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**CME GROUP INC.**

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On or after March 22, 2018, the following were distributed to the Class B-1 shareholders:

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Dear CME Member and Class B-1 Shareholder,

Thank you for the support and encouragement you've provided during my term on the CME Group Board. I'm requesting your vote to continue as one of your Class B-1 Share Directors. As an owner of five CME Group exchange memberships and 60,194 shares of CME Group Class A common stock, who actively makes markets on the CME, CBOT, and NYMEX exchanges, you can be sure I'm fully engaged in our business and my interests are well aligned with yours. My 35+ years of membership and experience in many aspects of our industry should give you confidence that I have the necessary expertise and commitment to continue to be effective as one of your elected CME Group Board Members.

I remain accessible and open to the input of our membership. I continue to enjoy constructive working relationships with a broad cross-section of Exchange Members, Member Firms, CME Group employees, CME Group management, fellow Board Members, and Industry Associations. Please know, I always welcome your input, actively share your insights with our Board and management, and look forward to continuing to work together to secure our future success as Members and shareholders of CME Group.

I currently serve on the CME Group Board Risk Committee and the Audit Committee—two important governance committees. I am a member of the Chicago Federal Reserve Bank's Working Group on Financial Markets. To stay current with leading thought in good governance, I annually attend the Northwestern Corporate Governance Conference, as well as periodically participate in topic-specific corporate governance programs organized by other leading graduate schools and organizations.

To review more of my background and qualifications, please see the campaign website, [www.CMEvote.com](http://www.CMEvote.com). The website contains a link to the Proxy Vote website where you can easily cast your vote online using the control number included in your proxy materials. If you cannot locate your 16-digit control number or your proxy materials, you can vote by phone by contacting CME Group's inspector of election, Broadridge, at 855-928-4491. Thank you for your continued support.

You are key to CME Group success! is not just a slogan. You have the right and, I hope, will share the responsibility to support effective CME Group governance by casting your proxy ballot. Please, vote your shares before the May 9th annual meeting of the shareholders of CME Group Inc.

Sincerely,

Jeff Bernacchi

CME Group Board of Directors Candidate  
[www.CMEvote.com](http://www.CMEvote.com)

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**Gedon Hertshten**

CME Group Class B-1 Board Member

**Dear fellow shareholder,**

Thank you all for your support and help in last year's election. I now ask for your continued support as I hope to continue to serve as a Class B-1 Director on the CME Group board. It has been insightful and gratifying meeting many of you this past year and better understanding your concerns.

In order for CME Group to continue leading the industry with conviction and integrity, it must continue to be the exchange of choice for its members and customers, so they can manage their risks, and adjust their underlying exposures in the most efficient way.

To do so, in my opinion, CME Group should:

**Keep the right balance between shareholders' returns and ensuring CME Group's offerings are designed to deepen liquidity and grow customer participation**

I believe CME Group must remain aware of the fact that its value to a large degree is directly linked to the success, diversity and breadth of its members and customers. To maintain and build on this success, CME Group should be cautious of sacrificing long term value for short term gains.

**Preserve an even playing field for all participants, small and large**

In order to avoid concentration risk, I believe CME Group must spread its customer base as wide as possible; making sure that new and small participants can always access the markets in a cost efficient manner. In my opinion, CME Group should continue to remember that no big customer started out big.

**Invest in liquidity, not just in volumes**

The ability to execute large orders quickly and efficiently by hedgers, portfolio managers, and risk managers, is owed mostly to liquidity providers, who generate their profits by taking the risk others are seeking to dispose of. In my opinion, CME Group must make sure that this vital part of the industry is not shrinking, and keep in mind that the sensitivity of this market segment is more to the cost of trading than the capital efficiencies.

**Continue to lead the marketplace with innovation**

CME Group must keep devising new products and tools to meet the requirements of an ever shifting and changing global environment. CME Group needs to understand and accept that non-traditional sources of competition are likely to emerge over the coming years that can challenge its business model. And with that, CME Group needs to realize that the only way to respond will be through continuous transformation of the exchange.

My experience in global business development and management during my 40 years in the derivatives industry, along with my extensive knowledge in trading and clearing, will allow me to be a contributing member of the CME Group board. I intend to continue to ensure that CME Group continues to be the exchange of choice for participants around the world.

**Thank you, and please vote for me as a B-1 board member.**

Sincerely,

Gedon Hertshten  
(gedon.hertshten@hertshtengroup.com)



**Gedon Hertshten**

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**BOARD MEMBER: CME Group Chicago**

**2017 - Present**

Elected and serving as a member of the Board of Directors of CME Group

**HERTSHTEN GROUP LTD.**

**2005 - Present**

**Founder, Chairman**

Consists of three main lines of business proprietary trading, commercial real-estate investments and insurance

Offices in Israel, United Kingdom, Mauritius and India, c.600 employees

**G. H. FINANCIALS LTD.**

**1993 - Present**

**Founder, Owner**

Global clearing solutions for exchange traded futures and options contracts to the world's leading derivatives markets

Offices in London, Chicago and Hong Kong

**FWO AWARD**

**2015**

Received the 2015 FWO (Futures and Options World) Lifetime Achievement Award in London

**BOARD MEMBER: LIFFE London**

**1997 - 2005**

Elected and served as a member of the Board of Directors of LIFFE

Member of key committees

**AGAM (BANK HAPOALIM)**

**1990 - 1992**

Developed derivatives trading at the subsidiary company of Bank Hapoalim (Israel's leading bank)

**LIFFE EXCHANGE**

**1986 - sale of the exchange**

Became a member of LIFFE and traded as an independent trader

**CHICAGO BOARD OF TRADE (CBOT)**

**1978 - present**

Became a member of the CBOT and traded as an independent trader on the floor

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Served five years in the Israeli Defense Forces

Single-engine airplane pilot

Married with four children

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Dear Fellow Members,

I am running again for the chance to serve as one of your Class B-2 directors on the Board of Directors of CME Group. I believe my position on the Board has given me the chance to advance my perspective of having been a trader and user of our markets for over 30 years. I have used my position on the Board to communicate and advance resolutions that benefit both our shareholders and members.

CME Group has performed extremely well during my tenure on the Board in both stock and financial performance. We have introduced many new products and growth initiatives to make CME Group a leader in our industry.

As a member of the Finance committee, I have been able to participate in key financial decisions and recommendations to the Board, including our declared dividends, which have amounted to over \$9.6 billion since the variable dividend was implemented in 2012.

My experience and relationships with members over many years, has enabled me to utilize the knowledge and experience of the talented members and users of our exchange and raise many of their issues and concerns at the Board and corporate level.

You can count on me to always listen to you and make wise and well thought out decisions on your behalf.

I ask for your vote to continue as your dedicated Board member.

Thank you,

Ronald Pankau (PAN)

Member CME Group Board of Directors

[ron.pankau@cmegroup.com](mailto:ron.pankau@cmegroup.com)

**YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT! 855-928-4491**

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Dear Fellow Class B-2 Shareholder:

Once again, I seek your support and vote for the election to the Board of Directors of CME Group Inc.

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**David J. Wescott (COT)**

**RESUME**

**Currently serving on the Board of Directors for a thirteenth term ending May of 2018. Managing Partner Dowd Wescott Group. Founder and Partner in TradeForecaster LLC an algorithmic trading and technology company. Founder and partner in Nirvana Technology Solutions, a hosting company for the trading community through data center colocation, technology consulting, and 24-hour technology support. Formerly Assistant Vice-President, CME Floor Manager for Dean Witter Reynolds (1982-1984) and Assistant Vice-President, IMM Floor Manager for Merrill Lynch Futures (1979-1982). Member of the IMM since 1981 and elected to the IMM Nominating Committee in 1987. Past Chairman, Co-Chair or Vice-Chairman of Business Conduct Committee (Financial Division), Floor Practice (Financial Division), Trade Procedures Committee, Trade Procedures Order Liability, Leasing Committee, CFPF Nominating Committee, Floor Practices (Agricultural Division), Regulatory Oversight, Floor GLOBEX Issues Committee, Review Claims against Stotler & Co., Eurodollar Pit Committee, Broker Association, Floor Broker Qualification, Floor Orientation, Member Services, Interest Rate futures, Restaurant and Club, Trading/Dual Trading, Past member of the Executive Committee, Director of CFPF, Trade Procedures Committee, Committee on Governance, Strategic Planning, Leasing Committee, Independent Traders Committee, Membership and Education Oversight Committee, Physical Facilities Oversight Committee, Political Action Committee, Compensation and Benefits Committee, Committee to review Agricultural Markets, Emerging Markets Committee, and Eurodollar Futures Back Month Design Sub-Committee.**

**Also, past member of the Trading Procedures Brokerage Billing System, Physical Facilities, Upper Trading Floor Design Review (Interest Rate Quadrant), Upper Trading Floor Committee, Review Committee Structure, Common Goals (Physical Sub-committee), Physical Facilities Oversight Subcommittee, Interest Rate Focus Group, Euro Strip and Options Sub-committee, Political Action Committee, Committee to review Currency Hours, Harmonize Dual Trading/Top Step Rule, Trade Order Processing, Agricultural Steering (Sub), Member Coordination, Membership Committee (Division B & C), Review Eurodollar Order Entry Procedures, CME Universal Broker Station, Facility Coordination, Leasing, Out-trade Policy, Floor Practices (Financial Division), Floor Practices (Agricultural Division), T-Bill Pit, Multi-Pit, Special Pit Committees, Eurodollar Strip Trading Subcommittee, Ad Hoc Pit Design, Space Allocation (Financial Division), Review Committee Structure and Member of CFTC Regulatory Coordination Advisory Committee. Currently chairing or serving on the following committees; Floor Conduct Committee, Membership Committee, and Finance Committee. Also Vice-Chairman of the CME PAC. Attended Maywood Community College and Harper Community College majoring in Business Administration. Age 61, married for 39 years with one son, residing in Crystal Lake and Chicago, Illinois.**

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Dear B-2 Shareholder / FCM,

We the undersigned have known and / or served on the Board of CME Group Inc. with David Wescott and can attest that his dedication and drive are second to none. His willingness to take on every responsibility big or small is the catalyst behind our supporting him in his candidacy for the Board of Directors of CME Group Inc. Please join us in his quest to once again be a part of the leadership of this Exchange.

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DAVID I. SILVERMAN

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312 450-4220

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Dear IMM Member/Class B-2 Shareholder,

In times of upheaval and uncertainty it is imperative to have solid, experienced leadership with forward-looking vision, influence, and the ability to execute initiatives crucial to our business. An effective leader is unafraid to voice a dissenting opinion and fight for what he believes is right. In the years I have known him, David J. Wescott has continuously proven himself to be such a leader with his incredible dedication, tireless hard work, industry insight and fierce loyalty to his clients, constituents, employees, and friends.

I have known David Wescott since 1982, when we were young traders on the CME floor and I also had the privilege of serving on the CME board with David for four years during the 1990s. I have continued my relationship with him throughout the ensuing years and cleared the trades of my own trading firm through Dowd-Wescott Group, the precursor clearing firm to David's current clearing firm, DWG Futures. In my now 30+ year relationship with David Wescott, I have found him to be incisive, creative, and results-oriented. David has never been in favor of the status quo; his capacity for reinvention and constant drive to innovate, combined with his capability to anticipate trends, is an invaluable asset to the future of CME Group.

We all know how quickly our business moves. Yesterday's losses may be tomorrow's gains if we make the right decisions today. I have absolute confidence that David's leadership is a step toward a prosperous future. I hope you will join me in supporting David Wescott in his bid to serve as our elected Class B-2 director on the CME Group Board of Directors by voting for his re-election.

Sincerely,

David Silverman

Member IMM 1982-2002

CME Board member (IMM Division) 1989-90 and 1994-2001

Former Principal and CEO of Aspire Trading Company

Current CME Group shareholder

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Sincerely,

David J. Wescott (COT)

**VOTE FOR DAVE ONLINE!**

If you've received your voting materials and have your control number please click the red button above.

**VOTE FOR DAVE BY PHONE**

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MORE ABOUT DAVE

Board of Director for a thirteenth term

Managing Partner-Founder Dowd Wescott Group

Formerly Assistant Vice-President, CME Floor Manager for Dean Witter Reynolds (1982-1984)

Assistant Vice-President, IMM Floor Manager for Merrill Lynch Futures (1979-1982)

Member of the IMM since 1981

Elected to the IMM Nominating Committee in 1987

Member of the FIA PTG

Founder and Partner in TradeForecaster LLC and Nirvana Technology Solutions

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Currently serving on the Board of Directors for a thirteenth term ending May of 2018. Managing Partner Dowd Wescott Group. Founder and Partner in TradeForecaster LLC an algorithmic trading and technology company. Founder and partner in Nirvana Technology Solutions, a hosting company for the trading community through data center colocation, technology consulting, and 24-hour technology support. Formerly Assistant Vice-President, CME Floor Manager for Dean Witter Reynolds (1982-1984) and Assistant Vice-President, IMM Floor Manager for Merrill Lynch Futures (1979-1982). Member of the IMM since 1981 and elected to the IMM Nominating Committee in 1987. Past Chairman, Co-Chair or Vice-Chairman of Business Conduct Committee (Financial Division). Floor Practice (Financial Division), Trade Procedures Committee, Trade Procedures Order Liability, Leasing Committee, CFPF Nominating Committee, Floor Practices (Agricultural Division), Regulatory Oversight, Floor GLOBEX Issues Committee, Review Claims against Stotler & Co., Eurodollar Pit Committee, Broker Association, Floor Broker Qualification, Floor Orientation, Member Services, Interest Rate futures, Restaurant and Club, Trading/Dual Trading, Past member of the Executive Committee, Director of CFPF, Trade Procedures Committee, Committee on Governance, Strategic Planning, Leasing Committee, Independent Traders Committee, Membership and Education Oversight Committee, Physical Facilities Oversight Committee, Political Action Committee, Compensation and Benefits Committee, Committee to review Agricultural Markets, Emerging Markets Committee, and Eurodollar Futures Back Month Design Sub-Committee.

Also, past member of the Trading Procedures Brokerage Billing System, Physical Facilities, Upper Trading Floor Design Review (Interest Rate Quadrant), Upper Trading Floor Committee, Review Committee Structure, Common Goals (Physical Sub-committee), Physical Facilities Oversight Sub-committee, Interest Rate Focus Group, Euro Strip and Options Sub-committee, Political Action Committee, Committee to review Currency Hours, Harmonize Dual Trading/Top Step Rule, Trade Order Processing, Agricultural Steering (Sub), Member Coordination, Membership Committee (Division B & C), Review Eurodollar Order Entry Procedures, CME Universal Broker Station, Facility Coordination, Leasing, Out-trade Policy, Floor Practices (Financial Division), Floor Practices (Agricultural Division), T-Bill Pit, Multi-Pit, Special Pit Committees, Eurodollar Strip Trading Sub-committee, Ad Hoc Pit Design, Space Allocation (Financial Division), Review Committee Structure and Member of CFTC Regulatory Coordination Advisory Committee. Currently chairing or serving on the following committees; Floor

Conduct Committee, Membership Committee, and Finance Committee. Also Vice-Chairman of the CME PAC. Attended Maywood Community College and Harper Community College majoring in Business Administration. Age 61, married for 39 years with one son, residing in Crystal Lake and Chicago, Illinois.

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Dear B-2 Shareholder / FCM,

We the undersigned have known and / or served on the Board of CME Group Inc. with David Wescott and can attest that his dedication and drive are second to none. His willingness to take on every responsibility big or small is the catalyst behind our supporting him in his candidacy for the Board of Directors of CME Group Inc. Please join us in his quest to once again be a part of the leadership of this Exchange.



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Dear IMM Member/Class B-2 Shareholder,

In times of upheaval and uncertainty it is imperative to have solid, experienced leadership with forward-looking vision, influence, and the ability to execute initiatives crucial to our business. An effective leader is unafraid to voice a dissenting opinion and fight for what he believes is right. In the years I have known him, David J. Wescott has continuously proven himself to be such a leader with his incredible dedication, tireless hard work, industry insight and fierce loyalty to his clients, constituents, employees, and friends.

I have known David Wescott since 1982, when we were young traders on the CME floor and I also had the privilege of serving on the CME board with David for four years during the 1990s. I have continued my relationship with him throughout the ensuing years and cleared the trades of my own trading firm through Dowd-Wescott Group, the precursor clearing firm to David's current clearing firm, DWG Futures. In my now 30+ year relationship with David Wescott, I have found him to be incisive, creative, and results-oriented. David has never been in favor of the status quo; his capacity for reinvention and constant drive to innovate, combined with his capability to anticipate trends, is an invaluable asset to the future of CME Group.

We all know how quickly our business moves. Yesterday's losses may be tomorrow's gains if we make the right decisions today. I have absolute confidence that David's leadership is a step toward a prosperous future. I hope you will join me in supporting David Wescott in his bid to serve as our elected Class B-2 director on the CME Group Board of Directors by voting for his re-election.

Sincerely,

David Silverman

Member IMM 1982-2002

CME Board member (IMM Division) 1989-90 and 1994-2001

Former Principal and CEO of Aspire Trading Company

Current CME Group shareholder

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Dear Fellow Members and Class B Shareholders,

For the last 45 years I have been an executive who has been involved in day-to-day operations, long term planning and mentoring future managers and traders. During those years, I've held various upper level management positions at Merrill Lynch, Hennessy Associates/Barnes, Globex Corp., Transmarket, Mizuho, Advantage Futures and currently as Senior VP at Wedbush. I bring 50+ years of futures and option experience from chalk boards to fiber to microwave. My strengths lie in streamlining and automating operations, and in building a strong diverse customer base while interacting with the trading community on a daily basis. In order to continue to grow volume and generate overall shareholder value, we need to be an advocate for our most precious commodities - our customers, our Exchange members and our FCMs. I feel honored to be nominated to serve as a Class B-2 Director on the Board of CME Group. This industry and this exchange has been my life and I would be a benefit on the board by sharing my accumulated knowledge.

My experience at Globex Corp. has given me a unique perspective of both sides of the electronic trading coin. I have been able to see how the ever increasing sophistication of trading platforms can impact the ability of the Globex system to perform its function. On the other side, I've seen the implications to the users of those platforms when the Exchange imposes new rules and restrictions. My main objective is to help CME Group and the members/FCMs work together to create a harmonious relationship for the betterment of everyone involved.

Some of the issues I feel need to be addressed are listed below:

***Fee Structure*** Evaluate the fee structure to analyze the fee to tick size ratio and its impact on trading volume and liquidity.

***Regulatory Obligations*** Discuss ways to help FCM's individual traders and 106J firms alleviate some of the regulatory burdens through education and training of the rules (i.e. spoofing, etc.). Knowledge driving compliance versus disciplinary actions! Find ways to leverage the investment for member firms.

***Foster Trader Loyalty*** With new exchanges competing for traders, there is a need to create an atmosphere where the trader feels his concerns are being taken seriously by CME Group and where. CUSTOMERS MEAN EVERYTHING

***New Trader Development*** Propose the formation of a job training program. In the past we had the MID America Exchange as a feeder and members at the CME and CBOT mentored their clerks to provide an opportunity for them to become traders. This program would be conducted by veteran traders with a focus on tutoring those underrepresented in this industry, such as military vets, disadvantaged youths and other qualified individuals. The exchange was built by a diverse group and should continue this legacy. Upon completion of the training program they would be available to be recruited as traders as well as qualifying for jobs in operations, risk, and sales.

I have only touched upon the above points that I feel need further discussion. My hope is that I will be able to expound on these and other topics as an elected member of the Board of Directors for CME Group.

Sincerely yours,

James Zellinger

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On or after March 22, 2018 the following were distributed to the Class B-3 shareholders

**Elizabeth A. Cook**

**CME Group 2018 Board of Directors Class B-3 Director Candidate**

**CME Group Board Member since 2015  
(630) 698-3113**

*Long-Time Active Trader, Skilled Leader Bringing*

*Diversity and a Fresh Perspective*

March 2018

Dear Fellow Class B-3 Shareholder,

It has been an incredible year for CME Group, I am honored to have served a third term as your Class B-3 Director.

You will soon receive your Class B-3 share proxy materials for the upcoming election and I would appreciate your renewed support. By voting for me, you will be choosing a skilled leader with over 39 years of industry experience who understands your interests and will continue to be an effective contributor to the Board.

CME Group had a very strong 2017; reaching record highs in our stock price, a record ADV of 16.3 mil contracts reflecting a 4.1 % increase from 2016 and with options on futures seeing an 11% increase. Since 1985, I have owned three companies specializing in options on futures – this is a key area of my expertise. I am the best candidate for the Board because options on futures are fundamental to the growth of our exchange.

My accomplishments on the Board have been, and I will continue to focus on:

Overseeing the enhancements and effectiveness of CME Group's information security program to address the ever-increasing cyber security risks as an appointed member of the Board's Risk Committee.

Keeping a trained and watchful eye on Exchange fees and costs to stay competitive in the global marketplace.

I have been an equity owner since 1983 and one of the few female members of the CME Group. Since 1988, I have been actively involved in improving CME Group's operating environment as a member of numerous committees. Currently, I serve on the Board's Risk Committee and co-chair of Arbitration and Floor Conduct. I am also an active member of Probable Cause, Business Conduct, CME PAC, Membership and Gratuity Fund.

In addition to my trading and service on the CME Group Board, I am on the Board of Directors for Women in Listed Derivatives and a Governance Fellow at National Association of Corporate Directors. Additionally, I volunteer for

Honor Flight Chicago, Navy Seal Foundation and the ALS Association, which demonstrates not only my commitment to the financial industry but also my support of the overall community.

I thank you for the support and encouragement I've received during my three terms on the CME Group Board of Directors, and I look forward to serving you again. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions, or to discuss any issues in greater detail.

Please secure our CME Group's future by casting your vote at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com).

Sincerely,

**YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT! 855-928-4491**

Elizabeth A. Cook  
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