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CME Group's Craig S. Donohue to be honored as the 2009 International Executive of the Year

Chicago, IL, April 14, 2009 – The Executives' Club of Chicago has named Craig S. Donohue, Chief Executive Officer of CME Group and the Club's Second Vice Chairman, the recipient of its 2009 International Executive of the Year Award for his outstanding contributions to the global business community.

Mr. Donohue has served as Chief Executive Officer of CME Group and its predecessor company, CME Holdings Inc. since 2003. During his tenure, Donohue played a leading role in completing more than \$20 billion in mergers and acquisitions, including CME's historic acquisitions of the Chicago Board of Trade (CBOT) and the New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX). Donohue also was instrumental in designing and achieving CME's demutualization in November 2000 and its initial public offering in December 2002 which made CME the first publicly traded financial exchange in the United States.

Mr. Donohue has also contributed significantly to setting the organization's vision and developing growth strategies to expand CME Group's core business and new growth opportunities in over-the-counter and emerging markets. He was CME's lead negotiator for technology and product alliances with the world's leading exchanges and financial organizations, including the Singapore Derivatives Exchange Ltd., Standard & Poor's Corporation and The NASDAQ Stock Market, Inc.

“The Executives' Club of Chicago is pleased to honor Craig Donohue with the 2009 International Executive of the Year Award. Craig has built CME Group into a venerable financial institution competing with foreign exchanges all around the world,” said Robert L. Parkinson, Jr., Chairman of The Executives' Club of Chicago and Chairman, Chief Executive Officer & President of Baxter International Inc. “Craig truly exemplifies the high standards of global leadership the Club stands for and we congratulate him on his outstanding achievements”



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The annual International Executive of the Year Award was established by The Executives' Club of Chicago's Board of Directors in 1995 to honor individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to the global business community. The award reflects the Club's mission to provide the Chicago business community with the information and resources needed to establish effective global partnerships; enhance intellectual exchange; develop future diverse business leaders; and promote Chicago as a world class business center.

Mr. Donohue will be honored during the Club's Global Leaders Luncheon program on April 28, 2009. The luncheon will take place at The Fairmont Chicago, 200 North Columbus Drive, at 12:30 p.m., with the award to be presented to Mr. Donohue at 1:45 p.m. For more information about the program, including registration information, please visit the Club's Web site at www.executivesclub.org.

About The Executives' Club of Chicago

The Executives' Club of Chicago (ECC) is a business forum for thought leadership, education and best business practices. Founded in 1911, the ECC is one of the oldest and most prestigious business organizations in the Midwest. The Club serves the community by providing information and resources needed to establish effective global partnerships, enhance intellectual exchange, develop future diverse business leaders and promote Chicago as a world class business center. For more information, visit www.executivesclub.org.

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