

# Cryptocurrency futures and options

FROM THE MARKETPLACE THAT EMPOWERS CRYPTO CONFIDENCE

Enjoy market leading liquidity and execution flexibility for bitcoin and ether trading, and greater capital efficiency in crypto-trading through better price discovery in a transparent and CFTC-regulated market.

## BY THE NUMBERS

Open interest (OI) averaged a record of **\$20.8BK** contracts per day in Q4 2024

*229K contracts, up 61% vs. Q3 2024.*

Trading activity remains robust in 2024 with average daily volume (ADV) across our F&O suite

*Exceeding 196.8K contracts in Q4 2024, up 89% vs. Q3 2024.*

**\$3.8T**

NOTIONAL VOLUME  
SINCE LAUNCH

**\$6.8B**

AVERAGE DAILY  
VOLUME TRADED

**\$14.6B**

AVERAGE DAILY  
OPEN INTEREST

**537**

INSTITUTIONS  
HOLDING 25+ FUTURES  
*Q4 2024 average*

**63**

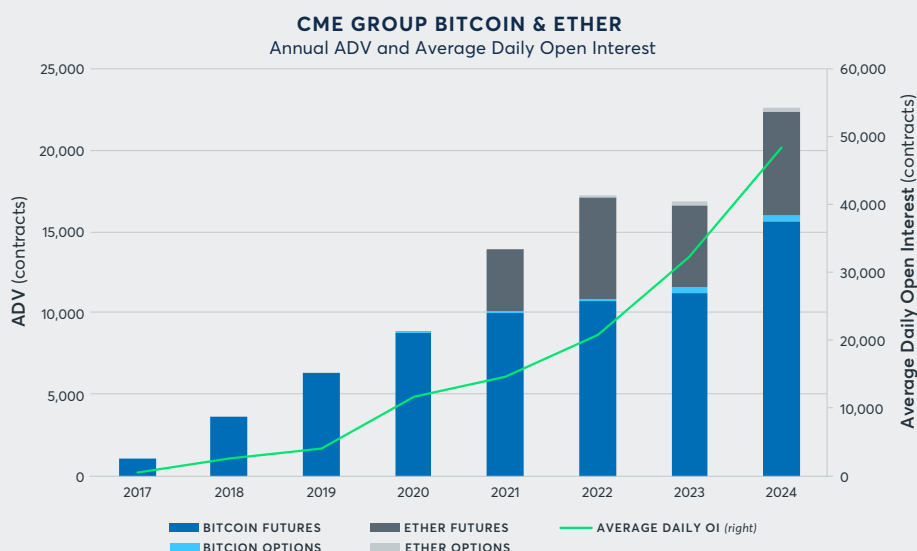
CME CF REFERENCES  
RATES & REAL-TIME  
INDICES

**42%**

VOLUME TRADED  
DURING NON-U.S.  
HOURS

**40+**

BROKERS AND PLATFORMS  
PROVIDING ACCESS



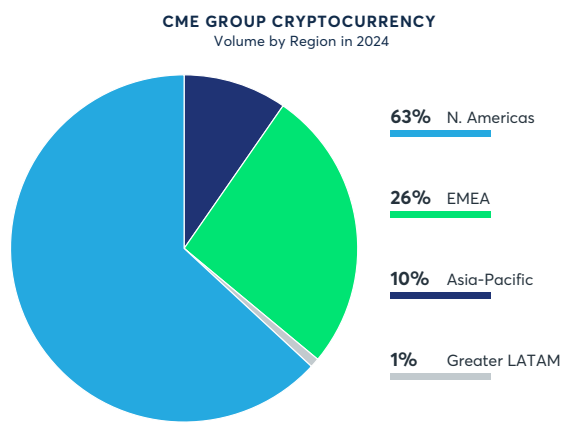
Source: CME Group

## AVAILABLE FUTURES AND OPTIONS CONTRACTS

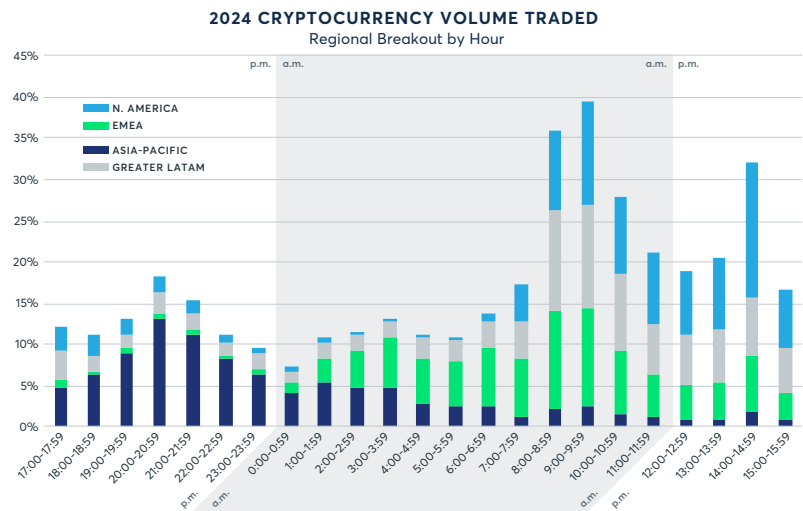
*\*futures only*

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|------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| • Bitcoin (BTC)              | • Ether (ETH)         | • Micro Bitcoin Euro futures (EBM)* | • Micro Ether (MET)    |
| • Bitcoin Euro (BTE)*        | • Ether Euro (ETE)*   | • Micro Ether Euro futures (EEM)*   | • Bitcoin Friday (BFF) |
| • Ether/Bitcoin Ratio (EBR)* | • Micro Bitcoin (MBT) |                                     |                        |

CME Group cryptocurrency products offer deep liquidity across all trading hours.



Source: CME Group, as of December 31, 2024



Key features



CFTC-REGULATED TRADING VENUE

Promotes transparency, efficient price discovery, and helps protect participants from manipulation, fraud, and illegal trading practices.



AROUND-THE-CLOCK ACCESS

Trade electronically nearly 24 hours a day globally on the CME Globex and CME ClearPort platforms.



NO DIGITAL WALLET NEEDED

Cryptocurrency futures are index-based and cash-settled, removing the need to directly hold a physical position and eliminating cybertheft or hacking risk.



GREATER CAPITAL EFFICIENCY

Save on potential margin offsets across Cryptocurrency futures at CME Group.



PROTECTED CUSTOMER FUNDS WITHOUT CLAW BACKS

CME Clearing has financial safeguards and leading risk management capabilities to protect customers against a default.



SEGREGATED CUSTOMER ACCOUNTS

Client positions are kept separate and protected against co-mingling with other accounts.

## Multiple ways to trade

### ELECTRONICALLY THROUGH CME GLOBEX

- Available Sunday – Friday 5:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. CT

### BI-LATERALLY – AVAILABLE 24/7 (including weekends and most holidays)

- **Basis Trade at Index Close (BTIC):** Execute a basis trade relative to the reference price of the underlying CME CF Reference Rates.
- **Trading at Settlement (TAS)** enables market participants to trade futures at a spread to their underlying daily settlement price.
- **Blocks:** Flexibility to negotiate price and size directly with a counterparty and clear through the exchange, pursuant to Rule 526.
- **Exchange for related position (EFRP):** Pursuant to Rule 538, transactions allow two counterparties to simultaneously transfer a futures position for an equivalent spot market position or vice versa.

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