

Advisory Notice

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TO: Clearing Member Firms
FROM: Clearing House Department
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SUBJECT: **New CME Portal (Connect) site Launched**

CME is pleased to announce the launch of a new Portal website which will be referred to as CME Connect. It can be accessed via your internet browser at <http://connect.cme.com>. This new site provides added stability over the existing portal, <http://portal.cme.com>, which is planned to be decommissioned effective Monday, June 18, 2007. CME Connect is accessible using the same ID and password that is used to access the existing portal site. Both portal.cme.com and <http://connect.cme.com> have been running parallel in production for a few months and a large number of clearing firm users have been using it for daily clearing processing.

Please note that clearing applications within CME Connect, such as Front End Clearing (FEC) and C21 Positions, have not changed. They are still accessible using their respective IDs and passwords.

To help us speed up the migration of all portal users to the new CME Connect site, we are asking those who utilize the current portal to switch to the new site <http://connect.cme.com> and use it for production clearing processing.

How to access CME Connect:

- Point your Internet Browser to <http://connect.cme.com>
- You will be prompted to enter your Portal user ID (F999XXX) and Portal password. Use the same user ID and password you currently use to access portal.cme.com home page.
- The new portal home page will display. Notice that the applications links also contain icons associated with the applications titles.
- The Connect.cme.com user guide can be found on CME.com via the following link:
<http://www.cme.com/clearing/cm/apps/manuals991.html>

Very important: If you choose to add the site to favorites, we recommend that you add the new portal home page <http://connect.cme.com> and **not** the redirected page, which may look similar to the link below (https://connectwdc.cme.com/nextgenWebProject/appmanager/nextgen/DanInfo=beaportal+nextgen?nfpb=true&nfls=false&pageLabel=nextgenPortal_portal_page_1)

Once you add your favorite, right click the favorite, click Properties, and change the URL to <http://connect.cme.com>.

The reason is that the CME Connect site uses an internet smart director that maintains load balancing between several systems. Therefore, users will be directed to the next available website which is different than where they started. The purpose of this feature is to provide users with a reliable and secure website that starts with (https).

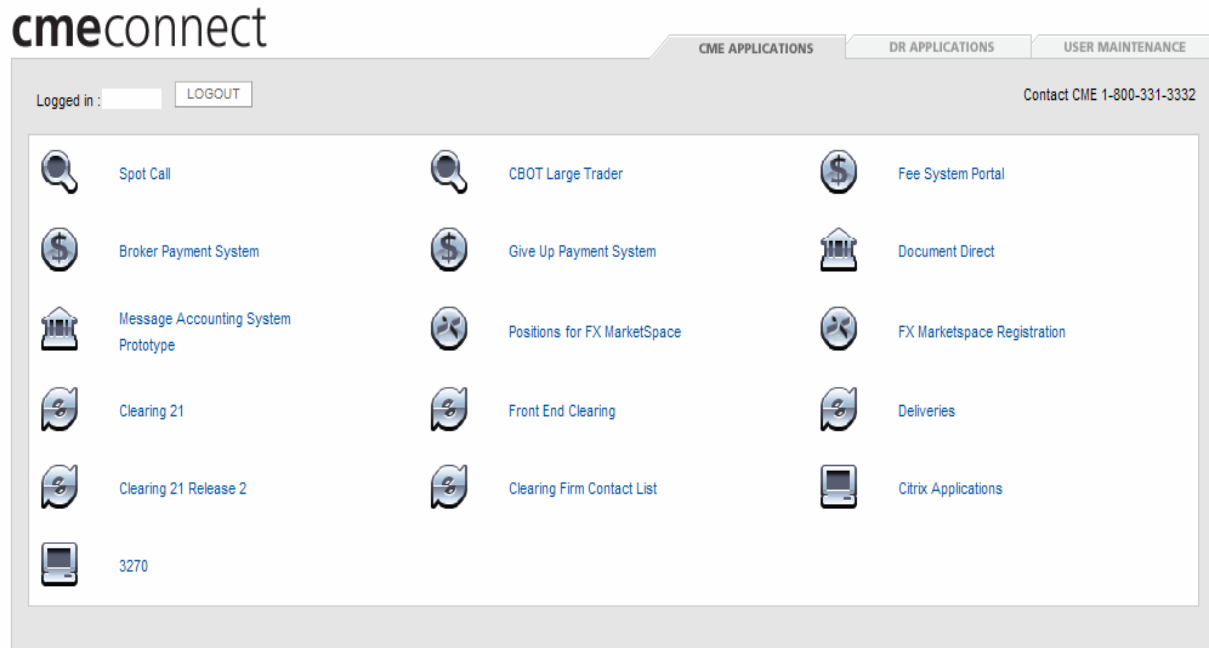
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Also, remember only one user per one user ID. We encourage you to switch your access, as soon as possible, and also forward this email to your staff and colleagues.

Portal Connect New look:

Below is a display of connect home page including links to Production clearing applications.



The screenshot shows the CME Connect web application interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with tabs for "CME APPLICATIONS", "DR APPLICATIONS", and "USER MAINTENANCE". Below the navigation bar, there is a login section with a "Logged in:" field and a "LOGOUT" button. To the right of the login section, there is a contact number: "Contact CME 1-800-331-3332". The main content area displays a grid of application links, each with an icon and a text label. The applications listed are: Spot Call, CBOT Large Trader, Fee System Portal, Broker Payment System, Give Up Payment System, Document Direct, Message Accounting System Prototype, Positions for FX MarketSpace, FX Marketspace Registration, Clearing 21, Front End Clearing, Deliveries, Clearing 21 Release 2, Clearing Firm Contact List, Citrix Applications, and 3270.

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Thank you.