

# Trading Volatility on CME Group

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## *Non-GAAP Financial Measures*

*In this presentation we refer to non-GAAP financial measures, including pro forma results that assume the merger with CBOT Holdings and acquisition of NYMEX Holdings were completed as of the beginning of the period presented. A reconciliation of these measures to our GAAP financial results is available in the company's latest financial statements in the Investor Relations section of the CME Group Web site.*

*NOTE: Unless otherwise noted, all references to CME Group volume, open interest and rate per contract information in the text of this document is based on pro forma results assuming the merger with CBOT Holdings and the acquisition of NYMEX Holdings were completed as of the beginning of the period presented. All data exclude CME Group's non-traditional TRAKRS<sup>SM</sup> products, for which CME Group receives significantly lower clearing fees of less than one cent per contract on average, as well as CME Group Auction Markets<sup>TM</sup> products and Swapstream<sup>®</sup> products. Unless otherwise noted, all year, quarter and month to date volume is through 3/13/09.*

# Agenda

**Why Volatility Futures**

**Crude Oil VIX**

**Gold VIX**

**Realized vs. Implied Volatility**

**Trading, Risk Management, and Hedging**

# Why Volatility Futures

- **Risk Versus Uncertainty**
  - Frank Knight (University of Chicago) Distinction
- **Risk is Often Measured Using Volatility**
  - Usually assumes a Probability Distribution. Probability Distributions Usually Rely on Standard Deviation (Volatility) Measures to predict Future Outcomes
  - Used to Manage Risk Through Margin
- **Uncertainty** is when the risk measures (Volatility) themselves change.  
How do you manage risk when the definition itself changes over time?
- **Proposed Solution: Volatility Futures, A Separate Asset Class**

# Why Volatility Futures?

- **Pure Play on Implied Volatility**
  - Traditional Option Strategies Depend on Price Movements as well as Volatility Movements
  - VIX Futures Payoff is Solely Determined by Volatility Changes
  - Composite Measure of the Implied Volatility Skews of Two Option Months
  - Based on Call (above the at-the-money) and Put (below the at-the-money) Option Premiums Relative to their Strike Prices
- More Complex than a Simple Implied Volatility
  - Incorporates the entire Option “Skew” in order to correct for non-normal distribution of the underlying futures contracts
  - Compensates for “Fat Tails”, Asymmetric Skews, etc
  - Both Gold and Crude Oil Futures have been Known not to follow a Normal Distribution
  - Two Months Employed in order to Maintain Continuity

# Realized vs. Implied Volatility

- **VIX Represents a Measure of the Implied Volatility of Options**
- **This is Not to Be Confused With Realized Volatility (Variance) Swaps**
- **VIX is A Forecast of Volatility**
- **Realized Swaps are a Look Back at What Has Happened**
  - **Variance Swaps are Volatility Squared**
- **CME Group is Hopeful of Launching Realized Variance Swaps in 2011**
- **Choice Will Become Realized versus Expected Volatility**
  - **Spreading Opportunities?**

# Formula

**K = Strike Price**

**$K_0$  = At-The-Money Strike Price**

**$\Delta K$  = Strike Price Increment**

**For each of the two Option Contract Months,**

**Call/Put = Respective Option Premium for Strike K**

$$P = 2e^{r\tau} \left[ \sum_0^{K_0} (\Delta K / K^2) Put_K + \sum_{K_0}^{\infty} (\Delta K / K^2) Call_K \right] - (F_0 / K_0 - 1)^2$$

**That is all of the Out-of-the-Money Calls and Puts Premiums are Included**

**Expected 30-day variance =  $wP_{1st\ Month} + (1-w)P_{2nd\ Month}$**

**VIX = 100  $\sqrt{\text{Expected Variance}}$**

# Contract Specifications: Gold VIX

- **Monthly Listings:** February, April, June, August, October, December
- **Contract Termination:** 30 Calendar Days Prior to First Option  
**Contract Expiration**
- **Floating Index Price: 60 Day Future Volatility, Weighted Average of Two Option Contract Months**
  - February: Weighted Average of February/April Options
  - April: Weighted Average of April/June Options
  - June: Weighted Average of June/August Options
  - August: Weighted Average of August/October Options
  - October: Weighted Average of October/December Options
  - December: Weighted Average of December/February Options
- **Contract Multiplier: \$500**
- **Final Settlement: Arithmetic Average of Published Floating Price From 8:30 A.M. to 9:30 A.M (NY Time). Index Published every 15 Seconds**

# Contract Specifications: Crude Oil VIX

- **Monthly Listings: 12 Consecutive Month: January Through December**
- **Contract Termination: 30 Calendar Days Prior to First Option Contract Expiration**
- **Floating Index Price: 30 Day Future Volatility, Weighted Average of Two Option Contract Months**
  - January: Weighted Average of January/February Options
  - February: Weighted Average of February/March Options
  - March: Weighted Average of March/April Options
  - April: Weighted Average of April/May Options
  - May: Weighted Average of May/June Options
  - June: Weighted Average of June/July Options
  - July: Weighted Average of July/August Options
  - August: Weighted Average of August/September Options
  - September: Weighted Average of September/October Options
  - October: Weighted Average of October/November Options
  - November: Weighted Average of November/December Options
  - Weighted Average of December/January Options

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## Crude Oil VIX Contract Specifications

- **Contract Multiplier:** \$500
- **Final Settlement:** Arithmetic Average of Published Floating Price From 2:00 P.M. to 2:30 P.M. (NY Time).  
Index Published every 15 Seconds

# Trading Uses

- **Hedging Option Portfolios**

- “Vega” Risk for Market Makers
- Basis Risk for Individual Strike Prices but Would Serve as a Macro Hedge

- **Systemic Changes in Markets**

- Commodity VIX Tends to be Inversely Related to Price Levels for Both Crude Oil and Gold
- For Crude Oil, Also Tends to Be Related to Term Structure
- For Gold, Inflation, Currency Uncertainty
- As Market Goes into Backwardation, Implied Option Volatility Tends to Rise

- **Speculative Positions**

- Allows Traders to Position For Significant Volatility Changes
  - Unlike Straddles and Delta Hedged Strategies, No Rebalancing is Needed

# Systemic Relationships

## Crude Oil At-The-Money Implied Volatility (2000-2010): Negatively Related to Price and Term Structure

	<u>Coefficient</u>	<u>T-Statistic</u>
Price	-.10	-9.52
1-2 Spread	-4.08	-15.66

## Implied Volatility Correlation (2000-2010)

S&P – Oil	.65
S&P – Gold	.56
Gold – Oil	.50

# Option Contracts

**The Exchange Is Hopeful of Launching Options on Gold and Crude Oil VIX Futures By Year-End 2010**

## **Specifications:**

- **Strikes at 1.00 Intervals**
- **Expiration Coincides With Futures Termination**
- **Financial Settlement**
- **\$500 Multiplier**

# Trading Venues

- **Competitive Electronic Trading on CME Globex**
- **Submission For Clearing Bilateral Trades through CME ClearPort**

# References

**As A Chicago Board Option Exchange patented product, references for calculation of VIX as well as academic articles can be found here:**

**[http://cfe.cboe.com/education/education\\_vix.aspx](http://cfe.cboe.com/education/education_vix.aspx)**

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