies typically used for trading our Eurodollar contracts. As a result, our electronic trading facilities for these products have met with limited success. We will soon implement a new electronic system upgrade we call the Eagle Project. This software is designed to provide the required functionality to replicate electronically some of the trading strategies used by open outcry Eurodollar traders. We are currently developing additional functionality to accommodate more Eurodollar trading strategies. We may not complete the development of or successfully implement the required electronic functionality for our Eurodollar marketplace. Moreover, our Eurodollar customers may not accept our electronic trading systems. In either event, our ability to increase our electronic Eurodollar trading volume would be adversely affected. In addition, if we are unable to develop our electronic trading systems to include other products and markets, or if our electronic marketplaces do not have the required functionality, performance, reliability, speed and liquidity, we may not be able to compete successfully in a new environment that we expect to be increasingly dominated by electronic trading.

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We maintain the simultaneous operation of open outcry trading and electronic trade execution facilities, which may, over time, prove to be inefficient and costly and ultimately adversely affect our profitability.

Currently, we maintain both open outcry trade execution facilities and electronic trade execution facilities. For some products, we maintain side-by-side trading facilities for both open outcry and electronic trading. We are obligated, through the inclusion of provisions in our certificate of incorporation, to maintain the operation of our open outcry trading facilities until the trading volumes in them are not significant. If we continue to operate both trading facilities for the same product, liquidity of markets on each may be less than the liquidity of competing markets on a unified trading platform. In addition, it may be expensive to continue operating two trading systems for the same product. We may incur substantial expenses and experience delays because of our efforts to create trading links between the separate trading platforms to facilitate trading on both systems. Any loss of efficiency or increase in time to market of new or improved products could be detrimental to our business. In addition, we may expend resources on the maintenance of our open outcry facilities that could be more efficiently used to develop our capacity and reduce our costs in the increasingly competitive market for electronic trading facilities.

The development of our electronic trading facilities exposes us to risks inherent in operating in the new and evolving market for electronic transaction services. If we do not successfully develop our electronic trading facilities, or if our customers do not accept them, our revenues, profits and stock price will be adversely affected.

We must further develop our electronic trading facilities to remain competitive. As a result, we will continue to be subject to risks, expenses and uncertainties encountered in the rapidly evolving market for electronic transaction services. These risks include our failure or inability to:

provide reliable and cost-effective services to our customers;

develop, in a timely manner, the required functionality to support electronic trading in some of our key products in a manner that is competitive with the functionality supported by other electronic markets;

match fees of our competitors that offer only electronic trading facilities;

increase the number of trading and order routing terminals capable of sending orders to our floor and to our electronic trading system;

attract independent software vendors to write front-end software that will effectively access our electronic trading system and automated order routing system;

respond to technological developments or service offerings by competitors; and

generate sufficient revenue to justify the substantial capital investment we have made and will continue to make to develop our electronic trading facilities.

If we do not successfully develop our electronic trading facilities, or our current or potential customers do not accept them, our revenues, profits and stock price will be adversely affected.

Our market data fees may be reduced or eliminated by the growth of electronic trading and electronic order entry systems. If we are unable to offset that reduction through terminal usage fees or transaction fees, we will experience a reduction in revenue.

Electronic trading systems do not usually impose separate charges for supplying market data to trading terminals. If we do not separately charge for market data supplied to trading terminals, and trading terminals with access to our markets become widely available, we would lose quote fee revenue from those who have access to trading terminals. We will experience a reduction in our revenues if we are unable to recover that lost quote fee revenue through terminal usage fees or transaction fees.

Our change to a for-profit company may cause members to seek alternative trading venues and products and negatively impact the liquidity of our markets and our trading volume.

The trading activities of our members accounted for over 70% of our trading volume during both 2001 and the first nine months of 2002. When we became a for-profit company, we changed the role of our members in the operation of our business. We eliminated many member-dominated committees or converted them into advisory bodies. We gave our professional staff greater decision-making responsibilities. Subject to the oversight of our board of directors, our management is charged with making decisions that are designed to enhance shareholder value, which may lead to decisions or outcomes with which our members disagree. These changes may make us less attractive to our members and encourage them to conduct their business at, or seek membership in, another exchange or to trade in equivalent products among themselves on a private, bilateral basis. A material decrease in member trading activity would negatively impact liquidity and trading volume in our products and reduce our revenues. A loss or material reduction in the number of our clearing firms and the capital they provide to guarantee their trades and the trades of their customers would also diminish the strength and attractiveness of our clearing house and our markets.

Despite our governance changes, our dependence on our members gives them substantial influence over how we operate our business. Members could use their ownership of Class A and Class B common stock, and ability to elect our board of directors, to change or modify our policies or business practices with which they do not agree.

Our trading volume, and consequently our revenues and profits, would be adversely affected if we are unable to retain our current customers or attract new customers to our exchange.

The success of our business depends, in part, on our ability to maintain and increase our trading volume. To do so, we must maintain and expand our product offerings, our customer base and our trade execution alternatives. Our success also depends on our ability to offer competitive prices and services in an increasingly price sensitive business. In addition, our success depends on our ability to increase the base of individual customers who trade our products. We cannot assure you that we will be able to continue to expand our product lines, or that we will be able to retain our current customers or attract new customers. We also cannot assure you that we will not lose customers to low-cost competitors with comparable or superior products, services or trade execution facilities. If we fail to expand our product offerings or execution facilities, or lose a substantial number of our current customers, or are unable to attract new customers, our business will be adversely affected.

We face intense competition from other companies, including some of our members. If we are not able to successfully compete, our business will not survive.

The derivatives, securities and financial services industries are highly competitive. We expect that competition will intensify in the future. Our current and prospective competitors, both domestically and around the world, are numerous. They include securities and securities option exchanges, futures exchanges, over-the-counter, or OTC, markets, clearing organizations, market data and information vendors, electronic communications networks, crossing systems and similar entities, consortia of large customers, consortia of some of our clearing firms and electronic brokerage and dealing facilities. We believe we may also face competition from large computer software companies and media and technology companies. The number of businesses providing Internet-related financial services is rapidly growing. Other companies have entered into or are forming joint ventures or consortia to provide services similar to those provided by us. Others may become competitive with us through acquisitions. Recent changes in federal law allow institutions that have been major participants on our exchange to trade the same or similar products among themselves without utilizing any exchange or trading system. Many of our competitors and potential competitors have greater financial, marketing, technological and personnel resources than we do. These factors may enable them to develop similar products, to provide lower

transaction costs and better execution to their customers and to carry out their business strategies more quickly and efficiently than we can. In addition, our competitors may:

respond more quickly to competitive pressures due to their corporate governance structures, which may be more flexible and efficient than our corporate governance structure;

develop products that are preferred by our customers;

develop risk transfer products that compete with our products;

price their products and services more competitively;

develop and expand their network infrastructure and service offerings more efficiently;

utilize better, more user-friendly and more reliable technology;

take greater advantage of acquisitions, alliances and other opportunities;

more effectively market, promote and sell their products and services;

better leverage existing relationships with customers and alliance partners or exploit better recognized brand names to market and sell their services; and

exploit regulatory disparities between traditional, regulated exchanges and alternative markets that benefit from a reduced regulatory burden and lower-cost business model.

If our products, markets and services are not competitive, our business, financial condition and operating results will be materially harmed. In addition, even if new entrants do not significantly erode our market share, we may be required to reduce our fees significantly to remain competitive, which could have a material adverse effect on our profitability. For more information concerning the competitive nature of our industry and the challenges we face, see the section of this prospectus entitled "Business Competition."

The enactment of the Commodity Futures Modernization Act will increase competition and enable many of our customers to trade futures contracts other than on exchanges. These events could result in lower trading volume, revenue and profits.

Our industry has been subject to several fundamental regulatory changes, including changes in the statute under which we have operated since 1974. The Commodity Exchange Act generally required all futures contracts to be executed on an exchange that has been approved by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, or CFTC. The exchange trading requirement was modified by CFTC regulations and interpretations to permit privately negotiated swap contracts to be transacted in the over-the-counter, or OTC, market. The CFTC exemption under which the OTC derivatives market operated precluded the OTC market from using exchange-like electronic transaction systems and clearing facilities. These barriers to competition from the OTC market were largely repealed by the Commodity Futures Modernization Act. It is possible that the chief beneficiaries of the Commodity Futures Modernization Act will be OTC dealers and competitors that operate or intend to open electronic trading facilities or to conduct their futures business directly among themselves on a bilateral basis. The customers who may access these trading facilities or engage in bilateral private transactions are the same customers who account for a substantial portion of our trading volume. The Commodity Futures Modernization Act also permits banks, broker-dealers and some of their affiliates to engage in foreign exchange futures transactions for or with retail customers without being subject to regulation under the Commodity Exchange Act.

The Commodity Futures Modernization Act also permits bank clearing organizations and clearing organizations regulated by the Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC, to clear a broad array of derivatives products in addition to the products that these clearing organizations have traditionally cleared. This allocation of jurisdiction may be advantageous to competing clearing organizations and result in a lower volume of trading cleared through our clearing house.

If we are not able to keep up with rapid technological changes, our business will be materially harmed.

To remain competitive, we must continue to improve the responsiveness, functionality, accessibility and other features of our software, network distribution systems and technologies. The markets in which we compete are characterized by rapidly changing technology, changes in customer demand and uses of our products and services, frequent product and service introductions embodying new technologies and the emergence of new industry standards and practices that could render our existing technology and systems obsolete. Our future success will depend in part on our ability to anticipate and adapt to technological advancements and changing standards in a timely, cost-efficient and competitive manner. We cannot assure you that we will successfully implement new technologies or adapt our technology to customer and

competitive requirements or emerging industry standards.

Any significant decline in the trading volume of our Eurodollar, S&P 500 or Nasdaq-100 futures and options on futures contracts or in privately negotiated foreign exchange transactions using our clearing house would adversely affect our revenues and profitability.

We are substantially dependent on trading volume from three product offerings for a significant portion of our clearing and transaction fees revenues and profits. The clearing and transaction fees revenues attributable to transactions in our Eurodollar contracts, our S&P 500 and Nasdaq-100 contracts, and privately negotiated foreign exchange transactions using our clearing house were approximately 47%, 10%, 2% and 10%, respectively, of our total clearing and transaction fees revenues during 2001 and approximately 42%, 9%, 2% and 7%, respectively, during the nine months ended September 30, 2002. Any significant decline in our trading volume in any of these products would negatively impact our business, financial condition and operating results.

We believe our Eurodollar product serves as a global financial benchmark, but we cannot assure you that, in the future, other products will not become preferred alternatives to the Eurodollar contract as a means of managing or speculating on interest rate risk. We also cannot assure you that competitors will not enter the Eurodollar market, or that our members will not trade Eurodollars in privately negotiated bilateral transactions without the use of our clearing house. In either of these events, our trading volume, revenues and profitability would be adversely affected.

Our rights to the Standard & Poor's and Nasdaq products were obtained through licensing arrangements. Our license agreement with Standard & Poor's provides that the S&P 500 Index futures products will be exclusive until December 31, 2008 and non-exclusive from December 31, 2008 until December 31, 2013.

Our license with Nasdaq will be exclusive for each calendar year until expiration, provided the aggregate average daily trading volume in Nasdaq-100 futures contracts and options on Nasdaq-100 futures contracts remains above 5,000 contracts per day. The agreement terminates in April 2006, subject to our mutual agreement to extend the agreement. The agreement does not preclude Nasdaq from allowing Nasdaq-100 futures contracts to be traded on a market owned by Nasdaq or some of its affiliates.

We cannot assure you that either of our Standard & Poor's or Nasdaq license agreements will be renewed when they terminate. In addition, we cannot assure you that others will not succeed in creating stock index futures based on information similar to that which we have obtained by license or that market participants will not increasingly use alternative instruments, including securities and options based on the S&P and Nasdaq indexes, to manage or speculate on U.S. stock risks. We also cannot assure you that Nasdaq will not directly or indirectly offer competitive futures contracts. Currently, Nasdaq LIFFE Markets, or NQLX, offers futures contracts based on an exchange-traded fund called QQQ, which may compete with our Nasdaq-100 futures contracts. Any of these events could have an adverse effect on our trading volume, revenues and profits.

Some of our largest clearing firms have indicated their belief that clearing facilities should not be owned or controlled by exchanges and should be operated as utilities and not for profit. These clearing firms are seeking legislative or regulatory changes that would, if adopted, enable them to use alternative clearing services for positions established on our exchange. Even if they are not successful, these factors may cause them to limit or stop the use of our markets.

Some of our largest clearing firms, which are significant customers and intermediaries in our products, have increasingly stressed the importance to them of centralizing clearing of futures contracts and options on futures in order to maximize the efficient use of their capital, exercise greater control over their value at risk and extract greater operating leverage from clearing activities. Many clearing firms have expressed the view that clearing firms should control the governance of clearing houses or that clearing houses should be operated as utilities rather than as for-profit enterprises. Some of these firms, along with the Futures Industry Association, are attempting to cause legislative or regulatory changes to be adopted that would facilitate mechanisms or policies that allow market participants to transfer positions from an exchange-owned clearing house to a clearing house owned and controlled by clearing firms. Our strategic business plan is to operate a vertically integrated transaction execution and clearing and settlement business. If these legislative or regulatory changes are adopted, our strategy and business plan may lead clearing firms to establish, or seek to use, alternative clearing houses for clearing positions established on our exchange. Even if they are not successful in their efforts, the factors described above may cause clearing firms to limit or stop the use of our products and markets. If any of these events occur, our revenues and profits would be adversely affected.

Our clearing house operations expose us to substantial credit risk of third parties. Our financial condition will be adversely affected in the event of a significant default.

Our clearing house acts as the counterparty to all trades consummated on or through our exchange. As a result, we are exposed to significant credit risk of third parties, including our clearing firms. We are also exposed, indirectly, to the credit risk of customers of our clearing firms. These parties may default on their obligations due to bankruptcy, lack of liquidity, operational failure or other reasons. A substantial part of our working capital is at risk if a clearing firm defaults on its obligations to our clearing house and its margin and security deposits are insufficient to meet its obligations. Although we have policies and procedures to help assure that our clearing firms can satisfy their obligations, these policies and procedures may not succeed in detecting problems or preventing defaults. We also have in place various measures intended to enable us to cover any default and maintain liquidity. However, we cannot assure you that these measures will be sufficient to protect us from a default or that we will not be materially and adversely affected in the event of a significant default. For a more detailed discussion of our clearing house operations, see the section of this prospectus entitled "Business Clearing."

If we experience systems failures or capacity constraints, our ability to conduct our operations would be materially harmed and we could be subjected to significant costs and liabilities.

We are heavily dependent on the capacity and reliability of the computer and communications systems and software supporting our operations. We receive and/or process a large portion of our trade orders through electronic means, such as through public and private communications networks. Our systems, or those of our third party providers, may fail or operate slowly, causing one or more of the following to occur:

- unanticipated disruptions in service to our customers;
- slower response times;
- delays in our customers' trade execution;
- failed settlement of trades;
- incomplete or inaccurate accounting, recording or processing of trades;

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- financial losses;
- litigation or other customer claims; and
- regulatory sanctions.

We cannot assure you that we will not experience systems failures from power or telecommunications failure, acts of God, war or terrorism, human error, natural disasters, fire, sabotage, hardware or software malfunctions or defects, computer viruses, acts of vandalism or similar events. If any of our systems do not operate properly or are disabled, including as a result of system failure, customer error or misuse of our systems, we could suffer financial loss, liability to customers, regulatory intervention or reputational damage that could affect demand by current and potential users of our market.

From time to time, we have experienced system errors and failures that have resulted in some customers being unable to connect to our electronic trading platform or erroneous reporting, such as transactions that were not authorized by any customer or reporting of filled orders as cancelled. In September of this year, we experienced a hardware failure that resulted in a temporary suspension of trading on our GLOBEX platform. The impact of these events has not been material.

Our status as a CFTC registrant requires that our trade execution and communications systems be able to handle anticipated present and future peak trading volume. Heavy use of our computer systems during peak trading times or at times of unusual market volatility could cause our systems to operate slowly or even to fail for periods of time. We constantly monitor system loads and performance and regularly implement system upgrades to handle estimated increases in trading volume. However, we cannot assure you that our estimates of future trading volume will be accurate or that our systems will always be able to accommodate actual trading volume without failure or degradation of performance. For example, in June and July 2002, the volume on our GLOBEX electronic trading platform repeatedly exceeded one million contracts in a single day. During the initial period of increased GLOBEX trading volume, there were instances of connectivity problems or erroneous reports that affected some users of the platform. System failure or degradation could lead our customers to file formal complaints with industry regulatory organizations, file lawsuits against us or cease doing business with us or could lead the CFTC or other regulators to initiate inquiries or proceedings for failure to comply with applicable laws and regulations.

We will need to continue to upgrade and expand our systems as our business grows. Although many of our systems are designed to accommodate additional volume without redesign or replacement, we will need to continue to make significant investments in additional hardware and software to accommodate increased volume. The inability of our systems to accommodate an increasing volume of transactions could constrain our ability to expand our businesses and could cause us to lose business.

We depend on third party suppliers and service providers for a number of services that are important to our business. An interruption or cessation of an important supply or service by any third party could have a material adverse effect on our business.

We depend on a number of suppliers, such as banking, clearing and settlement organizations, telephone companies, online service providers, data processors, and software and hardware vendors for elements of our trading, clearing and other systems, as well as communications and networking equipment, computer hardware and software and related support and maintenance. We cannot assure you that any of these providers will be able to continue to provide these services in an efficient, cost-effective manner or that they will be able to adequately expand their services to meet our needs. An interruption in or the cessation of an important supply or service by any third party and our inability to make alternative arrangements in a timely manner, or at all, would result in lost revenue and higher costs.

Our networks and those of our third party service providers may be vulnerable to security risks, which could result in wrongful use of our information or cause interruptions in our operations that cause us to lose customers and trading volume and result in significant liabilities. We could also be required to incur significant expense to protect our systems.

We expect the secure transmission of confidential information over public networks to continue to be a critical element of our operations. Our networks and those of our third party service providers, our members and our customers may be vulnerable to unauthorized access, computer viruses and other security problems. Persons who circumvent security measures could wrongfully use our information or cause interruptions or malfunctions in our operations. Any of these events could cause us to lose customers or trading volume. We may be required to expend significant resources to protect against the threat of security breaches or to alleviate problems, including reputational harm and litigation, caused by breaches. Although we intend to continue to implement industry-standard security measures, these measures may prove to be inadequate and result in system failures and delays that could cause us to lose customers, experience lower trading volume and incur significant liabilities.

We operate in a heavily regulated environment that imposes significant costs and competitive burdens on our business.

Although the Commodity Futures Modernization Act significantly reduced our regulatory burdens, we remain extensively regulated by the CFTC. Our international operations may be subject to similar regulations in specific jurisdictions. We have registered in the United Kingdom as a recognized foreign exchange. We may be required to register or become subject to regulation in other jurisdictions in order to accept business from customers in those jurisdictions.

Many aspects of our operations are subject to oversight and regulation by the CFTC. Our activities relating to single stock and narrow-based stock index futures products will also be subject to oversight by the SEC. Our operations are subject to ongoing review and oversight, including:

- the security and soundness of our order routing and trading systems;
- record keeping and record retention procedures;
- the licensing of our members and many of their employees; and
- the conduct of our directors, officers, employees and affiliates.

If we fail to comply with applicable laws, rules or regulations, we may be subject to censure, fines, cease-and-desist orders, suspension of our business, removal of personnel or other sanctions, including revocation of our designation as a contract market. Changes in laws, regulations or governmental policies could have a material adverse effect on the way we conduct our business.

The CFTC has broad powers to investigate and enforce compliance and punish non-compliance with its rules and regulations. We cannot assure you that we and/or our directors, officers and employees will be able to fully comply with these rules and regulations. We also cannot assure you that we will not be subject to claims or actions by the CFTC or other agencies.

Demutualization and utilization of electronic trading systems by traders from remote locations will, among other developments, impact our ability to continue the traditional forms of "self-regulation" that have been an integral part of the CFTC regulatory program. The CFTC is reviewing that impact, and it is unclear at this time whether the CFTC will make modifications to its regulations that will have an adverse effect on the way we conduct our business.

From time to time, it is proposed in Congress that federal financial markets regulators should be consolidated, including a possible merger between the CFTC and the SEC. While those proposals have not been adopted to date, the perceived convergence of product lines offered on the securities and commodity exchanges could make adoption more likely. To the extent the regulatory environment following such consolidation is less beneficial for us, our business could be negatively affected.

From time to time, the President's budget includes a proposal that a transaction tax be imposed on futures and options on futures transactions. While those proposals have not been adopted to date, except for a per-contract fee imposed under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 on single stock futures and futures on narrow-based stock indexes, the imposition of any such tax would increase the cost of using our products and, consequently, could adversely impact our trading volumes, revenues and profits.

Our compliance and risk management methods might not be effective and may result in outcomes that could adversely affect our reputation, financial condition and operating results.

Generally, the CFTC has broad enforcement powers to censure, fine, issue cease-and-desist orders, prohibit us from engaging in some of our businesses or suspend or revoke our designation as a contract market or the registration of any of our officers or employees who violate applicable laws or regulations. Our ability to comply with applicable laws and rules is largely dependent on our establishment and maintenance of compliance, audit and reporting systems, as well as our ability to attract and retain qualified compliance and other risk management personnel. We face the risk of significant intervention by regulatory authorities, including extensive examination and surveillance activity. In the case of non-compliance or alleged non-compliance with applicable laws or regulations, we could be subject to investigations and judicial or administrative proceedings that may result in substantial penalties or civil lawsuits, including by customers, for damages, which can be significant. Any of these outcomes would adversely affect our reputation, financial condition and operating results. In extreme cases, these outcomes could adversely affect our ability to conduct our business.

Our policies and procedures to identify, monitor and manage our risks may not be fully effective. Some of our risk management methods depend upon evaluation of information regarding markets, customers or other matters that are publicly available or otherwise accessible by us. That information may not in all cases be accurate, complete, up-to-date or properly evaluated. Management of operational, legal and regulatory risk requires, among other things, policies and procedures to record properly and verify a large number of transactions and events. We cannot assure you that our policies and procedures will always be effective or that we will always be successful in monitoring or evaluating the risks to which we are or may be exposed.

As a financial services provider, we are subject to significant litigation risk and potential securities law liability.

Many aspects of our business involve substantial liability risks. While we enjoy governmental immunity for some of our market-related activities, we could be exposed to substantial liability under federal and state laws and court decisions, as well as rules and regulations promulgated by the SEC and the CFTC. These risks include, among others, potential liability from disputes over terms of a trade, the claim that a system failure or delay caused monetary losses to a customer, that we entered into an unauthorized transaction or that we provided materially false or misleading statements in connection with a transaction. Dissatisfied customers frequently make claims regarding quality of trade execution, improperly settled trades, mismanagement or even fraud against their service providers. We may become subject to these claims as the result of failures or malfunctions of our systems and services we provide. We could incur significant legal expenses defending claims, even those without merit. In addition, an adverse resolution of any future lawsuit or claim against us could have a material adverse effect on our business.

We could be harmed by employee misconduct or errors that are difficult to detect and deter.

There have been a number of highly publicized cases involving fraud or other misconduct by employees of financial services firms in recent years. Misconduct by our employees, including employees of GFX Corporation, or GFX, our wholly owned subsidiary that engages in proprietary trading in foreign exchange futures, could include hiding unauthorized activities from us, improper or unauthorized activities on behalf of customers or improper use of confidential information. Employee misconduct could subject us to financial losses or regulatory sanctions and seriously harm our reputation. It is not always possible to

deter employee misconduct, and the precautions we take to prevent and detect this activity may not be effective in all cases. Our employees also may commit errors that could subject us to financial claims for negligence, or otherwise, as well as regulatory actions.

Our acquisition, investment and alliance strategy involves risks. If we are unable to effectively manage these risks, our business will be materially harmed.

To achieve our strategic objectives, in the future we may seek to acquire or invest in other companies, businesses or technologies. Acquisitions entail numerous risks, including the following:

- difficulties in the assimilation of acquired businesses or technologies;
- diversion of management's attention from other business concerns;
- assumption of unknown material liabilities;
- failure to achieve financial or operating objectives; and
- potential loss of customers or key employees of acquired companies.

We may not be able to integrate successfully any operations, personnel, services or products that we have acquired or may acquire in the future.

We also may seek to expand or enhance some of our operations by forming joint ventures or alliances with various strategic partners throughout the world. Entering into joint ventures and alliances also entails risks, including difficulties in developing and expanding the business of newly formed joint ventures, exercising influence over the activities of joint ventures in which we do not have a controlling interest, and potential conflicts with our joint venture or alliance partners. For example, in 2001 we entered into an operating agreement governing OneChicago, our joint venture with CBOE and CBOT, to trade single stock futures and futures based on narrow-based stock indexes. Under the terms of our operating agreement, CBOE and we together own a significant majority interest in the joint venture, and CBOT owns a minority interest. Our ability to control key decisions relating to the operation and development of OneChicago will be limited. In addition, under the terms of our operating agreement, until May 31, 2005, we are restricted from in any way engaging in the business of trading, marketing, regulating, selling, purchasing, clearing or settling transactions in single stock futures other than in conjunction with the joint venture. This restriction on our ability to compete applies whether or not we remain part of the joint venture, but it does not apply to futures based on narrow-based stock indexes. We also recently entered into an agreement with NYMEX to introduce small-sized versions of key NYMEX energy futures contracts, which trade on our GLOBEX electronic trading platform and clear at the NYMEX clearing house. During the term of the agreement and for one year thereafter, we are generally prohibited, other than in cooperation with NYMEX, from providing for or facilitating electronic trading in futures or options on futures contracts on any underlying commodity (or index of commodities) that is also the underlying commodity for a product listed for trading by NYMEX. We cannot assure you that any joint venture or alliance that we have entered or may enter into will be successful.

Our ability to successfully trade single stock futures and futures on narrow-based stock indexes may be impaired by statutory and regulatory provisions that limit our natural competitive advantages and expand opportunities for competitors.

The Commodity Futures Modernization Act, which authorized us to trade futures contracts based on individual securities and narrow-based stock indexes, or security futures, prohibited the implementation in connection with these contracts of many traditional features of futures trading that would have made using security futures cheaper, tax advantaged and more efficient than using similar security options and OTC security derivatives. The Commodity Futures Modernization Act also created a system of dual registration and regulation for security futures intermediaries and exchanges that may be costly and burdensome to the intermediaries and the exchanges and may discourage intermediaries and investors from using security futures. The Commodity Futures Modernization Act also eliminated most legal impediments to

unregulated trading of security futures or similar products between qualified investors. In addition, foreign exchanges may be allowed to trade similar products under terms that will be more favorable than the terms we are permitted to offer our customers. Finally, security futures are subject to a number of complicated and controversial regulations. As a result, we cannot assure you that we, either directly or through our joint venture, OneChicago, will be successful in offering single stock futures or futures on narrow-based stock indexes.

The imposition in the future of regulations requiring that clearing houses establish linkages with other clearing houses whereby positions at one clearing house can be transferred to and maintained at, or otherwise offset by a fungible position existing at, another clearing house may have a material adverse effect on the operation of our business.

In connection with the trading of single stock futures and futures on narrow-based stock indexes, the Commodity Futures Modernization Act contemplates that clearing houses will, after an initial period, establish linkages enabling a position in any such product executed on an exchange for which it clears these products to be offset by an economically linked or fungible position on the opposite side of the market that is executed on another exchange utilizing a different clearing house. If, in the future, a similar requirement is imposed with respect to futures contracts generally, the resulting unbundling of trade execution and clearing services would have a material adverse effect on our revenues and profits.

Expansion of our operations internationally involves special challenges that we may not be able to meet, which could adversely affect our financial results.

We plan to continue to expand our operations internationally, including by directly placing order entry terminals with members and/or customers outside the United States and by relying on distribution systems established by our current and future strategic alliance partners. We face certain risks inherent in doing business in international markets, particularly in the regulated derivatives exchange business. These risks include:

- restrictions on the use of trading terminals or the contracts that may be traded;
- becoming subject to extensive regulations and oversight, tariffs and other trade barriers;
- reduced protection for intellectual property rights;
- difficulties in staffing and managing foreign operations; and
- potentially adverse tax consequences.

In addition, we will be required to comply with the laws and regulations of foreign governmental and regulatory authorities of each country in which we conduct business. These may include laws, rules and regulations relating to any aspect of the derivatives business. To date, we have had limited experience in marketing and operating our products and services internationally. We cannot assure you that we will be able to succeed in marketing our products and services in international markets. We may also experience difficulty in managing our international operations because of, among other things, competitive conditions overseas, management of foreign exchange risk, established domestic markets, language and cultural differences and economic or political instability. Any of these factors could have a material adverse effect on the success of our international operations and, consequently, on our business, financial condition and operating results.

We may not be able to protect our intellectual property rights, which may materially harm our business.

We rely primarily on trade secret, copyright, service mark, trademark law and contractual protections to protect our proprietary technology and other proprietary rights. We have not filed any patent applications covering our technology. Notwithstanding the precautions we take to protect our intellectual property rights, it is possible that third parties may copy or otherwise obtain and use our proprietary technology without authorization or otherwise infringe on our rights. We also seek to protect our software

and databases as trade secrets and under copyright law. We have copyright registrations for certain of our software, user manuals and databases. The copyright protection afforded to databases, however, is fairly limited. While the arrangement and selection of data generally are protectable, the actual data are not, and others may be free to create databases that would perform the same function. In some cases, including a number of our most important products, there may be no effective legal recourse against duplication by competitors. In addition, in the future, we may have to rely on litigation to enforce our intellectual property rights, protect our trade secrets, determine the validity and scope of the proprietary rights of others or defend against claims of infringement or invalidity. Any such litigation, whether successful or unsuccessful, could result in substantial costs to us and diversions of our resources, either of which could adversely affect our business.

Any infringement by us on patent rights of others could result in litigation and adversely affect our ability to continue to provide, or increase the cost of providing, electronic execution services.

Patents of third parties may have an important bearing on our ability to offer certain of our products and services. Our competitors as well as other companies and individuals may obtain, and may be expected to obtain in the future, patents related to the types of products and services we offer or plan to offer. We cannot assure you that we are or will be aware of all patents containing claims that may pose a risk of infringement by our products and services. In addition, patent applications in the United States are generally confidential until a patent is issued and, therefore, we cannot evaluate the extent to which our products and services may be covered or asserted to be covered by claims contained in pending patent applications. In general, if one or more of our products or services were to infringe patents held by others, we may be required to stop developing or marketing the products or services, to obtain licenses to develop and market the services from the holders of the patents or to redesign the products or services in such a way as to avoid infringing on the patent claims. In May 1999, we were sued along with other defendants for alleged infringement of Wagner U.S. patent 4,903,201 entitled "Automated Futures Trade Exchange." In August 2002, we settled the lawsuit for \$15 million. Under the terms of the settlement agreement, we are not allowed to process trades for any third party futures exchange, except in specified circumstances. For a more detailed description of the terms of the settlement, see the section of this prospectus entitled "Business Legal Proceedings." We cannot assess the extent to which we may be required in the future to obtain licenses with respect to patents held by others, whether such licenses would be available or, if available, whether we would be able to obtain such licenses on commercially reasonable terms. If we were unable to obtain such licenses, we may not be able to redesign our products or services to avoid infringement, which could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and operating results.

As a holding company, we are totally dependent on dividends from our operating subsidiary to pay dividends and other obligations.

We are a holding company with no business operations. Our only significant asset is the outstanding capital stock of our subsidiary. As a result, we must rely on payments from our subsidiary to meet our obligations. We intend to pay quarterly dividends to our shareholders beginning in the first quarter of 2003. We currently expect that the earnings and cash flow of our subsidiary will primarily be retained and used by it in its operations, including to service any debt obligations it may have now or in the future. Accordingly, our subsidiary may not be able to generate sufficient cash flow to pay a dividend or distribute funds to us in order to allow us to pay a dividend on or make a distribution in respect of our Class A common stock. Our existing credit facility, as well as future credit facilities, other future debt obligations and statutory provisions, may limit our ability to pay dividends.

Risks Associated With Purchasing Our Class A Common Stock In This Offering

If we settle the option granted to our CEO only in shares of Class A common stock, we could be required to issue substantial additional shares of Class A common stock. In addition, if our Class B shares increase in value relative to our Class A shares, holders of our Class A shares will experience additional dilution.

We granted our CEO an option to purchase our Class A and Class B shares, with two separately exercisable tranches. Each tranche of the option is for 2.5% of each class of our common stock outstanding as of the date of our demutualization, as adjusted for our reorganization. Currently, we may settle the exercise of the option with any combination of Class A shares, Class B shares or cash, at our discretion. Following the offering, we do not expect to issue Class B shares to settle the exercise of the option. If the entire option was vested and the exercise price was paid in cash on September 30, 2002 and the option was settled only with Class A common stock, we would have been required to issue 2,875,873 shares of Class A common stock, assuming an initial public offering price of \$32.50 per share, the mid-point of the range shown on the cover of this prospectus.

The value of our Class A shares is not directly linked to the value of our Class B shares. As a result, if we decide to settle the entire option by issuing only Class A shares, the amount of dilution experienced by holders of our Class A shares would increase if our Class B shares increased in value relative to our Class A shares. As of September 30, 2002, the value of the trading rights associated with our Class B shares had increased by approximately 10% and 120% compared to their value as of December 31, 2001 and December 31, 2000, respectively.

Sales of our Class A common stock may have an adverse impact on the market price of our Class A common stock.

Sales of a substantial number of shares of our Class A common stock in the public market following this offering, or the perception that large sales could occur, could cause the market price of our Class A common stock to decline. Either of these circumstances could also limit our future ability to raise capital through an offering of equity securities. After completion of this offering, there will be 31,817,712 shares of our Class A common stock issued and outstanding, or 32,530,372 shares if the underwriters exercise their over-allotment option in full. All of the shares of Class A common stock sold in this offering will be freely tradable without restriction or further registration under the Securities Act by persons other than our "affiliates" within the meaning of Rule 144 under the Securities Act.

Our currently issued and outstanding shares of Class A common stock are registered under the Securities Act but are subject to significant transfer restrictions. These transfer restrictions will gradually expire over an 18-month period following this offering. Upon expiration, the

Class A common stock held by existing shareholders will be freely transferable unless held by "affiliates" within the meaning of Rule 144 under the Securities Act. If our shareholders sell a large number of shares of our Class A common stock upon the expiration of some or all of these restrictions, the market price for our Class A common stock could decline significantly. For a more detailed description of the transfer restrictions imposed on our Class A common stock, see the section of this prospectus entitled "Description of Capital Stock."

SPECIAL NOTE ABOUT FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Some of the statements under "Prospectus Summary," "Risk Factors," "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," "Business" and elsewhere in this prospectus constitute forward-looking statements. These statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause our actual results, levels of activity, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, levels of activity, performance or achievements expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements. These factors include, among other things, those listed under "Risk Factors" and elsewhere in this prospectus.

In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by terminology such as "may," "will," "should," "could," "expects," "plans," "anticipates," "believes," "estimates," "predicts," "potential" or "continue" or the negative of such terms or other comparable terminology.

Although we believe that the expectations reflected in the forward-looking statements are reasonable, we cannot guarantee future results, levels of activity, performance or achievements. Moreover, neither we nor any other person assumes responsibility for the accuracy and completeness of such statements. We are under no duty to update any of the forward-looking statements after the date of this prospectus.

OUR REORGANIZATION

CME Holdings was incorporated in Delaware in August 2001 to be the holding company for CME and its subsidiaries. On December 3, 2001, we reorganized into a holding company structure through a merger of CME Holdings' wholly owned subsidiary, CME Merger Subsidiary Inc., into CME. Following the merger, CME became a wholly owned subsidiary of CME Holdings, and shareholders of CME became shareholders of CME Holdings.

CME Holdings operates as a holding company, while CME continues to conduct the business and operations of our exchange. We believe our holding company structure provides us with greater organizational flexibility, facilitates our access to the capital markets, promotes new business opportunities, facilitates future acquisitions and the formation of strategic alliances and creates a framework for future growth. The structure allows us to engage in these activities and maintain our exchange as a separate and distinct regulated entity. Our holding company reorganization also enabled us to place transfer restrictions on the shares of CME Holdings common stock outstanding prior to this offering.

As a result of our conversion into a for-profit corporation in the fall of 2000, individuals and entities who, at the time, owned trading privileges on our exchange became the owners of all the outstanding equity of CME. After the merger, these shareholders owned the same percentage of CME Holdings common stock that they previously owned of CME common stock. We estimate that, immediately prior to our reorganization, more than 95% of our Class A common stock and 100% of our Class B common stock were held, of record, by persons or entities who owned memberships on our exchange. We estimate that, as of November 27, 2002, more than 95% of our Class A common stock and 100% of our Class B common stock were held, of record, by persons or entities who own memberships on our exchange.

As a result of our demutualization, membership interests in our exchange were converted into shares of capital stock of CME. Specifically, each membership interest was converted into shares of a series of Class B common stock of CME that corresponded with a membership division of our exchange, and a number of shares of Class A common stock of CME that varied in amount based on membership division. In the merger, each outstanding whole share of Class A common stock of CME was converted into four shares of Class A common stock of CME Holdings as follows: one share of Class A-1, one share of Class A-2, one share of Class A-3 and one share of Class A-4. Each class of Class A common stock is identical to the Class A common stock being sold in this offering except that each class is subject to transfer restrictions of specified time duration. There are no restrictions on the shares of Class A common stock being sold in this offering. In the merger, each outstanding share of Class B common stock of CME was divided into two pieces: Class A common stock of CME Holdings in an amount essentially the same as the Class A share equivalents embedded in that Class B share of CME, and one share of Class B common stock of CME Holdings of the same class as the Class B share of CME surrendered in the merger. Class A share equivalents are the specified number of Class A shares that were

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represented by each Class B share for purposes of determining rights to vote for directors to be elected by both the Class A and Class B shareholders, to vote on matters submitted to a vote of both the Class A and Class B shareholders, to receive dividends or to receive liquidating distributions. In the merger, we issued additional Class A shares to Class B shareholders in an amount equal to the Class A share equivalents previously embedded in each Class B share. Prior to the merger, Class B shareholders had voting, dividend and liquidation rights equivalent to owning the number of Class A shares embedded in their Class B shares. Following the merger, their ownership interest remained the same, because the Class A share equivalents were issued in the form of actual Class A shares in CME Holdings.

The Class B common stock of CME represented an aggregate of approximately 10% of the outstanding common equity of CME prior to the merger. Each share of Class B common stock is associated with trading privileges in our exchange. In this prospectus, we refer to Class A, Class A-1, Class A-2, Class A-3 and Class A-4 common stock of CME Holdings collectively as Class A common stock, and we refer to Class B-1, Class B-2, Class B-3 and Class B-4 common stock of CME Holdings collectively

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as Class B common stock. The following chart depicts the total number of shares of Class A common stock and Class B common stock, by class, received by CME shareholders in the merger.

Share of CME Common Stock Pre-Merger	Converted into Shares of CME Holdings Common Stock Post-Merger		
	Class A common stock, by class	Class B common stock, by class	Total shares of common stock in CME Holdings
Class A common stock	1 Class A-1 share 1 Class A-2 share 1 Class A-3 share 1 Class A-4 share	None	4 shares
Series B-1 common stock (included 1,800 Class A share equivalents)	450 Class A-1 shares 450 Class A-2 shares 450 Class A-3 shares 449 Class A-4 shares	1 Class B-1 share	1,800 shares
Series B-2 common stock (included 1,200 Class A share equivalents)	300 Class A-1 shares 300 Class A-2 shares 300 Class A-3 shares 299 Class A-4 shares	1 Class B-2 share	1,200 shares
Series B-3 common stock (included 600 Class A share equivalents)	150 Class A-1 shares 150 Class A-2 shares 150 Class A-3 shares 149 Class A-4 shares	1 Class B-3 share	600 shares
Series B-4 common stock (included 100 Class A share equivalents)	25 Class A-1 shares 25 Class A-2 shares 25 Class A-3 shares 24 Class A-4 shares	1 Class B-4 share	100 shares

The shares of Class A common stock and Class B common stock of CME Holdings received in the merger are subject to significant transfer restrictions. The Class A-1, A-2, A-3 and A-4 common stock may not be sold or transferred separately from a share of Class B common stock for specified periods of time following the completion of this offering. The shares of Class B common stock received in the merger may only be transferred in connection with the transfer of the associated membership in our exchange. For a more detailed discussion of the transfer restrictions imposed on our currently outstanding shares of Class A and Class B common stock, see the section of this prospectus entitled "Description of Capital Stock." In connection with our demutualization in 2000, we granted our Class B shareholders the right to approve changes to specified rights relating to the trading privileges associated with Class B shares. We maintained these rights after the reorganization through provisions contained in the certificate of incorporation of the holding company. For a more detailed discussion of these rights, see the section of this prospectus entitled "Description of Capital Stock."

Immediately prior to the merger, CME effected a one-for-four reverse stock split of its Class A common stock reducing the number of outstanding shares to 6,465,150. The reverse stock split was required to facilitate the issuance of four classes of Class A common stock of CME

Holdings without increasing the number of outstanding shares of Class A common stock after the merger.

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USE OF PROCEEDS

Our net proceeds from the sale of the shares of Class A common stock in this offering will be approximately \$88.6 million, assuming an initial public offering price of \$32.50, the mid-point of the range shown on the cover of this prospectus. If the underwriters fully exercise their over-allotment option, our net proceeds from the offering will be \$110.1 million. Net proceeds are what we expect to receive after paying the underwriters' discounts and commissions and other expenses of the offering based on an assumed initial public offering price of \$32.50 per share. We will not receive any proceeds from the sale of shares of our Class A common stock by the selling shareholders in this offering.

The principal purposes of this offering are to obtain additional capital, create a public market for our Class A common stock, facilitate our future access to public equity markets and provide increased visibility in a marketplace in which a number of our current and potential competitors are or will be publicly held companies. While, at this time, we have no specific allocations for the use of proceeds from this offering, we intend to use the net proceeds primarily for development of our technology infrastructure, capital expenditures, working capital and other general corporate purposes. We also may use a portion of the proceeds to acquire or invest in businesses, technologies, products or services, although no specific acquisitions are planned and no portion of the net proceeds has been allocated for any acquisition. Our management will have broad discretion over how we use the net proceeds from this offering. Pending such uses, we intend to invest the net proceeds from this offering in short-term, interest-bearing investment grade securities.

DIVIDEND POLICY

On June 4, 2002, our board of directors declared a special cash dividend on each outstanding and restricted share of our Class A and Class B common stock in the amount of \$0.60 per share to shareholders of record as of June 17, 2002. The holders of record included members of our exchange, directors and employees with grants of restricted stock, as well as other holders of our Class A common stock. The aggregate amount of the dividend was \$17.3 million, which was paid on June 28, 2002. We did not pay a dividend in 2001.

We intend to pay regular quarterly dividends to our shareholders beginning in the first quarter of 2003. The annual dividend target will be approximately 20% of prior year's cash earnings. The decision to pay a dividend, however, remains within the discretion of our board of directors and may be affected by various factors, including our earnings, financial condition, capital requirements, level of indebtedness and other considerations our board of directors deems relevant.

Our existing credit facility, as well as future credit facilities, other future debt obligations and statutory provisions, may limit our ability to pay dividends.

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CAPITALIZATION

The following table sets forth our capitalization, as of September 30, 2002, on an actual basis. The as adjusted information reflects the issuance and sale of the 3,000,000 shares of Class A common stock offered by us in the offering at an assumed initial public offering price of \$32.50 per share, the mid-point of the range shown on the cover of this prospectus. The outstanding share information excludes:

68,400 shares of Class A common stock subject to restricted stock awards, which are not vested;

1,101,400 shares of Class A common stock issuable upon the exercise of outstanding stock options issued under our stock option plan, with an exercise price of \$22 per share; and

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2,875,873 shares of Class A common stock issuable upon the exercise of the outstanding stock options issued to our chief executive officer, at a weighted average exercise price of \$18.99 per share, assuming a value of the Class A common stock at September 30, 2002 of \$32.50, the mid-point of the range shown on the cover of this prospectus, and assuming the entire option is exercised for cash and settled in Class A common stock only.

The information set forth below should be read in conjunction with "Selected Financial Data," "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and our financial statements and related notes included elsewhere in this prospectus.

	As of September 30, 2002	
	Actual	As Adjusted
	(in thousands, except share data)	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 197,164	\$ 285,731
Long-term debt (including current portion)(1)	\$ 8,221	\$ 8,221
Shareholders' equity		
Preferred stock, \$.01 par value; 9,860,000 shares authorized; no shares issued and outstanding, actual and as adjusted	\$	\$
Series A junior participating preferred stock, \$.01 par value; 140,000 shares authorized, no shares issued and outstanding, actual and as adjusted		
Class A common stock, \$.01 par value; 138,000,000 shares authorized; 28,817,662 shares issued and outstanding, actual; 31,817,662 shares issued and outstanding, as adjusted	288	318
Class B common stock, \$.01 par value; 3,138 shares authorized; 3,138 shares issued and outstanding, actual; 3,138 shares issued and outstanding, as adjusted		
Additional paid-in capital	68,515	157,052
Unearned restricted stock compensation	(775)	(775)
Retained earnings	231,542	231,542
Accumulated net unrealized gains on securities		
Total shareholders' equity	299,570	388,137
Total capitalization	\$ 307,791	\$ 396,358

(1) Long-term debt consists of capitalized lease obligations.

DILUTION

Purchasers of our Class A common stock in this offering will suffer an immediate and substantial dilution in net tangible book value per share. Dilution is the amount by which the offering price paid by the purchasers of our Class A common stock will exceed the net tangible book value per share of our Class A common stock and Class B common stock after the offering. The net tangible book value per share of our Class A common stock and Class B common stock is determined by subtracting total liabilities from the total book value of the tangible assets and dividing the difference by the number of shares of our Class A common stock and Class B common stock deemed to be outstanding on the date the book value is determined. As of September 30, 2002, we had a net tangible book value of \$299,570,000, or \$10.40 per share of Class A common stock and Class B common stock, excluding this offering. Upon the sale by us of 3,000,000 shares at an assumed initial public offering

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price of \$32.50 per share, the mid-point of the range shown on the cover of this prospectus, and after deducting estimated underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses, our net tangible book value as of September 30, 2002, would have been \$388,137,000, or \$12.20 per share of Class A common stock and Class B common stock. This represents an immediate increase in net tangible book value to existing shareholders of \$1.80 per share and an immediate dilution to new investors of \$20.30 per share. The following table illustrates this per share dilution:

Initial public offering price per share		\$	32.50
Net tangible book value per share before this offering	\$	10.40	
Increase in net tangible book value per share resulting from this offering		1.80	
Net tangible book value per share after this offering			12.20
Dilution per share to new investors	\$	20.30	

The discussion and table above exclude:

68,400 shares of Class A common stock subject to restricted stock awards, which are not vested;

1,101,400 shares of Class A common stock issuable upon the exercise of outstanding stock options issued under our stock option plan, with an exercise price of \$22 per share; and

2,875,873 shares of Class A common stock issuable upon the exercise of the outstanding stock option issued to our chief executive officer, at a weighted average exercise price of \$18.99 per share, assuming a value of the Class A common stock at September 30, 2002 of \$32.50, the mid-point of the range shown on the cover of this prospectus, and assuming the entire option is exercised for cash and settled in Class A common stock only.

As the restricted stock awards vest and to the extent option holders exercise their outstanding options, new investors will be further diluted.

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SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

The following selected consolidated financial data with respect to each of the years in the five-year period ended December 31, 2001 have been derived from our audited consolidated financial statements. The financial information provided as of and for the nine months ended September 30, 2001 and 2002 is unaudited, but in the opinion of management contains all adjustments, consisting only of normal recurring accruals, necessary for a fair presentation of our results of operations and financial position for such periods. The information set forth below is not necessarily indicative of the results of future operations and should be read in conjunction with "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and the financial statements and related notes included elsewhere in this prospectus.

Year Ended December 31,					Nine Months Ended September 30,	
1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2001	2002

(unaudited)

(in thousands, except per share amounts)

Income Statement Data:

Revenues

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	Year Ended December 31,					Nine Months Ended September 30,		
Clearing and transaction fees	\$ 116,917	\$ 126,524	\$ 140,305	\$ 156,649	\$ 292,459	\$ 211,894	\$ 261,414	
Quotation data fees	37,719	40,079	43,005	36,285	48,250	35,810	36,507	
GLOBEX access fees		1,013	1,899	3,971	11,987	8,908	9,770	
Communication fees	7,885	8,128	8,165	9,391	9,330	6,905	7,364	
Investment income	8,178	10,117	9,091	9,736	8,956	6,796	6,098	
Securities lending interest income					10,744	7,490	14,702	
Other	6,945	11,304	8,137	10,520	14,904	11,494	10,943	
Total revenues	177,644	197,165	210,602	226,552	396,630	289,297	346,798	
Securities lending interest expense					(9,477)	(7,100)	(13,009)	
Net revenues	177,644	197,165	210,602	226,552	387,153	282,197	333,789	
Expenses								
Salaries and benefits	66,873	72,386	80,957	94,067	105,227	78,338	85,222	
Stock-based compensation				1,032	17,639	6,643	5,748	
Occupancy	19,779	19,702	17,773	19,629	20,420	15,145	16,970	
Professional fees, outside services and licenses	16,913	28,038	28,319	23,131	27,289	18,372	24,747	
Communications and computer and software maintenance	17,197	22,731	28,443	41,920	43,598	31,365	33,816	
Depreciation and amortization	16,689	17,943	25,274	33,489	37,639	27,279	35,504	
Patent litigation settlement							13,695	
Public relations and promotion	11,175	9,586	7,702	5,219	6,326	3,424	4,398	
Other	9,960	12,586	15,490	16,148	14,650	10,656	12,441	
Total expenses	158,586	182,972	203,958	234,635	272,788	191,222	232,541	
Income (loss) from continuing operations before limited partners' interest in PMT and income taxes	19,058	14,193	6,644	(8,083)	114,365	90,975	101,248	
Limited partners' interest in earnings of PMT		(2,849)	(2,126)	(1,165)				
Income tax (provision) benefit	(6,963)	(4,315)	(1,855)	3,339	(46,063)	(36,494)	(40,230)	
Income (loss) from continuing operations	12,095	7,029	2,663	(5,909)	68,302	54,481	61,018	
Discontinued operations, net of tax	(3,428)							
Net income (loss)	\$ 8,667	\$ 7,029	\$ 2,663	\$ (5,909)	\$ 68,302	\$ 54,481	\$ 61,018	
Earnings (loss) per share:(1)								
Basic	\$ 0.30	\$ 0.24	\$ 0.09	\$ (0.21)	\$ 2.37	\$ 1.89	\$ 2.12	
Diluted	0.30	0.24	0.09		2.33	1.86	2.04	

(1) Earnings per share is presented as if the common stock issued on December 3, 2001 had been outstanding for all periods presented. Diluted loss per share is not presented for the year ended December 31, 2000, because shares issuable for stock options, which would be included as part of the calculation, would have an anti-dilutive effect.

As of December 31,					As of September 30,	
1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2001	2002
					(unaudited)	

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As of December 31,

As of September 30,

(in thousands)

Balance Sheet Data:

Assets:

Cash and cash equivalents(2)	\$	11,170	\$	14,841	\$	14,249	\$	30,655	\$	69,101	\$	56,995	\$	197,164
Proceeds from securities lending activities(3)										882,555		131,271		554,870
Cash performance bonds and security deposits(4)		151,081		71,803		73,134		156,048		855,227		609,904		1,920,033
Current assets(5)		268,081		205,186		178,401		267,432		1,946,110		923,946		2,723,747
Total assets		346,732		295,090		303,467		381,444		2,068,881		1,036,127		2,863,830

Liabilities and shareholders' equity:

Payable under securities lending agreements(3)										882,555		131,271		554,870
Cash performance bonds and security deposits(4)		151,081		71,803		73,134		156,048		855,227		609,904		1,920,033
Total current liabilities		178,210		112,555		111,717		198,294		1,801,845		796,589		2,543,993
Long-term obligations and limited partners' interest in PMT		8,968		15,638		23,087		19,479		16,667		13,536		20,267
Shareholders' equity		159,554		166,897		168,663		163,671		250,369		226,003		299,570

Year Ended December 31,

Nine Months Ended
September 30,

1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2001	2002
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(in thousands, except notional value of trading volume)

Other Data:

Total trading volume (round turns, in contracts)(6)	200,742	226,619	200,737	231,110	411,712	295,463	413,790
GLOBEX trading volume (round turns, in contracts)(6)	4,388	9,744	16,135	34,506	81,895	55,999	131,685
Open interest at period-end (contracts)	6,479	7,282	6,412	8,021	15,039	13,938	17,618
Notional value of trading volume (in trillions)	\$ 184.6	\$ 161.7	\$ 138.3	\$ 155.0	\$ 293.9	\$ 210.2	\$ 257.8

(2)

Cash equivalents consist of highly liquid investments with maturities of three months or less.

(3)

Securities lending transactions utilize a portion of the securities that clearing firms have deposited to satisfy their proprietary performance bond requirements. Securities lending proceeds change daily. The related investment of these proceeds is short-term in nature. Investments consist principally of money market mutual funds. Securities lending activity is represented by an equal and offsetting current asset and current liability. See the section of this prospectus entitled "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Liquidity and Capital Resources" for a more detailed discussion of our securities lending program.

(4)

Our clearing firms are subject to performance bond requirements pursuant to the rules of our exchange. These requirements can be satisfied in cash or by depositing securities, at the clearing firms' election. The deposit of cash is reflected in our financial statements while the deposit of securities is not reflected in our financial statements. The amount of cash performance bonds and security deposits that are deposited by our clearing firms may change daily as a result of changes in the number of the clearing firms' open positions and how clearing firms elect to satisfy their performance bond requirements. The balance of cash

performance bonds and securities deposits will also fluctuate daily based on the change in the value of positions held by clearing firms. When clearing firms deposit cash, it is held or invested by us on an overnight basis. We are required to return these funds when performance bond requirements are reduced, as these funds ultimately represent assets of the respective clearing firms. Therefore, the current asset represented by cash performance bonds and security deposits has an equal and offsetting current liability. See the section of this prospectus entitled "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Liquidity and Capital Resources" for a more detailed discussion of cash performance bonds and security deposits.

(5)

Current assets consist of cash and cash equivalents, marketable securities, accounts receivable and other current assets in addition to cash performance bonds and security deposits and securities lending. Current assets are short-term in nature and are generally converted to cash in one year or less.

(6)

A round turn represents a matched buy and sell.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

This prospectus contains forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Our actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in forward-looking statements for many reasons, including the risks described in "Risk Factors" and elsewhere in this prospectus. You should read the following discussion with "Selected Financial Data" and our financial statements and related notes included elsewhere in this prospectus.

Corporate Structure

We are the largest futures exchange in the United States, as measured by 2001 annual trading volume. Our international marketplace brings together buyers and sellers on our trading floors, as well as through our GLOBEX electronic trading platform and privately negotiated transactions. We offer market participants the opportunity to trade futures contracts and options on futures primarily in four product areas: interest rates, stock indexes, foreign exchange and commodities.

Our exchange was organized in 1898 as a not-for-profit membership organization. On November 13, 2000, we became the first U.S. financial exchange to become a for-profit corporation by converting membership interests into shares of common stock. As a result of our conversion into a for-profit corporation, individuals and entities who, at the time, owned trading privileges on our exchange became the owners of all of the outstanding equity of CME. As part of our demutualization, we also purchased all of the assets and liabilities of P-M-T Limited Partnership, or PMT, an Illinois limited partnership that operated the GLOBEX electronic trading platform.

On December 3, 2001, we completed our reorganization into a holding company structure, as described more fully in the section of this prospectus entitled "Our Reorganization." As a result of the reorganization, CME became a wholly owned subsidiary of CME Holdings. In our reorganization, CME shareholders exchanged their shares for shares of CME Holdings. After the reorganization, these shareholders owned the same percentage of CME Holdings common stock that they previously owned of CME common stock. CME shareholders retained their memberships and trading privileges in CME and continue to own substantially all of our outstanding common stock. Prior to the reorganization, CME Holdings had no significant assets or liabilities. Our financial statements have been prepared as if the holding company structure had been in place for all periods presented.

As a not-for-profit membership organization, our business strategy and fee structure were designed to provide profit opportunities for our members and to limit our profits beyond that necessary to provide for sufficient working capital and infrastructure investment. Membership provided individuals and clearing firms with exclusive direct access to our markets, allowing them to profit from proprietary trading and customer execution. We provided some infrastructure services at a significant discount or as a membership benefit and, on occasion, offered fee holidays or fee rebates. For example, in 1998 we paid a rebate of \$17.6 million to our clearing firms and member brokers, which had a negative impact on our profitability, as did other fee reductions implemented prior to our demutualization. As a result, our financial results for periods prior to our demutualization may not be indicative of such results in subsequent periods. Consequently, comparisons of periods before and after demutualization may not be meaningful.

In conjunction with our demutualization and corporate reorganization, we adopted a new for-profit business strategy that is being integrated into our operations. As part of this integration process, we have examined and will continue to examine the fees we charge for our products in order to increase revenues and profitability, provide incentives for members and non-members to use our markets and enhance the liquidity of our markets. To enhance trading volume and promote new products, we offer discounts, some of which may be significant, to our members and non-members to use our markets. In the fourth quarter of 2000 and first quarter of 2001, we implemented changes to our fee structure. These changes included: increasing clearing fees for some products; increasing the daily maximum on GLOBEX fees for our E-mini products; implementing fees for order routing, delivery of agricultural products and a surcharge for trades

executed by one firm and cleared by another clearing firm ("give-ups"); increasing fees for access to our trading floor by members and their employees; increasing fees for the use of certain facilities on our trading floor; reducing GLOBEX fees for interest rate products; and

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implementing reduced clearing fees for customers achieving certain volume levels in our interest rate products. In addition, we increased the number of GLOBEX access choices, altered the pricing for existing GLOBEX access choices, changed the type of market data offered through our non-professional service offering and increased the price of our professional market data service offering. In contrast to the fee rebates and other fee reductions implemented prior to our demutualization, this new approach to fees has had a significant positive impact on our revenues and profitability.

Overview

As the largest futures exchange in the United States, our revenue is derived primarily from the clearing and transaction fees we assess on each contract traded through our trading venues or using our clearing house. As a result, revenues fluctuate significantly with volume changes, and thus our profitability is tied directly to the trading volume generated. Clearing and transaction fees are assessed based on the product traded, the membership status of the individual executing the trade and whether the trade is completed on our trading floor, through our GLOBEX electronic trading platform or as a privately negotiated transaction. In addition to clearing and transaction fees, revenues include quotation data fees, GLOBEX access fees, communication fees, investment income, including securities lending activities and other revenue. Our securities lending activities generate interest income and related interest expense. We have elected to present securities lending interest expense as a reduction of total revenues on our consolidated statements of income to arrive at net revenues.

Net revenues have increased from \$177.6 million in 1997 to \$387.7 million in 2001 and \$337.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2002. As a result of the increase in trading volume during this time period and the fee changes implemented in the fourth quarter of 2000 and the first quarter of 2001, resulting from our demutualization, the percentage of our revenues derived from clearing and transaction fees increased and represented 65.8% and 75.5% of our net revenues in 1997 and 2001, respectively, and 78.3% of our net revenues for the nine months ended September 30, 2002.

While volume has a significant impact on our clearing and transaction fees revenue, there are four other factors that also influence this source of revenue: rate structure, mix of products traded, method of trade and the percentage of trades executed by customers who are members compared to non-member customers. Our fee structure is complex, and fees vary depending on the type of product traded. Therefore, our revenue increases or decreases if there is a change in trading or usage patterns. Trades executed through GLOBEX are charged fees for using the electronic trading platform in addition to the clearing fees assessed on all transactions executed on our exchange. Trades executed as privately negotiated transactions also incur additional charges beyond the clearing fees assessed on all transactions. In addition, non-member customers are charged higher fees than customers who are members. Our revenue decreases if the percentage of trades executed by customers who are members increases and increases if the percentage of trades executed by non-member customers increases, even when our fee structure remains unchanged. As a result, there are multiple factors that can change over time and these changes all potentially impact our revenue from clearing and transaction fees.

Our quotation data fees represent our second largest source of revenue. Revenue from these fees has increased 27.9% from 1997 to 2001. In 1998, we began to generate revenue from fees assessed for access to our GLOBEX electronic trading platform. These fees currently represent approximately 3% of our net revenues. In June 2001, we began to engage in securities lending activities, which has contributed modestly to our net revenues. Revenue derived from investment income and other revenue have increased in a manner consistent with our net revenues from 1997 to 2001, while communication fees have remained relatively constant during this period.

Expenses have increased from \$158.6 million in 1997 to \$272.8 million in 2001 and \$232.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2002. The rate of increase in expenses has been lower than the rate of increase in revenues. The majority of our expenses fall into three categories: salaries and benefits; communications and computer and software maintenance; and depreciation and amortization. Additional expenses are also incurred for stock-based compensation, occupancy, professional fees, public relations and promotion and other expenses. Also, in the nine months ended September 2002, we incurred expenses related to a patent litigation settlement. Our salaries and benefits expense has increased 57.4% from 1997 to 2001 and currently represents 36.6% of our total expenses. A significant component of the increase in expenses, stock-based compensation, began in 2000 and is a non-cash expense that results primarily from the increase in the value of the option granted to our Chief Executive Officer as well as other stock-based compensation awarded to certain other employees. In addition, in 2000, we incurred \$9.8 million of expenses associated with restructuring of management, our demutualization and the write-off of certain internally developed software that could not be utilized as intended.

With the exception of license fees paid for the trading of our stock index contracts and a component of our trading facility rent that is related to trading volume, expenses do not vary directly with changes in trading volume. The number of transactions processed, rather than the number of contracts traded, tends to impact expenses. A trade executed on our exchange represents one transaction, regardless of the number of contracts included in that trade. Therefore, total contract trading volume is greater than the number of transactions processed.

Revenues

Our net revenues have grown from \$177.6 million in 1997 to \$387.2 million in 2001. During the first nine months of 2002, our net revenues were \$333.8 million, an 18.3% increase over the first nine months of 2001.

Our clearing and transaction fees revenues are tied directly to volume and underlying market uncertainty. We attempt to mitigate the downside of unpredictable volume swings through various means, such as increasing clearing fees, creating volume incentives, opening access to new markets and further diversifying the range of products and services we offer. The annual growth in daily trading volume from 1997, when average daily volume was 793,627 contracts, to 2001 is summarized as follows:

	1998	1999	2000	2001
	(in round-turn contracts)			
Average Daily Volume	899,281	793,425	917,120	1,640,288
Increase (Decrease) from Previous Year	105,654	(105,856)	123,695	723,168
Percentage Increase (Decrease) from Previous Year	13.3%	(11.8)%	15.6%	78.9%

This represents a compound annual growth rate of 19.9% from 1997 to 2001. Average daily volume increased from 1.6 million contracts per day in the first nine months of 2001 to 2.2 million contracts per day in the same period of 2002, an increase of 39.3%.

Trading volume in our interest rate products increased 97.4% in 2001 over 2000. Trading volume in our equity products rose 64.1% in 2001 over 2000. During 2001, trading volume in our foreign exchange products increased 16.1% over levels in 2000. Our commodity products trading volume rose 7.3% in 2001 over 2000. Volume increased as a result of economic and political factors, enhancements to our product and service offerings and expansion of our electronic and other trade execution choices. Global and national economic and political uncertainty generally results in increased trading activity, as our customers seek to hedge, manage or speculate on the risks associated with fluctuations in interest rates, equities, foreign exchange and commodities. For example, at the time of the terrorist attacks of September 11, our year-to-date 2001 trading volume had increased 71.3% over the same time period in 2000. During the period from September 12, 2001 to December 31, 2001, our trading volume increased 95.2% when compared to the same time period in 2000. In recent periods, our trading volume has been positively

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affected by the increased volatility in the markets for equity and fixed-income securities. Products and services offered also have a significant effect on volume. We built on earlier successes in our standard S&P 500 and Nasdaq-100 stock index contracts by introducing E-mini versions of the S&P 500 contract in 1997 and the Nasdaq-100 contract in 1999. E-mini contracts are one-fifth the size of the standard contract. These E-mini contracts are traded only through GLOBEX, our electronic trading platform. In addition, since 1998, we significantly upgraded our GLOBEX electronic trading platform and, beginning in November 2000, we modified GLOBEX policies to give more users direct access to our markets. A comparison of our average daily trading volume by venue and the related percentage of clearing and transaction fees associated with each venue are illustrated in the table below:

Method of Trade:	Average Daily Volume			Approximate Percentage of Clearing and Transaction Fees Revenue	
	1997	2001	Increase	1997	2001
	(in round turn contracts)				
Open Outcry	752,273	1,282,147	529,874	75%	62%
GLOBEX	17,343	326,274	308,931	5	27
Privately Negotiated	24,011	31,867	7,856	20	11
Total	793,627	1,640,288	846,661	100%	100%

For the nine months ended September 30, 2002, the percentage of our clearing and transaction fees revenue derived from open outcry trading was approximately 53%, while GLOBEX and privately negotiated transactions represented approximately 39% and 8%, respectively.

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While the increase in clearing and transaction fees has generally resulted from increased trading volume, the largest factors contributing to the increase in clearing and transaction fees from 1999 to 2000 were the rate increases and new transaction fees implemented in the fourth quarter of 2000, resulting from our demutualization. Additional revenue was also generated by the 15.1% increase in trading volume and an increase in the percentage of trades executed through GLOBEX. Partially offsetting these increases was a decrease in the percentage of trades attributable to non-member customers, who are charged higher fees than members, and a decrease in the percentage of total volume attributable to our standard equity products from which we earn higher clearing fees than other contracts. By contrast, the increase in clearing and transaction fees from 2000 to 2001 resulted primarily from the increase in trading volume and was augmented by the rate increases and new transaction fees implemented in the fourth quarter of 2000 and first quarter of 2001. Our revenues would have been higher in 2001 if the percentage of trading volume attributable to interest rate products, which are charged lower clearing fees than some of the other products offered through our exchange, had not increased compared to such other products. The increase in trading volume was the primary reason for the increase in clearing and transaction fee revenue in the first nine months of 2002 when compared to the same time period in 2001. Partially offsetting this volume increase was the impact of certain volume discounts, fee limits and a decrease in the percentage of trades executed by non-member customers. Changes in fees, volume discounts, limits on fees and member discounts, including some that may be significant, occur periodically based on management's review of our operations and business environment.

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Our clearing and transaction fees revenues, stated as an average rate per contract, are illustrated in the table below:

	Year Ended December 31,					Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2001	2002
	(in thousands, except rate per contract)						
Clearing and Transaction Revenues	\$ 116,917	\$ 126,524	\$ 140,305	\$ 156,649	\$ 292,459	\$ 211,894	\$ 261,414
Total Contracts Traded	200,742	226,619	200,737	231,110	411,712	295,463	413,790
Average Rate per Contract	\$ 0.582	\$ 0.558	\$ 0.699	\$ 0.678	\$ 0.710	\$ 0.717	\$ 0.632

Overall, the average rate per contract has increased since 1997. This increase was attributable primarily to the pricing changes implemented in the fourth quarter of 2000 and first quarter 2001, resulting from our demutualization, as well as growth in the percentage of trades executed through GLOBEX. The average rate per contract decreased in 1998 as a result of fee reductions and rebates. Despite the pricing changes in the fourth quarter of 2000, there was a decrease in the average rate per contract in 2000 that resulted primarily from an increase in the percentage of total volume from Euordollar products, as these products have a lower average rate per contract, and a decline in the percentage of trades for non-member customers. The decline in the average rate per contract from the first nine months of 2001 to the first nine months of 2002 resulted primarily from volume discounts on certain products, limits on some fees associated with trading through the GLOBEX platform and a decrease in the percentage of trades attributed to non-members. In addition, in the second quarter of 2002, we established a \$5.0 million reserve relating to our fee adjustment policy and clearing firm account management errors.

Our second largest source of revenue is quotation data fees, which we receive from the sale of our market data. Revenues from market data products represented 12.5% of our net revenues in 2001 and 11.0% of our net revenues for the nine months ended September 30, 2002. In general, our market data service is provided to two types of customers. Since March 2001, our non-professional service has been provided to those customers that typically only require market data provided in one-minute snapshots or on a limited group of products, such as our E-mini products. The fee for this service is relatively nominal and is a flat rate per month. Subscribers to our professional service receive market data on all our products on a real-time streaming basis. Fees for the professional service are higher than the non-professional service. Professional customers pay one price for the first device, or screen, at each physical location displaying our market data and a lower price for each additional screen displaying our market data at the same location. Pricing for our market data services is based on the value of the service provided, our cost structure for the service and the price of comparable services offered by our competitors. The pricing of quotation data services was increased on March 1, 2001 as part of the pricing changes implemented in 2001. Increases or decreases in our quotation data revenue will be influenced by changes in our price structure for existing market data offerings, introduction of new market data services and changes in the number of subscribers. In addition, general economic factors will influence our market data fees. For example, the recent downsizing in the brokerage industry has contributed to a decline in the number of screens displaying our market data and has adversely affected our market data revenue.

At year-end 2001, more than 48,000 subscribers displayed our data on approximately 190,000 screens worldwide. At September 30, 2002, the number of subscribers had increased to nearly 54,000, but the number of screens displaying our data had declined to approximately 180,000. With the exception of 2000, revenues from quotation data fees have grown steadily over the last five years. In 2000, we began to offer a

lower-priced non-professional service that increased the number of subscribers but adversely affected revenue as some of our existing customers switched to this lower-priced service. When this service was changed from real-time streaming to one-minute snapshots of market data in 2001, the number of subscribers to this service declined. Partially offsetting this decrease was the effect of some subscribers to our previous non-professional service switching to our professional service to obtain real-time streaming of

market data. In addition, a new non-professional service offering began late in 2001 whereby a subscriber could obtain market data limited to our E-mini products. As of September 30, 2002, there were approximately 14,000 subscribers to this E-mini market data service. The combined effect of these changes was a net decline in the total number of non-professional subscribers from nearly 25,000 at December 31, 2000 to approximately 20,000 at September 30, 2002. In addition, one of the major resellers of our quotes declared bankruptcy in February 2001. This reduced our revenue from quotation data fees by \$1.4 million in 2000 and \$0.5 million in 2001. The pricing of quotation data services was increased on March 1, 2001 as part of the pricing changes implemented in 2001. We began to offer CME E-quotes, an additional market data service utilizing Internet access, in March 2002.

GLOBEX access fees are the connectivity charges to customers of our electronic trading platform. The fee each customer is charged varies depending on the type of connection provided. There is a corresponding communication expense associated with providing these connections that varies based on the type of connection selected by the customer. Increases or decreases in revenue from GLOBEX access fees are influenced by changes in the price structure for our existing GLOBEX access choices, the introduction of new access choices and our ability to attract new users to our electronic trading platform. In addition, GLOBEX access fees are affected by some of the same factors that influence the general level of activity in electronic trading, including the products offered, quality of execution services and general economic conditions affecting our markets.

Communication fees consist of charges to members and firms that utilize our various telecommunications networks and communications services. Revenue from communication fees is dependent on open outcry trading, as a significant portion relates to telecommunications on the trading floor. There is a corresponding variable expense associated with providing these services.

Investment income represents interest income and net realized gains and losses from our marketable securities and from the trading securities in our non-qualified deferred compensation plans as well as income generated by the short-term investment of clearing firms' cash performance bonds and security deposits. Investment income is influenced by our operating results, market interest rates and changes in the levels of cash performance bonds deposited by clearing firms. The total cash performance bonds deposited by clearing firms is a function of the type of collateral used to meet performance bond requirements, the number of open positions held by clearing firms and volatility in our markets. As a result, the amount of cash deposited by clearing firms is subject to significant fluctuation. For example, cash performance bonds and security deposits totaled \$156.0 million at December 31, 2000, compared to \$855.2 million at December 31, 2001 and \$1.9 billion at September 30, 2002. In addition, clearing firms may choose to deposit cash in a foreign currency. Our ability to generate investment income from clearing firms' cash performance bonds and security deposits is impacted by the currency received and the interest rates prevailing in the country for that particular currency. The investment results of our non-qualified deferred compensation plans that are included in investment income do not affect net income as there is an equal and offsetting impact to our salaries and benefits expense.

Beginning late in the second quarter of 2001, we entered into securities lending transactions utilizing a portion of the securities that clearing firms deposited to satisfy their proprietary performance bond requirements. Securities lending interest income is presented separately in the consolidated statements of income. Substantial interest expense is incurred as part of this securities lending activity and is presented as a deduction from total revenues to arrive at net revenues.

Other revenue is composed of fees for trade order routing and various services to members, as well as fees for administering our Interest Earning Facility program, or IEF, which consists of private money market funds managed by third party investment managers. We offer clearing firms the opportunity to invest cash performance bonds in our IEF. These clearing firms receive interest income, and we receive a fee based on total funds on deposit. We recently implemented an addition to our IEF program, called IEF2, which allows clearing firms to invest directly in public money market mutual funds through a special

facility provided by us. Other revenue also includes trading revenue generated by GFX, our wholly owned subsidiary that trades in foreign exchange futures contracts to enhance liquidity in our markets for these products, fines assessed to members for violations of exchange rules and revenue from the sale of our SPAN software. In 2001, we entered into a joint venture, OneChicago, to trade single stock futures and futures on

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narrow-based stock indexes. We currently have a 40% ownership interest in the joint venture. Our share of the net loss from this joint venture is included in other revenue.

A substantial portion of our clearing and transaction fees, telecommunications fees and various service charges included in other revenue are billed to the clearing firms of the exchange. The majority of clearing and transaction fees received from clearing firms represent charges for trades executed on behalf of the customers of the various clearing firms. There are currently approximately 70 clearing firms, and one firm, with a significant portion of customer revenue, represented approximately 11% of our net revenues in the first nine months of 2002. Should a clearing firm withdraw from the exchange, we believe the customer portion of that firm's trading activity would likely transfer to another clearing firm of the exchange. Therefore, we do not believe we are exposed to significant risk from the loss of revenue received from any particular clearing firm.

Expenses

Our expenses have grown from \$158.6 million in 1997 to \$272.8 million in 2001. The increase in total annual expenses since 1997 is illustrated in the table below:

	1998	1999	2000	2001
	(in thousands)			
Total Expenses	\$ 182,972	\$ 203,958	\$ 234,635	\$ 272,788
Total Increase From Previous Year	\$ 24,386	\$ 20,986	\$ 30,677	\$ 38,153
Percentage Increase From Previous Year	15.4%	11.5%	15.0%	16.3%

Expenses for the nine months ended September 30, 2002 totaled \$232.5 million, a 21.6% increase from the same time period in 2001.

Salaries and benefits expense is our most significant expense and includes employee wages, bonuses, related benefits and employer taxes. Changes in this expense are driven by increases in wages as a result of inflation or labor market conditions, the number of employees, rates for employer taxes and price increases affecting benefit plans. This expense, combined with stock-based compensation, accounted for \$122.9 million, or 45.0% of total expenses, for 2001 and \$91.0 million, or 39.2% of total expenses, for the nine months ended September 30, 2002. Annual bonus payments also vary from year to year and have a significant impact on total salaries and benefits expense. This expense has increased each year for the years 1997 to 2001. The number of employees increased from 865 at December 31, 1997 to 1,118 at September 27, 2002.

Stock-based compensation is a non-cash expense related to stock options and restricted stock grants. The most significant portion of this expense relates to our CEO's stock option, granted in February 2000 for 5% of all classes of our outstanding common stock. For accounting purposes, the option was treated as a stock appreciation right prior to our demutualization. Since the date of demutualization, variable accounting treatment has been required for this option. As a result, this expense increases or decreases from quarter to quarter based on changes between quarters in the value of our Class A shares and the trading rights on our exchange, which are associated with our Class B shares. Currently, there is no independent established trading market for our Class A shares. Since demutualization, shares of Class A common stock can only be sold as part of a bundle with a Class B share and the associated trading right. Therefore, the value of the Class A shares is imputed based on recent transactions in the bundle and transactions involving the trading rights only. As a result of variable accounting for the option, this expense, and ultimately our reported operating results, will be subject to significant fluctuation related to

volatility in the value of our Class A common stock and the trading rights on our exchange associated with our Class B common stock. This volatility may be unrelated to our operating performance. Specifically, given our variable accounting treatment for the option, we anticipate this expense will increase in the fourth quarter of 2002 by approximately \$13 million if the value of our Class A common stock at the end of that quarter is equal to the mid-point of the range shown on the cover of this prospectus and the value of our Class B shares included in the option remains unchanged from the values at September 30, 2002. Stock-based compensation expense totaled \$1.0 million in 2000 and \$17.6 million in 2001 and did not occur prior to 2000. The expense related to our CEO's options was \$16.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2001 and \$5.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2002. In the second quarter of 2001, restricted stock grants were awarded to certain employees and fixed accounting treatment was adopted for these grants. The portion of stock-based compensation expense related to stock grants awarded to employees was \$1.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2001 and \$0.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2002.

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Occupancy costs consist primarily of rent, maintenance and utilities for our offices, trading facilities and remote data center. Our office space is primarily in Chicago, and we have smaller offices in Washington, D.C., London and Tokyo. Occupancy costs are relatively stable, although our trading floor rent fluctuates to a limited extent based on open outcry trading volume.

Professional fees, outside services and licenses expense consists primarily of consulting services provided for major technology initiatives, license fees paid as a result of trading volume in stock index products and legal and accounting fees. This expense fluctuates primarily as a result of changes in requirements for consultants to complete technology initiatives, stock index product trading volume changes that impact license fees and other undertakings that require the use of professional services.

Communications and computer and software maintenance expense consists primarily of costs for network connections with our GLOBEX customers; maintenance of the hardware and software required to support our technology; telecommunications costs of our exchange; and fees paid for access to market data. This expense is affected primarily by the growth of electronic trading. Our computer and software maintenance costs are driven by the number of transactions processed, not the volume of contracts traded. We processed approximately 75% of total transactions electronically in the first nine months of 2002 compared to approximately 65% for the year 2001, which represented approximately 32% and 20%, respectively, of total contracts traded.

Depreciation and amortization expense results from the depreciation of fixed assets purchased, as well as amortization of purchased and internally developed software. This expense increased as a result of significant technology investments in equipment and software that began in late 1998 and led to additional depreciation and amortization in the following years.

Public relations and promotion expense consists primarily of media, print and other advertising expenses, as well as expenses incurred to introduce new products and promote our existing products and services. Also included are seminar, conference and convention expenses for attending trade shows. Expenses of this nature have decreased from \$11.2 million in 1997 to \$6.3 million in 2001. During this time period the emphasis of our promotion efforts shifted from print advertising and brochures to direct contact with our primary customers and Internet availability of our promotional materials, and we discontinued certain incentive programs. In 1997 and 1999, additional expenses were incurred to promote the introduction of our E-mini stock index products. Also, we introduced daytime electronic trading in our Eurodollar contracts on a limited basis in 1999. These products were introduced to increase our trading volume as well as to respond to increased competition. We expect these expenses to increase in the near term after our initial public offering.

Other expense consists primarily of travel, staff training, fees incurred in providing product delivery services to customers, stipends for the board of directors, interest for equipment purchased under capital leases, meals and entertainment, fees for our credit facility, supplies, postage and various state and local

taxes. Other expense fluctuates, in part, due to changes in demand for our product delivery services and decisions regarding the manner in which to purchase capital equipment. Certain expenses, such as those for travel and entertainment, are more discretionary in nature and can fluctuate from year to year as a result of management decisions.

Net Income

Net income for 1997 was \$8.7 million, declined in the next three years to a loss of \$5.9 million in 2000 and rebounded to net income of \$68.3 million in 2001. The decline from 1997 through 2000 resulted from a variety of factors. In 1998, we paid clearing firms a rebate on clearing and transaction fees that totaled \$17.6 million, thus reducing our net income for that year. Trading volume declined from 1998 to 1999, but the percentage of trades executed through GLOBEX continued to increase. A significant portion of the expense increase in 1999 was for depreciation and amortization that resulted from capital expenditures related to our technology. The net loss in 2000 resulted primarily from our management restructuring, demutualization and the write-off of certain internally developed software that could not be used as intended. Increased volume combined with the change in our pricing structure following our demutualization drove the change in operating results in 2001.

Net operating results for 1998 through 2000 were adversely affected by the limited partners' interest in the earnings of PMT. Prior to our demutualization, PMT owned all rights to electronic trading of our products, received the revenue generated from electronic trading and was charged for our services to support electronic trading. The limited partners were entitled to a portion of the income of PMT which totaled \$2.8 million in 1998, \$2.1 million in 1999 and \$1.2 million 2000. We purchased PMT's net assets as part of our demutualization.

Critical Accounting Policies

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The notes to our audited consolidated financial statements include disclosure of our significant accounting policies. In establishing these policies within the framework of U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, management must make certain assessments, estimates and choices that will result in the application of these principles in a manner that appropriately reflects our financial condition and results of operations. Critical accounting policies are those policies that we believe present the most complex or subjective measurements and have the most potential to impact our financial position and operating results. While all decisions regarding accounting policies are important, we believe there are three accounting policies that could be considered critical. These three critical policies, which are presented in detail in the notes to our audited consolidated financial statements, relate to securities lending; stock-based compensation; and clearing and transaction fees.

With respect to securities lending, we have elected to present the interest expense associated with this activity as a reduction of total revenues, and present net revenues in the consolidated statements of income. Due to the nature of securities lending transactions, a substantial amount of interest expense is incurred in relation to the total interest income from this activity. While U.S. generally accepted accounting principles require that interest income and interest expense be disclosed separately, we believe the income statement presentation adopted provides the best insight into our revenues and expenses.

The accounting for stock-based compensation is complex, and under certain circumstances, accounting principles generally accepted in the United States allow for alternative methods. As permitted, we have elected to account for stock-based compensation using the intrinsic value method in accordance with APB Opinion No. 25 rather than the alternative fair value method prescribed in Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 123 "Accounting for Stock Based Compensation." Variable accounting was required for the options granted to our CEO as a result of certain provisions of the option agreement. In addition, this option includes both Class A and Class B common stock. The expense related to this option has fluctuated based on the change in the value of our Class A shares and the underlying

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trading rights on our exchange associated with our Class B common stock. Since our demutualization, there has not been an independent trading market for our Class A shares, and shares of our Class A common stock can only be sold or acquired as part of a bundle with the trading rights on our exchange and the related Class B shares. Therefore, the value of the Class A shares at the end of each reporting period is imputed based on the recent prices for the bundle and recent prices relating to the trading rights only. Fixed accounting has been adopted for all other stock option and restricted stock grants. We have elected the accelerated method for recognizing the expense related to stock options. As a result of this election and the vesting provisions of our stock grants, a greater percentage of the total expense for all options is recognized in the first years of the vesting period than would be recorded if we elected the straight-line method.

Clearing and transaction fees are recorded as revenue and collected from clearing firms on a monthly basis. Several factors affect the fees charged for a trade, including whether the individual making the trade has trading privileges on our exchange. In the event inaccurate information has resulted in an incorrect fee, the clearing firm has a period of three months following the month in which the trade occurred to submit the correction and have the fee adjusted. When preparing financial statements for a reporting period, an estimate of anticipated fee adjustments applicable to that period is recorded as a liability with a corresponding reduction to clearing and transaction fees revenue. This estimate is based on historical trends for such adjustments. Our estimate of anticipated fee adjustments at year-end 2001 was \$2.2 million.

Key Statistical Information

The following table presents key information on volume of contracts traded, expressed in round turn contracts, as well as information on open interest and notional value of contracts traded.

	Year Ended December 31,					Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2001	2002
Average Daily Volume:							
Product Area							
Interest Rate	522,835	574,829	475,023	550,810	1,091,846	1,053,593	1,293,202
Equity	116,801	174,840	189,984	258,120	425,149	402,644	779,958
Foreign Exchange	119,429	113,948	94,747	76,615	89,290	89,314	97,351
Commodity	34,562	35,664	33,671	31,575	34,003	34,466	30,502
Total Average Daily Volume	793,627	899,281	793,425	917,120	1,640,288	1,580,017	2,201,013

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	Year Ended December 31,					Nine Months Ended September 30,	
Method of Trade							
Open Outcry	752,273	830,687	698,011	754,049	1,282,147	1,248,824	1,469,037
GLOBEX	17,343	38,668	63,782	136,928	326,274	299,459	700,454
Privately Negotiated	24,011	29,926	31,632	26,143	31,867	31,734	31,522
Total Average Daily Volume	793,627	899,281	793,425	917,120	1,640,288	1,580,017	2,201,013
Largest Open Interest (contracts)	8,305,804	10,174,734	8,799,641	9,324,154	18,900,911	15,791,353	20,268,225
Total Notional Value (in trillions)	\$184.6	\$161.7	\$138.3	\$155.0	\$293.9	\$210.2	\$257.8

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The following table sets forth key information on volume of contracts traded, measured based on the number of round turn contracts, by product area presented as a percentage of the total average daily volume for all product areas and by method of trade presented as a percentage of the total average daily volume for all methods of trade.

	Year Ended December 31,					Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2001	2002
Average Daily Volume:							
Product Area							
Interest Rate	65.9%	63.9%	59.9%	60.1%	66.6%	66.7%	58.8%
Equity	14.7	19.4	24.0	28.1	25.9	25.5	35.4
Foreign Exchange	15.0	12.7	11.9	8.4	5.5	5.6	4.4
Commodity	4.4	4.0	4.2	3.4	2.0	2.2	1.4
Total Average Daily Volume	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Method of Trade:							
Open Outcry	94.8%	92.4%	88.0%	82.2%	78.2%	79.0%	66.8%
GLOBEX	2.2	4.3	8.0	14.9	19.9	19.0	31.8
Privately Negotiated	3.0	3.3	4.0	2.9	1.9	2.0	1.4
Total Average Daily Volume	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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Results of Operations

The following tables set forth our consolidated statements of income for the periods presented both in dollar amounts and as a percentage of net revenues:

Year Ended December 31,			Nine Months Ended September 30,	
1999	2000	2001	2001	2002

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(in thousands)

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	Year Ended December 31,			Nine Months Ended September 30,	
Revenues:					
Clearing and transaction fees	\$ 140,305	\$ 156,649	\$ 292,459	\$ 211,894	\$ 261,414
Quotation data fees	43,005	36,285	48,250	35,810	36,507
GLOBEX access fees	1,899	3,971	11,987	8,908	9,770
Communication fees	8,165	9,391	9,330	6,905	7,364
Investment income	9,091	9,736	8,956	6,796	6,098
Securities lending interest income			10,744	7,490	14,702
Other	8,137	10,520	14,904	11,494	10,943
Total revenues	210,602	226,552	396,630	289,297	346,798
Securities lending interest expense			(9,477)	(7,100)	(13,009)
Net revenues	210,602	226,552	387,153	282,197	333,789
Expenses:					
Salaries and benefits	80,957	94,067	105,227	78,338	85,222
Stock-based compensation		1,032	17,639	6,643	5,748
Occupancy	17,773	19,629	20,420	15,145	16,970
Professional fees, outside services and licenses	28,319	23,131	27,289	18,372	24,747
Communications and computer and software maintenance	28,443	41,920	43,598	31,365	33,816
Depreciation and amortization	25,274	33,489	37,639	27,279	35,504
Patent litigation settlement					13,695
Public relations and promotion	7,702	5,219	6,326	3,424	4,398
Other	15,490	16,148	14,650	10,656	12,441
Total expenses	203,958	234,635	272,788	191,222	232,541
Income (loss) before limited partners' interest in PMT and income taxes	6,644	(8,083)	114,365	90,975	101,248
Limited partners' interest in earnings of PMT	(2,126)	(1,165)			
Income tax (provision) benefit	(1,855)	3,339	(46,063)	(36,494)	(40,230)
Net income (loss)	\$ 2,663	\$ (5,909)	\$ 68,302	\$ 54,481	\$ 61,018

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	Year Ended December 31,			Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	1999	2000	2001	2001	2002
Revenues:					
Clearing and transaction fees	66.6%	69.1%	75.5%	75.1%	78.3%
Quotation data fees	20.4	16.0	12.5	12.7	11.0
GLOBEX access fees	0.9	1.8	3.1	3.2	2.9
Communication fees	3.9	4.2	2.4	2.4	2.2
Investment income	4.3	4.3	2.3	2.4	1.8
Securities lending interest income			2.8	2.6	4.4
Other	3.9	4.6	3.8	4.1	3.3
Total revenues	100.0	100.0	102.4	102.5	103.9
Securities lending interest expense			(2.4)	(2.5)	(3.9)

	Year Ended December 31,			Nine Months Ended September 30,	
Net revenues	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Expenses:					
Salaries and benefits	38.4	41.5	27.2	27.8	25.6
Stock-based compensation		0.5	4.6	2.3	1.7
Occupancy	8.4	8.7	5.3	5.4	5.1
Professional fees, outside services and licenses	13.4	10.2	7.0	6.5	7.4
Communications and computer and software maintenance	13.5	18.5	11.3	11.1	10.1
Depreciation and amortization	12.0	14.8	9.7	9.7	10.7
Patent litigation settlement					4.1
Public relations and promotion	3.7	2.3	1.6	1.2	1.3
Other	7.4	7.1	3.8	3.8	3.7
Total expenses	96.8	103.6	70.5	67.8	69.7
Income (loss) before limited partners' interest in PMT and income taxes	3.2	(3.6)	29.5	32.2	30.3
Limited partners' interest in earnings of PMT	(1.0)	(0.5)			
Income tax (provision) benefit	(0.9)	1.5	(11.9)	(12.9)	(12.0)
Net income (loss)	1.3%	(2.6)%	17.6%	19.3%	18.3%

Nine Months Ended September 30, 2002 Compared to Nine Months Ended September 30, 2001

Overview

Our operations for the nine months ended September 30, 2002 resulted in net income of \$61.0 million compared to net income of \$54.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2001. Our improved operating results were driven by a \$51.6 million, or 18.3%, increase in net revenues that was partially offset by a \$41.3 million, or 21.6%, increase in expenses for the nine months ended September 30, 2002 compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2001. The growth in revenue resulted primarily from a 40.0% increase in total trading volume during the first nine months of 2002 when compared to the same time period in 2001. However, the percentage growth in volume did not result in an equal percentage growth in revenue as volume incentive programs, which include limits on GLOBEX fees for E-mini contracts and volume discounts to benefit large customers trading our Eurodollar products, had a greater impact on clearing and transaction revenue during the first nine months of 2002. Contributing to the overall increase in expenses was the settlement of the Wagner patent litigation in August 2002, resulting in a one-time expense of \$13.7 million. Partially offsetting this increase in expenses was a decrease in stock-based compensation, a non-cash expense, from \$6.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2001

to \$5.7 million for the same time period in 2002. Our operating margin was 30.3% for the first nine months of 2002 compared to 32.2% for the first nine months of 2001. Excluding stock-based compensation, our operating margin would have been 32.1% for the first nine months of 2002 compared to 34.6% for the first nine months of 2001. Excluding both the Wagner patent settlement and stock-based compensation, our operating margin for the nine months ended September 30, 2002, would have increased to 36.2%.

Trading volume for the first nine months of 2002 totaled a record 413.8 million contracts, representing an average daily trading volume of 2.2 million contracts. This was a 40.0% increase over the 295.5 million contracts traded during the first nine months of 2001, representing an average daily trading volume of 1.6 million contracts. Total trading volume through September 30, 2002 exceeded the total 2001 annual trading volume of 411.7 million contracts, which was a record. The third quarter of 2002 represented the seventh consecutive calendar quarter in which new total trading volume records have been established. In the first nine months of 2002, investors traded a record number of interest rate and stock index contracts, in part to protect portfolios against market swings and possible U.S. Federal Reserve Board policy changes. On June 27, 2002, we experienced a new single-day total trading volume record of nearly 4.3 million contracts, surpassing the previous record of 3.5 million

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contracts that was established on March 7, 2002. In addition, the month of July 2002 represented our busiest month ever when total trading volume was 59.3 million contracts, representing an average daily trading volume of nearly 2.7 million contracts. GLOBEX volume exceeded one million contracts for a single day for the first time on June 12, 2002 and exceeded one million contracts on 21 days through the end of the third quarter of 2002. A new GLOBEX volume record was established on July 24, 2002 when 1.5 million contracts were traded. These GLOBEX volume records exclude the initial launch of TRAKRSsm (Total Return Asset Contractssm), a product developed with Merrill Lynch that began trading on July 31, 2002. On the launch date, this product recorded trading volume of 1.3 million contracts, which included orders taken since the product was announced on July 8, 2002. Total GLOBEX volume on July 31, 2002 was 2.2 million contracts, including the TRAKRS volume.

Revenues

Total revenues increased \$57.5 million, or 19.9%, from \$289.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2001 to \$346.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2002. Net revenues increased \$51.6 million, or 18.3%, from \$282.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2001 to \$333.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2002. The increase in revenues was attributable primarily to a 39.3% increase in average daily trading volume. In the first nine months of 2002, electronic trading represented 31.8% of total trading volume. Electronic trading volume grew 133.9%, to 700,454 contracts per day, when compared to the first nine months of 2001. Increased trading volume levels resulted from continued volatility in U.S. stocks and currencies; the anticipation of possible changes in interest rates; increased customer demand for the liquidity provided by our markets; product offerings that allowed customers to manage their risks; and enhanced access choices to our products. Partially offsetting these volume increases, and the related increase in clearing and transaction fees, was a decline in investment income resulting from a decrease in rates earned on our marketable securities and the short-term investment of clearing firms' cash performance bonds and security deposits; a decrease in the trading revenue generated by our foreign exchange trading subsidiary, GFX; and our share of the net loss from OneChicago, our joint venture in single stock futures and futures on narrow-based stock indexes. OneChicago had not initiated trading of single stock futures or futures on narrow-based stock indexes as of September 30, 2002.

Clearing and Transaction Fees. Clearing and transaction fees, which include clearing fees, GLOBEX electronic trading fees and other volume-related charges, increased \$49.5 million, or 23.3%, from \$211.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2001 to \$261.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2002. A significant portion of the increase was attributable to the 39.3% increase in average daily trading volume combined with the 133.9% increase in average daily trading volume on GLOBEX

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during the nine months ended September 30, 2002. For the first nine months of 2002, the additional revenue resulting from these volume increases was partially offset by a reserve of \$5.0 million for a one-time payment to clearing firms relating to our fee adjustment policy and clearing firm account management errors. Finally, the first nine months of 2002 had one more business day than the first nine months of 2001.

Despite the increase in revenue from clearing and transaction fees, the average rate, or revenue, per contract decreased \$0.085 from \$0.717 for the nine months ended September 30, 2001 to \$0.632 for the same period in 2002. Management believes that the fee limits and volume discounts offered to customers contributed to increased overall trading volume but had a negative impact on our average rate per trade. While volume discounts and limits on certain GLOBEX fees were in effect during both 2001 and 2002, the average rate per contract for the first nine months of 2002 was more adversely impacted by these programs as increased trading volume resulted in more trades being executed at the discounted levels. In addition, the volume discounts for our Eurodollar products that were implemented in January 2001 were expanded in the third quarter of 2001. While volume in Eurodollar contracts has grown, the larger volume discounts have partially offset the additional revenue generated by the increased trading volume in Eurodollars. The average rate per contract was also affected by the lower percentage of trades attributed to non-member customers. The percentage of trades for non-members decreased to approximately 22% of total trading volume during the first nine months of 2002 compared to approximately 25% during the same time period in 2001. We believe our lower fee structure for members has resulted in the acquisition of trading rights by parties intending to trade significant volumes on our exchange, creating an increase in member volume. Finally, the \$5.0 million reserve in the second quarter of 2002 relating to our fee adjustment policy and clearing firm account management errors represented \$0.012 of the reduction in our average rate per contract for the nine months ended September 30, 2002.

The following table shows the average daily trading volume in our four product areas, the portion that is traded electronically through the GLOBEX platform, and clearing and transaction fees revenues expressed in total dollars and as an average rate per contract:

Product Area	Nine Months Ended September 30,		Percentage Increase/(Decrease)
	2002	2001	

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Nine Months Ended			
	September 30, 2001	September 30, 2002	
Interest Rate	1,293,202	1,053,593	22.7%
Equity	779,958	402,644	93.7
Foreign Exchange	97,351	89,314	9.0
Commodity	30,502	34,466	(11.5)
Total Volume	2,201,013	1,580,017	39.3
GLOBEX Volume	700,454	299,459	133.9
GLOBEX Volume as a Percent of Total Volume	31.8%	19.0%	
Clearing and Transaction Fees Revenue (in thousands)	\$ 261,414	\$ 211,894	
Average Rate per Contract	\$ 0.632	\$ 0.717	

During the first nine months of 2002, volatility in U.S. equity markets continued. This volatility, combined with increased access choices to our GLOBEX platform and marketing efforts to increase awareness of our product offerings, drove the growth in volume of our equity products. Approximately 80% of our stock index product volume is traded through the GLOBEX platform. While the U.S. Federal Reserve Board left interest rates unchanged during the first nine months of 2002, compared to eight interest rate reductions during the first nine months of 2001, we continued to experience increased volume in our interest rate products. Continued uncertainty over interest rates and volatility in U.S. stocks has led to increased use of interest rate products. With respect to foreign exchange products, the increase in trading volume was attributable to the impact of instituting side-by-side trading of these products on our

GLOBEX platform during open outcry trading hours in April 2001, and additional volatility in the foreign exchange markets during the first nine months of 2002. The decrease in average daily volume for commodity products was primarily the result of a decline in price levels in livestock and dairy products during the first quarter of 2002 that was partially offset by the impact of a drought in much of the United States in the second quarter of 2002.

Quotation Data Fees. Quotation data fees increased \$0.7 million, or 2.0%, from \$35.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2001 to \$36.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2002. The increase principally reflects the effect of fee increases, implemented in March 2001, for the full nine-month period ended September 30, 2002 and an increase in the administrative fee for our quote vendor services in January 2002. In addition, these increases were partially offset by a decline in the number of users of our professional market data service that began in the second quarter of 2002, primarily as a result of recent downsizing at a number of major brokerage firms. As a result, the number of screens displaying our market data decreased from approximately 190,000 screens at December 31, 2001 to approximately 180,000 screens at September 30, 2002. This decline was partially offset by an increase in the number of subscribers from approximately 48,000 at December 31, 2001 to approximately 54,000 at September 30, 2002. The increase in subscribers occurred in our lower-priced non-professional E-mini market data service. Quotation data fees for the first nine months of 2001 were adversely impacted by \$0.5 million as a result of the bankruptcy filing of a vendor that served as a large distributor of our market data. There was no similar adverse event in the first nine months of 2002.

GLOBEX Access Fees. GLOBEX access fees increased \$0.9 million, or 9.7%, from \$8.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2001 to \$9.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2002. This increase resulted primarily from the additional monthly access fees generated from the increase in the number of GLOBEX users from September 30, 2001 to September 30, 2002. Partially offsetting this increase was a \$0.5 million decrease in installation revenue during the first nine months of 2002 when compared to the same time period in 2001. When our pricing structure was changed in February 2001, we increased our installation charges for certain access choices. Many customers elected those access choices when they were first introduced. This resulted in an increase in installation revenue in the second and third quarter of 2001 that was not repeated during the comparable period of 2002. In addition, some new customers in 2002 selected access choices that do not require installation fees, such as our virtual private network access.

Communication Fees. Communication fees increased \$0.5 million, or 6.7%, from \$6.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2001 to \$7.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2002. This increase resulted primarily from modest increases in fees for some of the wireless services we provide and an increase in telecommunication services and equipment provided on our trading floor.

Investment Income. Investment income decreased \$0.7 million, or 10.3%, from \$6.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2001 to \$6.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2002. The decline resulted primarily from a reduction in rates earned on our marketable securities and the investment of clearing firms' cash performance bonds and security deposits. A significant portion of these investments is short-term in nature. Rates earned on these investments declined from approximately 3.2% during the first nine months of 2001 to approximately 2.3% during the first nine months of 2002, representing a decrease in investment income of approximately \$5.1 million. The decrease in rates earned was primarily a result of the actions taken by the Federal Reserve Board in 2001 to lower the Fed funds rate. Another

component of the decrease in investment income was a \$0.5 million decrease in the investment results of our non-qualified deferred compensation plan that is included in investment income but does not affect our net income, as there is an equal decrease in our salaries and benefits expense. Partially offsetting these decreases in investment income was an increase of approximately \$2.6 million in interest income as a result of increased balances in marketable securities and cash performance bonds and security deposits. In addition, in the third quarter of 2002, we changed our investment policy and converted

our marketable securities to short-term investments, resulting in realized gains from the sale of these marketable securities of \$2.7 million.

Securities Lending Interest Income and Expense. Securities lending interest income increased \$7.2 million, from \$7.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2001 to \$14.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2002. Our securities lending activity began late in June 2001. Therefore, relatively modest revenue was generated for the nine months ended September 30, 2001. Our securities lending is limited to a portion of the securities that clearing firms deposit to satisfy their proprietary performance bond requirements. Securities lending interest expense increased \$5.9 million, from \$7.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2001 to \$13.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2002. This expense is an integral part of our securities lending program and is required to engage in securities lending transactions. Therefore, this expense is presented in the statements of income as a reduction of total revenues.

Other Revenue. Other revenue decreased \$0.6 million, or 4.8%, from \$11.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2001 to \$10.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2002. This decrease is attributed primarily to a \$1.6 million increase in our share of the net loss of OneChicago and a \$1.0 million decrease in trading revenue generated by GFX for the nine months ended September 30, 2002. OneChicago was not formed until August 2001. Therefore, the loss at September 30, 2001 only represented two months of operating results. There was also a modest decrease in revenue from the sale of our SPAN software during the first nine months of 2002 when compared to the same period in 2001. Partially offsetting these decreases was a \$1.9 million increase in fees associated with managing our Interest Earning Facility.

Expenses

Total operating expenses increased \$41.3 million, or 21.6%, from \$191.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2001 to \$232.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2002. This increase was primarily attributable to the \$13.7 million expense associated with the settlement of the Wagner patent litigation as well as increases in salaries and benefits, professional fees and depreciation expense. These increases were partially offset by a \$0.9 million decrease in stock-based compensation expense. Excluding stock-based compensation, expenses would have increased \$42.2 million, or 22.9%. Excluding both the Wagner patent settlement and stock-based compensation, expenses would have increased \$28.5 million, or 15.5%.

Salaries and Benefits Expense. Salaries and benefits expense increased \$6.9 million, or 8.8%, from \$78.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2001 to \$85.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2002. There are two significant components to this increase. The average number of employees increased approximately 6%, or 64 employees, from the nine months ended September 30, 2001 to the nine months ended September 30, 2002. This increased headcount resulted in increased salaries and benefits of approximately \$5.2 million. In addition, salaries and benefits increased approximately \$3.6 million as a result of increases in salaries and the related employer taxes, pension and benefits. We had 1,118 employees at September 27, 2002. Partially offsetting these increases was an increase in the capitalization of salaries relating to internally developed software and an increase in the losses experienced in our non-qualified deferred compensation plan during the first nine months of 2002 when compared to the same time period in 2001.

Stock-Based Compensation Expense. Stock-based compensation expense decreased \$0.9 million, or 13.5%, from \$6.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2001 to \$5.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2002. The primary component of this expense relates to the stock option granted to our CEO in February 2000, which included options for both Class A and Class B shares of common stock. The Class B share component of the option includes the value of the trading rights associated with the Class B shares subject to the option. Variable accounting treatment is required for the

option granted to our CEO. Because variable accounting reflects the change in the value of our Class A common stock and the underlying trading rights on the exchange associated with our Class B common stock, there is the possibility for significant variation in this component of stock-based compensation expense. There was a significant increase in the value of the trading rights associated with the Class B shares during

the first nine months of 2001. This increase in value was partially offset by a decrease in the imputed value of the Class A shares during the first nine months of 2001. This net increase in value, when combined with the effect of vesting, resulted in \$6.0 million of our stock-based compensation expense for the first nine months of 2001. In the first nine months of 2002, there was also a significant increase in the value of the trading rights associated with the Class B shares. The stock-based compensation for the CEO option was \$5.1 million in the first nine months of 2002. The remainder of the expense relates to restricted stock granted to certain employees in May 2001.

Occupancy Expense. Occupancy expense increased \$1.9 million, or 12.1%, from \$15.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2001 to \$17.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2002. This increase is directly related to additional rent expense incurred in 2002 for a remote data facility leased in the fourth quarter of 2001 and an increase in rent for our trading floors. A portion of the trading floor rent is determined based on open outcry trading volume, which increased 18.3% during the first nine months of 2002 when compared to the same time period in 2001.

Professional Fees, Outside Services and Licenses Expense. Professional fees, outside services and licenses expense increased \$6.3 million, or 34.7%, from \$18.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2001 to \$24.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2002. This increase is attributable primarily to two factors. There was a \$3.4 million increase in legal fees associated with our defense of the Wagner patent litigation during the first nine months of 2002. In the first nine months of 2002, there was also a \$1.6 million increase in license fees resulting from growth in our equity product trading volume. In addition, professional fees for technology initiatives, net of the portion that relates to the development of internal use software and is capitalized rather than expensed, also increased \$0.8 million. New initiatives during the first nine months of 2002 included work on capacity testing of various exchange systems, adaptation of certain systems to accommodate single stock futures transactions and technology work to prepare for our E-quotes market data offering. Additional expenses also were incurred in 2002 for building security in response to the September 11 terrorist attacks. Partially offsetting these increases was a refund for certain legal expenses incurred in 2001 and reduced expenses related to recruiting employees.

Communications and Computer and Software Maintenance Expense. Communications and computer and software maintenance expense increased \$2.4 million, or 7.8%, from \$31.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2001 to \$33.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2002. The increase in 2002 resulted primarily from additional hardware and software maintenance associated with recent technology purchases, telecommunications expense associated with our remote data facility and additional expenses incurred in connection with our E-quotes market data service launch in March 2002. These increases were partially offset by a reduction in communication expenses associated with connections to our GLOBEX platform resulting from the renegotiation of a contract with one of our vendors in the second half of 2001.

Depreciation and Amortization Expense. Depreciation and amortization expense increased \$8.2 million, or 30.2%, from \$27.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2001 to \$35.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2002. This increase was attributable primarily to equipment and software purchased late in 2001 as well as during the first nine months of 2002.

Patent Litigation Settlement. Patent litigation settlement expense totaled \$13.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2002. This expense represents the August 26, 2002 settlement of the Wagner patent litigation. The settlement required a \$5.0 million payment in September 2002 with five subsequent annual payments of \$2.0 million each beginning in August 2003. The expense recorded in the nine months

ended September 30, 2002 represents the present value of these payments. No similar expense occurred in the nine months ended September 30, 2001.

Public Relations and Promotions Expense. Public relations and promotions expense increased \$1.0 million, or 28.5%, from \$3.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2001 to \$4.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2002. The increase resulted from additional print advertising expenditures in the first nine months of 2002, primarily to promote our foreign exchange and E-mini stock index products. This increase was partially offset by a decrease in charitable contributions. In response to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, we established the Chicago Mercantile Exchange Foundation and made an initial contribution of \$1.0 million in the third quarter of 2001. No similar expense was incurred in the first nine months of 2002.

Other Expense. Other expense increased \$1.7 million, or 16.8%, from \$10.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2001 to \$12.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2002. Bank fees increased \$0.8 million as a result of the fees associated with securities lending that began late in the second quarter of 2001. In addition, fees paid to our board of directors increased during the first nine months of 2002 when compared to the same time period in 2001 due to a change in our board fee structure that became effective July 1, 2001. Partially offsetting these increases was a decrease in fees associated with providing certain delivery services that resulted from a decrease in the utilization of these services by our customers.

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Income Tax Provision

We recorded a tax provision of \$40.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2002 compared to a tax provision of \$36.5 million for the same period in 2001. The effective tax rate was 39.7% for the first nine months of 2002, a modest decline from the 40.1% effective tax rate for the first nine months of 2001.

Year Ended December 31, 2001 Compared to Year Ended December 31, 2000

Overview

Our operations for the year ended December 31, 2001 resulted in net income of \$68.3 million compared to a net loss of \$5.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2000. Our improved operating results were driven by a \$170.0 million, or 75.1%, increase in total revenues. Net revenues increased \$160.6 million, or 70.9%. This increase in revenues was partially offset by a \$38.2 million, or 16.3%, increase in expenses in 2001 when compared to 2000. Excluding stock-based compensation, which represented a non-cash expense of \$17.6 million, our net income for 2001 would have been \$78.8 million compared to a loss of \$5.3 million for 2000.

During 2001, the U.S. Federal Reserve Board lowered the Fed funds rate on 11 occasions, resulting in a total reduction of 4.75%. The increased need for risk management instruments resulting from this interest rate volatility led to increased volume in our Eurodollar contract. Our Eurodollar contract also became a benchmark for the industry, contributing to its volume growth. Concerns and uncertainty about the global and national economy, interest rates and the performance of U.S. stocks that had resulted in increased trading volume throughout 2001 were magnified after the terrorist attacks of September 11. In addition, opening access to our electronic trading platform and improved performance of that platform, coupled with uncertainty over the economy and interest rates, resulted in increased trading volume in our stock index products.

Revenues

Total revenues increased \$170.0 million, or 75.1%, from \$226.6 million for 2000 to \$396.6 million for 2001. Net revenues increased \$160.6 million, or 70.9%, from 2000 to 2001. The increase in revenues was attributable primarily to a 78.9% increase in average daily trading volume in 2001, establishing an

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exchange record and making our exchange the largest futures exchange in the United States, based on annual trading volume, for the first time. In 2001, we also experienced record levels of electronic trading that resulted in average daily GLOBEX volume of 326,274 contracts, representing 19.9% of our trading volume and an increase of 138.3% compared to 2000. These increased volume levels resulted from uncertainty over interest rates and volatility in U.S. stocks, a diverse product offering, our new open access policy for GLOBEX and volume discounts available to customers using our markets to manage their financial risk. Finally, a new pricing framework announced in December 2000 that took effect in the first quarter of 2001 resulted in additional revenue.

Clearing and Transaction Fees. Clearing and transaction fees and other volume-related charges increased \$135.9 million, or 86.7%, from \$156.6 million in 2000 to \$292.5 million in 2001. Total trading volume increased 78.1% from 231.1 million contracts, our previous trading volume record established in 2000, to 411.7 million contracts for 2001. Many other volume records were established in 2001. Trading volume of 3.3 million contracts on November 15, 2001 established a new single-day trading volume record. Trading volume for the month of November 2001 also established a new monthly record, with 45.3 million contracts traded. This growth in total volume, and the related increase in clearing fees, was compounded by additional GLOBEX transaction fees resulting from a 138.3% increase in electronic trading volume from 2000 to 2001. In addition to increased volume, revenue was favorably impacted by changes to our pricing structure that were implemented in the first quarter of 2001.

In response to the terrorist attacks in the United States, our markets closed early on September 11, 2001, and our exchange remained closed on September 12, 2001. Trading resumed on September 13, 2001. However, equity products did not trade for an additional two business days, until September 17, 2001, when the equity markets in the United States resumed trading.

In addition to the increase in trading volume, the average rate per contract increased \$0.032 from \$0.678 for the year ended December 31, 2000 to \$0.710 for the year ended December 31, 2001. The increase in 2001 reflects increases in pricing, which were partially offset by volume discounts for our Eurodollar products. These discounts were implemented in January 2001 and expanded in the third quarter of 2001. Also, as a result of the limits on certain GLOBEX fees, the additional trading volume generated through GLOBEX has increased clearing fees but has not necessarily resulted in additional GLOBEX fees.

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The following table shows the average daily trading volume in our four product areas, the portion that was traded electronically through the GLOBEX platform, and clearing and transaction fees revenues expressed in total dollars and as an average rate per contract:

Product Area	Year Ended December 31,		Percentage Increase
	2001	2000	
Interest rate	1,091,846	550,810	98.2%
Equity	425,149	258,120	64.7
Foreign exchange	89,290	76,615	16.5
Commodity	34,003	31,575	7.7
Total Volume	1,640,288	917,120	78.9
GLOBEX Volume	326,274	136,928	138.3
GLOBEX Volume as a Percent of Total Volume	19.9%	14.9%	
Clearing and Transaction Fees Revenues (in thousands)	\$ 292,459	\$ 156,649	
Average Rate per Contract	\$ 0.710	\$ 0.678	

While we experienced increased volume in all products, the most significant increases occurred in interest rate and equity products. This increased volume reflected market dynamics in U.S. stocks and interest rates, as well as the effect of volume discounts and increased access to our electronic trading

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platform. These measures were designed to stimulate additional activity in a time of volatility in interest rates and U.S. equities.

Quotation Data Fees. Quotation data fees increased \$12.0 million, or 33.0%, from \$36.3 million in 2000 to \$48.3 million in 2001. On March 1, 2001, we implemented a fee increase for professional subscribers. At year-end 2001, more than 48,000 subscribers displayed our data on approximately 190,000 screens worldwide. This represented a modest decrease from year-end 2000 when we had approximately 54,000 subscribers displaying our data on more than 196,000 screens. In addition, while we maintained our non-professional market data offering, the service was changed from real-time streaming to one-minute snapshots of market data. This led some of our subscribers to convert to the higher-priced professional service. In addition, our 2000 revenue was adversely impacted by the bankruptcy filing of one of the larger resellers of our quotes.

GLOBEX Access Fees. GLOBEX access fees increased \$8.0 million, or 201.9%, from \$4.0 million in 2000 to \$12.0 million in 2001. This increase was primarily attributable to the growth in the number of GLOBEX connections. Our FIX API connections increased from approximately 60 at December 31, 2000 to approximately 175 at December 31, 2001. These connections generally are used by clearing firms and allow multiple users to access GLOBEX. In addition, our GLOBEX Trader-Internet connections, a new access choice in 2001, grew to approximately 250 connections. Also contributing to the increase in revenue were changes to fees charged for access to GLOBEX in 2001 that were partially offset by a decrease in dedicated terminals accessing GLOBEX.

Communication Fees. Communication fees were relatively constant, experiencing a decrease of \$0.1 million, from \$9.4 million in 2000 to \$9.3 million in 2001.

Investment Income. Investment income decreased \$0.7 million, or 8.0%, from \$9.7 million in 2000 to \$9.0 million in 2001. The decline resulted primarily from a decrease in interest rates, which had a negative impact on the rate earned on funds invested. Also, there was a \$0.2 million decrease in the investment results of our non-qualified deferred compensation plan, which did not impact our net income as there was an equal reduction to our salaries and benefits expense. Partially offsetting these decreases was investment income generated by additional funds available for investment in marketable securities as a result of our improved financial performance. Also, cash performance bonds deposited by clearing firms increased from 2000 to 2001, resulting in additional investment income in 2001.

Securities Lending Interest Income and Expense. Securities lending interest income was \$10.7 million in 2001. There was no similar income for 2000, as our securities lending activity began in June 2001. Securities lending is limited to a portion of the securities that clearing firms deposit to satisfy their proprietary performance bond requirements. Securities lending interest expense was \$9.5 million in 2001. There was no similar expense for 2000. This expense is an integral part of our securities lending program and is required to engage in securities

lending transactions. Therefore, this expense is presented in the consolidated statements of income as a reduction of total revenues.

Other Revenue. Other revenue increased \$4.4 million, or 41.7%, from \$10.5 million in 2000 to \$14.9 million in 2001. The majority of this increase, or \$2.3 million, was attributable to increased fees associated with managing our IEF. Fees earned are directly related to amounts deposited in each IEF. In addition, the comprehensive pricing changes implemented in the first quarter of 2001 resulted in additional revenue from floor access charges, booth rental on our trading floors and order routing services. Finally, sales of our SPAN software increased by \$0.3 million in 2001 compared to 2000. Partially offsetting these increases was a \$0.6 million decrease in the trading revenue generated by GFX and our share of the net loss of OneChicago, the joint venture established in August 2001 for the trading of single stock futures.

Expenses

Total operating expenses increased \$38.2 million, or 16.3%, from \$234.6 million in 2000 to \$272.8 million in 2001. The most significant components of this increase were the increase in non-cash stock-based compensation and, to a lesser extent, the increase in salaries and benefits expense. Excluding the increase resulting from stock-based compensation, expenses increased \$21.5 million, or 9.2%, from 2000 to 2001.

Salaries and Benefits Expense. Salaries and benefits expense increased \$11.1 million, or 11.9%, from \$94.1 million in 2000 to \$105.2 million in 2001. Included in this expense in 2000 were \$4.3 million of one-time expenses relating to the restructuring of management that included a sign-on bonus for our new President and CEO hired in February 2000 and expenses related to severance payments to departing executives with employment contracts. Excluding these one-time charges, salaries and benefits increased \$15.5 million, or 17.3%, in 2001, primarily as a result of an increase in overall compensation levels and employee bonus expense, coupled with related increases in pension expense, employment taxes and employee benefits costs. In addition, the average number of employees increased approximately 1% during 2001. This increased headcount resulted in additional salaries and benefits expense of approximately \$1.4 million. These increases were compounded by a reduction in the number of technology staff utilized for internally developed software initiatives in 2001 when compared to 2000. As a result, more employee-related costs were expensed, rather than being capitalized as part of the development of internal use software.

Stock-Based Compensation Expense. Stock-based compensation, a non-cash expense, increased \$16.6 million, from \$1.0 million in 2000 to \$17.6 million in 2001. This increase was primarily the result of the increase in value of the trading rights on our exchange associated with the Class B shares included in the stock option granted to our CEO in 2000 and vesting that occurs with the passage of time. Prior to our demutualization in November 2000, the expense relating to this option was recognized as a stock appreciation right using variable accounting as prescribed under Accounting Principles Board (APB) Opinion No. 25, "Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees," and related pronouncements. Since the date of demutualization, variable accounting has been required for this option. Because variable accounting reflects the change in the value of our Class A common stock and the underlying trading rights on the exchange associated with our Class B common stock, there was a significant increase in this component of stock-based compensation expense in 2001. This option represented \$16.6 million of our stock-based compensation expense in 2001.

Occupancy Expense. Occupancy expense increased \$0.8 million, or 4.0%, from \$19.6 million in 2000 to \$20.4 million in 2001. This is primarily the result of an increase in rent expense related to our trading floors, as a portion of this rent is directly related to increased open outcry trading volume.

Professional Fees, Outside Services and Licenses Expense. Professional fees, outside services and licenses increased \$4.2 million, or 18.0%, from \$23.1 million in 2000 to \$27.3 million in 2001. Professional fees for technology-related initiatives, net of the reduction for the portion that relates to the development of internal use software and is capitalized rather than expensed, increased \$4.5 million in 2001 when compared to 2000. Major initiatives in 2001 included improvements to the Application Program Interface (API) to GLOBEX, work on enhancing the ability to execute sophisticated spread trades in GLOBEX and improvements to our Web site. In addition, there was a \$0.9 million increase in license fees resulting from increased stock index product trading volume. We also incurred fees in 2001 relating to our reorganization into a holding company structure. In 2000, we completed our management restructuring and demutualization that resulted in recruiting, legal and other professional fees that were not repeated in 2001.

Communications and Computer and Software Maintenance Expense. Communications and computer and software maintenance expense increased \$1.7 million, or 4.0%, from \$41.9 million in 2000 to

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\$43.6 million in 2001. As a result of a new contract with our communications provider, communication costs related to GLOBEX connections increased modestly despite the increased number of customers utilizing our electronic trading platform. In addition, our hardware and software maintenance costs increased in 2001 as a result of technology-related purchases.

Depreciation and Amortization Expense. Depreciation and amortization expense increased \$4.1 million, or 12.4%, from \$33.5 million in 2000 to \$37.6 million in 2001. This increase was attributable primarily to depreciation of the cost of equipment and software purchased late in 2000, as well as amortization on internally developed software completed in 2001 and the second half of 2000.

Public Relations and Promotion Expense. Public relations and promotion expense increased \$1.1 million, or 21.2%, from \$5.2 million in 2000 to \$6.3 million in 2001. In response to the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, we established the Chicago Mercantile Exchange Foundation with an initial contribution of \$1.0 million to be distributed to those affected by the events of September 11, 2001. In addition, in 2001 promotion expense was affected by increased spending on direct advertising offset by reduced expenditures for trade shows and specific product promotions.

Other Expense. Other expense decreased \$1.4 million, or 9.3%, from \$16.1 million in 2000 to \$14.7 million in 2001. This decrease was due primarily to a \$2.7 million write-off of previously capitalized software development costs during 2000. It was determined that the software would not be utilized as intended. A similar write-off of \$0.3 million occurred in 2001. Other factors affecting these expenses in 2001 included a reduction in travel and entertainment when compared to 2000, offset by the expense associated with the settlement of certain litigation in 2001.

During 2000, the limited partners' interest in the earnings of PMT was \$1.2 million. We purchased the net assets of PMT on November 13, 2000 as part of our demutualization. Therefore, there was no reduction in earnings during 2001 as a result of the sharing of profits with the limited partners of this entity.

Income Tax Provision

We recorded a tax provision of \$46.1 million in 2001, compared to a tax benefit of \$3.3 million in 2000. The effective tax rate was 40.3% in 2001 and 36.1% in 2000.

Year Ended December 31, 2000 Compared to Year Ended December 31, 1999

Overview

We experienced a net loss of \$5.9 million in 2000, compared to net income of \$2.7 million in 1999. The change was due primarily to expenses in 2000 relating to management restructuring, demutualization and the write-off of certain internally developed software that could not be used as intended and increased technology-related expenses. As a result, overall expense increases outpaced the growth in revenue.

Revenues

Total revenues increased \$16.0 million, or 7.6%, from \$210.6 million in 1999 to \$226.6 million in 2000. The \$16.0 million increase in revenue was the result of several factors. Clearing and transaction fees increased as a result of total volume increasing 15.1% in addition to a new pricing structure implemented in 2000. Our revenue from quotation data fees decreased due to reduced fees charged to non-professional subscribers. GLOBEX access fees increased as a result of an increase in the number of terminals of more than 30%. Our communication fees increased due to rate increases to the users of our telecommunication systems. Investment income increased due to the increase in our cash performance bonds offset by realized losses on net sales of marketable securities. Trading gains of GFX and the increase in revenue from our IEF program resulted in an increase in other revenue.

Clearing and Transaction Fees. Clearing and transaction fees accounted for 69.1% of total revenues in 2000. Clearing and transaction fees revenues increased \$16.3 million, or 11.6%, from \$140.3 million in 1999 to \$156.6 million in 2000. This increase was due primarily to a 15.1% increase in total trading volume in 2000 over 1999, setting a new annual volume record at that time of 231.1 million contracts. The increase in trading volume was due primarily to uncertainty over interest rates and the 2000 U.S. presidential election that resulted in strong volume in our interest rate and stock index products as a way to help manage financial risk. Total electronic trading volume on our GLOBEX platform in 2000 rose 113.8% to 34.5 million contracts and accounted for 14.9% of total volume. In addition to the increase in trading volume, clearing and transaction fee revenue rose as a result of a fee increase that went into effect on October 1, 2000. The fee increase was replaced with a new, strategically designed fee structure that went into effect primarily on January 1, 2001. The new pricing structure reflects our business strategy as a for-profit corporation.

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The average rate per contract decreased \$0.021 from \$0.699 for the year ended December 31, 1999 to \$0.678 for the year ended December 31, 2000. This decrease was attributable primarily to a lower percentage of trades being executed by non-members, who are charged higher rates than members. While the number of round turn contracts traded by non-members increased from approximately 52 million in 1999 to 56 million in 2000, the percentage of total trading volume attributed to non-members decreased from approximately 26% of total trading volume in 1999 to approximately 24% of total trading volume in 2000. Also contributing to the decrease in the average rate per contract is a decline in volume for our foreign exchange products and the related delivery services.

The following table shows the average daily trading volume in our four product areas, the portion that was traded electronically through the GLOBEX platform, and clearing and transaction fees revenues expressed in total dollars and as an average rate per contract:

Product Area	Year Ended December 31,		Percentage Increase/(Decrease)
	2000	1999	
Interest Rate	550,810	475,023	16.0%
Equity	258,120	189,984	35.9
Foreign Exchange	76,615	94,747	(19.1)
Commodity	31,575	33,671	(6.2)
Total Volume	917,120	793,425	15.6
 GLOBEX Volume	 136,928	 63,782	 114.7
GLOBEX Volume as a Percent of Total Volume	14.9%	8.0%	
 Clearing and Transaction Fees Revenues (in thousands)	 \$ 156,649	 \$ 140,305	
Average Rate per Contract	\$ 0.678	\$ 0.699	

Quotation Data Fees. Quotation data fees decreased \$6.7 million, or 15.6%, from \$43.0 million in 1999 to \$36.3 million in 2000. The decrease was a result of lower promotional fees charged to non-professional subscribers. This special promotional fee was eliminated in 2001. While the total number of subscribers increased from 1999 to 2000, a portion of our existing subscribers switched to the new non-professional service at a lower monthly fee. In addition, the likelihood of collecting certain receivables outstanding at December 31, 2000 appeared questionable. The resulting reserve against receivables reduced revenue in 2000 by \$1.4 million.

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GLOBEX Access Fees. GLOBEX access fees increased \$2.1 million, or 109.1%, from \$1.9 million in 1999 to \$4.0 million in 2000. The total number of GLOBEX terminals increased more than 30% during 2000, resulting in additional revenue.

Communication Fees. Communication revenue increased \$1.2 million, or 15.0%, from \$8.2 million in 1999 to \$9.4 million in 2000. The increase was a result of rate increases to users of our telecommunications system.

Investment Income. Investment income increased \$0.6 million, or 7.1%, from \$9.1 million in 1999 to \$9.7 million in 2000. Investment income generated by increased cash performance bonds was partially offset by realized losses on net sales of marketable securities.

Other Revenue. Other revenue increased \$2.4 million, or 29.3%, from \$8.1 million in 1999 to \$10.5 million in 2000. Trading gains of GFX increased by \$2.0 million in 2000 compared to 1999, and there was an increase in fees generated as a result of our IEF program. Partially offsetting these increases was a decline in consulting revenue generated for work completed by us for ParisBourse^{SBFSA}. Since this consulting arrangement was concluded in 1999, there was no similar revenue in 2000.

Expenses

Total operating expenses increased \$30.6 million, or 15.0%, from \$204.0 million in 1999 to \$234.6 million in 2000. Excluding approximately \$9.8 million of expenses in 2000 relating to management restructuring, demutualization and the write-off of certain internally developed software that could not be used as intended, the increase was \$20.8 million, or 10.2%. Technology-related expenses of \$100.1 million

increased \$23.2 million as we continued to invest in trading and clearing systems. In electronic trading, we made significant capacity and performance enhancements to GLOBEX to support our new open access policy approved in 2000. As a result, telecommunication, software licenses and maintenance, as well as hardware maintenance and depreciation costs, increased for our technology division. These increases were partially offset by a reduction in the use of consultants for technology initiatives in 2000 compared to 1999. We continued to upgrade our clearing technology and made advances in furthering alliances with other exchanges. Clearing infrastructure enhancements enabled us to launch the world's first cross-border, cross-margining program with the London Clearing House. Other enhancements included an upgraded real-time mutual offset system with Singapore Exchange Derivatives Trading Limited, or Singapore Derivatives Exchange, improved asset management capabilities for exchange customers and a more flexible and streamlined clearing process. Seeking new growth opportunities by leveraging our established clearing house expertise, we explored opportunities in the e-business market in 2000 and incurred \$0.9 million in related expenses.

Salaries and Benefits Expense. Salaries and benefits expense increased \$13.1 million, or 16.2%, from \$81.0 million in 1999 to \$94.1 million in 2000. There are three significant components to this increase. Salaries and benefits expense increased \$8.8 million as a result of increases in overall compensation levels and the related employer taxes, pension and benefits. In January 2000, we entered into an employment agreement with our new President and CEO that stipulated payment of a sign-on bonus of \$2 million. In addition, three executives with employment contracts resigned during the first quarter of 2000. The payments required by these contracts and increases in headcount accounted for the remainder of the increase in salaries and benefits.

Stock-based Compensation Expense. Stock-based compensation expense of \$1.0 million resulted from the expense relating to the stock option granted to our CEO in 2000. Variable accounting treatment was required for the option under APB Opinion 25, "Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees," as of the date of demutualization.

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Occupancy Expense. Occupancy costs increased \$1.8 million, or 10.4%, from \$17.8 million in 1999 to \$19.6 million in 2000. In 1999, reductions in real estate taxes, combined with credits from the landlord for operating expenses, resulted in one-time savings and represented the majority of the variance between 1999 and 2000.

Professional Fees, Outside Services and Licenses Expense. Professional fees, outside services and licenses decreased \$5.2 million, or 18.3%, from \$28.3 million in 1999 to \$23.1 million in 2000. The decrease resulted primarily from a \$3.7 million decline in professional fees relating to some technology initiatives that were substantially completed in 1999. Additional savings resulted from a \$0.8 million reduction in recruiting costs, a \$0.4 million reduction in ongoing legal and accounting fees and a decrease in the use of temporary employees. Also, in 1999, certain professional fees were incurred for projects that were concluded the same year, including \$0.9 million in professional fees relating to the development of our strategic plan, \$0.9 million for services associated with the launch of side-by-side electronic trading of our Eurodollar products and \$0.7 million in professional fees for certain enhancements to GLOBEX. These savings were partially offset by a \$1.3 million increase in legal costs and professional fees associated with our demutualization and a \$0.9 million increase in license fees incurred as a result of increased trading volume in our equity products in 2000 when compared to 1999.

Communication and Computer and Software Maintenance Expense. Communication and computer and software maintenance expense increased \$13.5 million, or 47.4%, from \$28.4 million in 1999 to \$41.9 million in 2000. Communication costs rose \$9.1 million, or 38.9%, as a result of additional GLOBEX electronic trading subscribers. The number of GLOBEX terminals increased more than 30.0% in 2000. In addition, software and related maintenance costs increased by \$3.3 million in 2000 compared to 1999 as a result of technology initiatives.

Depreciation and Amortization Expense. Depreciation and amortization increased \$8.2 million, or 32.5%, from \$25.3 million in 1999 to \$33.5 million in 2000. The increase was due to the amortization of completed capitalized software development, additional depreciation expense resulting from software and computer equipment purchases made in 2000 and late in 1999 and the change in depreciable lives of such software and computer equipment from five years to four years.

Public Relations and Promotion Expense. Public relations and promotion expense decreased \$2.5 million, or 32.2%, from \$7.7 million in 1999 to \$5.2 million in 2000, due primarily to the elimination or reduction of certain incentive programs related to specific contracts offered on our exchange.

Other Expense. Other expense increased \$0.6 million, or 4.2%, from \$15.5 million in 1999 to \$16.1 million in 2000. The increase resulted from a \$2.7 million write-off during the second quarter of 2000 of previously capitalized software development costs. It was determined that the software would not be utilized as intended. Partially offsetting this were decreases in travel and entertainment expenses as well as in various state and local taxes.

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The limited partners' interest in the earnings of PMT was \$1.2 million for the period January 1, 2000 through November 13, 2000, the date of the sale of PMT's net assets to us as part of our demutualization, compared to \$2.1 million in 1999. A decline in the operating results of PMT, and the corresponding decline in the limited partners' interest in the earnings of PMT in 2000, was due to higher operating costs associated with electronic trading. The fact that PMT operated for less than a full year also reduced its profits compared to 1999. The impact of these factors was partially offset by an increase in the net income of GFX in 2000, a portion of which was allocated to PMT.

Income Tax Provision

A benefit for income taxes of \$3.3 million was recorded for the twelve months ended December 31, 2000 as a result of operating losses during this period. The effective income tax rate for the period was 36.1%. The benefit will be realized through a tax loss carryback to offset a prior year's taxable income.

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Quarterly Results of Operations

Quarterly results have varied significantly as a result of the following:

trading volume;

changes in and limits and volume discounts on fees;

one-time expenses, such as those relating to demutualization and the patent litigation settlement;

changes in our business strategy and fee structure as a result of our conversion from a non-profit into a for-profit corporation;

stock-based compensation expense resulting from stock options granted to our CEO;

amount and timing of capital expenditures; and

growth in GLOBEX.

The following tables set forth certain unaudited consolidated quarterly income statement data, both in dollar amounts and as a percentage of net revenues for the 11 quarters ended September 30, 2002. In our opinion, this unaudited information has been prepared on substantially the same basis as the financial statements appearing elsewhere in this prospectus and includes all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring adjustments) necessary to present fairly the unaudited quarterly data. The unaudited quarterly data should be read together with the financial statements and related notes included elsewhere in this prospectus. The results for any quarter are not necessarily indicative of results for any future period.

Quarter Ended

Mar. 31, 2000	June 30, 2000	Sept. 30, 2000	Dec. 31, 2000	Mar. 31, 2001	June 30, 2001	Sept. 30, 2001	Dec. 31, 2001	Mar. 31, 2002	June 30, 2002	Sept. 30, 2002
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(in thousands, except per share amounts)

Revenues:

Clearing and transaction fees	\$ 40,046	\$ 35,643	\$ 32,282	\$ 48,678	\$ 70,938	\$ 68,266	\$ 72,690	\$ 80,565	\$ 77,885	\$ 84,274	\$ 99,255
Quotation data fees	9,883	8,568	9,028	8,806	10,225	13,582	12,003	12,440	12,465	11,925	12,117
GLOBEX access fees	701	918	1,109	1,243	2,347	3,557	3,004	3,079	3,130	3,278	3,362

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Quarter Ended

Communication fees	2,242	2,403	2,442	2,304	2,256	2,350	2,299	2,425	2,405	2,506	2,453
Investment income	2,148	2,236	2,296	3,056	2,573	2,496	1,727	2,160	1,617	1,304	3,177
Securities lending interest income						605	6,885	3,254	3,514	6,275	4,913
Other	2,569	2,560	2,324	3,067	3,831	4,411	3,252	3,410	3,053	3,518	4,372
Total revenues	57,589	52,328	49,481	67,154	92,170	95,267	101,860	107,333	104,069	113,080	129,649
Securities lending interest expense						(569)	(6,531)	(2,377)	(2,977)	(5,548)	(4,484)
Net revenues	57,589	52,328	49,481	67,154	92,170	94,698	95,329	104,956	101,092	107,532	125,165
Expenses:											
Salaries and benefits	26,724	22,153	22,290	22,899	25,059	25,147	28,132	26,889	29,227	28,349	27,646
Stock-based compensation	1,521	957	(370)	(1,075)	3,473	4,394	(1,224)	10,996	(5,191)	4,383	6,556
Occupancy	5,022	5,106	4,874	4,627	5,257	4,796	5,092	5,275	5,781	5,308	5,881
Professional fees, outside services and licenses	5,858	4,702	4,823	7,748	6,018	5,538	6,816	8,917	7,261	8,377	9,109
Communications and computer and software maintenance	9,417	10,675	11,147	10,681	9,988	10,141	11,236	12,233	10,308	11,325	12,183
Depreciation and amortization	8,302	8,294	8,622	8,271	8,888	9,146	9,245	10,360	10,814	12,337	12,353
Patent litigation settlement											13,695
Public relations and promotion	1,120	942	1,397	1,760	581	788	2,055	2,902	1,563	1,354	1,481
Other	3,445	6,064	2,815	3,824	2,990	3,631	4,035	3,994	3,429	5,007	4,005
Total expenses	61,409	58,893	55,598	58,735	62,254	63,581	65,387	81,566	63,192	76,440	92,909
Income (loss) before limited partners' interest in (earnings)/loss of PMT and income taxes	(3,820)	(6,565)	(6,117)	8,419	29,916	31,117	29,942	23,390	37,900	31,092	32,256
Limited partners' interest in (earnings)/loss of PMT	(988)	(194)	21	(4)							
Income tax (provision) benefit	1,924	2,703	2,438	(3,726)	(11,975)	(12,353)	(12,166)	(9,569)	(15,178)	(12,150)	(12,902)
Net income (loss)	\$ (2,884)	\$ (4,056)	\$ (3,658)	\$ 4,689	\$ 17,941	\$ 18,764	\$ 17,776	\$ 13,821	\$ 22,722	\$ 18,942	\$ 19,354
Earnings (loss) per share:(1)											
Basic	\$ (0.10)	\$ (0.14)	\$ (0.13)	\$ 0.16	\$ 0.62	\$ 0.65	\$ 0.62	\$ 0.48	\$ 0.79	\$ 0.66	\$ 0.67
Diluted				\$ 0.16	\$ 0.62	\$ 0.64	\$ 0.60	\$ 0.46	\$ 0.76	\$ 0.64	\$ 0.65

(1)

Earnings per share is presented as if the common stock issued on December 3, 2001 had been outstanding for all periods presented. Diluted loss per share is not presented for the first three quarters of 2000 because shares issuable for stock options, which would be included as part of the calculation, would have an anti-dilutive effect.

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Quarter Ended

	Mar. 31, 2000	June 30, 2000	Sept. 30, 2000	Dec. 31, 2000	Mar. 31, 2001	June 30, 2001	Sept. 30, 2001	Dec. 31, 2001	Mar. 31, 2002	June 30, 2002	Sept. 30, 2002
(as a percentage of net revenues)											
Revenues:											
Clearing and transaction fees	69.5%	68.1%	65.3%	72.5%	77.0%	72.1%	76.3%	76.8%	77.0%	78.4%	79.3%
Quotation data fees	17.2	16.4	18.3	13.1	11.1	14.3	12.6	11.9	12.3	11.1	9.7
GLOBEX access fees	1.2	1.8	2.2	1.9	2.5	3.8	3.2	2.9	3.1	3.1	2.8
Communication fees	3.9	4.6	4.9	3.4	2.4	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.4	2.3	1.9
Investment income	3.7	4.3	4.6	4.6	2.8	2.6	1.8	2.1	1.6	1.2	2.5
Securities lending interest income						0.6	7.2	3.1	3.5	5.8	3.9
Other	4.5	4.8	4.7	4.5	4.2	4.7	3.4	3.2	3.0	3.3	3.5
Total revenues	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.6	106.9	102.3	102.9	105.2	103.6
Securities lending interest expense						(0.6)	(6.9)	(2.3)	(2.9)	(5.2)	(3.6)
Net revenues	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Expenses:											
Salaries and benefits	46.4	42.3	45.0	34.1	27.2	26.6	29.6	25.6	28.9	26.4	22.1
Stock-based compensation	2.6	1.8	(0.7)	(1.6)	3.8	4.6	(1.3)	10.5	(5.1)	4.1	5.2
Occupancy	8.7	9.8	9.9	6.9	5.7	5.1	5.3	5.0	5.7	4.9	4.7
Professional fees, outside services and licenses	10.2	9.0	9.8	11.6	6.5	5.8	7.1	8.5	7.2	7.8	7.3
Communications and computer and software maintenance	16.4	20.4	22.5	15.9	10.8	10.7	11.8	11.7	10.2	10.5	9.7
Depreciation and amortization	14.4	15.8	17.4	12.3	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.9	10.7	11.5	9.9
Patent litigation settlement											10.9
Public relations and promotion	1.9	1.8	2.8	2.6	0.6	0.8	2.2	2.8	1.5	1.3	1.2
Other	6.0	11.6	5.7	5.7	3.3	3.8	4.2	3.8	3.4	4.7	3.2
Total expenses	106.6	112.5	112.4	87.5	67.6	67.1	68.6	77.8	62.5	71.2	74.2
Income (loss) before limited partners' interest in (earnings)/loss of PMT and income taxes	(6.6)	(12.5)	(12.4)	12.5	32.4	32.9	31.4	22.2	37.5	28.8	25.8
Limited partners' interest in (earnings)/loss of PMT	(1.7)	(0.4)									
Income tax (provision) benefit	3.3	5.2	4.9	(5.5)	(13.0)	(13.0)	(12.8)	(9.1)	(15.0)	(11.3)	(10.3)
Net income (loss)	(5.0)%	(7.7)%	(7.5)%	7.0%	19.4%	19.9%	18.6%	13.1%	22.5%	17.5%	15.5%

Although individual expense categories may vary, our total ongoing expenses, with the exception of stock-based compensation, have proven to be relatively fixed in nature. During 2000, our professional fees also fluctuated as a result of our demutualization, which resulted in \$1.3 million of expense during the year and represented approximately \$0.4 million of expense in each of the first three quarters of 2000. We do not expect recurring expenses of this nature. We expect that salaries and benefits expense will continue to account for the largest portion of our expenses. In addition, we expect that communications and computer and software maintenance expense will continue to increase in absolute dollars as our electronic trading volume increases. We expect that occupancy expense; professional fees, outside services and licenses; and public relations and promotions expense will remain relatively fixed.

We believe that our operating margins will also be affected by several factors including trading volume, the mix of fees generated from the trading of different products, changes in our pricing policies, migration from open outcry to electronic trading, our ability to leverage capital expenditures related to our electronic infrastructure and new product introductions. Our trading volume is directly affected by domestic and international factors that are beyond our control, including economic, political and market conditions, broad trends in industry and finance, changes in levels of trading activity, price levels and price volatility in the derivatives markets and in underlying fixed-income, equity, foreign exchange and commodity markets, legislative and regulatory changes, competition, changes in government monetary policies, foreign exchange rates, consolidation in our customer base or within our industry and inflation. Our business is also subject to seasonality. In the three years prior to 2001, we experienced relatively higher volume during the first and second quarters, and we generally expect that the third quarter will have

lower trading volume. This historical trend was not evident in 2001 or 2002 in part because of the volatility of interest rates and U.S. equities in the third quarter of each of those years.

Due to all of the foregoing factors, period-to-period comparisons of our revenues, expenses and operating results are not necessarily meaningful, and these comparisons cannot be relied upon as indicators of future performance. Also, with the exception of the most recent seven quarters, all of our results reflect operating as a mutual not-for-profit corporation.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Cash and cash equivalents totaled \$197.2 million at September 30, 2002 compared to \$69.1 million at December 31, 2001 and \$30.7 million at December 31, 2000. The \$128.1 million increase from December 31, 2001 to September 30, 2002 resulted primarily from the change in our investment policy to convert our marketable securities to more short-term investments. Our revised investment policy, implemented in the third quarter of 2002, allows us to invest in institutional money market funds with a fund balance over \$1.0 billion and certain U.S. Treasury and Government agency securities, provided these securities will mature at par value within seven days of purchase. This new policy resulted in a \$128.3 million increase in the balances invested in money market funds and securities that are treated as cash equivalents. In addition, our operations for the nine months ended September 30, 2002 contributed to the increase in cash and cash equivalents since December 31, 2001. Partially offsetting these increases was the June 28, 2002 payment of a \$17.3 million dividend to owners of our common stock. In addition, during the first nine months of 2002, the payment of certain short-term liabilities required the use of cash and is reflected on the consolidated balance sheets as a reduction in accounts payable during the same time period. The increase from December 31, 2000 to December 31, 2001 resulted primarily from improved operating performance. In addition, at December 31, 2001, a larger portion of our marketable securities were held in short-term instruments, and considered to be a cash equivalent, when compared to December 31, 2000. During 2000 and 2001, the balance retained in cash and cash equivalents was a function of anticipated or possible short-term cash needs, prevailing interest rates and alternative investment choices.

Other current assets readily convertible into cash include marketable securities as well as accounts receivable. When combined with cash and cash equivalents, these assets represented 62.7% of our total assets at September 30, 2002, excluding cash performance bonds and security deposits and investment of securities lending proceeds, compared to 60.9% at December 31, 2001 and 45.9% at December 31, 2000. The increase at September 30, 2002 compared to year-end 2001 resulted primarily from cash generated by operations during the nine months ended September 30, 2002 that was partially offset by purchases of capital assets and the dividend payment. The improvement in 2001 is a result of improved operating results that increased cash, receivables and marketable securities from year-end 2000 levels. Cash performance bonds and security deposits, as well as investment of securities lending proceeds, are excluded from total assets and total liabilities for purposes of this comparison.

Each clearing firm is required to deposit and maintain a specified performance bond based on the number of open contracts at the end of each trading day. Performance bond requirements can be satisfied with cash, U.S. Government securities, bank letters of credit or other approved investments. Cash performance bonds and security deposits are included in our consolidated balance sheets and fluctuate due to the investment choices available to clearing firms and the change in the amount of deposits required. Our securities lending transactions utilize a portion of the securities that clearing firms have deposited to satisfy their proprietary performance bond requirements. The balance in our securities lending activity fluctuates based on the amount of securities that clearing firms have deposited and the demand for securities lending activity in the particular securities available to us. As a result of these factors, the balances in cash performance bonds and security deposits as well as the balances in our securities lending program may fluctuate significantly over time. In general, the balance of cash performance bonds and security deposits has increased in recent years. Our securities lending program began in June 2001. Since

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that time, our securities lending balances have, as of the end of each quarter, ranged from a low of approximately \$131 million at September 30, 2001 to a high of \$882.6 million at December 31, 2001.

Cash performance bonds and security deposits and securities lending proceeds consisted of the following at December 31, 2001 and September 30, 2002:

	December 31, 2001	September 30, 2002
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	(in thousands)	
Cash Performance Bonds	\$ 848,391	\$ 1,913,180
Cash Security Deposits	6,836	6,853
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total Cash Performance Bonds and Security Deposits	\$ 855,227	\$ 1,920,033
Proceeds from Securities Lending and Payable Under Securities Lending Agreements	882,555	554,870
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total	\$ 1,737,782	\$ 2,474,903
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

As discussed above, clearing firms may also deposit U.S. Government securities and other approved investments, including deposits in our IEF program, to satisfy their performance bond and security deposit requirements. With the exception of the portion of securities deposited that are utilized in our securities lending program, assets of this nature are not included on our consolidated balance sheets. We are required under the Commodity Exchange Act to segregate cash and securities deposited by clearing firms on behalf of customers. In addition, our exchange rules require a segregation of all funds and securities deposited by clearing firms from exchange operating funds and securities. As with cash performance bonds and security deposits, these balances will fluctuate due to the investment choices available to clearing firms and the change in the amount of total deposits required. Securities, at fair market value, and IEF deposits consisted of the following at December 31, 2001 and September 30, 2002:

	December 31, 2001	September 30, 2002
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	(in thousands)	
Securities and IEF Funds for:		
Performance Bonds	\$ 27,208,994	\$ 26,467,515
Security Deposits	694,323	852,299
Cross-margin Securities Held Jointly with Options Clearing Corporation	422,996	348,043
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total	\$ 28,326,313	\$ 27,667,857
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Historically, we have met our funding requirements from operations. Net cash provided by operating activities was \$101.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2002 compared to \$77.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2001, an increase of \$24.2 million. This increase resulted primarily from the increase in net income and increases in non-cash items, such as depreciation and the loss on our investment in OneChicago, as well as reduced growth in our accounts receivable during the first nine months of 2002. Partially offsetting these increases was the utilization of cash to achieve a \$7.1 million reduction in accounts payable from September 30, 2001 to September 30, 2002. Net cash provided by operating activities was \$120.6 million for 2001 and \$33.0 million for 2000. The cash provided by operations increased in 2001 as a result of our improved operating results. The increase in net cash provided by operating activities exceeded our net income in 2001 primarily as a result of increases in non-cash expenses, such as depreciation and stock-based compensation, that do not adversely impact our cash flow. Stock-based compensation totaled \$17.6 million in 2001, compared to \$1.0 million in 2000.

Cash provided by investing activities was \$48.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2002 compared to cash used in investing activities of \$48.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2001. The increase of \$96.4 million is primarily due to the \$119.8 million of proceeds received from the sale

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of marketable securities in excess of purchases of marketable securities as a result of the change in our investment policy to convert marketable securities to short-term investments that are considered cash equivalents. Cash used to acquire property and software increased \$20.3 million, from \$22.2 million for the first nine months of 2001 to \$42.5 million for the same time period in 2002. Purchases of software and equipment in the first nine months of 2002 included \$11.6 million for our remote data center, which became operational in September 2002, and \$5.3 million to accommodate trading in single stock futures. An additional investment in OneChicago of \$3.1 million was made in the first nine months of 2002. We continue to fund capital expenditures from current operating funds.

For the year ended December 31, 2001, net cash used in investing activities was \$78.2 million, compared to \$13.0 million for 2000. As a result of our improved operating results in 2001, purchases of marketable securities that required the use of cash exceeded sales and maturities by \$46.5 million. This is in contrast to 2000, when sales and maturities of our marketable securities that generated cash exceeded purchases by \$16.4 million. In addition, in 2001, purchases of property increased \$5.1 million when compared to 2000. In 2000, cash used in investing activities was increased by the \$4.2 million payment to the limited partners of PMT to complete the purchase of PMT.

Cash used in financing activities was \$21.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2002 and \$2.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2001. The 2002 increase resulted from a cash dividend of \$0.60 per share on Class A and Class B shares of common stock that was declared by our board of directors on June 4, 2002 for shareholders of record on June 17, 2002. The dividend was paid on June 28, 2002 and totaled \$17.3 million. In addition, cash used in financing activities for both periods includes regularly scheduled payments on long-term debt related to our capital lease obligations. Net cash used in financing activities was \$3.9 million for 2001 and \$3.6 million for 2000, representing scheduled payments on capital leases.

We intend to pay regular quarterly dividends to our shareholders beginning in the first quarter of 2003. The annual dividend target will be approximately 20% of prior year's cash earnings. The decision to pay a dividend, however, remains within the discretion of our board of directors and may be affected by various factors, including our earnings, financial condition, capital requirements, level of indebtedness and other considerations our board of directors deems relevant.

We maintain a \$500.0 million line of credit with a consortium of banks to be used in certain situations, such as a disruption in the domestic payments system that would delay settlement between our exchange and our clearing firms or in the event of a clearing firm default. The line of credit has never been utilized. On October 18, 2002, at the annual renewal date, the line of credit was renewed for the same amount and with substantially the same terms. The credit agreement continues to be collateralized by clearing firm security deposits held by us in the form of U.S. Treasury or agency securities, as well as security deposit funds in IEF2.

In addition, as of September 30, 2002, we were contingently liable on irrevocable letters of credit totaling \$68.0 million in connection with our mutual offset system with Singapore Derivatives Exchange. We also guarantee the principal for funds invested in the first IEF facility, which had a balance of \$471.2 million as of September 30, 2002.

On August 26, 2002, the lawsuit relating to Wagner patent 4,903,201 entitled "Automated Futures Trade Exchange" was settled for \$15.0 million. The settlement required an initial payment of \$5.0 million in September 2002 and requires five subsequent annual payments of \$2.0 million each beginning in August 2003. The entire expense related to this settlement was recognized in the third quarter of 2002, at its present value of \$13.7 million.

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Capital expenditures, which includes expenditures for purchased and internally developed software as well as equipment acquired utilizing capital leases, have varied significantly from 1999 through the first nine months of 2002, as demonstrated in the table below:

	Year Ended December 31,			Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	1999	2000	2001	2001	2002
(in millions, except percentages)					
Total Capital Expenditures	\$ 63.2	\$ 27.1	\$ 36.5	\$ 21.1	\$ 43.1
Technology	50.8	21.6	32.3	18.7	39.0
Percent for Technology	80.2%	79.9%	88.3%	88.3%	90.4%

This highlights our commitment to continual enhancements to the technology we employ. The significant expenditures in 1999 included \$31.2 million for additional equipment and upgrades to our data center, expenditures for hardware and software required for year 2000

compliance and an improvement to our back-up recovery capabilities. Capital expenditures in 1999 also were made in connection with an upgrade to GLOBEX, which represented a significant portion of the \$15.3 million of capitalized costs for staff and consultants who completed work on internally developed software. In 2001, capital expenditures for technology included \$13.9 million for purchased and internally developed software, as well as \$17.3 million in equipment purchases for our data centers. These purchases were attributable primarily to increased capacity requirements of our electronic platform as a result of increased trading volume. This necessitated increased equipment and software licenses. Continued capital expenditures for technology are anticipated as our electronic trading platform is expanded and we continue to improve the technology utilized as part of our open outcry facilities.

Other than technology, significant expenditures in 1999 include an upgrade to our telecommunications systems at a cost of \$2.4 million and exchange-wide purchases that were required in anticipation of the new millennium. Each year capital expenditures are also incurred for improvements to our trading floor facilities, offices, telecommunications capabilities and other operating equipment.

If operations do not provide sufficient funds to complete capital expenditures, our marketable securities or short-term investments can be reduced to provide the needed funds or assets can be acquired through capital leases.

We expect to use our available cash, combined with the proceeds from this offering and cash anticipated to be available from future operations, primarily for general corporate purposes. We believe these funds will enable us to meet our working capital requirements for the foreseeable future. We may also use a portion of our available cash to acquire or invest in technologies or business ventures or products that are complementary to our business. We have not determined the amounts we plan to spend on any of the uses described above or the timing of these expenditures. Our future liquidity and capital requirements will depend on numerous factors, including product development, new business opportunities and the development and maintenance of our technology systems. If capital requirements vary materially from those currently planned, we may require additional financing sooner than anticipated. Any additional equity financing may be dilutive to our stockholders and debt financing, if available, may involve restrictive covenants with respect to dividends, raising capital and other financial and operational matters that could restrict our operations.

Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

Market risk represents interest rate risk relating to the marketable securities that are available for sale, as well as derivatives trading risk associated with GFX. With respect to interest rate risk, a change in market interest rates would impact interest income from temporary cash investments, cash performance bonds and security deposits, variable rate marketable securities and new purchases of marketable

securities. Changes in market interest rates also would have an effect on the fair value of marketable securities. However, as a result of our new investment policy that was effective in the third quarter of 2002, we invest only in cash equivalents comprised primarily of money market mutual funds and obligations of the U.S. Government and its agencies with maturities of seven days or less. Prior to the recent change in our investment policy, we monitored interest rate risk by completing regular reviews of our marketable securities portfolio and its sensitivity to changes in the general level of interest rates, commonly referred to as a portfolio's duration. We controlled the duration of the portfolio primarily through the purchase of individual marketable securities having a duration consistent with our overall investment policy. In addition, under our prior investment policy, we would generally hold marketable securities to maturity, which acted as a further mitigating factor with respect to interest rate risk. GFX engages in the purchase and sale of our foreign exchange futures contracts to promote liquidity in our products and subsequently enters into offsetting transactions using futures contracts or spot foreign exchange transactions to limit market risk. Any potential impact on earnings from a change in foreign exchange rates would not be significant. Net position limits are established for each trader and currently amount to \$12.0 million in aggregate notional value.

Interest Rate Risk

Interest income from marketable securities, temporary cash investments, cash performance bonds and security deposits was \$4.5 million in the first nine months of 2002. Our marketable securities experienced net realized and unrealized gains of \$2.2 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2002 compared to net realized and unrealized gains of \$1.4 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2001. At September 30, 2002, our marketable securities included one variable rate security for \$0.1 million maturing in October 2002. As a result of a change in our investment policy, marketable securities previously owned were sold during the third quarter of 2002. The proceeds from the sale of these securities have been invested in other short-term liquid investments, primarily an institutional money market mutual fund and U.S. Government agency securities that mature within seven days of purchase. Interest income from marketable securities, temporary cash investments and cash performance bonds and security deposits was \$8.9 million in 2001. Net realized and unrealized gains (losses) from our marketable securities totaled \$0.7 million in 2001, \$0.6 million in 2000 and (\$1.4) million in 1999.

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Derivatives Trading Risk

At September 30, 2002, GFX held futures positions with a notional value of \$67.5 million, offset by a similar amount of spot foreign exchange positions. All positions are marked to market through a charge or credit to other revenue on a daily basis. Net trading gains were \$2.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2002 and \$3.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2001.

At December 31, 2001, futures positions held by GFX had a notional value of \$102.3 million, offset by a similar amount of spot foreign exchange positions, resulting in a zero net position. Net trading gains were \$3.8 million in 2001, \$4.4 million in 2000 and \$2.4 million in 1999.

Accounting Matters

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

At this time, we do not believe that any recently issued accounting standards which require adoption in the future will have a material impact on our financial condition or operating results. However, on October 4, 2002 the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued an Exposure Draft "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation Transition and Disclosure" that would amend SFAS No. 123, "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation." Currently, we account for stock options in accordance with APB Opinion No. 25, "Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees" and related interpretations, and accordingly, variable accounting is required for our CEO's option. If the Exposure Draft is adopted by the FASB as it is

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currently written and this offering is completed, we intend to adopt SFAS No. 123. We believe that adoption of SFAS No. 123 would result in the application of the fair value method of accounting for our CEO's option and would result in a fixed expense for this option, instead of the current variable expense.

Change in Independent Public Accountants

On May 15, 2002, our board of directors adopted the recommendation of its audit committee that Arthur Andersen LLP be dismissed as our independent public accountants. Effective May 15, 2002, the board of directors, based upon a recommendation of its audit committee, retained Ernst & Young LLP as the independent public accountants to audit our consolidated financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2002, as well as each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2001.

During the two most recent fiscal years ended December 31, 2001, and through May 15, 2002, there were no disagreements between us and Arthur Andersen on any matter of accounting principles, financial statement disclosure or auditing scope or procedure which, if not resolved to Arthur Andersen's satisfaction, would have caused Arthur Andersen to make reference to the matter of the disagreement in connection with their reports. The audit reports of Arthur Andersen on our consolidated financial statements as of and for the years ended December 31, 2001 and 2000 did not contain any adverse opinion or disclaimer of opinion, nor were these opinions qualified or modified as to uncertainty, audit scope or accounting principles.

During our two most recent fiscal years ended December 31, 2001, and through May 15, 2002, there were no reportable events as defined in Item 304(a)(1)(v) of Regulation S-K.

During our two most recent fiscal years ended December 31, 2001, and during the interim period through May 15, 2002, we did not consult with Ernst & Young LLP regarding any of the matters or events set forth in Item 304(a)(2)(i) and (ii) of Regulation S-K.

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INDUSTRY OVERVIEW

Introduction

A futures contract is a derivatives product that provides the means for hedging, speculation and asset allocation and is used in nearly all sectors of the global economy. Those who trade futures essentially trade contracts to buy or sell an underlying commodity or financial instrument at a specific date in the future usually within a few months or less. Futures contracts are generally traded through a centralized auction

or computerized matching process, with all bids and offers on each contract made public. Through this process, a prevailing market price is reached for each contract, based primarily on the laws of supply and demand. Futures markets are rarely used to actually buy or sell the physical commodity or financial instrument being traded. Rather, they are used for price estimation, risk management and, for some people, investment and profit.

Dating back to the 1800s, futures initially were developed to help agricultural producers and commercial users manage the price risks they faced as a result of the various factors that affect the supply of, and demand for, crops. The futures industry still serves those markets, but has broadened beyond its agricultural origins. Today, for example, futures serve as risk management tools related to interest rates, government and other securities, stock indexes, foreign exchange and non-agricultural as well as agricultural commodities. The customer base includes professional traders, financial institutions, institutional and individual investors, as well as major corporations, manufacturers, producers, supranational entities and governments.

Notwithstanding the rapid growth and diversification of futures markets, their primary purpose remains the same to provide an efficient mechanism for the management of price risks. Futures markets attract two kinds of market participants: hedgers, or those who seek to minimize and manage price risk, and speculators, or those who are willing to take on risk in the hope of making a profit. By buying and selling futures contracts, hedgers seek to protect themselves from adverse price changes. For example, a producer hedger wants to transfer the risk that prices will decline by the time a sale is made. By contrast, a consumer hedger wants to transfer the risk that prices will increase before a purchase is made. Speculators buy when they anticipate rising prices and sell when they anticipate declining prices. The interaction of hedgers and speculators helps to provide active, liquid and competitive markets. Other market participants utilize futures as a method of asset allocation and a means to achieve greater diversification and a potentially higher overall rate of return on their investments. These market participants attempt to assure that at least a portion of their investment portfolio is allocated to an asset class that has the potential to perform well when other portions of the portfolio are underperforming.

A futures contract is different from a share of stock, or equity, that is traded on a stock exchange. A share of stock represents an ownership interest in a corporation. A futures contract does not itself represent a direct interest in an underlying commodity or financial instrument. Rather, it is an agreement between a buyer and a seller to consummate a transaction in that commodity or financial instrument at a predetermined time in the future at a price agreed on today. One of the main attractions of futures is the leverage they provide. With relatively little initial outlay, usually just a small percentage of the contract's value, buyers and sellers are able to participate in the price movement of the full contract. As a result, the leverage can lead to substantial returns on the original investment. However, it can also lead to substantial losses. The risks associated with futures can be significant.

Industry Growth

According to the Futures Industry Association, the total number of futures contracts traded worldwide on reporting futures exchanges grew from approximately 475 million in 1990 to approximately 1.8 billion in 2001, representing a compound annual growth rate of approximately 13%. In the United States, the total number of futures contracts traded on futures exchanges increased from approximately 277 million in 1990 to approximately 629 million in 2001. In Europe, the total number of futures contracts traded on futures

exchanges grew from approximately 76 million in 1990 to approximately 778 million in 2001, and in Asia this number grew from 109 million in 1990 to 241 million in 2001.

The substantial recent growth in global futures trading volume is attributable to a number of factors. Increasing awareness of the importance of risk management has significantly expanded the demand for risk management tools in all economic sectors. Greater price volatility in key market sectors, such as in the fixed-income sector, has increased the need for these tools. Greater access to futures markets through technological innovation and the relaxation of regulatory barriers has also expanded the market reach of futures exchanges and the customer base for these products. Growing awareness of the opportunities to obtain or hedge market exposure through the use of futures contracts at a lower cost than the cost of obtaining or hedging comparable market exposure by purchasing or selling the underlying financial instrument or commodity has also contributed to increased customer interest in the use of futures contracts.

At year-end 2001, there were 52 futures exchanges located in 27 countries, including nine futures exchanges in the United States. Major futures exchanges in the United States include us, CBOT, NYMEX and the New York Board of Trade. Major futures exchanges outside the United States include Eurex, which is a part of Deutsche Börse Group and the Swiss Exchange; Euronext N.V., which recently acquired a controlling interest in the London International Financial Futures and Options Exchange, or LIFFE, and announced plans to integrate their derivatives markets; Mercado Oficial de Futuros y Opciones Financieros in Spain, or MEFF; Singapore Derivatives Exchange; and the Tokyo Stock Exchange.

Methods of Trading

Trading in futures products at futures exchanges has traditionally occurred primarily on physical trading floors in arenas called "pits" through an auction process known as "open outcry". Open outcry trading is face-to-face trading, with each trader serving as his or her own auctioneer. The traders stand in the pit and make bids and offers to one another, via shouting or flashed hand signals, to buy and sell contracts. Only members owning or leasing a seat on the exchange may trade in the pit, and orders from individual and institutional traders are sent to these members on the trading floor, usually through a broker. The rules of many exchanges also permit block trading, which involves the private negotiation of large purchases and sales away from the trading floor, but which are settled and cleared through the exchange's clearing facilities. Futures exchanges also offer privately negotiated exchange-for-physical, or EFP, transactions and exchange basis facility, or EBF, transactions. An EFP transaction is a privately negotiated and simultaneous exchange of a futures position for a corresponding cash position, outside of the public auction market, in the context of a non-interest rate contract. An EBF is essentially an EFP trade that is transacted in the context of interest rate contracts. EFPs and EBFs are also sometimes referred to as "cash for futures transactions."

In order to expand access to their markets, most futures exchanges, either exclusively or in combination with open outcry trading facilities, provide electronic trading platforms that allow subscribing customers to obtain real-time information about bid and ask prices and trading volume and enter orders directly into the platform's centralized order book, subject to the agreement of a clearing firm to accept responsibility for clearing resulting transactions on behalf of the customer. The emergence of electronic trading has been enabled by the ongoing development of sophisticated electronic order routing and matching systems, as well as advances in communications networks and protocols. Examples of electronic trading platforms include the GLOBEX system, the a/c/e platform, LIFFE Connect and the eSpeed platform, which supports the Cantor Exchange.

Liquidity of Markets

Liquidity of markets is a key component to attracting customers and ensuring the success of a market. Liquidity is important because it means a contract is easy to buy or sell quickly with minimal price

disturbance. Liquidity is a function of the number of participants making a market or otherwise trading in a contract, the size, or notional value, of the positions participants are willing to accommodate and the prevailing spread between the levels at which bids and offers are quoted for the relevant contract. As a result, the volume of contracts or transactions executed on an exchange is a widely recognized indicator of liquidity on the exchange. Volume is stated in round turn trades, which represent matched buy and sell orders. In addition, the daily total of positions outstanding on an exchange, or open interest, and notional values of contracts traded are widely recognized indicators of the level of customer interest in a specific contract.

A neutral, transparent and relatively anonymous trading environment, as well as a reputation for market integrity, are critical to the establishment and maintenance of a liquid market. In addition, a successful exchange must provide cost-effective execution and have access to an advanced technology infrastructure that enables reliable and efficient trade execution as well as dependable clearing and settlement capabilities.

Clearing and Settlement

Transactions executed on futures exchanges are settled through an entity called a clearing house that acts as a central counterparty to the clearing firm on each side of the transaction. When a futures transaction has been executed in the pit or on an electronic platform and matched, the clearing house facilitates the consummation of the transaction by substituting itself as the counterparty to both the clearing firm that is or represents the buyer and the clearing firm that is or represents the seller in the transaction. By interposing itself between two transacting parties, a clearing house guarantees the contractual obligations of the transaction. A clearing house also can provide clearing services for transactions that occur outside the pit or electronic platform, such as block trades, EFPs and EBFs.

The measures used to evaluate the strength and efficiency of a clearing house include the number of transactions that are processed per day, the amount of settlement payments that are handled per day and the amount of collateral deposits managed by the clearing house. The major clearing houses for futures products include the CME Clearing House, which we own, the Board of Trade Clearing Corporation, the London Clearing House, Eurex Clearing AG, Singapore Exchange Derivatives Clearing Limited and Clearnet.

Trends in the Industry

Globalization, deregulation and recent advances in technology are changing the way both the futures and broader commodities and financial exchange markets operate.

Globalization. In recent years, the world's financial markets, as well as the exchanges and marketplaces that serve them, have experienced an accelerating pace of globalization. The emphasis on greater geographic diversification of investments, investment opportunities in emerging markets and expanded cross-border commercial activities are leading to increasing levels of cross-border trading and capital movements. In response to these trends, financial exchanges within particular geographic regions, notably in Europe, are both expanding access to their markets across borders and consolidating.

Deregulation. Deregulation of the financial services industry in the United States, Europe and Asia has increased customer access to products and markets, reduced regulatory barriers to product innovation and encouraged consolidation.

United States. Many regulatory barriers to product development were largely repealed by the enactment of the Commodity Futures Modernization Act in the United States. The adoption of the Commodity Futures Modernization Act creates a more flexible regulatory framework for exchanges, clearing houses and other financial institutions. Among other developments, the Commodity Futures Modernization Act authorized the trading of new products, such as futures

contracts on individual stocks and narrow-based stock indexes, which were prohibited under prior law. The Commodity Futures Modernization Act also enabled regulated exchanges to self-certify new contracts and rules, without the delays occasioned by regulatory review and approval, permitting quicker product launch and modification.

Europe and Asia. We believe deregulation and competition will continue to pressure European exchanges to consolidate across borders to gain operating efficiencies necessary to compete for customers and intermediaries. We also believe there will be continued efforts in Europe and Asia to consolidate cash markets (or markets that directly trade financial instruments, such as securities, or commodities on a current or forward basis) and derivatives markets on single exchange platforms. Singapore Derivatives Exchange, the Tokyo Stock Exchange, Deutsche Börse Group, which owns a controlling interest in Eurex, and Euronext N.V. are major securities exchanges in addition to being futures exchanges, highlighting the growing convergence between cash and derivatives markets. Euronext N.V., which resulted from the merger of the Amsterdam Exchanges N.V., Paris Bourse^{SBF} SA and Societe de la Bourse de Valeurs Mobilieres de Bruxelles S.A. (the Brussels Exchange), has recently acquired a controlling interest in LIFFE and announced plans to integrate their derivatives markets.

Technological Advances. Technological advances have led both to the decentralization of exchanges and the introduction of alternative trading systems, or ATSs.

Decentralization. Exchanges are no longer required to operate in specific geographic locations, and customers no longer need to act through local financial services intermediaries in some markets. Market participants around the world are now able to trade certain products nearly 24 hours a day through electronic platforms.

ATSs. Advances in electronic trading technology have also led to the emergence of ATSs. These systems bring together the orders of buyers and sellers of financial instruments and have the capacity both to route orders to exchanges as well as to internalize customer order flow within their own order book. ATSs have not yet emerged, however, in the U.S. futures markets, although a number of successful electronic trading systems offering financial derivatives that are economically similar to futures contracts operate today, particularly in the foreign exchange and fixed-income markets. It is not yet clear how these trading systems will continue to evolve in and outside the United States.

Overview

We are the largest futures exchange in the United States and the second largest exchange in the world for the trading of futures and options on futures, as measured by 2001 annual trading volume. In 2001, our customers traded futures and options on futures contracts with a notional dollar value of \$293.9 trillion, making us the world's largest exchange by this measure. We also have the largest futures and options on futures open interest of any exchange in the world. As of November 15, 2002, our open interest record was 23.2 million contracts, set on November 14, 2002.

We bring together buyers and sellers of derivatives products on our open outcry trading floors, on the GLOBEX electronic trading platform and through privately negotiated transactions that we clear. We offer market participants the opportunity to trade futures contracts and options on futures on interest rates, stock indexes, foreign exchange and commodities. Our key products include Eurodollar contracts and contracts based on major U.S. stock indexes, including the S&P 500 and the Nasdaq-100. We also offer foreign exchange contracts for the principal foreign currencies and contracts for a number of commodity products, including cattle, hogs and dairy. We believe several of our key products serve as global financial benchmarks. Our Eurodollar contract provides a benchmark for measuring the relative value of U.S. dollar-denominated, short-term fixed-income securities. Similarly, our S&P 500 Index and Nasdaq-100 Index contracts are closely linked to the benchmark indexes for U.S. equity performance.

Our products provide a means for hedging, speculation and asset allocation relating to the risks associated with interest rate sensitive instruments, equity ownership, changes in the value of foreign currency and changes in the prices of commodity products. Our customer base includes professional traders, financial institutions, institutional and individual investors and major corporations, manufacturers, producers, supranational entities and governments.

We own our clearing house and are able to guarantee, clear and settle every contract traded through our exchange. During the first nine months of 2002, we processed an average of more than 553,000 clearing transactions per day. We currently have the capacity to clear more than 1.5 million transactions per day. Our systems are scalable and give us the ability to substantially increase our capacity with very little lead time. As of September 30, 2002, we acted as custodian for approximately \$27.7 billion in collateral. In the first nine months of 2002, we moved an average of \$1.7 billion of settlement funds through our clearing system each day. In addition, 40 exchanges and clearing organizations worldwide have adopted our SPAN risk evaluation system. NYMEX and Euronext N.V. also use CLEARING 21, our state-of-the-art clearing system, although we do not generate material revenue from the adoption of these systems by other exchanges.

We have a demonstrated history of innovation in our industry. In the 1960s, we introduced the first livestock futures contract that resulted in the physical delivery of live cattle. In 1972, we introduced the world's first financial futures contracts when we launched seven foreign exchange futures contracts. That innovation fundamentally changed the nature and scope of futures markets, transforming them from agricultural hedging mechanisms to hedging and risk management markets applied to financial instruments and financial risks. We also developed the first cash-settled futures in 1981 with the introduction of Eurodollar futures, which is now the world's most actively traded futures contract. Cash settlement also enabled us to introduce in 1982 the first successful stock index futures contract, the S&P 500 futures. In 1987, we pioneered the concept of global electronic trading of derivatives contracts, and we subsequently launched the GLOBEX platform in 1992. Today, most of our products trade electronically in addition to on our open outcry trading floors. In 1997, we introduced the first of our E-mini stock index products, which are smaller sized electronically traded versions of our successful benchmark stock index futures contracts.

CME was founded in 1898 as a not-for-profit corporation. In November 2000, we became the first U.S. financial exchange to demutualize and become a shareholder-owned corporation. As a consequence, we have adopted a for-profit approach to our business, including strategic initiatives aimed at optimizing volume, efficiency and liquidity. We posted record trading volume of more than 411.7 million contracts in 2001, an increase of 78.1% over 2000, which was previously our busiest year. During the first nine months of 2002, we posted trading volume of more than 413.8 million contracts, an increase of 40.0% over the same period in 2001.

We devote substantial resources to introducing new products based on new markets or securities. For example, last year we formed OneChicago, our joint venture with CBOE and CBOT, to trade single stock futures and futures on narrow-based stock indexes. OneChicago commenced its trading operations on November 8, 2002. We also recently entered into an agreement with NYMEX to introduce small-sized versions of key NYMEX energy futures contracts for trading on our GLOBEX electronic trading platform. The products, based on our successful E-mini stock index contracts, are called e-miNY energy futures and clear at the NYMEX clearing house.

Throughout our history, our members have conducted their trading through our open outcry trading facilities. The roots of our open outcry trading extend to the late 1800s when the Chicago Butter and Egg Board established official quotations in butter, eggs, poultry and other farm products. Membership gave the right to participate in the markets, in what was to become open outcry trading, and was expanded over the

decades to accommodate new traders in new commodities and financial products. As of September 30, 2002, open outcry represented approximately 67% of our trading volume.

Trading on our open outcry trading floors is conducted exclusively by our members. Our certificate of incorporation includes a provision requiring us to maintain open outcry floor trading on our exchange for a particular traded product as long as the open outcry market is "liquid." The provisions of our certificate of incorporation require us to maintain a facility for conducting business, disseminating price information, clearing and delivery and to provide reasonable financial support for technology, marketing and research for open outcry markets. Our certificate of incorporation further provides specific tests as to whether an open outcry market will be deemed liquid, as measured on a quarterly basis. If a market is deemed illiquid as a result of a failure to meet any of these tests, our board will determine whether or not that market will be closed.

Our members are individual traders, as well as most of the world's largest banks, brokerages and investment houses. Prior to the introduction of our electronic trading platform, our members traded only on our open outcry trading floors. Today, our members are able to conduct trading on our open outcry trading floors, electronically through the GLOBEX platform and through privately negotiated transactions. Members who broker trades executed on our open outcry trading floors generally do not play a role in facilitating the execution of transactions on behalf of customers on GLOBEX.

Prior to our demutualization, direct access to our markets, whether on our open outcry trading floors or through the GLOBEX platform, was limited to members, and those with an exchange permit who met specified qualifications. In connection with our demutualization, we opened access to our markets by allowing unlimited, direct access to the GLOBEX platform for all market participants. Today, any individual or institutional customer guaranteed by a clearing firm is able to obtain direct access to the GLOBEX platform. We have further opened access to our markets by expanding the range of member and non-member customer choices for alternative execution procedures, such as block trading and privately negotiated EFP transactions. While our members benefit from market information advantages that may accrue from their proximity to activity on the trading floors, as a result of the increased access to our markets, all market participants now have the ability to view bids and offers in the market. Generally, member customers are charged lower fees than our non-member customers. In the first nine months of 2002, our members were responsible for approximately 78% of our total trading volume.

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As a result of our conversion into a for-profit corporation in the fall of 2000, individuals and entities who, at the time, owned trading privileges on our exchange became the owners of all our outstanding equity. These individuals and entities continued to own substantially all of our outstanding equity following our reorganization into a holding company structure in December 2001.

Competitive Strengths

We have established ourselves as a premier global marketplace for financial risk management. We believe our principal competitive strengths are:

highly liquid markets;

global benchmark products;

diverse portfolio of products and services;

wholly owned clearing house;

proven and scalable technology; and

global reach.

Highly Liquid Markets. The liquidity in our markets is a key factor in attracting and retaining customers. We have the largest futures and options on futures open interest of any exchange in the world. As of November 15, 2002, our open interest record was 23.2 million contracts, set

on November 14, 2002. Before 2001, our open interest record was 10.2 million positions set in 1998. During 2001, we posted record trading volume of more than 411.7 million contracts, an increase of 78.1% over 2000, making us the most active exchange in the United States and the second most active in the world for the trading of futures and options on futures during that period. During the first nine months of 2002, we posted trading volume of more than 413.8 million contracts, an increase of 40.0% over the same period in 2001. By notional value, we are the largest futures exchange in the world, with \$293.9 trillion traded in 2001. Our deep and liquid markets tend to attract additional customers, which in turn further enhances our liquidity.

Global Benchmark Products. We believe our key products serve as global benchmarks for valuing and pricing risk. Our Eurodollar contract is increasingly referenced as the global benchmark for measuring the relative value of U.S. dollar-denominated short-term fixed-income securities. Similarly, the S&P 500 and Nasdaq-100 indexes are considered primary tools for benchmarking investment performance against U.S. equity market exposure. Our Eurodollar, S&P 500 and Nasdaq-100 contracts, which are based on these benchmarks, are increasingly recognized by our customers as efficient tools for managing and hedging their interest rate and equity market risks.

Diverse Portfolio of Products and Services. We differentiate ourselves from our competitors by developing and offering to our customers a diverse array of products, as well as a broad range of trade execution and clearing services. We have a long history of developing innovative interest rate, stock index, foreign exchange and commodity products designed to appeal to institutional and individual customers. We offer both open outcry auction trading and electronic order-matching services, and we provide facilities to clear privately negotiated transactions. Our markets provide important risk management tools to our customers, which include leading global and financial institutions around the world. We work closely with our customers to create markets and products that meet their needs. These relationships help us to anticipate and lead industry changes.

Wholly Owned Clearing House. We own our clearing house, which guarantees, clears and settles every contract traded through our exchange. During the first nine months of 2002, we processed an average of more than 553,000 clearing transactions per day. We currently have the capacity to clear more than 1.5 million transactions per day, and our scalable systems give us the ability to further increase our capacity substantially, with very little lead time. As of September 30, 2002, we acted as custodian for approximately

\$27.7 billion in collateral and, in the first nine months of 2002, moved an average of \$1.7 billion of settlement funds through our clearing system each day. We believe our performance guarantee is a major attraction of our markets, particularly compared to OTC markets, because it substantially reduces counterparty risk. Our clearing system permits more efficient use of capital for our customers by allowing netting of long and short positions in a single type of contract and providing risk offset and cross-margining arrangements with several other leading clearing houses. In addition, ownership of our clearing house enables us to more quickly and efficiently bring new products to market through coordination of our clearing functions with our product development, technology, market regulation, other risk management and additional activities. Our current capacity ensures that we are able to service peak volumes, introduce new products with high volume potential and provide clearing services to other exchanges in the future.

Proven and Scalable Technology. We believe our ability to use technology effectively has been a key factor in the successful development of our business. As a result of significant investments in our technology asset base, we possess fast, reliable and fully integrated trading and clearing systems. Our highly scalable systems are designed to accommodate additional products with relatively limited modifications and low incremental costs. The core components of our system infrastructure for trading, clearing and risk management are becoming widely adopted throughout the futures industry, resulting in common interfaces and efficiencies for intermediaries and customers. For example, our SPAN risk evaluation system, which is used to determine the appropriate performance bond requirements for trading portfolios, has been adopted by 40 exchanges and clearing organizations worldwide. In addition, CLEARING 21, our state-of-the-art clearing system, is being used by NYMEX and Euronext N.V.

Global Reach. Globalization of financial markets is expanding the customer base for futures products beyond traditional boundaries. Our electronic trading services, which are available approximately 23 hours a day and five days per week, position us to take advantage of this development. We have established strategic relationships with other exchanges and clearing houses around the world to enable our customers to gain further capital and execution efficiencies. Currently, we have or are developing strategic relationships with the leading exchanges and clearing houses in Singapore, England, France, Spain, Japan and Korea. These relationships are intended to extend the market reach of our global derivatives business. We received \$5.6 million and \$4.4 million in clearing and transaction fees from these relationships during the year ended December 31, 2001 and the nine months ended September 30, 2002, respectively.

Growth Strategy

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Globalization, deregulation and advances in technology offer significant opportunities for expanding futures markets, and exchange markets generally. We intend to increase our trading volume, revenues and profitability by capitalizing on these opportunities through implementation of the following four strategies:

expand our current core business;

add new products;

provide transaction processing services to third parties; and

pursue select alliances and acquisitions.

Expand Our Current Core Business. We intend to advance our position as a leader in the futures industry by continually expanding customer access to our markets and services, offering additional trade execution choices and enhancing our market data and information products.

Expand Customer Access. We continue to expand our customer base and trading volume by broadening the access, order routing, trading and clearing solutions we offer to existing and prospective customers. We were the first U.S. exchange to allow all customers to view the book of prices, where they can see the five best bids and offers in the central limit order book and directly execute transactions in our electronically traded products. This expanded access further increases

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the transparency of our markets by giving our customers valuable trading information. We provide our customers with flexibility to access our markets in the most cost-effective manner for them. Our customers can use their own proprietary trading software or third party software connected to our trading environment through a suite of application programming interfaces, or APIs, that we have developed. We also provide front-end trading terminal software solutions for a fee, including a cost-efficient Web-based virtual private network solution, which we call GLOBEX Trader-Internet, for our lower volume customers. In addition to our standard marketing activities, we have implemented two programs to increase our customer base. We have offered promotional pricing to European users to expand our presence in Europe. We are also actively seeking to increase the number of independent software vendors that offer interfaces to our systems. Increasing the number of these vendor relationships enables us to access a broader network of customers.

Expand Electronic and Other Trade Execution Choices. Our strategy is to offer our customers a broad range of trade execution choices, including increased electronic trading, enhanced facilities for privately negotiated transactions and new links with exchanges around the world. We believe offering multiple execution alternatives will enable us to attract new customers and increase our overall volume. We offer daytime electronic trading in most of our major product lines. We traded more than 81.9 million contracts electronically in 2001, an increase of 137.3% over the total electronic trading volume in 2000 of 34.5 million contracts. In the first nine months of 2002, electronic trading volume was more than 131.7 million contracts, an increase of 135.2% from the same period of 2001. We introduced daytime electronic trading in our Eurodollar contracts on a limited basis during 1999. We are developing new electronic functionality to accommodate complex trading strategies that are utilized in trading Eurodollar contracts to facilitate the expanded use of this market. In addition, we intend to capture further volume through enhancements to our privately negotiated block trading facilities in our Eurodollar, S&P 500 and Nasdaq-100 futures contracts and by allowing block trading of other contracts. Our block trading facilities enable institutional customers to trade large positions efficiently and economically and gain the benefits of our clearing house guarantee and capital efficiencies. Currently, block transactions are typically negotiated telephonically and prices are reported, also telephonically, within five minutes of execution, or 15 minutes in the case of Eurodollar futures and options transactions. The parties to these transactions then transmit the transactions to our clearing house to be cleared and settled. Some users have informed us that the block trading reporting process can be cumbersome. The enhancements we intend to make will allow users to input trade details and prices in a single electronic transmission. We believe this will streamline the trade reporting process, thereby allowing for greater efficiencies and increased trading.

Enhance Our Market Data and Information Products. Our markets and trading activities generate valuable information regarding prices and trading activity in our products. We intend to leverage the value of our market data and information capabilities by developing enhancements to our existing information products and creating new products. Revenues from the sale of our market data represented 12.5% of our net revenues during 2001. We sell our market data, which include information about bids, offers and trade size, to banks, broker-dealers, pension funds, investment companies, mutual funds, insurance companies, other financial services companies and individual investors. We believe we can enhance our market data and information product offerings by packaging the basic data we have traditionally offered with advanced, analytical data and information, and developing partnerships with other content and service providers to create information products with value-added services.

Add New Products. We develop new products and product line extensions based on research and development in collaboration with our customers and financial services firms. We have created modified versions of some of our existing products in order to attract new types of customers. For example, in 1997 and 1999, respectively, we introduced E-mini versions of our larger open outcry-traded S&P 500 and

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Nasdaq-100 futures contracts. By creating smaller-sized products and offering electronic trading services in them, we have successfully expanded our customer base and overall volume. We introduced E-mini Russell 2000 futures contracts in October 2001, and in January 2002, we initiated trading in E-mini S&P MidCap 400 futures contracts, another smaller scale version of one of our larger contracts that offers exposure to small- and medium-sized capitalization company stocks. In July 2002, we launched TRAKRS, a private label index product developed with Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. TRAKRS, which stands for Total Return Asset Contracts, are a new series of non-traditional futures contracts licensed exclusively to us for North America, and the first broad-based index product traded on a U.S. futures exchange that can be sold by securities brokers. TRAKRS are designed to enable customers to track an index of stocks, bonds, currencies or other financial instruments. Long-Short Technology TRAKRS are the first in this new product line. We subsequently introduced Select 50 TRAKRS contracts. TRAKRS differ from traditional futures contracts in that most non-institutional customers who purchase these contracts are required to post 100% of the TRAKRS market value at the time of purchase. As a result, these customers will not be subject to margin calls or any requirement to make any additional payments throughout the life of their TRAKRS positions.

In September 2002, we began to introduce futures contracts based on industry sectors within the S&P 500 Index. We also intend to continue expanding our derivatives product lines by introducing contracts based on new markets or securities, such as single stock futures and futures on narrow-based stock indexes. We believe these products offer significant opportunities to generate new business and capture business from other markets. We believe our joint venture, OneChicago, with CBOE and CBOT to trade single stock futures and futures on narrow-based stock indexes will position us to take advantage of opportunities in this market. OneChicago initiated trading of 21 single stock futures on November 8, 2002, and has announced plans to offer more than 80 single stock futures and 15 narrow-based stock index contracts. In addition, we intend to continue working with emerging cash market trading platforms to jointly develop innovative futures products.

Provide Transaction Processing and Other Business Services to Third Parties. We intend to leverage our existing capacity, scalable technology and business processes to provide a broad range of services to other exchanges, clearing organizations and e-marketplaces. We intend to offer services, including clearing and settlement processing and risk management, market structuring, product structuring and trade execution platforms. We believe we can differentiate ourselves from our competitors by offering some or all of these services on a cost-effective basis in combination with the potential to access our broad distribution and customer base and to access our experienced liquidity providers. Users of our clearing services also have the potential to gain substantial capital and collateral efficiencies for their clearing firms.

Pursue Select Alliances and Acquisitions. We plan to supplement our internal growth through the formation of joint ventures or alliances and select acquisitions of businesses or technologies. We will seek alliances and acquisitions that help us to enter new markets, provide services that we currently do not offer, open access to our markets or advance our technology. For example, we recently entered into an agreement with NYMEX to introduce small-sized versions of key NYMEX energy futures contracts for trading on our GLOBEX electronic trading platform. The products, based on our successful E-mini stock index contracts, are called e-miNY energy futures and clear at the NYMEX clearing house. The first of these products, e-miNY crude oil and natural gas futures contracts, began trading on June 17, 2002. We believe we can achieve significant potential economies of scale through the consolidation of exchange transaction processing services, either directly through acquisition, or indirectly through the provision of these services to others.

Products

Our broad range of products includes futures contracts and options on futures contracts based on interest rates, stock indexes, foreign exchange and commodities. Our products are traded through our open outcry auction markets, through the GLOBEX electronic trading platform or in privately negotiated

transactions. For the year ended December 31, 2001, we derived \$292.5 million, or 75.5% of our net revenues from fees associated with trading and clearing products on or through our exchange. For the nine months ended September 30, 2002, we derived \$261.4 million, or 78.3% of our net revenues, from such fees. These fees include per contract charges for trade execution, clearing and GLOBEX fees. Fees are charged at various rates based on the product traded, the method of trade and the exchange trading privileges of the customer making the trade. Generally, members are charged lower fees than non-members. Our customers benefit from volume discounts and limits on fees as part of our effort to encourage increased liquidity in our markets. Our markets also generate valuable data and information regarding pricing and trading activity in our markets. Revenues from market data products totaled \$48.3 million, or 12.5% of our net revenues, in 2001 and \$36.5 million, or 11.0% of our net revenues, in the nine months ended September 30, 2002. The following charts depict the percentage of our total volume represented by each product group and the percentage of our total clearing and transaction fees revenues generated from each product group, in each case for the nine months ended September 30, 2002. Volume is measured based on the number of round turn contracts, with each round turn representing a matched buy and sell of one contract.

We identify new products by monitoring economic trends and their impact on the risk management and speculative needs of our existing and prospective customers. Historically, we have successfully introduced a variety of new futures products. We pioneered the trading of foreign exchange futures in 1972 and Eurodollar futures, the first cash-settled futures contracts listed for trading, in 1981. In 1982, we were the first to introduce a successful stock index futures contract, the S&P 500 Index futures contract, and in 1996 we introduced the Nasdaq-100 Index futures contract. We believe the S&P 500 Index and the Nasdaq-100 Index are the global benchmarks for managing exposure to the U.S. stock markets, and our futures contracts based on them are among the most successful products in our industry. The smaller, electronically traded versions of these contracts, the E-mini S&P 500 Index futures and the E-mini Nasdaq-100 futures, were introduced in 1997 and 1999, respectively, and are the fastest growing futures contracts in the history of our exchange.

The following table shows the total notional value and average daily volume of contracts traded in our four principal product groups for the years ended 2000 and 2001 and the nine months ended September 30, 2002.

Product Group	Principal Underlying Instruments	Total Notional Value (in billions)			Average Daily Contract Volume (in thousands)		
		Year Ended December 31,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	Year Ended December 31,		Nine Months Ended September 30,
		2000	2001	2002	2000	2001	2002
Interest Rate	Eurodollar, LIBOR, Euroyen	\$ 141,000	\$ 279,100	\$ 244,800	551	1,092	1,293

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		Total Notional Value (in billions)				Average Daily Contract Volume (in thousands)				
Equity	S&P 500, Nasdaq-100, S&P MidCap 400, S&P 500/BARRA Growth and Value Indexes, Nikkei Stock Average, Russell 2000	\$	12,000	\$	12,600	\$	11,000	258	425	780
Foreign Exchange	Euro, Japanese yen, British pound, Swiss franc, Canadian dollar	\$	1,800	\$	2,000	\$	1,900	77	89	97
Commodity	Cattle, hogs, pork bellies, lumber, dairy	\$	200	\$	200	\$	100	31	34	31

Interest Rate Products. Our interest rate products include our global benchmark Eurodollar futures contracts. Eurodollars are U.S. dollar bank deposits outside the United States. Eurodollar futures contracts are a short-term interest rate product and constitute one of the most successful products in our industry and the most actively traded futures contract in the world during 2001. Open interest on Eurodollar futures and options on futures contracts traded on our exchange was nearly 14.4 million contracts on September 30, 2002 representing a notional value of nearly \$14.4 trillion. We also trade contracts based on other short-term interest rates, such as one-month LIBOR, which stands for the London Interbank Offered Rate, and Euroyen. Interest rate products represented 66.6% of our trading volume during 2001, an average of approximately 1.1 million contracts per day, and 58.8% of our trading volume during the first nine months of 2002, an average of approximately 1.3 million contracts per day.

The growth of our Eurodollar futures market has been driven by the general acceptance of the U.S. dollar as the principal reserve currency for financial institutions throughout the world. As a result, Eurodollar deposits have significance in the international capital markets. Participants in our Eurodollar futures market are generally major domestic and international banks and other financial institutions that face interest rate risks from their lending and borrowing activities, their activities as dealers in OTC interest rate swaps and structured derivatives products and their proprietary trading activities. Many of these participants use our Eurodollar and other interest rate contracts to hedge or arbitrage their money market swaps or convert their interest rate exposure from a fixed rate to a floating rate or a floating rate to a fixed rate. Asset managers also use our interest rate products to lengthen the effective maturity of short-term investment assets by buying futures contracts, or shorten the effective maturity by selling futures. Our contracts are an attractive alternative when physical restructuring of a portfolio is not possible

or when futures transaction costs are lower than the cash market transaction costs. In 1999, we initiated simultaneous, side-by-side electronic trading in our Eurodollar contracts. Trading in our Eurodollar contracts often involves complex trading strategies that we believe cannot be fully accommodated by existing electronic trading platforms. Accordingly, electronic trading in our Eurodollar contracts has achieved only limited market acceptance. We are developing new electronic functionality to accommodate trading strategies required for electronic trading of Eurodollar contracts to accelerate. For example, we intend to launch the "Eagle Project" to bring new electronic functionality to many of the complex strategies now used in trading Eurodollar contracts on our trading floor. Initially, the new functionality will allow market professionals to see new bids and offers in individual quarterly contracts and calendar spreads, as derived from outright bids and offers in monthly contracts and pre-defined calendar spreads. We intend to introduce more functionality next year that will accommodate other complex trading strategies electronically. The new technology closely replicates Eurodollar trading conventions employed in open outcry and is designed to help maintain our leadership in Eurodollar futures.

As shown below, our interest rate product trading volume has grown significantly over the last five years, with total 2001 trading volume up 97.4% over 2000. The increase is due primarily to the volatility of short-term interest rates, monetary policy of the U.S. Federal Reserve Board and a decline in the issuance of U.S. Treasury securities. With less availability of U.S. Treasury securities, swap dealers, who represent a significant group of our customers, have increasingly turned to our Eurodollar contract as a benchmark for valuing fixed-income obligations and as a tool for managing dollar-denominated interest rate exposure. Volume is measured based on the number of round turn contracts, with each round turn representing a matched buy and sell of one contract.

We intend to increase our revenues from our interest rate product sector by increasing trading volume, optimizing pricing of existing products and introducing new products such as the swap futures we launched in April 2002. We have been active in adopting new policies and practices that are closely aligned with customer demand and designed to promote enhanced market penetration. We also increased institutional trading of Eurodollar futures by expanding privately negotiated transaction alternatives. Privately negotiated transactions include block trades, EFP transactions and EBF transactions and are executed apart from the public auction market. See the section of this prospectus entitled "Business Execution" for a description of types of trading alternatives. These trading opportunities are particularly attractive to large-scale institutional traders. We have recently extended EBF trading to all Eurodollar futures contracts. Block trading was originally introduced in late 2000 in a limited number of Eurodollar

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futures contracts. As of July 2001, block trading has been extended to all Eurodollar futures contracts using a revised and more competitive fee schedule.

Equity Products. We have been a leader in stock index futures since we began offering these products in 1982 and remain the largest exchange in the world for trading stock index futures. Stock index futures products permit investors to obtain exposure, for hedging or speculative purposes, to a change in the weighting of one or more equity market sectors more efficiently than by buying or selling the underlying securities. We offer trading in futures contracts based upon the S&P 500 and Nasdaq-100 stock indexes, as well as other small-, medium- and large-capitalization indexes based on both domestic and foreign equity markets. We currently have approximately a 95% market share in all U.S. listed stock index futures, based on the number of contracts traded.

Our trading volume for stock index products rose 64.1% in 2001, to 106.7 million contracts, from 65.0 million contracts in 2000. Trading in stock index futures products represented 25.9% of our trading volume during 2001, an average of more than 425,000 contracts per day, and 35.4% of our trading volume during the first nine months of 2002, an average of nearly 780,000 contracts per day. In 2001, 98% of our stock index product trading volume was based on the S&P 500 Index and the Nasdaq-100 Index. The total notional value of S&P 500 futures and options on futures contracts traded on our exchange was approximately \$10.2 trillion during 2001, compared to the approximately \$10.5 trillion value of stock traded on the New York Stock Exchange. In addition, the notional value of our stock index futures contracts is significantly larger than the comparable exchange-traded fund, which is a basket of securities designed to track an index but trade on a securities exchange or electronic communications network like a single stock. In 2001, the total notional value of our S&P 500 futures contracts was more than \$8.9 trillion, compared with approximately \$397.4 billion for S&P 500 Depositary Receipts, or SPDRs. In 2001, the total notional value of our Nasdaq-100 futures contracts was approximately \$2.0 trillion, compared with approximately \$729.5 billion for the QQQs, which is the Nasdaq-100 Index tracking stock.

Standard & Poor's designed and maintains the S&P 500 Index to be a proxy for a diversified equity portfolio representing a broad cross-section of the U.S. equity market. The index is based on the stock prices of 500 large-capitalization companies. We have an exclusive license with Standard & Poor's Corporation until 2008. The Nasdaq-100 Index is based on the 100 largest non-financial stocks listed on the

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Nasdaq National Market. We have a license with Nasdaq that allows us to offer the Nasdaq-100 Index contract exclusively, other than as to Nasdaq and some of its affiliates, until 2006. For a more detailed discussion of these license agreements, see the section of this prospectus entitled "Business Licensing Agreements." Our standard S&P and Nasdaq products are traded through our open outcry facilities during regular trading hours and on GLOBEX after the close of open outcry trading.

We also offer futures on the S&P MidCap 400, the S&P SmallCap 600, the S&P/BARRA Growth and Value Indexes, which are based on data compiled by S&P and BARRA, Inc., the Nikkei Stock Average, the Russell 2000 Stock Price Index and the FORTUNE e-50 Index. In July 2002, we launched TRAKRS, a private label index product developed with Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. TRAKRS are a new series of non-traditional futures contracts licensed exclusively to us for North America, and the first broad-based index product traded on a U.S. futures exchange that can be sold by securities brokers. TRAKRS are designed to enable customers to track an index of stocks, bonds, currencies or other financial instruments. Long-Short Technology TRAKRS are the first in this new product line. We subsequently introduced Select 50 TRAKRS contracts. TRAKRS differ from traditional futures contracts in that most non-institutional customers who purchase these contracts are required to post 100% of the TRAKRS market value at the time of purchase. As a result, these customers will not be subject to margin calls or any requirement to make any additional payments throughout the life of their TRAKRS positions. In September 2002, we introduced futures contracts based on subsets of the S&P 500 Index: Technology and Financial. Each contract is sized at \$125 times the respective index price, making the contract size comparable to the E-mini stock index contracts. We intend to introduce other futures contracts based on additional S&P 500 sector indexes, pursuant to an April 2002 agreement we signed with Standard & Poor's.

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We believe the variety of our stock index futures products appeals to a broad group of equity investors. These investors include public and private pension funds, investment companies, mutual funds, insurance companies and other financial services companies that benchmark their investment performance to different segments of the equity markets.

In 1997, we launched our E-mini S&P 500 futures contracts. We followed this highly successful new product offering with the introduction of E-mini Nasdaq-100 futures contracts in 1999. E-mini contracts are traded exclusively on our electronic GLOBEX platform and are one-fifth the size of our standard size S&P 500 and Nasdaq-100 futures contracts. These products are designed to address the growing demand for stock index derivatives and electronically traded products from individual traders and small institutions. Since their introduction, trading volumes in these products have grown rapidly, achieving new volume and open interest records on a regular basis during 2001 and during the first nine months of 2002. This growth is attributable to the benefits of stock index futures, electronic market access and significant volatility in the U.S. equity markets. In October 2001, we also introduced E-mini Russell 2000 Index futures. In January 2002, we introduced an E-mini version of our S&P MidCap 400 futures contract.

The following charts depict the average trading volume in our S&P 500 and Nasdaq-100 products during the five-year period ending in 2001 and the nine months ended September 30, 2002. Volume is measured based on the number of round turn contracts, with each round turn representing a matched buy and sell of one contract. E-mini S&P 500 and E-mini Nasdaq-100 contracts are one-fifth the size of their standard-size counterparts.

Our stock index product trading volume has increased substantially, more than doubling from 1999 to 2001. Trading volume for the five-year period ending in 2001 and the nine months ended September 30, 2002 is shown below. Volume is measured based on the number of round turn contracts, with each round turn representing a matched buy and sell of one contract. Volume has been affected significantly by the volatility of the U.S. equity markets, particularly during the last two years. We believe our leading market position in equity products is a result of the liquidity of our markets, the status of the S&P 500 Index and the Nasdaq-100 Index as two of the principal U.S. financial standards for benchmarking stock market returns and the appeal to investors and traders of our E-mini products and GLOBEX. We believe future growth in our stock index products will come from expanding customer access to our electronic markets, as well as further educating the marketplace on the benefits of these products. For example, we expect that adding direct connections to a number of customers that provide brokerage services

to day traders will contribute to continued growth of our E-mini equity products in 2003.

Other equity product growth opportunities are expected to come from the introduction of single stock futures and futures on narrow-based stock indexes. Recent industry deregulation permits futures and securities exchanges to offer single stock futures and futures contracts on narrow-based stock indexes. Single stock futures allow investors to obtain exposure, for hedging or speculative purposes, that is economically equivalent to owning or shorting an individual stock without actually buying or selling the stock. They are designed to offer leverage, ease of trading and less expensive, more customized risk management strategies than equity options, equity swaps and stock lending transactions. In 2001, we entered into an operating agreement governing OneChicago, our joint venture with CBOE and CBOT, to trade single stock futures contracts on stocks trading worldwide as well as futures on narrow-based stock indexes. Under the terms of our operating agreement, CBOE and we own a significant majority interest in OneChicago, and CBOT owns a minority interest. We believe the joint venture will reduce the costs and risks associated with the start-up of trading in a new futures product and increase our chances of success by combining the customer bases and resources of our exchanges. In particular, we believe the collective marketing and distribution channels of CME, CBOE and CBOT will create significant liquidity that will allow the joint venture to become a market leader in single stock futures. Under the terms of our operating agreement, until May 31, 2005 we are restricted from in any way, directly or indirectly, engaging in the business of trading, marketing, regulating, selling, purchasing, clearing or settling transactions in single stock futures other than in conjunction with the joint venture. This restriction on our ability to compete applies whether or not we remain part of the joint venture, but it does not apply to futures based on narrow-based stock indexes. On November 8, 2002, OneChicago commenced its trading operations.

Foreign Exchange Products. We became the first exchange to introduce financial futures when we launched foreign exchange futures in 1972. Since that time we have built a strong presence in foreign exchange futures. Institutions such as banks, hedge funds, commodity trading advisors, corporations and individual customers use these products to manage their risks associated with, or speculate on, fluctuations in foreign exchange rates. Foreign exchange products represented 5.5% of our trading volume in 2001, an average of more than 89,000 contracts per day, and 4.4% of our trading volume during the first nine months of 2002, an average of more than 97,000 contracts per day. Volume is measured based on the number of round turn contracts, with each round turn representing a matched buy and sell of one contract. We offer futures and options on futures contracts on major currencies, including the Euro, Japanese yen, British pound, Swiss franc, Canadian dollar, Mexican peso, Australian dollar, Brazilian real, New Zealand dollar and South African rand.

As shown below, our trading volume for foreign exchange futures products rose in 2001 and the first nine months of 2002 following a decline during the four years prior to 2001 when overall industry-wide foreign exchange trading volume had been flat. During 2001, our total trading volume increased 16.1% over levels in 2000. Previously, our volume was impacted by the introduction of the Euro and subsequent phasing out of many of the major European currencies, the continuing consolidation in the financial institutions sector, increased use of internal netting mechanisms by our customers and wide use of electronic trading for foreign exchange transactions by competing markets. We have begun improving the performance of this product sector by expanding electronic trading in our foreign exchange products and permitting wider use of block trading and EFPs through our markets. We introduced side-by-side electronic and open outcry trading of foreign exchange futures in April 2001. We believe this change has helped facilitate the increase in volume in these products. In 2001, electronically traded foreign exchange futures volume increased 174.4% over 2000, from approximately 1.3 million contracts to nearly 3.5 million contracts, and open outcry trading also increased 4.8%. The growth in privately negotiated transactions that we accept, settle and guarantee through our clearing house offset a portion of the revenue impact from the lower trading volume in recent years. Our per transaction revenues for these trades are higher than other means of trade execution.

In May 2002, we introduced 13 new foreign exchange futures contracts, consisting of two U.S. dollar based contracts and 11 non-dollar based contracts.

We expect the potential for growth in our foreign exchange product line will come from further transitioning to electronic trading in this market that will allow us to compete more effectively for electronic volume. The foreign exchange spot market is heavily reliant on electronic trading, with the majority of trades estimated to be brokered online. We continue to increase both functionality and distribution and are in discussions to add electronic interfaces with OTC market electronic trading platforms. We believe these interfaces, if successfully implemented, will position us to increase our foreign exchange futures volume and expand our product offerings.

Commodity Products. Commodity products were our only products when our exchange first opened for business. We have maintained a strong franchise in our commodity products, including futures contracts based on cattle, hogs, pork bellies, lumber and dairy products. Commodity products accounted for 2.0% of our trading volume during 2001, an average of approximately 34,000 contracts per day, and 1.4% of our trading volume in the first nine months of 2002, an average of approximately 30,500 contracts per day. Volume is measured based on the number of round turn contracts, with each round turn representing a matched buy and sell of one contract. These products provide hedging tools for our customers who deal in tangible physical commodities, including agricultural producers of commodities and food processors. Our commodity products are traded through our open outcry and electronic trading execution facilities. In the first quarter of 2002, we introduced side-by-side electronic and open outcry trading of lean hog, live cattle and feeder cattle futures and announced plans to trade dairy products side-by-side.

As shown below, trading volume for our commodity products has been relatively stable in recent years. We believe continuing consolidation and restructuring in the agricultural sector, coupled with the reduction or elimination of government subsidies and the resulting increase in demand for risk management in this sector, could create growth in our commodity markets as more producers and processors adopt

formal hedging and risk management programs.

We intend to leverage our experience in trading futures on physical commodities to jointly develop new commodity products with operators of electronic, cash and derivatives trading platforms. For example, we recently entered into an agreement with NYMEX to introduce small-sized versions of key NYMEX energy futures contracts for trading on our GLOBEX electronic trading platform. The products, based on our successful E-mini stock index contracts, are called e-miNY energy futures and clear at the NYMEX clearing house. The first of these products, e-miNY crude oil and natural gas futures contracts, began trading on June 17, 2002.

Market Data and Information Products. Our markets generate valuable information regarding prices and trading activity in our products. The market data we supply are central to trading activity in our products and to trading activity in related cash and derivatives markets. We sell our market data, which include information about bids, offers, trades and trade size, to banks, broker-dealers, pension funds, investment companies, mutual funds, insurance companies, individual investors and other financial services companies or organizations that use our markets or monitor general economic conditions. We sell our market data directly to our electronic trading customers as part of their access to our markets through our electronic facilities. We also sell market data via dedicated networks to approximately 170 worldwide quote vendors who consolidate our market data with that from other exchanges, other third party data providers and news services, and then resell their consolidated data. As of September 30, 2002, nearly 54,000 of their subscribers displayed our data on approximately 180,000 screens. Revenues from market data products totaled \$48.3 million, or 12.5% of our net revenues, in 2001 and \$36.5 million, or 11.0% of our net revenues, in the nine months ended September 30, 2002.

We have begun enhancing our current market data and information product offerings by packaging the basic data we have traditionally offered with advanced analytical data and information. We have created marketing programs to increase the use of our market data, and we have started to develop new business relationships with companies that develop value-added computer-based applications that process our market data to provide specific insights into the dynamics of trading activity in our products. In March 2002, we expanded the scope of our market data offerings by providing CME E-quotes, direct, real-time price quotes, to the trading community over the Internet, through our Web site. The new service enables users to integrate interactive charting and news services with market data, building customized packages of data, charting and news that fit their particular needs. CME E-quotes received a 2002 European Banking Technology Award for the best use of information technology in the wholesale banking sector. In June 2002, enhancements to our market data interface software reduced customers' bandwidth requirements by 65% to 70%. In August 2002, we introduced CME E-history to automate the process of supplying users with historical price data for our futures and options on futures.

Execution

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Our trade execution facilities consist of our open outcry trading pits and the GLOBEX electronic trading platform. Both of these execution facilities offer our customers immediate trade execution, anonymity and price transparency and are state-of-the-art trading environments supported by substantial infrastructure and technology for order routing, trade reporting, market data dissemination and market surveillance and regulation. In addition, trades can be executed through privately negotiated transactions that are cleared and settled through our clearing house. The chart below shows the range of trade execution choices we provide our customers in some of our key products.

Product	Open Outcry	GLOBEX Daytime	GLOBEX Nighttime	Privately Negotiated Transactions
Eurodollar	X	X	X	X
Standard S&P 500	X		X	X
Standard Nasdaq-100	X		X	X
E-mini S&P 500		X	X	
E-mini Nasdaq-100		X	X	
Foreign Exchange	X	X	X	X
Commodity	X	X		X

Open Outcry Trading. Open outcry trading represented 78.2% of our total trading volume in 2001, and 66.8% of our trading volume in the first nine months of 2002. The pits are the centralized meeting place for floor traders and floor brokers representing customer orders to trade contracts. The trading floors, covering approximately 70,000 square feet, have tiered booths surrounding the pits from which clearing firm personnel can communicate with customers regarding current market activity and prices and receive orders either electronically or by telephone. In addition, our trading floors display current market information and news on electronic wallboards hung above the pits. During 2001 and the first nine months of 2002, approximately 62% and 53%, respectively, of our clearing and transaction fee revenues were derived from open outcry trading.

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GLOBEX Electronic Trading. We began electronic trading in 1992 using a system developed in partnership with Reuters. Our second generation electronic trading platform was introduced in 1998, and is based on the Nouveau Système de Cotation, or NSC, owned and licensed to us by Euronext-Paris, a subsidiary of Euronext N.V. GLOBEX maintains an electronic, centralized order book and trade execution algorithm for futures contracts and options on futures contracts and allows users to enter orders directly into the order book. Initially, these systems were used to offer our products to customers after the close of our regular daytime trading sessions. Today, however, we trade some of our most successful products on the GLOBEX platform nearly 23 hours a day, five days a week. In 2001, 19.9% of our trading volume was executed using GLOBEX, compared to 14.9% in 2000. During the first nine months of 2002, GLOBEX accounted for 31.8% of our total trading volume, compared to 19.0% during the first nine months of 2001. Our electronic volume has grown rapidly during the last five years. Electronic trading volume has increased from nearly 4.4 million contracts in 1997 to more than 81.9 million contracts in 2001 and more than 131.7 million contracts for the first nine months of 2002. In October 2002, GLOBEX volume was a record 28.2 million contracts, a 174.1% increase from October 2001 levels. GLOBEX volume exceeded one million contracts for a single day for the first time on June 12, 2002. As of November 15, 2002, GLOBEX had achieved 46 days of volume higher than one million contracts, including the volume attributable to the first-day trading volumes of TRAKRS, a product line developed with Merrill Lynch. On October 7, 2002, GLOBEX volume exceeded open outcry volume for the first time. During 2001 and the first nine months of 2002, approximately 27% and 39%, respectively, of our clearing and transaction fees revenue were derived from electronic trading.

The following chart depicts the average daily volume for electronic trading for the five-year period from 1997 to 2001 and the nine months ended September 30, 2002. Volume is measured based on the number of round turn contracts, with each round turn representing a matched buy and sell of one contract.

Privately Negotiated Transactions. In addition to offering traditional open outcry and electronic trading through the GLOBEX platform, we permit qualified customers to trade our products by entering into privately negotiated EFP and EBF transactions and block trades, which are reported and included in the market data we distribute. We also clear, settle and guarantee these transactions through our clearing house. Some market participants value privately negotiated transactions as a way to ensure that large transactions can be completed at a single price or in a single transaction while preserving their ability to effectively complete a hedging, risk management or other trading strategy. During 2001 and the first nine months of 2002, approximately 11% and 8%, respectively, of our clearing and transaction fees revenues were derived from this type of trading.

EFP and EBF transactions involve a privately negotiated exchange of a futures contract for a cash position or other qualified instrument. While EFP capabilities have been available for many years, and constitute a significant and profitable segment of our foreign exchange futures trading, EFPs have been offered on a restricted basis in some of our other markets. Recently, we have taken steps to liberalize our trading policies, including extending EBF capabilities to all Eurodollar futures contracts.

A block trade is the privately negotiated purchase and sale of futures contracts. Block trading was introduced on our exchange in late 2000, and volume has been limited to date. We believe block trading provides an important new source of access designed to appeal to large-scale institutional traders. Originally, these transactions were limited to a certain number of contracts and required high minimum quantity thresholds along with a fee surcharge. More recently, we implemented new pricing and trading rules designed to increase customer participation.

The following chart depicts the average daily volume for privately negotiated transactions for the five-year period ending in 2001 and the nine months ended September 30, 2002. Volume is measured based on the number of round turn contracts, with each round turn representing a matched buy and sell of one contract.

We intend to continue to enhance the utility of EFP and block transactions while maintaining an appropriate balance with the transactions conducted within the open outcry and electronic trading environments.

Clearing

We operate our own clearing house that clears, settles and guarantees the performance of all transactions matched through our execution facilities. By contrast, many derivatives exchanges, including CBOT, CBOE and LIFFE, do not provide clearing services for trades conducted using their execution facilities, relying instead on outside clearing houses to provide these services. Ownership and control of our own clearing house enables us to capture the revenue associated with both the trading and clearing of our products. This is particularly important for trade execution alternatives such as block trades, where we can derive a higher per trade clearing fee compared to other trades. By owning our clearing house, we also control the cost structure and the technology development cycle for our clearing services. We believe having an integrated clearing function provides significant competitive advantages. It helps us manage our new product initiatives without being dependent on an outside entity.

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During the first nine months of 2002, we processed an average of more than 553,000 clearing transactions per day, with an average transaction size of 8.8 contracts. We maintain the largest futures and options on futures open interest of any exchange in the world. As of November 15, 2002, our open interest record was 23.2 million contracts, set on November 14, 2002. As of September 30, 2002, we acted as custodian for approximately \$27.7 billion in performance bond assets deposited by our clearing firms and, during the first nine months of 2002, we moved an average of approximately \$1.7 billion a day in settlement funds through our clearing system. In addition, our clearing house guarantees the performance of our contracts with a financial safeguards package of approximately \$3.3 billion.

The clearing function provides three primary benefits to our markets: efficient, high-volume transaction processing; cost and capital efficiencies; and a reliable credit guarantee. The services we provide can be broadly categorized as follows:

transaction processing and position management;

cross-margining;

market protection and risk management;

settlement, collateral and delivery; and

investment.

Transaction Processing and Position Management. We developed a state-of-the-art clearing system, CLEARING 21, in conjunction with NYMEX to provide high quality clearing services. This system processes reported trades and positions on a real-time basis, providing users with instantaneous information on trades, positions and risk exposure. CLEARING 21 is able to process trades in futures and options products, securities and cash instruments. CLEARING 21 can also support complex new product types including combinations, options on combinations, options on options, swaps, repurchase and reverse repurchase agreements, and other instruments. Through CLEARING 21 user interfaces, our clearing firms can electronically manage their positions, exercise options, enter transactions related to foreign exchange deliveries, manage collateral posted to meet performance bond requirements and access all of our other online applications. Together with our order routing and trade matching services, we offer straight-through electronic processing of transactions in which an order is electronically routed, matched, cleared and made available to the clearing firm's back-office systems for further processing.

Cross-Margining and Mutual Offset Services. We have led the derivatives industry in establishing cross-margining agreements with other leading clearing houses. Cross-margining arrangements reduce capital costs for clearing firms and our customers. These agreements permit an individual clearing house to recognize a clearing firm's open positions at other participating clearing houses, and clearing firms are able to offset risks of positions held at one clearing house against those held at other participating clearing houses. This reduces the need for collateral deposits by the clearing firm. For example, our cross-margining program with the Options Clearing Corporation reduces performance bond requirements for our members by approximately \$371.2 million a day. We have implemented cross-margining arrangements with the Government Securities Clearing Corporation, the Board of Trade Clearing Corporation and the London Clearing House and LIFFE. We also will implement a cross-margining arrangement with NYMEX in connection with the agreement we entered into with that exchange to offer newly created smaller-sized versions of key NYMEX energy futures. In addition, we have a mutual offset agreement with Singapore Derivatives Exchange, which has been in place since 1984, that allows a clearing firm of either exchange initiating trades in some interest rate products on either exchange to execute after-hours trades at the other exchange in those products, then transfer them back to the originating exchange. This mutual offset system enables firms to seamlessly execute trades at either exchange virtually 24 hours per day.

Market Protection and Risk Management. Our clearing house guarantee of performance is a significant attraction, and an important part of the functioning, of our exchange. Because of this guarantee, our

customers do not need to evaluate the credit of each potential counterparty or limit themselves to a selected set of counterparties. This flexibility increases the potential liquidity available for each trade. Additionally, the substitution of our clearing house as the counterparty to every transaction allows our customers to establish a position with one party and then to offset the position with another party. This contract netting process provides our customers with significant flexibility in establishing and adjusting positions.

In order to ensure performance, we establish and monitor financial requirements for our clearing firms. We also set minimum performance bond requirements for our traded products. Our clearing house uses our proprietary SPAN software, which determines the appropriate performance bond requirements by simulating the gains and losses of complex portfolios. We typically hold performance bond collateral to cover at least 95% of price changes for a given product within a given historical period. Performance bond requirements for a clearing firm's or customer's overall portfolio are calculated using SPAN.

At each settlement cycle, our clearing house values at the market price prevailing at the time, or marks to market, all open positions and requires payments from clearing firms whose positions have lost value and makes payment to clearing firms whose positions have gained value. Our clearing house marks to market all open positions at least twice a day, and more often if market volatility warrants. Marking-to-market provides both participants in a transaction with an accounting of their financial obligations under the contract.

Conducting a mark-to-market a minimum of two times a day helps protect the financial integrity of our clearing house, our clearing firms and market participants. This allows our clearing house to identify quickly any clearing firms that may not be able to satisfy the financial obligations resulting from changes in the prices of their open contracts before those financial obligations become exceptionally large and jeopardize the ability of our clearing house to ensure performance of their open positions.

In the unlikely event of a payment default by a clearing firm, we would first apply assets of the clearing firm to cover its payment obligation. These assets include security deposits, performance bonds and any other available assets, such as the proceeds from the sale of

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Class A and Class B common stock and memberships of the clearing firm at our exchange owned by or assigned to the clearing firm. Thereafter, if the payment default remains unsatisfied, we would use our surplus funds, security deposits of other clearing firms and funds collected through an assessment against all other solvent clearing firms to satisfy the deficit. We have a secured, committed \$500.0 million line of credit with a consortium of banks in order to provide additional liquidity to address a clearing firm payment default. The credit agreement requires us to pledge all clearing firm security deposits held by us in the form of U.S. Treasury or agency securities, as well as security deposit funds in our IEF2 program. This line of credit may also be utilized if there is a temporary disruption with the domestic payments system that would delay settlement payments between our clearing house and clearing firms.

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The following shows the available assets of our clearing house at September 30, 2002 in the event of a payment default by a clearing firm:

CME Clearing House Available Assets (in millions)

Aggregate Performance Bond Deposits by All Clearing Firms(1)	\$ 27,675.0
Market Value of Pledged Shares/Memberships (minimum requirement per firm)(2)	\$ 3.8
CME Surplus Funds(3)	149.2
Security Deposits of Clearing Firms(4)	784.8
Limited Assessment Powers(5)	2,158.2
Minimum Total Assets Available for Default	\$ 3,096.0

- (1) Aggregate performance bond deposits by all clearing firms includes cash performance bond deposits of \$1.9 billion and the value assigned by our exchange for securities deposited to satisfy performance bond requirements. This assigned value for securities is generally less than the fair market value of the securities deposited.
- (2) Each clearing firm is required to pledge to the clearing house specified memberships, shares of our Class B common stock associated with those memberships and a specified number of shares of our Class A common stock. These memberships and shares become available to us in the event of a clearing firm default. The amount included in the table above represents the market value of the minimum number of memberships and shares required to be pledged. Any memberships or shares owned in excess of the minimum requirements are not included. The market value is based on the average of the bid and offer for the memberships and associated shares at September 30, 2002.
- (3) CME surplus funds represent the amount of our working capital reduced by an amount necessary to support our short-term operations.
- (4) Security deposits of clearing firms include security deposits required of clearing firms but do not include any excess deposits held by our exchange at the direction of the clearing firms.
- (5) In the event of a clearing firm default, if a loss continues to exist after the utilization of the assets of the defaulted firm, our surplus funds and the security deposits of non-defaulting firms, we have the right to assess all non-defaulting clearing members up to 2.75 times their existing security deposit requirements.

Settlement, Collateral and Delivery Services. We manage final settlement in all of our contracts, including cash settlement, physical delivery of selected commodities, and option exercises and assignments. Because some initial and maintenance performance bonds from clearing firms, as well as mark-to-market obligations on some of our contracts, are denominated in various foreign currencies, we offer multi-currency margin and settlement services. We also offer the Moneychanger Service to our clearing firms. This service provides members with access to overnight funds in various foreign currencies at competitive bid/ask spreads free of charge to satisfy the terms of a foreign

currency denominated futures contract.

Although more than 95% of all futures contracts are liquidated before the expiration of the contract, the underlying financial instruments or commodities for the remainder of the contracts must be delivered. We act as the delivery agent for all contracts, ensuring timely delivery by the seller of the exact quality and quantity specified in a contract and full and timely payment by the buyer.

In order to administer its system of financial safeguards efficiently, our clearing house has developed banking relationships with a network of major U.S. banks and banking industry infrastructure providers, such as the Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunications, or SWIFT. Among the key

services provided to our clearing house by these banks and service providers are a variety of custody, credit and payment services that support the substantial financial commitments and processes backing the guarantee of our clearing house to market participants.

Investment Services. In order to achieve collateral efficiencies for our clearing firms, we have also established our IEF program, private money market funds managed by third party investment managers, to allow clearing firms to enhance the yields they receive on their performance bond collateral deposited with our clearing house. The first IEF was organized in 1997 as two limited liability companies. Interest earned, net of expenses, is passed on to participating clearing firms. The principal of the first IEF is guaranteed by us. The investment portfolio of these facilities is managed by two of the exchange's approved settlement banks, and eligible investments include U.S. Treasury bills and notes, U.S. Treasury strips, reverse repurchase agreements and repurchase agreements. The maximum average portfolio maturity is 90 days, and the maximum maturity for an individual security is 13 months. We believe that the market risk exposure relating to our guarantee is not material to the financial statements taken as a whole. As of September 30, 2002, clearing firms had approximately \$471.2 million in balances in the first IEF. In 2001, IEF2 was organized. IEF2 offers clearing firms the opportunity to invest cash performance bonds in shares of approved money market mutual funds. Dividends earned on these shares, net of fees, are solely for the account of the clearing firm on whose behalf the shares were purchased. The principal of IEF2 is not guaranteed by us. As of September 30, 2002, clearing firms had more than \$9.5 billion in balances in IEF2 funds. Our clearing house earns fee income in return for providing this value-added service to our clearing firms.

Our clearing house launched a securities lending program in 2001 using a portion of certain securities deposited to meet the proprietary performance bond requirements of our clearing firms. Under this securities lending program, we lend a security to a third party and receive collateral in the form of cash. The majority of the cash is then invested on an overnight basis to generate interest income. The related interest expense represents payment to the borrower of the security for the cash collateral retained during the duration of the lending transaction. Securities on loan are marked to market daily and compared to collateral received. The securities lending activity utilizes some of the securities deposited by clearing firms, one of which is a subsidiary of the bank used for executing this securities lending program. Proceeds from securities lending at December 31, 2001 were invested in a money market mutual fund administered by a subsidiary of this same bank or held in the form of cash.

Technology

Our operation of both trading facilities and a clearing house has influenced the design and implementation of the technologies that support our operations.

Trading Technology. We have a proven track record of operating successful open outcry and electronic markets by developing and integrating multiple, evolving technologies that support a growing and substantial trading volume. The integrated suite of technologies we employ to accomplish this has been designed to support a significant expansion of our current business and provides us with an opportunity to leverage our technology base into new markets, products and services.

As electronic trading activity expands, we continue to provide greater match engine functionality unique to various markets, market models and product types. We have adopted a modular approach to technology development and engineered an integrated set of solutions that support multiple specialized markets. We continually monitor and upgrade our capacity requirements and have designed our systems to handle at least twice our peak transactions in our highest volume products. Significant investments in production planning, quality assurance and certification processes have enhanced our ability to expedite the delivery of the system enhancements that we develop for our customers.

Speed, reliability, scalability, capacity and functionality are critical performance criteria for electronic trading platforms. A substantial portion of our operating budget is dedicated to system design,

development and operations in order to achieve high levels of overall system performance. For example, to respond to customer requests and bring down the cost of trading for our European customers, we established a telecommunications hub in London in early 2002. In late September 2002, we also launched a remote data center to provide additional system capacity and a third point of redundancy for our trading and clearing technology. The remote data center features an entirely new network to enhance data base and order routing servers and to improve overall system performance and functionality. Our data centers support our customer interfaces, trading and execution systems, as well as clearing and settlement operations.

The technology systems supporting our trading operations can be divided into four major categories:

Distribution	Technologies that support the ability of customers to access our trading systems from terminals through network access to our trading floor and/or electronic trading environments.
Order routing/ order management	Technologies that control the flow of orders to the trading floor or electronic trading systems and that monitor the status of and modify submitted orders.
Trade matching (electronic market)	Technologies that aggregate submitted orders and electronically match buy and sell orders when their trade conditions are met.
Trading floor operations	Technologies that maximize market participants' ability to capitalize on opportunities present in both the trading floor and electronic markets that we operate.

The GLOBEX electronic trading platform includes distribution, order routing, order management and trade matching technology. The modularity and functionality of GLOBEX enable us to selectively add products with unique trading characteristics onto the trading platform with minimal additional investment.

The distribution technologies we offer differentiate our platform and bring liquidity and trading volume to our execution facilities. As of September 30, 2002, more than 1,300 customers connected directly with us, and thousands more connected with us through 17 independent software vendors and data centers, as well as 25 clearing firms that have interfaces with our systems. Many of these customers connect through a dedicated private frame-relay network that is readily available, has wide distribution and provides fast connections in the Americas, Europe and Asia. Over the past year, we initiated efforts to provide additional access choices to customers, and in early 2001, implemented a Web-based, virtual private network solution, GLOBEX Trader-Internet, for our lower-volume customers. This added a low-cost alternative that was the first of its kind among major exchanges. In its first year of operations, we attracted about 275 users.

In order routing and management, we offer a range of mechanisms, and were among the first U.S. derivatives exchanges to fully implement the FIX 4.2 protocol the standard order routing protocol used within the securities industry. In addition, our order routing and order management systems are capable of supporting multiple electronic trading match engines. This functionality gives us great latitude in the types of markets that we choose to serve.

Several key technology platforms and standards are used to support these activities, including fault-tolerant Tandem systems, IBM mainframes, Sun Microsystems servers, HP and Dell PCs, Oracle and DB2 databases, Unix, Windows NT, Novell, Unicenter TNG software systems, TIBCO middleware and multi-vendor frame relay and virtual private network solutions.

Our match engine is based upon the computerized trading and match software known as the NSC. We have a long-term license from Euronext-Paris, under which we have the ability to modify and upgrade the performance of the basic NSC system to optimize its performance to suit our needs. We have a fully trained development team that maintains, upgrades and customizes our version of the NSC system. For example, despite our dramatic increase in trading volume, we reduced the average customer response time from 2.3 seconds at the beginning of 2001 to 1.2 seconds at year-end, allowing trades to be executed more quickly and consistently. We reduced that time even further by September 30, 2002 to 0.3 seconds. The customized enhancements that we have developed address the unique trading demands of each marketplace that we serve. We continue to focus on performance features of the match engine and presently have multiple enhancements under development.

Clearing Technology. CLEARING 21, our clearing and settlement software, and SPAN, our margining and risk management software, form the core of our clearing technology.

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CLEARING 21 is a system for high-volume, high-capacity clearing and settlement of exchange-based transactions that we developed jointly with NYMEX. The system offers clearing firms improved efficiency and reduced costs. CLEARING 21's modular design gives us the ability to rapidly introduce new products. The software can be customized to meet the unique needs of specialized markets.

SPAN is our sophisticated margining and risk management software. SPAN has now been adopted by 40 exchanges and clearing organizations worldwide. This software simulates the effects of changing market conditions on a complex portfolio and uses standard options pricing models to determine a portfolio's overall risk. SPAN then generates a performance bond requirement that typically covers 95% of price changes within a given historical period.

Strategic Relationships

Tokyo Stock Exchange. In October 2000, we signed a non-binding letter of intent to pursue a global alliance with the Tokyo Stock Exchange, with the goal of further developing our respective fixed-income and equity derivatives markets. In March 2002, we introduced S&P/TOPIX 150 stock index futures on our electronic GLOBEX platform during the hours they are not available on the Tokyo Stock Exchange.

Mercado Oficial de Futuros y Opciones Financieros. In 2000, we established an alliance with MEFF in an effort to expand our successful equity index franchise globally. MEFF is the futures and options Spanish official market. Through this partnership, derivatives on the European S&P index products are listed for trading on MEFF's electronic trading platform and cleared at our clearing house. By allowing MEFF to join our clearing house as a clearing firm, both CME and MEFF market participants can leverage their existing clearing relationships through participation in this product market.

New York Mercantile Exchange. We recently entered into an agreement with NYMEX to introduce small-sized versions of key NYMEX energy futures contracts for trading on our GLOBEX electronic trading platform. The products, based on our successful E-mini stock index contracts, are called e-miNY energy futures and clear at the NYMEX clearing house. The first of these products, e-miNY crude oil and natural gas futures contracts, began trading on June 17, 2002. As part of the agreement, we now offer a cross-margining program, creating capital efficiencies for market professionals and proprietary accounts by calculating performance bond requirements based on specified positions in both markets. In addition, GLOBEX terminals are available to NYMEX market participants on the NYMEX trading floor, and other market participants are able to connect to GLOBEX through a variety of access channels. During the term of the agreement and for one year thereafter, we are generally prohibited, other than in cooperation with NYMEX, from providing for or facilitating electronic trading in futures or options on futures contracts on any underlying commodity (or index of such commodities) that is also the underlying commodity for a product listed for trading by NYMEX.

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Korea Futures Exchange. In October 2002, we signed a non-binding memorandum of understanding with the Korea Futures Exchange to pursue joint business development initiatives in derivatives products.

London Clearing House and LIFFE. We have implemented a cross-margining arrangement with the London Clearing House and LIFFE, which was recently acquired by Euronext N.V. This cross-margining arrangement allows an individual clearing house to recognize a clearing firm's open positions at other participating clearing houses, and clearing firms are able to offset risks of positions held at one clearing house against those held at other participating clearing houses. Through this relationship, we provide cost savings to clearing firms and their affiliates who have positions in our Eurodollar contract and LIFFE's Euribor futures and options on futures contracts.

Singapore Derivatives Exchange Ltd. In 1984, we entered into a mutual offset agreement with the Singapore Derivatives Exchange. This relationship allows a clearing firm of either exchange initiating trades in some interest rate products on either exchange to execute after-hours trades at the other exchange in those products, then transfer them back to the originating exchange.

Revenues generated from the relationships described above are or will be recorded as clearing and transaction fees.

Marketing Programs and Advertising

Our marketing programs primarily target institutional customers and, to a lesser extent, individual traders. Our marketing programs for institutional customers aim to inform traders, portfolio managers, corporate treasurers and other market professionals about novel uses of our products, such as new hedging and risk management strategies. We also strive to educate these users about changes in product design, margin requirements and new clearing services. We participate in major domestic and international trade shows and seminars regarding futures and options and other derivatives products. In addition, we sponsor educational workshops and marketing events designed to educate market users about our new products. Through these relationships and programs, we attempt to understand the needs of our customer base and use

information provided by them to drive our product development efforts.

We advertise our products and our brand name to increase our trading volume. Our advertising strategy is twofold: to maintain awareness and familiarity among our institutional target customers and to generate awareness among our growing retail audience. Our primary method of advertising is through print media, using both monthly trade magazines and daily business publications.

Competition

Until the passage of the Commodity Futures Modernization Act, futures trading was generally required to take place on or subject to the rules of a federally designated contract market. The costs and difficulty of obtaining contract market designation, complying with applicable regulatory requirements, establishing efficient execution facilities and liquidity pools and attracting customers created significant barriers to entry. The Commodity Futures Modernization Act has eroded the historical dominance by the exchanges of futures trading in the United States by, among other things, permitting private transactions in most futures contracts and similar products and authorizing the use of electronic trading systems to conduct both private and public futures transactions. For a more detailed description of the regulation of our industry and the regulatory changes brought on by the Commodity Futures Modernization Act, see the section of this prospectus entitled "Business Regulatory Matters."

These changing market dynamics have led to increasing competition in all aspects of our business and from a number of different domestic and international sources of varied size, business objectives and resources. We now face competition from other futures, securities and securities option exchanges; OTC markets and clearing organizations; consortia formed by our members and large market participants;

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alternative trade execution facilities; technology firms, including market data distributors and electronic trading system developers; and other competitors.

At year-end 2001, there were 52 futures exchanges located in 27 countries, including nine futures exchanges in the United States. Because equity futures contracts are alternatives to underlying stocks and a variety of equity option and other contracts for obtaining exposure to the equity markets, we also compete with securities and options exchanges, including the New York Stock Exchange and CBOE, dealer markets such as Nasdaq and alternative trading systems such as Instinet.

OTC markets for foreign exchange and fixed-income derivatives products also compete with us. The largest foreign exchange markets are operated primarily as electronic trading systems. Two of the largest of these, operated by Electronic Broking Services and Reuters plc, respectively, serve primarily professional foreign exchange trading firms. Additional electronic platforms designed to serve corporate foreign exchange users are beginning to emerge. Two of these are operated by consortia of interdealer and interbank market participants. A third is a proprietary trading system. These systems present significant potential competitive challenges to the growth of our foreign exchange futures markets.

The OTC fixed-income derivatives market is by far the largest fixed-income derivatives marketplace. The OTC market consists primarily of interbank and interdealer market participants. There is currently no single liquidity pool in the OTC fixed-income derivatives market that is comparable to our Eurodollar markets. The OTC market for fixed-income derivatives products has traditionally been limited to more customized products, and the large credit exposures created in this market and the absence of clearing facilities have limited participation to the most creditworthy institutional participants. However, the size of this market and technology-driven developments in electronic trading and clearing facilities, as well as regulatory changes implemented by the Commodity Futures Modernization Act, increase the likelihood that one or more substantial liquidity pools will emerge in the future in the OTC fixed-income derivatives market.

Other emerging competitors include consortia owned by firms that are members of our exchange, and large market participants also may become our competitors. For example, BrokerTec Global LLC, or BrokerTec, an electronic interdealer fixed-income broker whose members include Citigroup, Credit Suisse First Boston, Deutsche Bank AG, Goldman Sachs Group, J.P. Morgan Chase, Lehman Brothers, Merrill Lynch & Co., Morgan Stanley and UBS Warburg, is a significant intermediary in the market for U.S. Treasury securities, Euro-denominated sovereign debt and other fixed-income securities and repurchase transactions involving those securities. In addition, BrokerTec has recently launched an electronic futures exchange and clearing house for futures contracts on U.S. Treasury securities and may list futures on other fixed-income instruments in the future. All of the members of BrokerTec are currently our member firms or affiliates of our member firms and include many of the most significant participants in our Eurodollar and S&P 500 futures markets.

Alternative trade execution facilities that currently specialize in the trading of equity securities have electronic trade execution and routing systems that also can be used to trade products that compete with our products. While these firms generally may lack overall market liquidity

and distribution capability, typically, they have advanced electronic and Internet technology, significant capitalization and competitive pricing. In addition, while there is currently relatively little electronic trading of OTC equity derivatives and the greatest portion of this market is conducted through privately negotiated transactions, it is likely that one or more OTC equity derivatives markets will emerge in the future.

Technology companies, market data and information vendors and front-end software vendors also represent potential competitors because, as purveyors of market data, these firms typically have substantial distribution capabilities. As technology firms, they also have access to trading engines that can be connected to their data and information networks. Additionally, technology and software firms that develop trading systems, hardware and networks that are otherwise outside of the financial services industry may be attracted to enter our markets.

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We also face a threat of trading volume loss if a significant number of our traditional participants decide to trade futures or similar products among themselves without using any exchange or specific trading system. The Commodity Futures Modernization Act allows nearly all of our largest customers to transact futures or similar products directly with each other. While those transactions raise liquidity and credit concerns, they may be attractive based on execution costs, flexibility of terms, negotiability of margin or collateral deposits, or other considerations. Additionally, changes under the Commodity Futures Modernization Act permitting the establishment of stand-alone clearing facilities for futures and OTC derivatives transactions will facilitate the mitigation of credit-risk concentrations arising from such transactions.

We believe competition in the derivatives and securities businesses is based on a number of factors, including, among others:

depth and liquidity of markets and related benefits;

transaction costs;

breadth of product offerings and rate and quality of new product development;

transparency, reliability and anonymity in transaction processing;

connectivity;

technological capability and innovation;

efficient and secure settlement, clearing and support services; and

reputation.

We believe that we compete favorably with respect to these factors, and that our deep, liquid markets; breadth of product offerings; rate and quality of new product development; and efficient, secure settlement, clearing and support services distinguish us from our competitors. We believe in order to maintain our competitive position, we must continue to develop new and innovative products; enhance our technology infrastructure, including its reliability; and maintain liquidity and low transaction costs.

We expect competition in our businesses to intensify as potential competitors expand into our markets, particularly as a result of technological advances and the Commodity Futures Modernization Act and other changes introduced by the CFTC that have reduced the regulatory requirements for the development and entry of products and markets that are competitive with our own. Additional factors that may intensify competition in the future include: an increase in the number of for-profit exchanges; the consolidation of our customer base or intermediary base; an increased acceptance of electronic trading and electronic order routing by our customer base; and the increasing ease and falling cost of other exchanges leveraging their technology investment and electronic distribution to enter new markets and list the products of other exchanges.

In addition to the competition we face in our derivatives business, we face a number of competitors in our business services and transaction processing business, including:

other exchanges and clearing houses seeking to leverage their infrastructure; and

technology firms, including front-end developers, back-office processing systems firms and match engine developers.

We believe competition in the business service and transaction processing market is based on, among other things, the cost of the services provided, quality and reliability of the services, timely delivery of the services, reputation and value of linking with existing products, markets and distribution.

Regulatory Matters

The Commodity Exchange Act the scope of which was significantly expanded in 1974, subjected us to comprehensive regulation by the CFTC. Under the 1974 amendments, the CFTC was granted exclusive jurisdiction over futures contracts (and options on such contracts and on commodities). Such contracts were generally required to be traded on regulated exchanges known as contract markets. The Commodity Exchange Act placed our business in a heavily regulated environment but imposed significant barriers to unregulated competition.

Between 1974 and December 2000, the barriers against unregulated competitors were eroded. The Commodity Exchange Act's exchange trading requirement was modified by CFTC regulations and interpretations to permit privately negotiated swap contracts meeting specified requirements to be transacted in the OTC market. At December 31, 2001, according to data from the Bank for International Settlements, the total estimated notional amount of outstanding OTC derivatives contracts was nearly \$111.0 trillion compared to nearly \$23.5 trillion for exchange-traded futures and options contracts. The CFTC exemption and interpretations under which the OTC derivatives market operated precluded the OTC market from using exchange-like electronic transaction systems and clearing facilities.

The Commodity Futures Modernization Act, which became effective on December 21, 2000, significantly altered the regulatory landscape and may have important competitive consequences. This legislation greatly expanded the freedom of regulated markets, like ours, to innovate and respond to competition. It also permits us to offer a previously prohibited set of products—single stock futures and futures on narrow-based indexes of securities. The provisions that permit us to trade these security futures products require a novel sharing of jurisdiction between the CFTC and the SEC. Exchange trading of these security futures products is subject to more burdensome regulation than our other futures products. For example, in order to trade these products, we are required to "notice register" with the SEC as a special purpose national securities exchange solely for the purpose of trading security futures products, and the SEC is authorized to review some of our rules relating to these security futures products. Our members trading those products are subject to registration requirements and duties and obligations to customers under the securities laws that do not pertain to their other futures business.

The Commodity Futures Modernization Act excluded or exempted many of the activities of our non-exchange competitors from regulation under the Commodity Exchange Act. The Commodity Futures Modernization Act created broad exclusions and exemptions from the Commodity Exchange Act that permit derivatives contracts, which may serve the same or similar functions as the contracts we offer, to be sold in the largely unregulated OTC market, including through electronic trading facilities.

Additionally, the Commodity Futures Modernization Act permits SEC-regulated and bank clearing organizations to clear a broad array of derivatives products in addition to the products that such clearing organizations have traditionally cleared. The Commodity Futures Modernization Act also permits banks and broker-dealers, and some of their affiliates, to offer and sell foreign exchange futures to retail customers without being subject to regulation under the Commodity Exchange Act.

The Commodity Futures Modernization Act created a new flexible regulatory framework for us in our capacity as a CFTC registrant, and eliminated many prescriptive requirements of the Commodity Exchange Act and CFTC in favor of more flexible core principles. For instance, CFTC-regulated exchanges may now list new contracts and adopt new rules without prior CFTC approval under self-certification procedures, permitting more timely product launch and modification.

For regulated markets, the Commodity Futures Modernization Act creates a new three-tiered regulatory structure. The degree of regulation is related to the characteristics of the product and the type

of customer that has direct or indirect access to the market, with retail customer markets being subject to greater regulation. The new three-tiered regulatory structure is as follows:

designated contract markets with retail customer participation are subject to the highest level of regulation;

derivatives transaction execution facilities with access limited to institutional traders and others trading through members that meet specified capital and other requirements and products limited to contracts that are less susceptible to manipulation (including single stock futures) will be subject to a lesser degree of regulation; and

exempt boards of trade subject to the least regulation are characterized by products without cash markets or that are highly unlikely to be susceptible to manipulation and by the participation only of institutional traders and others that meet specified asset requirements.

Our existing market, which trades a broad range of products and permits intermediaries to represent unsophisticated customers, is subject to the most thorough oversight as a designated contract market. The Commodity Futures Modernization Act permits us to organize markets that are subject to lesser regulation depending on the types of products traded and the types of traders. Markets can be organized that trade only products that are unlikely to be susceptible to manipulation and permit direct trading only among institutional participants in order to achieve a less intrusive degree of oversight.

The Commodity Futures Modernization Act also provides for regulation of derivatives clearing organizations (DCOs), like our clearing house, separately from the exchanges for which they clear contracts and permits DCOs to clear a range of OTC-traded products in addition to products traded on an exchange. The Commodity Futures Modernization Act requires a DCO that clears for a registered futures exchange to register with the CFTC. However, our clearing house was deemed to be registered by reason of its activities prior to enactment of the Commodity Futures Modernization Act. A DCO may accept for clearing any new contract or may adopt any new rule or rule amendment by providing to the CFTC a written certification that the new contract, rule or rule amendment complies with the Commodity Exchange Act. Alternatively, the DCO may request that the CFTC grant prior approval to any contract, rule or rule amendment, and the CFTC must grant approval within 75 days unless the CFTC finds that the proposed contract, rule, or rule amendment would violate the Commodity Exchange Act.

From time to time it is proposed in Congress that federal financial markets regulators should be consolidated, including a possible merger between the CFTC and the SEC. While those proposals have not been adopted to date, the perceived convergence of product lines offered on the securities and commodity exchanges could make adoption more likely. To the extent the regulatory environment following such consolidation is less beneficial for us, our business, financial condition and operating results could be negatively affected.

From time to time it is proposed in the President's budget that a transaction tax be imposed on futures and options on futures transactions. While those proposals have not been adopted to date, except for a per-contract fee on single stock futures and futures on narrow-based stock indexes, the imposition of any such tax could increase the cost of using our products and, consequently, our business, financial condition and operating results could be negatively affected.

Our Shareholders and Members

As a result of our conversion into a for-profit corporation in the fall of 2000, individuals and entities who, at the time, owned trading privileges on our exchange became the owners of all of the outstanding equity of CME. In our reorganization into a holding company structure, CME shareholders exchanged their shares for shares of CME Holdings. CME shareholders with memberships and trading privileges in CME retained them after the merger. Owners of memberships on our exchange currently own, of record, substantially all of our outstanding Class A common stock. CME members can execute trades for their own

accounts or for the accounts of customers of clearing firms. Members who trade for their own account, including those who lease trading privileges, qualify for lower transaction fees in recognition of the market liquidity that their trading activity provides. These members also

benefit from market information advantages that may accrue from their proximity to activity on the trading floors. Generally, member customers are charged lower fees than our non-member customers. In the first nine months of 2002, our members were responsible for approximately 78% of our total trading volume. There are four divisions of membership at our exchange: the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, or CME, division; the International Monetary Market, or IMM, division; the Index and Option Market, or IOM, division; and the Growth and Emerging Markets, or GEM, division. Each membership division has different trading privileges. Membership applicants planning to access the trading floor are subject to a review and approval process prior to obtaining trading privileges. We also have individual trading members and clearing firms. For a more detailed discussion of our exchange membership interests, see the section of this prospectus entitled "Description of Capital Stock."

Membership in our exchange entitles members to appear on the floor of the exchange during business days and act as a floor broker and/or floor trader executing trades in the appropriate contracts that correlate with their membership division. Applicants for membership on our exchange are required to be of good moral character, reputation and business integrity. They must also have adequate financial resources and credit to assume the responsibilities and privileges of membership. All members must understand the rules and regulations of our exchange and agree to abide by them. Additionally, they must comply with the provisions of the Commodity Exchange Act and the rules and regulations issued by the CFTC.

Our exchange is a self-regulatory organization subject to the oversight of the CFTC. Members submit to the jurisdiction of our exchange rules. Our Division of Market Regulation is the investigative and enforcement arm of our exchange with regard to our exchange rules. Members who are found to have violated a rule can be subject to sanctions such as fines, trading suspensions and/or expulsion from our exchange. Changes to our rules must be approved by our board of directors. Some rule changes are subject to CFTC approval prior to their implementation. In addition, members receive prior notice of a new rule or amendment before it becomes effective through various publications.

Under the terms of our certificate of incorporation, our members, as Class B shareholders, have the ability to protect their rights to trade on our exchange by means of special approval rights over changes to the operation of our markets and are entitled to elect six of the 20 directors on our board. In particular, our certificate of incorporation includes a grant to the holders of our Class B common stock of the right to approve any changes to the trading floor rights, access rights and privileges that a member has, the number of memberships in each membership class and the related number of authorized shares in each class of Class B common stock and the eligibility requirements to exercise trading rights or privileges. Class B shareholders must approve any changes to these special rights.

Our Shareholder Relations and Membership Services Department maintains an auction market for individual membership interests and for membership interests bundled with their associated Class A shares. Prospective purchasers sign and file with the department a "Bid to Purchase" form which must be guaranteed by either a clearing firm or accompanied by a certified or cashier's check. The department posts bids, offers and last trade prices for purchase of membership interests and for membership interests bundled with their associated Class A shares. The department then matches the highest bid to buy with the lowest offer to sell.

Other Business Relationships and Subsidiaries

GFX Corporation. GFX Corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary of CME, was established in 1997 for the purpose of maintaining and creating liquidity in our foreign exchange futures contracts. GFX accounted for 2.4%, 1.0% and 0.7% of our consolidated net revenues in 2000, 2001 and the nine months

ended September 30, 2002, respectively. Experienced foreign exchange traders employed by GFX buy and sell our foreign exchange futures contracts using our GLOBEX system. They limit risk from these transactions through offsetting transactions using futures contracts or spot foreign exchange transactions with approved counterparties in the interbank market.

CME Trust. The Chicago Mercantile Exchange Trust, or the CME Trust, was established in 1969 to provide financial assistance, on a discretionary basis, to customers of any clearing firm that becomes insolvent. We funded the CME Trust through tax-deductible contributions until June 1996. The CME Trust had approximately \$57.5 million, \$55.4 million and \$52.0 million in net assets as of September 30, 2002, December 31, 2001 and 2000, respectively, as a result of contributions, investment income and the absence of any distributions. Trustees of the CME Trust, who are also members of our board of directors, have discretion to use the CME Trust to satisfy customer losses in the event a clearing firm fails to or is in such severe financial condition that it cannot meet a customer's obligations, provided that the customer's losses are related to transactions in our contracts. No outside parties have any residual interest in the assets of the CME Trust.

Licensing Agreements

Standard & Poor's. We have had a licensing arrangement with Standard & Poor's Corporation since 1980. In 1997, all of our previous licensing agreements with Standard & Poor's were consolidated into one agreement that terminates on December 31, 2013 and includes a clause

to renegotiate potential extensions in good faith. Under the terms of the agreement, S&P granted us a license to use certain S&P stock indexes and the related trade names, trademarks and service marks in connection with the creation, marketing, trading, clearing and promoting of futures and/or options contracts that are indexed to certain S&P stock indexes. The license is exclusive until December 31, 2008 for S&P stock indexes licensed to us and listed by us prior to September 24, 1997. For contracts granted before September 24, 1997 but not listed before September 24, 1997, the licenses are exclusive for one year with possible extensions, and, once listed, the license will be exclusive upon meeting a certain minimum average trading volume or payment of a fee by us. For contracts granted and listed after September 24, 1997, and upon which we have listed indexed contracts for trading within one year of the grant date, the licenses are exclusive for two years after listing, after which they may be made exclusive for the remainder of the term of the agreement upon meeting a certain minimum average trading volume or payment of a fee by us. These licenses become non-exclusive in the event we and S&P do not agree on an extension or we list certain competitive contracts. We have a right of first refusal for stock indexes not licensed under the license agreement as of September 24, 1997 and that are developed solely by S&P before and during the term of the license agreement. We pay S&P a per trade fee and have made certain lump sum payments in accordance with the terms of our agreement. If S&P discontinues compilation and publication of any license or index, we may license, on a non-exclusive and royalty-free basis, the information regarding the list of companies, shares outstanding and divisors for that index or terminate the obligations regarding the index.

Nasdaq. We have had a licensing arrangement with The Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc. since 1996 to license the Nasdaq-100 Index and related trade names, trademarks and service marks. The license was exclusive for the first three-and-a-half years after trading of the Nasdaq-100 futures contracts began on April 10, 1996, and remains exclusive subject to the maintenance of certain trading volumes in the Nasdaq-100 futures contracts and options on those contracts. The exclusivity of the license means that Nasdaq will not grant a license to use the Nasdaq-100 Index in connection with the trading, marketing and promotion of futures contracts and options on those contracts that would be traded on any commodity exchange between 9:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. Eastern Standard Time or any time during the day on a commodity exchange located in the Western Hemisphere. The exclusivity is also subject to the ability of Nasdaq to allow Nasdaq-100 futures contracts to be traded on any markets that it owns or operates. We have paid a lump sum fee to Nasdaq and pay per trade fees as well. Our Nasdaq-100 license agreement will

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continue until April 10, 2006, with five-year extensions unless either party gives notice of termination at least 120 days prior to the end of the current period.

NSC. Our license agreement for the NSC software was signed with Paris Bourse^{SBF} SA in 1997, and it continues until 2022. The agreement was assigned by Paris Bourse^{SBF} SA to Euronext N.V. in 1997. Under the terms of the agreement, Euronext N.V. granted us a nonexclusive license to use the NSC software for the trading of our products and the products of certain other exchanges. The agreement also allows us to specify modifications and enhancements to the NSC software prior to delivery to be made by Paris Bourse^{SBF} SA. In addition, we have the right to use our GLOBEX trademark in conjunction with our operation of the electronic trading system based on NSC software. In consideration for the license of the NSC software, we granted Euronext N.V. a license to use and modify CLEARING 21. We also had a maintenance and development agreement with Euronext N.V., which expired at the end of 2001, under which we paid annual amounts and per day fees for certain services.

Intellectual Property

We regard substantial elements of our brand name, marketing elements and logos, products, market data, software and technology as proprietary. We attempt to protect these elements by relying on trademark, service mark, copyright and trade secret laws, restrictions on disclosure and other methods. For example, with respect to trademarks, we have registered marks in more than 20 countries. We have not filed any patent applications to protect our technology. Our rights to stock indexes for our futures products principally derive from license agreements that we have obtained from Standard & Poor's, Nasdaq, and other exchanges and institutions. For a more detailed discussion of these licenses, see the section of this prospectus entitled "Business Licensing Agreements."

We regularly review our intellectual property to identify property that should be protected, the extent of current protection for that property and the availability of additional protection. We believe our various trademarks and service marks have been registered or applied for where needed. We also seek to protect our software and databases as trade secrets and under copyright law. We have copyright registrations for certain of our software, user manuals, and databases. Recent legal developments allowing patent protection for methods of doing business hold the possibility of additional protection, which we are examining.

Patents of third parties may have an important bearing on our ability to offer certain of our products and services. It is possible that, from time to time, we may face claims of infringement that could interfere with our ability to use technology or other intellectual property that is material to our business.

Legal Proceedings

From time to time, we are involved in legal proceedings and litigation arising in the ordinary course of business. As of the date of this prospectus, we are not a party to or threatened with any litigation or other legal proceeding that, in our opinion, could have a material adverse effect on our business, operating results or financial condition.

On May 5, 1999, we, CBOT, NYMEX and Cantor Fitzgerald, L.P. were sued by Electronic Trading Systems, Inc. in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas (Dallas Division) for alleged infringement of Wagner U.S. patent 4,903,201, entitled "Automated Futures Trade Exchange." The patent relates to a computerized exchange system for transacting sales of a futures contract wherein bids to purchase or offers to sell the contract are made through remote terminals and a computer automatically matches offers and bids to complete the transaction. On March 29, 2001, eSpeed, Inc., an affiliate of Cantor Fitzgerald, acquired certain rights to the patent. On August 26, 2002, we, along with CBOT, entered into a settlement agreement to resolve the litigation. Although we do not believe that our current electronic trading system infringes the Wagner patent, the settlement was structured as a license in order to facilitate final disposition of the litigation. Under the terms of the settlement agreement, eSpeed granted

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us a worldwide, non-exclusive, non-transferable paid-up license to make, have made and use an electronic marketplace matching bids and offers, together with associated clearing and compliance functions, in each case as defined in the Wagner patent, for the life of the patent. As a condition to the license, we must pay \$15 million to eSpeed over a five year period. Under the terms of the agreement, we were required to make an initial payment of \$5 million within thirty days of the effective date of the settlement and we are required to make five subsequent annual payments of \$2 million. Except for the e-miNY energy futures contracts that are traded on the GLOBEX electronic trading platform as of the date of the settlement agreement plus one additional e-miNY energy futures offering, the license does not allow us to process trades for any third party futures exchange unless eSpeed has granted a license to the third party futures exchange. As part of the agreement, all companies are released from the legal claims brought against each other without admitting liability on the part of any company.

We are currently engaged in a dispute with Euronext-Paris, our licensor of the NSC software, regarding indemnification for our costs, fees and settlement payment associated with the litigation described above. In connection with the litigation, we invoked the indemnification provision of our license agreement with Euronext-Paris. While Euronext-Paris initially hired and paid the fees and expenses of a law firm to defend and contest the litigation, it reserved its rights under the license agreement in the event that any modifications we made to the licensed system were the cause of the alleged infringement. On June 25, 2001, Euronext-Paris wrote to disclaim responsibility for defense of the litigation, requested that we reimburse it for all legal expenses and other costs incurred to date and asked that we assume full responsibility for defending the litigation and all costs associated with our defense. Though we rejected that demand, we subsequently agreed with Euronext-Paris to share responsibility for defense of the litigation, utilizing new lead defense counsel selected by us, and to share equally the costs and expenses of the new counsel as of January 1, 2002. Neither we nor Euronext-Paris waived any rights with respect to the indemnification provision of the license agreement. We have requested that Euronext-Paris reimburse us for all litigation expenses, including the settlement amount, totaling an estimated \$18.5 million. On September 11, 2002, Euronext-Paris again disclaimed any indemnification obligation and gave notice that it was seeking reimbursement of its expenses in the litigation, totaling an estimated \$5.5 million. If we are unable to resolve our dispute, we expect the matter will be submitted to arbitration in accordance with the terms of the license agreement.

Properties and Facilities

Our trading facilities and corporate headquarters are located at 30 South Wacker Drive in Chicago, Illinois. We occupy approximately 445,000 square feet of office space under two leases. The term of the first lease expires in November 2003. The term of the second lease has recently been amended and expires in November 2008. Upon the expiration of the first lease in November 2003, all of the office space will be governed by the second lease, under which we have an option on three extensions that will allow us to continue to occupy this office space until November 2026. We also occupy 70,000 square feet of trading floor space under a lease with the CME Trust that expires in 2005. We have an option on three extensions that will allow us to continue to occupy this trading facility until October 2026. We maintain backup facilities for our electronic systems in separate office towers at 10 and 30 South Wacker Drive, and we opened a remote data center in a Chicago suburb that became operational in the third quarter of 2002. We also lease administrative office space in Washington, D.C., and Tokyo, Japan and both administrative and communication equipment space in London, England. We believe our facilities are adequate for our current operations and that additional space can be obtained if needed.

Employees

As of September 27, 2002, we had 1,118 employees. We consider relations with our employees to be good. We have never experienced a work stoppage. None of our employees are represented by a collective bargaining agreement. However, since 1982, we have had an

understanding with the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 399, AFL-CIO, relating to building engineers at our corporate headquarters building. Currently, there are seven employees to whom this understanding applies.

MANAGEMENT

Directors, Executive Officers and Key Advisors

The following table sets forth the directors, executive officers and key advisors of CME Holdings and CME and their ages and positions as of December 1, 2002:

Name	Age	Position
James J. McNulty(1)	51	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director
Terrence A. Duffy(1)(2)	44	Director and Chairman of the Board
Craig S. Donohue	41	Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer
Phupinder Gill	42	Managing Director and President, Clearing House Division
David G. Gomach	44	Managing Director and Chief Financial Officer
Scott L. Johnston	39	Managing Director and Chief Information Officer
Eileen Keeve	49	Managing Director, Organizational Development
James R. Krause	54	Managing Director, Operations and Enterprise Computing
Satish Nandapurkar	39	Managing Director, Products and Services
Nancy W. Goble	49	Managing Director and Chief Accounting Officer
Timothy R. Brennan	61	Director
John W. Croghan(3)	72	Director
Martin J. Gepsman(1)(2)	50	Director and Secretary of the Board
Daniel R. Glickman(2)	58	Director
Scott Gordon(1)	50	Director
Yra G. Harris	49	Director
Bruce F. Johnson	60	Director
Gary M. Katler	56	Director
Patrick B. Lynch(1)(3)	36	Director and Treasurer of the Board
Leo Melamed(1)	70	Director, Chairman Emeritus and Senior Policy Advisor
John D. Newhouse	57	Director
James E. Oliff(1)	54	Director and Vice Chairman of the Board
William G. Salatich, Jr.	51	Director
John F. Sandner(1)(3)	61	Director and Special Policy Advisor
Myron S. Scholes	61	Director
Verne O. Sedlacek(3)	48	Director
William R. Shepard(1)(2)	56	Director and Second Vice Chairman of the Board
Howard J. Siegel	46	Director

(1) Member of the executive committee.

(2) Member of the compensation committee.

(3) Member of the audit committee.

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James J. McNulty has served as President and Chief Executive Officer of CME since February 2000 and of CME Holdings since its formation on August 2, 2001. He has served as an appointed director of the boards of CME Holdings and CME since April 2002 and previously served as a non-voting member of the board of CME from February 2000 to April 2002 and of CME Holdings from its inception on August 2, 2001 to April 2002. Mr. McNulty has over 26 years of experience in global financial markets. Prior to joining us, he served as Managing Director and Co-Head of the Corporate Analysis and Structuring Team in the Corporate Finance Division at Warburg Dillon Read, an investment banking firm now known as UBS Warburg. He was a General Partner with O'Connor and Associates, a futures and options trading organization and a pioneer in sophisticated risk management technology, from 1987 to 1992. From 1984 to 1987 he was the founder and President of Hayes & Griffith Futures, Inc. He is currently on the boards of directors of OneChicago, the National Futures Association and World Business Chicago. Mr. McNulty is also a member of the board of visitors of the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Mr. McNulty's terms on the CME Holdings and CME boards expire in April 2003.

Terrence A. Duffy has served as Chairman of CME Holdings' and CME's boards since April 2002, has served as a director of CME Holdings' board since its formation on August 2, 2001 and of CME's board since 1995 and has been a member of our exchange for more than 20 years. Mr. Duffy served as Vice Chairman of CME Holdings' board from its formation on August 2, 2001 until April 2002 and of CME's board from 1998 until April 2002. Mr. Duffy has served as President of T.D.A. Trading, Inc. since 1981. Mr. Duffy's terms on the CME Holdings and CME boards expire in April 2003.

Craig S. Donohue has served as Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer, Office of the CEO, of CME Holdings and of CME since October 9, 2002. Prior to that, he served as Managing Director and Chief Administrative Officer of CME Holdings from its formation on August 2, 2001 and of CME from April 2001, when his title was changed from Managing Director, Business Development and Corporate/Legal Affairs of CME, which he had held since March 2000. He also previously served as Senior Vice President and General Counsel from October 1998 to March 2000. Prior to that, Mr. Donohue served as Vice President of the Division of Market Regulation from 1997 to 1998 and Vice President and Associate General Counsel from 1995 to 1997.

Phupinder Gill has served as Managing Director and President of CME's Clearing House Division and GFX since March 2000. Prior to that, he served as President of CME's Clearing House Division from July 1998 to March 2000, Senior Vice President of the Clearing House Division from May 1997 to July 1998 and Vice President from May 1994 to May 1997. Mr. Gill has held numerous other positions with us since 1988.

David G. Gomach has served as Managing Director and Chief Financial Officer of CME Holdings since its formation on August 2, 2001 and of CME since March 2000. He previously served as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of CME from December 1997 to March 2000, as Vice President, Administration and Finance and Chief Financial Officer of CME from June 1997 to December 1997 and as Vice President, Administration and Finance of CME from December 1996 to June 1997. Mr. Gomach is a certified public accountant.

Scott L. Johnston has served as Managing Director and Chief Information Officer of CME since April 2000. Prior to joining us, he served as Managing Director in the Information Technology Division at UBS Warburg, an investment banking firm, from 1998 to 2000. Mr. Johnston also served as that firm's Executive Director in the Foreign Exchange/Interest Rate Technology Division from 1996 to 1997 and as Director in the Foreign Exchange Division from 1994 to 1996.

Eileen Keeve has served as Managing Director, Organizational Development of CME since November 2002. She previously served as our Director, Human Resources from March 2000 to November 2002 and as our Vice President of Human Resources from July 1994 to March 2000.

James R. Krause has served as Managing Director, Operations and Enterprise Computing of CME since April 2001. He previously served as Managing Director, Enterprise Computing from March 2000 to April 2001. Prior to that, he served as Senior Vice President, Enterprise Computing from January 1999 to March 2000, Senior Vice President, Systems Development from May 1998 to January 1999 and Vice President, Systems Development from August 1990 to May 1998.

Satish Nandapurkar has served as Managing Director, Products and Services of CME since April 2001, when his title was changed from Managing Director, e-Business of CME, which he had held since March 2000. Prior to joining us, Mr. Nandapurkar served as Head of Strategic Solutions for OptiMark Technologies. He also served as Managing Director and Global Head of Foreign Exchange Options for the Bank of America in Chicago from 1997 to 1999, Managing Director and Head of Structured Equity Products Trading at Deutsche Bank Morgan Grenfell from 1996 to 1997, and Managing Director and Global Head of Exotic Options and Quantitative Methodologies for Swiss Bank Corporation in London from 1994 to 1996.

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Nancy W. Goble has served as Managing Director and Chief Accounting Officer of CME Holdings and CME since February 2002. She previously served as Director and Controller of CME Holdings from its formation on August 2, 2001 to February 2002, Director and Controller of CME from July 2000 to February 2002 and as Associate Director and Assistant Controller of CME from October 1997 to July 2000. Prior to that, she served as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer with Richard Ellis Inc., a commercial real estate firm, from 1993 until 1997. Ms. Goble is a certified public accountant.

Timothy R. Brennan has served as a director of CME Holdings since its formation on August 2, 2001, a director of CME since 1990 and has been a member of our exchange for more than 26 years. Mr. Brennan has been a floor broker and trader since 1974 and has also served as Executive Vice President of RB&H Financial Services, L.P., one of our clearing firms, for more than six years. Mr. Brennan's terms on the CME Holdings and CME boards expire in April 2004.

John W. Croghan has served as a director of CME Holdings since its formation on August 2, 2001, a director of CME since 2001 and has been a member of our exchange for more than one year. He is also a director of Republic Services, Inc. and Schwarz Paper Co. Previously, Mr. Croghan was founder and Chairman of Lincoln Capital Management and President of Lincoln Partners. Mr. Croghan's terms on the CME Holdings and CME boards expire in April 2003.

Martin J. Gepsman has served as Secretary of CME Holdings' board since its formation on August 2, 2001 and of CME's board since 1998, has served as a director of CME since 1994 and has been a member of our exchange for more than 17 years. Mr. Gepsman has also been an independent floor broker and trader since 1985. Mr. Gepsman's terms on the CME Holdings and CME boards expire in April 2004.

Daniel R. Glickman has served as a director of CME Holdings' board since its formation on August 2, 2001 and of CME's board since 2001. Since August 5, 2002, Mr. Glickman has served as Director of the Institute of Politics at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government and has been a Senior Advisor and Consultant in the law firm of Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld, where he was a Partner from February 2001. Mr. Glickman previously served as U.S. Secretary of Agriculture from March 1995 through January 2001 and as a member of the U.S. Congress, representing a district in Kansas, from January 1977 through January 1995. Mr. Glickman's terms on the CME Holdings and CME boards expire in April 2003.

Scott Gordon has served as a director of CME Holdings' board since its formation on August 2, 2001 and of CME's board since 1982 and has been a member of our exchange for more than 24 years. Mr. Gordon served as Chairman of CME Holdings from its formation on August 2, 2001 until April 2002 and as Chairman of CME from 1998 to April 2002, as Vice Chairman from 1995 to 1997 and as Secretary from 1984 to 1985 and 1988 to 1994. Mr. Gordon served as CME's acting Chief Executive Officer from

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April 1999 until February 2000. He has been President, Chief Operating Officer and director since 1999 of Tokyo-Mitsubishi Futures (USA), Inc., a clearing firm of our exchange, wholly owned by The Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi, Ltd. He previously served as that firm's Executive Vice President and director. He is also a member of the CFTC's Global Markets Advisory Committee and the Advisory Committee to the Illinois Institute of Technology Center for the Study of Law and Financial Markets. Mr. Gordon is a director of the Institute for Financial Markets. Mr. Gordon's terms on the CME Holdings and CME boards expire in April 2004.

Yra G. Harris has served as a director of CME Holdings' board since its formation on August 2, 2001 and of CME's board since 1997 and has been a member of our exchange for more than 23 years. Mr. Harris has been an independent floor trader since 1977. Mr. Harris' terms on the CME Holdings and CME boards expire in April 2003.

Bruce F. Johnson has served as a director of CME Holdings' board since its formation on August 2, 2001 and of CME's board since 1998 and has been a member of our exchange for more than 30 years. Mr. Johnson has served as President, Director and part owner of Packers Trading Company, Inc., a futures commission merchant and former clearing firm, since 1969. He is also a director of Eco Technology Inc., Nettle Creek Standard Bred Farm, Inc. and Smoke Rise Ranch Co. Mr. Johnson's terms on the CME Holdings and CME boards expire in April 2004.

Gary M. Katler has served as a director of CME Holdings' board since its formation on August 2, 2001 and of CME's board since 1993 and has been a member of our exchange for more than 14 years. He is currently Vice President of O'Connor & Company LLC. Previously, Mr. Katler was Head of the Professional Trading Group of Fimat USA from November 2000 to April 2002. Prior to that, Mr. Katler served as Senior Vice President of ING Barings Futures and Options Inc. Mr. Katler's terms on the CME Holdings and CME boards expire in April 2003.

Patrick B. Lynch has served as Treasurer of CME Holdings' and CME's boards since April 2002 and as a director of CME Holdings' board since its formation on August 2, 2001 and of CME's board since 2000. He has been a member of our exchange for more than 12 years and has

been an independent floor trader since 1990. Mr. Lynch's terms on the CME Holdings and CME boards expire in April 2004.

Leo Melamed has served as an elected director of CME Holdings' and CME's boards since April 2002. Mr. Melamed previously served as a non-voting director and Senior Policy Advisor of CME Holdings' board since its formation on August 2, 2001 and as Chairman Emeritus, Senior Policy Advisor and a non-voting director of CME. Mr. Melamed previously served as an elected and appointed board member for 26 years. He served as Chairman of CME from 1969 until 1972 and founding Chairman of the International Monetary Market from 1972 until its merger with our exchange in 1977. Mr. Melamed served as Special Counsel to CME's board from 1977 until 1991 and Chairman of our exchange's Executive Committee from 1985 until 1991. He has been a member of our exchange for more than 45 years. From 1993 to 2001, he served as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Sakura Dellscher, Inc., a clearing firm of our exchange, and he currently serves as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Melamed & Associates, a global consulting group. Mr. Melamed currently serves on the board of directors of OneChicago. He is also a member of the CFTC's Global Markets Advisory Committee. Mr. Melamed's terms on the CME Holdings and CME boards expire in April 2004.

John D. Newhouse has served as a director of CME Holdings' board since its formation on August 2, 2001 and of CME's board since 1996 and also previously served as a director of CME from 1980 to 1985 and 1987 to 1988. Mr. Newhouse has been a member of our exchange for more than 26 years and a floor broker and trader since 1975. He is currently President of John F. Newhouse & Company, and he also served as President of Euro Spread Brokers, a broker association filling orders in Eurodollars, from 1981 to 2000. He currently trades for his own account. He is a director of John F. Newhouse & Company and

Gator Trading Company. Mr. Newhouse's terms on the CME Holdings and CME boards expire in April 2004.

James E. Oliff has served as Vice Chairman of CME Holdings' and CME's boards since April 2002, as a director of CME since 1994 and has been a member of our exchange for more than 24 years. Mr. Oliff served as Second Vice Chairman of CME Holdings' board from its formation on August 2, 2001 until April 2002 and of CME's board from 1998 until April 2002. He previously served on CME's board from 1982 to 1992. Mr. Oliff has served as President and Chief Executive Officer of FFast Trade U.S., LLC, since December 2001, as Chief Operating Officer of FFastFill Inc., an organization that provides trading and risk management software solutions, since December 2001, as Executive Director of International Futures and Options Associates since 1996 and as President of FILO Corp., a floor brokerage business, since 1982. He also served as President of LST Commodities, LLC (an introducing broker), now known as FFast Trade U.S. LLC, from 1999 until January 2002. He currently serves on the board of directors of OneChicago. Mr. Oliff is a visiting lecturer in financial market ethics at the Lemberg School of International Finance and Economics at Brandeis University, Waltham, Massachusetts. Mr. Oliff's terms on the CME Holdings and CME boards expire in April 2003.

William G. Salatich, Jr. has served as a director of CME Holdings' board since its formation on August 2, 2001 and of CME's board since 1997 and has been a member of our exchange for more than 26 years. Mr. Salatich has been an independent floor broker and trader since 1975. Mr. Salatich's terms on the CME Holdings and CME boards expire in April 2003.

John F. Sandner has served as Special Policy Advisor and as a director of CME Holdings' board since its formation on August 2, 2001. Mr. Sandner has been Special Policy Advisor to CME since 1998, a member of CME's board since 1978 and a member of our exchange for more than 28 years. Previously, he served as Chairman of CME's board for 13 years. Mr. Sandner has served as President and Chief Executive Officer of RB&H Financial Services, L.P., a futures commission merchant and one of our clearing firms, since 1985. He was also Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of FreeDrive.com, an Internet business, from 1998 until 2001. Mr. Sandner currently serves on the board of directors of Click Commerce, Inc. and as a member of that company's audit committee. He also currently serves on the board of directors of the National Futures Association. Mr. Sandner's terms on the CME Holdings and CME boards expire in April 2003.

Myron S. Scholes has served as a director of CME Holdings' board since its formation on August 2, 2001 and of CME's board since 2000. He is Chairman of Oak Hill Platinum Partners and Managing Partner of Oak Hill Capital Management. Mr. Scholes is the Frank E. Buck Professor of Finance, Emeritus, at Stanford University's Graduate School of Business and a 1997 Nobel Laureate in Economics. He was formerly a limited partner and principal of Long Term Capital Management from 1993 until 1998. Currently, Mr. Scholes is also a director of Dimensional Fund Advisors Mutual Funds, the American Century Mutual Funds and Intelligent Markets. Mr. Scholes' terms on the CME Holdings and CME boards expire in April 2004.

Verne O. Sedlacek has served as a director of CME Holdings' board since its formation on August 2, 2001 and of CME's board since 1997. Mr. Sedlacek also has been Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Commonfund Group since January 2002. Mr. Sedlacek served as President and Chief Operating Officer of John W. Henry & Company, Inc., a commodity trading advisor, from 1998 through January 2002 and as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Harvard Management Company, Inc., a 501(c)(3) investment advisor

and a wholly owned subsidiary of Harvard University from 1983 to 1998. He is currently a director of the Futures Industry Association and Common Fund Capital Inc. He is also a member of the Global Markets Advisory Committee of the CFTC. Mr. Sedlacek's terms on the CME Holdings and CME boards expire in April 2003.

William R. Shepard has served as Second Vice Chairman of CME Holdings' and CME's boards since April 2002 and as a director of CME Holdings' board since its formation on August 2, 2001 and of CME's board since 1997 and has been a member of our exchange for more than 28 years. Mr. Shepard is founder and President of Shepard International, Inc., a futures commission merchant. Mr. Shepard's terms on the CME Holdings and CME boards expire in April 2004.

Howard J. Siegel has served as a director of CME Holdings' board since its formation on August 2, 2001 and of CME's board since 2000 and has been a member of our exchange for more than 24 years. Mr. Siegel has been a floor trader since 1977. Mr. Siegel's terms on the CME Holdings and CME boards expire in April 2004.

Election of Directors

Our certificate of incorporation provides that our board of directors be composed of 20 members. The board of directors is divided into two classes, each of whose members serve for a staggered two-year term. Messrs. Duffy, Croghan, Glickman, Harris, Katler, McNulty, Oliff, Salatich, Sandner and Sedlacek serve in the class whose term expires at the annual meeting of shareholders in 2003, and Messrs. Brennan, Gepsman, Gordon, Johnson, Lynch, Melamed, Newhouse, Scholes, Shepard and Siegel serve in the class whose term expires at the annual meeting of shareholders in 2004. Upon the expiration of the term of a class of directors, directors in that class will be elected for two-year terms at the annual meeting of shareholders in the year in which that term expires.

Holders of our Class B-1, B-2 and B-3 common stock have the right to elect six directors to the board. The remaining directors are elected by the holders of the Class A and Class B common stock, voting together as a class. The nominating committee, composed of members of the board of directors, nominates the slate of candidates to be elected by the holders of the Class A common stock and Class B common stock, voting together. This committee is responsible for assessing the qualifications of candidates as well as ensuring that regulatory requirements with respect to the composition of the board are met. The holders of the Class B-1, B-2 and B-3 common stock have the right to elect members of nominating committees for their respective class, which are responsible for nominating candidates for election by their class. Each committee is responsible for assessing the qualifications of candidates to serve as directors to be elected by that class. Our certificate of incorporation requires that director candidates for election by a class of Class B common stock own, or be recognized under our rules as a permitted transferee of, at least one share of that class.

CME's certificate of incorporation requires that the board of directors of CME be the same as the board of directors of CME Holdings.

Board Committees

The following are the six principal committees of the board of directors:

Audit committee. The audit committee of our board consists of Messrs. Croghan, Lynch, Sandner and Sedlacek. The audit committee's primary responsibilities include engaging independent accountants; appointing the chief internal auditor; approving independent audit fees; reviewing quarterly and annual financial statements; reviewing audit results and reports, including management comments and recommendations; reviewing our system of controls and policies, including those covering conflicts of interest and business ethics; evaluating reports of actual or threatened litigation; considering significant changes in accounting practices and examining improprieties or suspected improprieties. Mr. Croghan is Chairman of the audit committee.

Compensation committee. The compensation committee of our board consists of Messrs. Duffy, Gepsman, Glickman and Shepard. The compensation committee's primary responsibilities include making recommendations to the board concerning salaries and incentive compensation for our officers,

determining employee compensation policy and administering our employee benefit plans. Mr. Shepard is Chairman of the compensation committee.

Executive committee. The executive committee of our board consists of Messrs. Duffy, Gepsman, Gordon, Lynch, McNulty, Melamed, Oliff, Sandner and Shepard. The executive committee of our board has and may exercise the authority of the board of directors, when the board is not in session, except in cases where action of the entire board is required by the charter, the bylaws or applicable law. Mr. Duffy is chairman of the executive committee.

Nominating committee. The nominating committee of our board consists of Messrs. Gepsman, Melamed, Scholes, Shepard and Siegel. The nominating committee reviews the qualifications of potential candidates and proposes nominees for the 14 positions on the board of directors that are nominated by the board. This committee is composed of five directors selected by the board. The board strives to have a nominating committee that reflects the diversity of the board. This committee will consider nominees recommended by shareholders if the recommendations are submitted in writing and accompanied by a description of the proposed nominee's qualifications and other relevant biographical information and evidence of the consent of the proposed nominee. Under our bylaws, nominations may not be made at the annual meeting.

Board steering committee. The board steering committee of our board consists of Messrs. Duffy, Gepsman, Gordon, Harris, Lynch, McNulty, Melamed, Oliff, Sandner and Shepard. The board steering committee reviews management recommendations regarding strategic, business, legislative and regulatory policy determinations, reviews goals and priorities for the Chief Executive Officer and Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer, monitors performance against previously set objectives.

Governance committee. The governance committee of our board consists of Messrs. Duffy, Gepsman, Glickman, Gordon, Katler, Melamed and Sandner. The governance committee develops and recommends to the board of directors a set of governance principles and oversees our policies, practices and procedures in the area of corporate governance. On November 7, 2002, the board of directors adopted corporate governance principles based on the recommendations of the governance committee.

The board also has the following committees: electronic transition committee; marketing and public relations advisory committee; and strategic implementation committee.

Director Compensation

Each director receives an annual stipend of \$25,000, plus a meeting attendance fee of \$1,500 for each regular meeting of the board that he or she attends, excluding special administrative meetings. Directors also receive an attendance fee of \$1,000 for each committee meeting. In addition, directors receive an attendance fee of \$1,000 for each meeting of special board hearing committees which are appointed as needed. Directors also receive a \$1,000 fee for attendance at each functional committee meeting, including the arbitration, business conduct, market regulation oversight, membership, probable cause, pit supervision and trading floor operations committees. Directors also receive reimbursement of expenses for travel to board meetings. Our Chairman, Mr. Duffy, receives an annual stipend of \$350,000, plus reimbursement of other board-related expenses. Our Chairman Emeritus and Senior Policy Advisor, Mr. Melamed, and our Special Policy Advisor, Mr. Sandner, each receive an annual stipend of \$200,000, plus reimbursement of other board-related expenses. Our Chairman Emeritus and Senior Policy Advisor is also entitled to reimbursement of up to \$150,000 annually for non-travel expenses. These expenses relate to his duties as a director and advisor, such as office and secretarial expenses. The stipends and expense reimbursement paid to our Senior Policy Advisor and Special Policy Advisor are paid in respect of the significant time and effort these advisors devote to their work as directors above that demanded of other directors who do not serve a similar role.

Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation

None of the members of our compensation committee is an executive officer or employee of our company. With the exception of Mr. McNulty, none of our executive officers serves as a current member of our board of directors or as a member of the compensation committee of any entity that has one or more executive officers serving on our compensation committee.

Compensation of Executive Officers

The following table sets forth information on compensation earned by our Chief Executive Officer and each of the next four most highly compensated executive officers during the year ended December 31, 2001.

Summary Compensation Table

Name and Principal Position	Year	Annual Compensation		Long-Term Compensation Awards-Securities Underlying Options/SARs(#)	All Other Compensation(1)
		Salary	Bonus		
James J. McNulty	2001	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 892,500	0	\$ 268,462
President and Chief	2000	865,385	1,000,000	1,438,734(2)	2,100,500
Executive Officer	1999				
Phupinder S. Gill	2001	417,600	700,000	100,000	107,344
Managing Director and President,	2000	416,923	200,000	0	101,616
Clearing House Division	1999	400,000	160,000	0	80,914
Scott L. Johnston	2001	250,000	775,000	100,000	102,751
Managing Director and	2000	162,185	800,000	0	16,904
Chief Information Officer	1999				
Craig S. Donohue	2001	250,000(3)	500,000	100,000	96,500
Executive Vice President and	2000	249,654	350,000	0	67,473
Chief Administrative Officer	1999	210,622	175,000	0	43,938
James R. Krause	2001	224,500	500,000	100,000	68,757
Managing Director, Operations	2000	211,538	135,000	0	59,783
and Enterprise Computing	1999	198,846	96,000	0	49,153

(1)

All Other Compensation details for 2001:

	401 (k) Contribution	Pension Contribution	Supplemental Plan(4)	SERP Contribution(5)	Total
Mr. McNulty	\$ 8,500	\$ 13,600	\$ 86,362	\$ 160,000	\$ 268,462
Mr. Gill	8,500	10,200	39,236	49,408	107,344
Mr. Johnston	8,500	5,263	4,988	84,000	102,751
Mr. Donohue	8,500	10,200	29,800	48,000	96,500
Mr. Krause	8,500	13,600	17,897	28,760	68,757

(2)

Gives effect to our reorganization as if it occurred on December 31, 2000. As a result of the reorganization, we issued additional Class A shares in an amount approximately equal to the Class A share equivalents previously embedded in the Class B shares. Accordingly, the number of Class A shares included in the option was increased.

(3)

Effective October 9, 2002, Mr. Donohue's annual salary was increased to \$550,000.

(4)

The items included under "Supplemental Plan" are: a 401(k) make-whole; a pension make-whole; and a discretionary bonus make-whole. A 401(k) make-whole is a company paid contribution for highly compensated individuals who have exceeded statutory contribution limits imposed by the provisions of our qualified 401(k) savings plan. A pension make-whole is a company paid contribution for highly compensated individuals who have exceeded statutory contribution limits imposed by our qualified pension plan. A discretionary bonus make-whole is a company paid contribution of up to 2% of the employee's annual salary, for highly compensated individuals who have exceeded the compensation limit identified in Section 401A of the Internal Revenue Code.

(5)

SERP Contribution refers to our Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan, a non-qualified defined contribution plan for highly compensated senior officers.

Option/SAR Grants in 2001

Name	Number of Securities Underlying Options/SARs Granted(#)	Percent of Total Options/SARs Granted to Employees in Fiscal Year	Exercise or Base Price Per Share	Expiration Date	Potential Realizable Value at Assumed Rates of Stock Price Appreciation for Option Term (10 Years)(1)	
					5%	10%
Mr. Gill	100,000	8.5%	\$22	May 7, 2011	\$1,147,378	\$3,130,141
Mr. Johnston	100,000	8.5	22	May 7, 2011	1,147,378	3,130,141
Mr. Donohue	100,000	8.5	22	May 7, 2011	1,147,378	3,130,141
Mr. Krause	100,000	8.5	22	May 7, 2011	1,147,378	3,130,141

(1)

These amounts represent assumed rates of appreciation required to be shown under Securities and Exchange Commission rules. Actual gains, if any, on stock option exercises are dependent on the future performance of our stock. We cannot assure you that the amounts reflected in these columns will be achieved or, if achieved, will exist at the time of any option exercise.

Option Values at December 31, 2001⁽¹⁾

		Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options at Fiscal Year End Exercisable/Unexercisable(#)	Value of Unexercised In-the-Money Options at Fiscal Year End Exercisable/Unexercisable(4)
Mr. McNulty(2)	Tranche A	287,747/431,620	\$6,151,890/\$9,227,836
	Tranche B	287,747/431,620	\$1,751,785/\$2,627,677
Mr. Gill(3)		0/100,000	\$0/\$50,000
Mr. Johnston(3)		0/100,000	\$0/\$50,000
Mr. Donohue(3)		0/100,000	\$0/\$50,000
Mr. Krause(3)		0/100,000	\$0/\$50,000

(1)

No options were exercised during 2001.

(2)

Mr. McNulty's stock option is divided into two tranches. Each tranche of the option entitles Mr. McNulty to purchase up to 2.5% of all classes of our common stock that were issued upon our demutualization. Mr. McNulty's option was vested with respect to 40% and 60% of the shares covered by the option as of December 31, 2001 and September 30, 2002, respectively. On February 7 in each of 2003 and 2004, Mr. McNulty's option will vest with respect to an additional 20% of the shares covered by the option, subject to acceleration or termination in certain circumstances. For more information regarding the terms of Mr. McNulty's stock option, please see the section of this prospectus entitled "Management McNulty Compensation."

(3)

Messrs. Gill, Johnston, Donohue and Krause were granted their options on May 7, 2001. These options vest over a four-year period, with 40% vesting one year after the grant date and 20% vesting on that same date in each of the following three years, subject to acceleration or termination in certain circumstances. As of September 30, 2002, these options were each 40% vested.

(4)

Mr. McNulty's option value at December 31, 2002 was based on the excess of the estimated value of the option over the option exercise price for each tranche of the option. The estimated value of the Class B shares included in Mr. McNulty's option generally represents the last sales price of each Class B share, if a sale occurred within the last 15 business days preceding December 31, 2001. If no sale occurred within that time period, the average of the bid and offer at December 31, 2001 was used to value each of the Class B shares. Since our demutualization, there has not been an independent trading market for the Class A shares, and shares of our Class A common stock can only be sold or acquired as part of a bundle with the trading rights on our exchange and the related Class B shares. Therefore, the value of the Class A shares at December 31, 2001 was imputed based on the recent prices for the bundle and recent prices relating to the trading rights only. The value of the Class A shares included in the options for Messrs. Gill, Johnston, Donohue and Krause was imputed at December 31, 2001 using this same methodology.

McNulty Compensation

In February 2000, we entered into an employment agreement with Mr. McNulty to serve as our President and Chief Executive Officer. The agreement terminates on December 31, 2003, unless sooner terminated by us or Mr. McNulty. Under the agreement, Mr. McNulty will receive a minimum annual base salary of \$1.0 million. He is also eligible for an annual incentive bonus based upon the achievement of goals set by our board of directors, which bonus may not exceed the lesser of \$1.5 million or 10% of our net income. The agreement provides that Mr. McNulty will be eligible to participate in the benefit plans

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available generally to our senior officers, including our senior management supplemental deferred savings plan and Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan and certain other non-qualified benefit plans as disclosed in the Summary Compensation Table. We paid Mr. McNulty an aggregate of \$3,965,885 and \$2,160,962 in compensation for 2000 and 2001, respectively. Mr. McNulty's compensation for 2000 includes a \$2,000,000 sign-on bonus to compensate Mr. McNulty for compensation he forfeited at his previous employer. In addition to Mr. McNulty's salary and bonuses, these figures include amounts received as contributions from us under our 401(k) plan, pension plan and Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan. These compensation amounts do not include the value of health benefits and other similar group benefits available generally to employees. For the nine months ended September 30, 2002, Mr. McNulty has received \$769,231 in salary and \$134,015 in benefits. Excluded from this 2002 compensation is any cash bonus and any contributions for discretionary bonus make-whole and for the Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan that may occur after September 30, 2002, as these amounts have not yet been determined.

Mr. McNulty also has been granted a non-qualified stock option, which is designed to reward him for increasing our value after the commencement of his employment. At September 30, 2002, the Class A and Class B common stock included in the option had an aggregate value of \$93.5 million, assuming the option was fully vested and the value of each class of Class A common stock included in the option was \$32.50 per share, the mid-point of the range shown on the cover of this prospectus.

The exercise price of the option is fixed at an aggregate of \$54.6 million, based on the estimated value of the exchange on February 7, 2000, the date of grant, which was estimated to be approximately \$874 million. The option was granted prior to the time of the demutualization when the company had no shares of common stock outstanding. The value of the company was determined by multiplying the average sale price in the previous six months for each membership class by the number of memberships in each class. Exchange memberships were used to determine the value of the exchange as it was anticipated that these memberships would be converted to common stock as part of the planned demutualization. Mr. McNulty's option is divided into two tranches, each representing 2.5% of each class of our common stock at the time of our demutualization on November 13, 2000 and adjusted for our holding company reorganization on December 3, 2001, representing an aggregate of 5.0% of each class of common stock outstanding. Upon exercise, Tranche A of the option would enable Mr. McNulty to realize 2.5% of the increase above our valuation on February 7, 2000, and Tranche B would enable him to realize 2.5% of any increase in excess of 150% of our valuation on February 7, 2000. Mr. McNulty may exercise one tranche independent of the other. However, Mr. McNulty may only exercise for a percentage of all shares in a tranche. The components of the option and the allocated exercise prices are indicated below. Our board of directors currently has the discretion to settle the exercise of the option with any combination of shares of Class A or Class B common stock or cash having a value equal to the value of the option at the date of

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exercise. Following the offering, we do not expect that the option will be settled using Class B common stock.

	Number of Shares Included in the Option	Exercise Price per Share
Tranche A:		
Class A-1	179,844.400	\$ 18.47
Class A-2	179,844.400	18.47
Class A-3	179,839.400	18.47
Class A-4	179,760.875	18.47
Class B-1	15.625	143,850
Class B-2	20.325	138,244

	Number of Shares Included in the Option	Exercise Price per Share
Class B-3	32.175	104,990
Class B-4	10.300	18,717

Tranche B:

Class A-1	179,844.400	\$ 27.71
Class A-2	179,844.400	27.71
Class A-3	179,839.400	27.71
Class A-4	179,760.875	27.71
Class B-1	15.625	215,775
Class B-2	20.325	207,366
Class B-3	32.175	157,485
Class B-4	10.300	28,075

The agreement provides that the number of shares and exercise price of a class of common stock subject to the option must be adjusted as a result of an equity restructuring, such as a stock dividend, spin-off, stock split, rights offering or recapitalization through a special, large nonrecurring dividend that causes the market value per share of the stock underlying the option to decrease or increase. The agreement further provides that a large nonrecurring dividend will be deemed to have been paid in the event that a nonrecurring cash dividend has been paid that is 1.5 or more times the prior calendar year's S&P 500 average dividend yield. The amount of the adjustment will equal the excess of the amount of the nonrecurring dividend less such 1.5 times measure. The option was adjusted to include 5% of the additional Class A shares issued in connection with our reorganization. Neither the special dividend we paid in June 2002 nor this offering is deemed an equity restructuring under the terms of the agreement.

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At September 30, 2002, the estimated value of Mr. McNulty's option, assuming the option was fully vested and the value of a Class A share included in the option is equal to \$32.50, the mid-point of the range shown on the cover of this prospectus, is calculated as follows:

Class of Stock	Number of Shares	Estimated Value per Share	Total Estimated Value	Estimated Value in Excess of Exercise Price
(dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)				
Tranche A(1):				
Class A - all classes	719,289.075	\$ 32.50	\$ 23,377	
Class B-1	15.625	405,000	6,328	
Class B-2	20.325	387,500	7,876	
Class B-3	32.175	275,000	8,848	
Class B-4	10.300	29,500	304	
			\$ 46,733	
Less: Exercise Price			(21,841)	
				\$ 24,892
Tranche B(1):				
Class A - all classes	719,289.075	\$ 32.50	\$ 23,377	
Class B-1	15.625	405,000	6,328	
Class B-2	20.325	387,500	7,876	
Class B-3	32.175	275,000	8,848	
Class B-4	10.300	29,500	304	

Class of Stock	Number of Shares	Estimated Value per Share	Total Estimated Value	Estimated Value in Excess of Exercise Price
			\$ 46,733	
Less: Exercise Price			(32,761)	
				13,972
Total	1,438,735			\$ 38,864

(1)

The value of each Class B share generally represents the last sales price of a share of that class, if such a sale occurred within 15 business days of the valuation date. If no sale occurred within that time period, the average of the bid and offer at the valuation date is used to value the Class B share. Each class of Class B shares represents the value of the trading rights associated with that class.

The basket of stock subject to the option is used to determine the aggregate value of the option. In the event the option was exercised on September 30, 2002 and settled with cash, Mr. McNulty would have received \$38.9 million, based on the value of the option at September 30, 2002, as calculated in the table above. Settlement of the option with cash would have no impact on our net income. However, the number of shares used to calculate diluted earnings per share would decline, as the option would no longer be included in the number of diluted shares. If the option was fully vested and was exercised on September 30, 2002 and settled solely in Class A common stock, we would have been required to issue 2,875,873 shares, based on the value of the option at September 30, 2002, as calculated in the table above, and assuming that the exercise price was paid in cash.

The option expires and is no longer exercisable following the date that is the earlier of (a) the ten-year anniversary of the grant date, (b) the date on which Mr. McNulty is notified of his termination for cause, (c) in the event of death, following payment to Mr. McNulty's estate in accordance with the terms of the employment agreement, or (d) 180 days after Mr. McNulty terminates his employment without good reason. The option may be exercised only as to the portion of the option that has vested. The option vested with respect to 40% of the shares subject thereto on February 7, 2001 and with respect to an additional 20% on February 7, 2002. The option will vest with respect to an additional 20% on February 7, 2003, and will be completely vested on February 7, 2004, subject to acceleration in the event of the following: (i) a

termination by us of his agreement without cause or due to Mr. McNulty's death or permanent disability, (ii) a termination of the agreement by Mr. McNulty for "good reason", (iii) upon the expiration of the original term of the agreement or (iv) upon a change in control and termination as described below. The option is non-transferable except with the written consent of the compensation committee of our board of directors.

Mr. McNulty may exercise the option by delivering to us written notice of the percentage of shares covered by the option with respect to which the option is being exercised, accompanied by full payment of the exercise price of such shares. The exercise price of the shares purchased must be paid in full by any of the following methods, or any combination thereof, selected by Mr. McNulty: (i) in cash; (ii) in Class A common stock valued at its fair market value on the date of exercise; (iii) in Class B common stock valued at its fair market value on the date of exercise; (iv) in cash by a broker-dealer to whom Mr. McNulty has submitted an exercise notice consisting of a fully-endorsed option (in which case, we will pay up to \$50,000 of brokerage fees in connection with the exercise); (v) by agreeing to surrender a portion of the option then exercisable, valued at the fair market value of the shares covered by the option, minus the exercise price for such shares; or (vi) by directing us to withhold such number of shares otherwise issuable upon exercise of the option having an aggregate fair market value on the date of exercise equal to the exercise price of the option. Shares of Class A common stock distributed pursuant to exercise of the option are transferable by Mr. McNulty, subject to his being required to hold shares of Class A common stock with a fair market value equal to not less than three times his annual base salary while he remains employed by us as CEO.

On November 13, 2002, Mr. McNulty's employment agreement was amended. This amendment becomes effective upon the occurrence of three events: (i) this offering is completed; (ii) the Financial Accounting Standards Board adopts the amendment to Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123 as proposed in the Exposure Draft, dated October 4, 2002; and (iii) we adopt SFAS No. 123, as amended, as the

method for accounting for all employee stock options. If the amendment to the employment agreement becomes effective, the terms of the option will be amended as follows: (i) the provision that in the event of Mr. McNulty's death, the value of the option is paid in cash will be eliminated; (ii) the \$50,000 reimbursement of brokerage fees in the event the option is exercised through a broker-dealer will be eliminated; and (iii) our ability to deliver Class B shares to satisfy the option will be eliminated. If the amendment to the employment agreement becomes effective, the exercise of the option may only be satisfied through the delivery of cash, Class A shares or any combination in an amount equal to the value of the option at the date of exercise. No Class B shares could be used to satisfy the option in the event it is exercised. This amendment does not change the basis for calculating the value of the option. Even if the amendment does not become effective, we do not expect that, following the offering, we would settle the option using Class B shares.

The agreement terminates on December 31, 2003, unless sooner terminated by us or Mr. McNulty. We may terminate the agreement pursuant to its terms due to Mr. McNulty's death or disability, or with or without cause. In addition, Mr. McNulty may terminate the agreement at any time after one year upon 90 days written notice. He may also terminate the agreement for "good reason" if our principal place of business is relocated outside of the Chicago metropolitan area, if we fail, after notice, to pay the agreed-upon compensation or benefits or if he is demoted or his responsibilities are significantly diminished. The agreement provides that, in the event of a termination without cause by us, Mr. McNulty shall be entitled to receive his base salary for the remainder of the original term plus one-third of the maximum annual incentive bonus he would have received during such time. The agreement also provides that, in the event that Mr. McNulty terminates his employment after the first year on less than 90 days written notice, other than following one of the matters previously described as "good reason," we may set off against any amounts otherwise owed to him a sum equal to his daily salary for each day his notice of termination is less than 90 days. If Mr. McNulty's employment is terminated because of his death or disability, he or his beneficiary will continue to receive the base salary for six months following that

termination. In the event of his death or disability, his option will vest and, in the event of his death, be paid in cash.

The agreement also provides that, if within two years of a "change in control" (as defined in the agreement), Mr. McNulty is terminated by us or he terminates the agreement as a result of the occurrence of one of the matters described previously as "good reason," any unvested portion of his non-qualified stock option would immediately vest and generally become exercisable for a one-year period following termination of employment. In addition, in such event, Mr. McNulty will be entitled to a payment equal to two times his base salary plus one and one-third times the maximum incentive bonus for which he would have been eligible for the remaining term of the agreement, provided that the severance payments may not exceed \$8 million. The payments due to Mr. McNulty would be subject to reduction to the extent that a reduction would increase the net, after-tax amount of the payment retained by Mr. McNulty giving effect to the application of the excess parachute excise tax imposed by Section 4999 of the Internal Revenue Code.

In reaching the agreement with Mr. McNulty, we considered information drawn from a variety of sources, such as published survey data, information supplied by consultants and our own experience in recruiting and retaining executives. Mr. McNulty's base pay and bonus awards are designed to provide a competitive market salary and rewards based on his level of responsibility and performance. The option awarded to Mr. McNulty, like all of our long-term, equity-based compensation awards, is designed to align Mr. McNulty's interests with shareholder interests and to balance short- and long-term rewards.

Benefit Plans with Change in Control Provisions

Omnibus Stock Plan

We have adopted an Omnibus Stock Plan under which awards of incentive stock options, non-qualified stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock and other equity-based awards may be made to our employees and those of our affiliates. A total of approximately 2.7 million shares of our common stock are authorized for issuance under the Omnibus Stock Plan (subject to adjustment in the event of a merger, reorganization or similar corporate event involving us) of which approximately 2.7 million are subject to outstanding options or restricted share awards. The plan is administered by a committee of our board of directors, which has the responsibility for selecting recipients of awards under the plan, determining the terms and conditions of these awards and interpreting the provisions of the plan.

The Omnibus Stock Plan contains a change in control provision. A change of control generally occurs under the plan upon the occurrence of the following events:

any person acquires more than 50% of our then outstanding shares of Class A common stock or more than 50% of the combined voting power of the then outstanding shares of common stock;

individuals who comprised our board of directors on February 7, 2000 (generally including any person becoming a director who was nominated or approved by those persons), cease to constitute at least a majority of our board of directors;

a reorganization, merger, consolidation, or sale of all or substantially all of our assets under circumstances where (i) our shareholders prior to the transaction own less than 50% of the then outstanding shares or less than 50% of the combined voting power of the surviving or resulting corporation, (ii) the members of our board of directors immediately prior to the transaction do not constitute a majority of the board of directors of the resulting or surviving corporation or (iii) an individual or entity acquires 50% or more of the common stock or combined voting power of the surviving or resulting entity; or

the approval by our shareholders of a complete liquidation or dissolution of CME Holdings.

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The Omnibus Stock Plan generally provides that, in the event of a change in control as a result of which our shareholders receive registered common stock, all unvested options issued under the plan shall become vested and exercisable, restrictions shall lapse with respect to any restricted stock issued under the plan and performance goals applicable to outstanding awards shall be deemed to have been achieved. If the consideration to be received by our shareholders pursuant to the change in control is not registered common stock, outstanding awards will be cancelled in exchange for a cash payment equal to the value of such award (as defined in the Omnibus Stock Plan).

Pension Plan

We maintain a non-contributory defined benefit cash balance pension plan for eligible employees. To be eligible, an employee must be 21 years of age and have been employed with us for a continuous 12-month period. Participants become vested in their accounts after five years of service. An individual pension account is maintained for each plan participant. During employment, each individual pension account is credited with an amount equal to an age-based percentage of that individual's earnings plus the greater of 4% or the December yield on one-year Treasury maturities. Effective January 15, 1995, we amended our pension plan to provide for any age-based contribution to a cash balance account, and to include cash bonuses in the definition of earnings. Our policy is to fund at least those pension costs that are currently required by law. Vested balances may be paid out when participants end their employment with us. Alternatively, a participant may elect to receive the balance in the account in the form of one of various monthly annuities. The following is the schedule of the employer contributions based on age:

Age	Employer Contribution Percentage
Under 30	3%
30-34	4
35-39	5
40-44	6
45-49	7
50-54	8
Over 54	9

The individuals named below have projected annual retirement benefits, based on current accumulated balances, a future annual interest credit rate of 6% and future service to age 65 at current salary levels, as follows: Mr. McNulty, \$40,702; Mr. Gill, \$103,662; Mr. Johnston, \$95,684; Mr. Donohue, \$109,078; and Mr. Krause, \$52,770.

CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS

UBS Warburg LLC, one of the lead underwriters of this offering, has provided financial advisory services to us. Prior to becoming President and Chief Executive Officer of the company, Mr. McNulty was an executive at Warburg Dillon Read, predecessor of UBS Warburg LLC.

Of our 20 directors, 17 directors own or are officers or directors of others who own memberships on our exchange, including several directors who serve as officers or directors of clearing firms. Clearing firms pay substantial fees to us in connection with services we provide. We believe that the services provided to these clearing firms are on terms no more favorable to those firms than terms given to clearing firms not

affiliated with directors. Several of our directors are floor traders, floor brokers or otherwise trade on our exchange. Directors who trade on our exchange pay the same fees as all comparable members.

PRINCIPAL AND SELLING SHAREHOLDERS

The following table sets forth information regarding beneficial ownership of CME Holdings' common stock as of October 23, 2002 by:

each of our directors;

each of our named executive officers;

all directors and executive officers as a group;

each selling shareholder; and

all selling shareholders as a group.

Beneficial ownership is determined according to the rules of the SEC, and generally means that person has beneficial ownership of a security if he or she possesses sole or shared voting or investment power of that security, and includes options that are currently exercisable or exercisable within 60 days. Each director, officer or 5% or more shareholder, as the case may be, has furnished us with information with respect to beneficial ownership. Except as otherwise indicated, we believe that the beneficial owners of common stock listed below, based on the information each of them has given to us, have sole investment and voting power with respect to their shares, except where community property laws may apply.

This table lists applicable percentage ownership based on 28,817,662 shares of Class A common stock (not including 68,400 shares of Class A common stock subject to restricted stock awards as of October 23, 2002) and 3,138 shares of Class B common stock outstanding as of October 23, 2002, and also lists applicable percentage ownership based on 31,817,662 shares of Class A common stock outstanding after completion of this offering. Options to purchase shares of our Class A common stock that are exercisable within 60 days of October 23, 2002, are deemed to be beneficially owned by the persons holding these options for the purpose of computing percentage ownership of that person, but are not treated as outstanding for the purpose of computing any other person's ownership percentage.

Beneficial Owner	Shares of Common Stock Beneficially Owned Prior to This Offering						Shares of Class A Common Stock Beneficially Owned After This Offering						
	Class A			Class B			Shares of Class A Common Stock Offered Hereby			Aggregate # of Class A			
	# of Shares	Class	% of Class	# of Shares	Class	% of Class	# of Shares	Class	# of Shares	Class	% of Class	# of Shares	% of Class
Directors & Officers:													
James J. McNulty(1)	215,813	A-1	2.91%	19	B-1	2.91%	A-1	215,813	A-1	3.00%	863,146	2.71%	
	215,813	A-2	2.91	24	B-2	2.91	A-2	215,813	A-2	3.01			
	215,807	A-3	2.91	39	B-3	2.91	A-3	215,807	A-3	3.10			
	215,713	A-4	2.91	12	B-4	2.91	A-4	215,713	A-4	3.27			
Terrence A. Duffy(2)	4,525	A-1	*	1	B-1	*	A-1	4,525	A-1	*	18,098	*	
	4,525	A-2	*		B-2	*	A-2	4,525	A-2	*			
	4,525	A-3	*		B-3	*	A-3	4,525	A-3	*			

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Shares of Class A Common Stock Beneficially Owned After This Offering						
4,523	A-4	*	1	B-4	*	A-4
4,523	A-4					

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Represents beneficial ownership of less than 1%.

(1)

Mr. McNulty's total represents the shares of each class of common stock subject to the option granted to Mr. McNulty that are exercisable within 60 days of October 23, 2002.

(2)

Includes 25 Class A-1, 25 Class A-2, 25 Class A-3, and 24 Class A-4 shares and one Class B-4 share as to which Mr. Duffy shares joint ownership and has voting power.

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Beneficial Owner	Shares of Common Stock Beneficially Owned Prior to This Offering						Shares of Class A Common Stock Beneficially Owned After This Offering							
							Shares of Class A Common Stock Offered Hereby							
	Class A			Class B				Aggregate # of Class A						
	# of Shares	Class	% of Class	# of Shares	Class	% of Class		# of Shares	Class	% of Class	# of Shares	% of Class		
Timothy R. Brennan(3)	6,025	A-1	*	1	B-1	*	A-1	6,025	A-1	*	24,097	*		
	6,025	A-2	*		B-2	*	A-2	6,025	A-2	*				
	6,025	A-3	*	1	B-3	*	A-3	6,025	A-3	*				
	6,022	A-4	*	1	B-4	*	A-4	6,022	A-4	*				
John W. Croghan(4)	4,500	A-1	*	1	B-1	*	A-1	4,500	A-1	*	17,999	*		
	4,500	A-2	*		B-2	*	A-2	4,500	A-2	*				
	4,500	A-3	*		B-3	*	A-3	4,500	A-3	*				
	4,499	A-4	*		B-4	*	A-4	4,499	A-4	*				
Martin J. Gepsman(5)	1,525	A-1	*		B-1	*	A-1	1,525	A-1	*	6,098	*		
	1,525	A-2	*		B-2	*	A-2	1,525	A-2	*				
	1,525	A-3	*	1	B-3	*	A-3	1,525	A-3	*				
	1,523	A-4	*	1	B-4	*	A-4	1,523	A-4	*				
Daniel R. Glickman		A-1	*		B-1	*	A-1		A-1	*		*		
		A-2	*		B-2	*	A-2		A-2	*				
		A-3	*		B-3	*	A-3		A-3	*				
		A-4	*		B-4	*	A-4		A-4	*				
Scott Gordon(6)	21,025	A-1	*	2	B-1	*	A-1	21,025	A-1	*	84,092	*		
	21,025	A-2	*	2	B-2	*	A-2	21,025	A-2	*				
	21,025	A-3	*	2	B-3	*	A-3	21,025	A-3	*				
	21,017	A-4	*	1	B-4	*	A-4	21,017	A-4	*				
Yra G. Harris(7)	7,500	A-1	*		B-1	*	A-1	7,500	A-1	*	29,997	*		
	7,500	A-2	*	2	B-2	*	A-2	7,500	A-2	*				
	7,500	A-3	*	1	B-3	*	A-3	7,500	A-3	*				
	7,497	A-4	*		B-4	*	A-4	7,497	A-4	*				
Bruce F. Johnson	4,525	A-1	*	1	B-1	*	A-1	4,525	A-1	*	18,098	*		
	4,525	A-2	*		B-2	*	A-2	4,525	A-2	*				
	4,525	A-3	*		B-3	*	A-3	4,525	A-3	*				
	4,523	A-4	*	1	B-4	*	A-4	4,523	A-4	*				
Gary M. Katler(8)	1,525	A-1	*		B-1	*	A-1	1,525	A-1	*	6,098	*		

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						Shares of Class A Common Stock Beneficially Owned After This Offering				
1,525	A-2	*		B-2	*	A-2	1,525	A-2	*	
1,525	A-3	*	1	B-3	*	A-3	1,525	A-3	*	
1,523	A-4	*	1	B-4	*	A-4	1,523	A-4	*	

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(3)

Includes 1,500 Class A-1, 1,500 Class A-2, 1,500 Class A-3 and 1,499 Class A-4 shares and one Class B-3 share held through Brennan Enterprises, an S Corporation of which Mr. Brennan is the owner. Also includes 25 Class A-1, 25 Class A-2, 25 Class A-3, and 24 Class A-4 shares and one Class B-4 share as to which Mr. Brennan shares joint ownership, but over which he does not have voting power.

(4)

Includes 4,500 Class A-1, 4,500 Class A-2, 4,500 Class A-3 and 4,499 Class A-4 shares and one Class B-1 share held in a trust over which Mr. Croghan exercises voting and investment power.

(5)

Includes 25 Class A-1, 25 Class A-2, 25 Class A-3, and 24 Class A-4 shares and one Class B-4 share as to which Mr. Gepsman shares joint ownership and has voting power.

(6)

Includes 3,000 Class A-1, 3,000 Class A-2, 3,000 Class A-3 and 2,999 Class A-4 shares held in a trust over which Mr. Gordon has investment and voting power. Also includes 18,025 Class A-1, 18,025 Class A-2, 18,025 Class A-3, 18,018 Class A-4, two Class B-1, two Class B-2 and two Class B-3 shares and one Class B-4 share which are owned by Tokyo-Mitsubishi Futures (USA), Inc. over which he exercises voting power. Mr. Gordon disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares owned by Tokyo-Mitsubishi Futures (USA), Inc.

(7)

Includes 3,000 Class A-1, 3,000 Class A-2, 3,000 Class A-3, and 2,999 Class A-4 shares and one Class B-2 share which are not owned by Mr. Harris, but which are held in his name and over which he exercises voting power.

(8)

Includes 1,525 Class A-1, 1,525 Class A-2, 1,525 Class A-3 and 1,523 Class A-4 shares and one Class B-3 share owned by O'Connor & Company LLC as to which Mr. Katler has no voting power. Mr. Katler disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares owned by O'Connor & Company LLC.

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Beneficial Owner	Shares of Common Stock Beneficially Owned Prior to This Offering						Shares of Class A Common Stock Beneficially Owned After This Offering									
							Shares of Class A Common Stock Offered Hereby								Aggregate # of Class A	
	Class A			Class B												
	# of Shares	Class	% of Class	# of Shares	Class	% of Class	# of Shares	Class	# of Shares	Class	% of Class	# of Shares	% of Class			
Patrick B. Lynch	3,000	A-1	*		B-1	*		A-1	3,000	A-1	*	11,999	*			
	3,000	A-2	*	1	B-2	*		A-2	3,000	A-2	*					
	3,000	A-3	*		B-3	*		A-3	3,000	A-3	*					
	2,999	A-4	*		B-4	*		A-4	2,999	A-4	*					
Leo Melamed	3,000	A-1	*		B-1	*		A-1	3,000	A-1	*	11,999	*			
	3,000	A-2	*	1	B-2	*		A-2	3,000	A-2	*					
	3,000	A-3	*		B-3	*		A-3	3,000	A-3	*					
	2,999	A-4	*		B-4	*		A-4	2,999	A-4	*					
John D. Newhouse(9)	10,525	A-1	*		B-1	*		A-1	10,525	A-1	*	42,095	*			
	10,525	A-2	*	3	B-2	*		A-2	10,525	A-2	*					
	10,525	A-3	*	1	B-3	*		A-3	10,525	A-3	*					
	10,520	A-4	*	1	B-4	*		A-4	10,520	A-4	*					
James E. Oliff(10)	3,025	A-1	*		B-1	*		A-1	3,025	A-1	*	12,098	*			

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								Shares of Class A Common Stock Beneficially Owned After This Offering			
								A-2	A-3	A-4	
	3,025	A-2	*	1	B-2	*	A-2	3,025	A-2	*	
	3,025	A-3	*		B-3	*	A-3	3,025	A-3	*	
	3,023	A-4	*	1	B-4	*	A-4	3,023	A-4	*	
William G. Salatich, Jr.(11)	4,525	A-1	*	1	B-1	*	A-1	4,525	A-1	*	18,098
	4,525	A-2	*		B-2	*	A-2	4,525	A-2	*	
	4,525	A-3	*		B-3	*	A-3	4,525	A-3	*	
	4,523	A-4	*	1	B-4	*	A-4	4,523	A-4	*	
John F. Sandner	25,525	A-1	*	3	B-1	*	A-1	25,525	A-1	*	102,090
	25,525	A-2	*	2	B-2	*	A-2	25,525	A-2	*	
	25,525	A-3	*	4	B-3	*	A-3	25,525	A-3	*	
	25,515	A-4	*	1	B-4	*	A-4	25,515	A-4	*	
Myron S. Scholes		A-1	*		B-1	*	A-1		A-1	*	
		A-2	*		B-2	*	A-2		A-2	*	
		A-3	*		B-3	*	A-3		A-3	*	
		A-4	*		B-4	*	A-4		A-4	*	
Verne O. Sedlacek		A-1	*		B-1	*	A-1		A-1	*	
		A-2	*		B-2	*	A-2		A-2	*	
		A-3	*		B-3	*	A-3		A-3	*	
		A-4	*		B-4	*	A-4		A-4	*	
William R. Shepard(12)	9,025	A-1	*	1	B-1	*	A-1	9,025	A-1	*	36,096
	9,025	A-2	*	1	B-2	*	A-2	9,025	A-2	*	
	9,025	A-3	*	1	B-3	*	A-3	9,025	A-3	*	
	9,021	A-4	*	1	B-4	*	A-4	9,021	A-4	*	

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(9)

Includes 25 Class A-1, 25 Class A-2, 25 Class A-3, and 24 Class A-4 shares and one Class B-4 share as to which Mr. Newhouse shares joint ownership and has voting power. Also includes 10,500 Class A-1, 10,500 Class A-2, 10,500 Class A-3 and 10,496 Class A-4 shares, three Class B-2 shares and one Class B-3 share owned by John F. Newhouse & Company, which is owned by Mr. Newhouse.

(10)

Includes 25 Class A-1, 25 Class A-2, 25 Class A-3, and 24 Class A-4 shares and one Class B-4 share as to which Mr. Oliff shares joint ownership, but over which he does not have voting power. Excludes 4,500 Class A-1, 4,500 Class A-2, 4,500 Class A-3 and 4,499 Class A-4 shares and one Class B-1 share and 3,000 Class A-1, 3,000 Class A-2, 3,000 Class A-3 and 2,999 Class A-4 shares and one Class B-2 share held through two trusts in the names of each of his parents. Mr. Oliff has no voting or ownership power over these trusts, and he disclaims beneficial ownership for the shares held in trust.

(11)

Includes 25 Class A-1, 25 Class A-2, 25 Class A-3, and 24 Class A-4 shares and one Class B-4 share as to which Mr. Salatich shares joint ownership, but over which he does not have voting power.

(12)

Includes 25 Class A-1, 25 Class A-2, 25 Class A-3, and 24 Class A-4 shares and one Class B-4 share as to which Mr. Shepard shares joint ownership and has voting power.

Beneficial Owner	Shares of Common Stock Beneficially Owned Prior to This Offering		Shares of Class A Common Stock Offered Hereby	Shares of Class A Common Stock Beneficially Owned After This Offering		Aggregate # of Class A
	Class A	Class B				
	Class	Class		Class	Class	

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	# of Shares	% of Class	# of Shares	% of Class	# of Shares	% of Class	Shares of Class A Common Stock Beneficially Owned After This Offering					
							# of Shares	% of Class	# of Shares	% of Class	# of Shares	% of Class
Howard J. Siegel	10,500	A-1	*	2	B-1	*	A-1	10,500	A-1	*	41,997	*
	10,500	A-2	*		B-2	*	A-2	10,500	A-2	*		
	10,500	A-3	*	1	B-3	*	A-3	10,500	A-3	*		
	10,497	A-4	*		B-4	*	A-4	10,497	A-4	*		
Craig Donohue(13)	10,000	A-1	*		B-1	*	A-1	10,000	A-1	*	40,000	*
	10,000	A-2	*		B-2	*	A-2	10,000	A-2	*		
	10,000	A-3	*		B-3	*	A-3	10,000	A-3	*		
	10,000	A-4	*		B-4	*	A-4	10,000	A-4	*		
Phupinder Gill(13)	10,000	A-1	*		B-1	*	A-1	10,000	A-1	*	40,000	*
	10,000	A-2	*		B-2	*	A-2	10,000	A-2	*		
	10,000	A-3	*		B-3	*	A-3	10,000	A-3	*		
	10,000	A-4	*		B-4	*	A-4	10,000	A-4	*		
Scott Johnston(13)	10,000	A-1	*		B-1	*	A-1	10,000	A-1	*	40,000	*
	10,000	A-2	*		B-2	*	A-2	10,000	A-2	*		
	10,000	A-3	*		B-3	*	A-3	10,000	A-3	*		
	10,000	A-4	*		B-4	*	A-4	10,000	A-4	*		
James Krause(13)	10,000	A-1	*		B-1	*	A-1	10,000	A-1	*	40,000	*
	10,000	A-2	*		B-2	*	A-2	10,000	A-2	*		
	10,000	A-3	*		B-3	*	A-3	10,000	A-3	*		
	10,000	A-4	*		B-4	*	A-4	10,000	A-4	*		
Directors and Executive Officers as a group (27 persons)(14)	396,888	A-1	5.30%	32	B-1	4.93%	A-1	396,888	A-1	5.47%	1,587,395	4.82%
	396,888	A-2	5.30	37	B-2	4.47	A-2	396,888	A-2	5.50		
	396,882	A-3	5.30	52	B-3	3.89	A-3	396,882	A-3	5.65		
	396,737	A-4	5.31	23	B-4	5.50	A-4	396,737	A-4	5.95		
Selling Shareholders(15):												
Robert S. Alpert(16)	1,500	A-1	*		B-1	*	A-1	1,500	A-1	*	3,000	*
	1,500	A-2	*		B-2	*	A-2	1,500	A-2	*		
	1,500	A-3	*	1	B-3	*	A-3	1,500	A-3	*		
	1,499	A-4	*		B-4	*	A-4		A-4	*		
Steven Y. Amiel	1,500	A-1	*		B-1	*	A-1	1,500	A-1	*	4,500	*
	1,500	A-2	*		B-2	*	A-2	1,500	A-2	*		
	1,500	A-3	*	1	B-3	*	A-3	1,500	A-3	*		
	1,499	A-4	*		B-4	*	A-4		A-4	*		
Edwin L. Apel	4,525	A-1	*	1	B-1	*	A-1	4,525	A-1	*	14,098	*
	4,525	A-2	*		B-2	*	A-2	4,525	A-2	*		
	4,525	A-3	*		B-3	*	A-3	4,525	A-3	*		
	4,523	A-4	*	1	B-4	*	A-4	523	A-4	*		

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(13)
Messrs. Donohue's, Gill's, Johnston's and Krause's totals represent shares that each of them could acquire if they exercised the vested portion of the option each of them received in May 2001.

(14)
Includes an aggregate of 276,413 Class A-1 shares, 276,413 Class A-2 shares, 276,407 Class A-3 shares, 276,313 Class A-4 shares, 19 Class B-1 shares, 24 Class B-2 shares, 39 Class B-3 shares and 12 Class B-4 shares that could be acquired upon the exercise of the vested portions of options held by members of the group and 200 restricted Class A-1 shares, 200 restricted Class A-2 shares, 200 restricted Class A-3 shares and 200 restricted Class A-4 shares held by a member of the group.

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(15)

As indicated in the table, almost all of the selling shareholders own shares of Class B common stock, which are associated with trading privileges on our exchange. These shareholders may derive a substantial portion of their income from trading and clearing activities on our exchange and pay substantial fees, directly or indirectly, to us.

(16)

Includes 1,500 Class A-1, 1,500 Class A-2, 1,500 Class A-3 and 1,499 Class A-4 shares and one Class B-3 share held in a trust over which Mr. Alpert exercises voting and investment power.

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Beneficial Owner	Shares of Common Stock Beneficially Owned Prior to This Offering						Shares of Class A Common Stock Beneficially Owned After This Offering						
	Class A			Class B			Shares of Class A Common Stock Offered Hereby		Aggregate # of Class A				
	# of Shares	Class	% of Class	# of Shares	Class	% of Class	# of Shares	Class	# of Shares	Class	% of Class	# of Shares	% of Class
Burton Arenson(17)	1,500	A-1	*		B-1	*	1,500	A-1		A-1	*		*
	1,500	A-2	*		B-2	*	1,500	A-2		A-2	*		*
	1,500	A-3	*	1	B-3	*	1,500	A-3		A-3	*		*
	1,499	A-4	*		B-4	*	1,499	A-4		A-4	*		*
Michael S. Arenson	1,500	A-1	*		B-1	*		A-1	1,500	A-1	*	4,999	*
	1,500	A-2	*		B-2	*		A-2	1,500	A-2	*		*
	1,500	A-3	*	1	B-3	*		A-3	1,500	A-3	*		*
	1,499	A-4	*		B-4	*	1,000	A-4	499	A-4	*		*
Jerome D. Arkin	1,500	A-1	*		B-1	*		A-1	1,500	A-1	*	2,999	*
	1,500	A-2	*		B-2	*	1	A-2	1,499	A-2	*		*
	1,500	A-3	*	1	B-3	*	1,500	A-3		A-3	*		*
	1,499	A-4	*		B-4	*	1,499	A-4		A-4	*		*
Gregory W. Baird	33,725	A-1	*	2	B-1	*	33,725	A-1		A-1	*		*
	33,725	A-2	*	2	B-2	*	33,725	A-2		A-2	*		*
	33,725	A-3	*	1	B-3	*	33,725	A-3		A-3	*		*
	33,712	A-4	*	1	B-4	*	33,712	A-4		A-4	*		*
Arnold I. Bakal(18)	3,000	A-1	*		B-1	*		A-1	3,000	A-1	*	6,000	*
	3,000	A-2	*		B-2	*		A-2	3,000	A-2	*		*
	3,000	A-3	*	2	B-3	*	3,000	A-3		A-3	*		*
	2,998	A-4	*		B-4	*	2,998	A-4		A-4	*		*
Sara Barach(19)	10,515	A-1	*	1	B-1	*		A-1	10,515	A-1	*	21,028	*
	10,515	A-2	*	1	B-2	*	2	A-2	10,513	A-2	*		*
	10,515	A-3	*	2	B-3	*	10,515	A-3		A-3	*		*
	10,511	A-4	*		B-4	*	10,511	A-4		A-4	*		*
Kevin G. Battle	1,500	A-1	*		B-1	*		A-1	1,500	A-1	*	1,500	*
	1,500	A-2	*		B-2	*	1,500	A-2		A-2	*		*
	1,500	A-3	*	1	B-3	*	1,500	A-3		A-3	*		*
	1,499	A-4	*		B-4	*	1,499	A-4		A-4	*		*
Larry C. Beck	1,500	A-1	*		B-1	*		A-1	1,500	A-1	*	4,500	*
	1,500	A-2	*		B-2	*		A-2	1,500	A-2	*		*
	1,500	A-3	*	1	B-3	*		A-3	1,500	A-3	*		*
	1,499	A-4	*		B-4	*	1,499	A-4		A-4	*		*
Phillip H. Becker	1,500	A-1	*		B-1	*		A-1	1,500	A-1	*	5,000	*
	1,500	A-2	*		B-2	*		A-2	1,500	A-2	*		*
	1,500	A-3	*	1	B-3	*		A-3	1,500	A-3	*		*
	1,499	A-4	*		B-4	*	999	A-4	500	A-4	*		*

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								Shares of Class A Common Stock Beneficially Owned After This Offering				
Tyler K. Belnap(20)	4,500	A-1	*	B-1	*		A-1	4,500	A-1	*	15,500	*
	4,500	A-2	*	B-2	*		A-2	4,500	A-2	*		
	4,500	A-3	*	B-3	*		A-3	4,500	A-3	*		
	4,499	A-4	*	B-4	*	4,499	A-4		A-4	*		
David M. Berg	1,500	A-1	*	B-1	*	1	A-1	1,499	A-1	*	1,499	*
	1,500	A-2	*	B-2	*	1,500	A-2		A-2	*		
	1,500	A-3	*	1	B-3	*	1,500	A-3		A-3	*	
	1,499	A-4	*	B-4	*	1,499	A-4		A-4	*		
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Represents beneficial ownership of less than 1%.

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Includes 1,500 Class A-1, 1,500 Class A-2, 1,500 Class A-3 and 1,499 Class A-4 shares and one Class B-3 share held in a trust over which Mr. Arenson exercises voting and investment power.

(18)

Includes 3,000 Class A-1, 3,000 Class A-2, 3,000 Class A-3 and 2,998 Class A-4 shares and two Class B-3 shares held in a trust over which Mr. Bakal exercises voting and investment power.

(19)

Includes 10,515 Class A-1, 10,515 Class A-2, 10,515 Class A-3 and 10,511 Class A-4 shares and one Class B-1, one Class B-2 and two Class B-3 shares held in a trust over which Ms. Barach exercises voting and investment power.

(20)

Includes 4,500 Class A-1, 4,500 Class A-2, 4,500 Class A-3 and 4,499 Class A-4 shares held in a trust over which Mr. Belnap exercises voting and investment power.

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Shares of Common Stock Beneficially Owned Prior to This Offering							Shares of Class A Common Stock Beneficially Owned After This Offering						
Beneficial Owner	Class A			Class B			Shares of Class A Common Stock Offered Hereby			Aggregate # of Class A			
	# of Shares	Class	% of Class	# of Shares	Class	% of Class	# of Shares	Class	# of Shares	Class	% of Class	# of Shares	% of Class
Lawrence Berland	4,500	A-1											