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**Date:** December 22, 2021

**Subject:** CME Group Inc. – Cash Dividend – No Adjustment  
Option Symbols: CME

CME Group Inc. (CME) has announced a \$3.25 annual variable dividend per each CME Class A Common Share. NASDAQ has set December 27, 2021 as the ex-distribution date for this distribution.

**No Contract Adjustment for the CME Dividend**

Pursuant to Article VI, Section 11A of OCC's By-laws, OCC has determined that CME options WILL NOT BE ADJUSTED FOR THE \$3.25 DIVIDEND. OCC has determined that the Cash dividend is an ordinary dividend as defined in the OCC By-Laws for which no adjustment should be made.

Interpretations and Policies .01 to Article VI, Section 11A of the OCC By-Laws states:

... cash dividends or distributions (regardless of size) by the issuer of the underlying security which the Corporation believes to have been declared pursuant to a policy or practice of paying such dividends or distributions on a quarterly or other regular basis will, as a general rule, be deemed to be ordinary cash dividends or distributions within the meaning of paragraph (c) of Section 11A.

For additional guidance regarding cash dividend adjustment policies, please see OCC Information Memos #30050 and #31714.

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The determination to adjust options and the nature of any adjustment is made by OCC pursuant to OCC By-Laws, Article VI, Sections 11 and 11A. The determination to adjust futures and the nature of any adjustment is made by OCC pursuant to OCC By-Laws, Article XII, Sections 3, 4, or 4A, as applicable. For both options and futures, each adjustment decision is made on a case by case basis. Adjustment decisions are based on information available at the time and are subject to change as additional information becomes available or if there are material changes to the terms of the corporate event(s) occasioning the adjustment.

ALL CLEARING MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO IMMEDIATELY ADVISE ALL BRANCH OFFICES AND CORRESPONDENTS ON THE ABOVE.

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