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Organization: New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc. ("NYMEX")

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**Organization Rules and Rule Amendments**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Certification                       | § 40.6(a)  |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Approval                              | § 40.3(a)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Approval Security Futures             | § 41.23(b) |
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Official Product Name:

**Product Terms and Conditions (product related Rules and Rule Amendments)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Certification Made Available to Trade Determination     | § 40.6(a)            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Certification Security Futures                          | § 41.24(a)           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Delisting (No Open Interest)                            | § 40.6(a)            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Approval                                                | § 40.5(a)            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Approval Made Available to Trade Determination          | § 40.5(a)            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Approval Security Futures                               | § 41.24(c)           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Approval Amendments to enumerated agricultural products | § 40.4(a), § 40.5(a) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | “Non-Material Agricultural Rule Change”                 | § 40.4(b)(5)         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Notification                                            | § 40.6(d)            |

Official Name(s) of Product(s) Affected:

Rule Numbers:



Christopher Bowen  
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**VIA ELECTRONIC PORTAL**

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**RE: Modifications to the Latin America Fund Manager Incentive Program  
NYMEX Submission No. 18-018 (3 of 4)**

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. ("CME"), The Board of Trade of the City of Chicago, Inc. ("CBOT"), New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc. ("NYMEX"), and Commodity Exchange, Inc. ("COMEX") (collectively, the "Exchanges") hereby notify the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission") that they plan to modify the Latin America Fund Manager Incentive Program ("FMIP" or "Program"). The modifications to the Program will become effective on February 1, 2018.

Exhibit 1 sets forth the terms of the Program. The modifications appear below, with additions underscored and deletions ~~overstruck~~.

The Exchanges reviewed the designated contract market core principles ("Core Principles") as set forth in the Commodity Exchange Act ("CEA"). During the review, the Exchanges' staff identified the following Core Principles as potentially being impacted: Monitoring of Trading, Execution of Transactions, Protection of Market Participants, Compliance with Rules, and Recordkeeping.

The Program and the proposed modifications will not impact the Exchanges' ability to perform its trade practice and market surveillance obligations under the CEA. The Exchanges' market regulation staff will monitor trading in the products in order to prevent manipulative trading and market abuse. The incentives in the Program do not impact the Exchanges' order execution. Participants in the Program will be selected by the Exchanges' staff using criteria as further stated in Exhibit 1. Chapter 4 of the Exchanges' rules includes prohibitions against fraudulent, non-competitive, unfair or abusive practices. The Program is subject to these rules. The Program will be subject to the Exchanges' record retention policies which comply with the CEA.

The Exchanges certify that the Program complies with the CEA and the regulations thereunder. There were no substantive opposing views to this Program or the modifications to the Program.

The Exchanges certify that this submission has been concurrently posted on the Exchanges' website at <http://www.cmegroup.com/market-regulation/rule-filings.html>.

If you require any additional information regarding this submission, please e-mail [CMEGSubmissionInquiry@cmegroup.com](mailto:CMEGSubmissionInquiry@cmegroup.com) or contact Rachel Johnson at 312-466-4393 or via e-mail at [Rachel.Johnson@cmegroup.com](mailto:Rachel.Johnson@cmegroup.com). Please reference our NYMEX Submission No. 18-018 in any related correspondence.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christopher Bowen  
Managing Director and Chief Regulatory Counsel

Attachment: Exhibit 1

# EXHIBIT 1

## LATIN AMERICA FUND MANAGER INCENTIVE PROGRAM

### Program Purpose

The purpose of this Program is to incentivize Fund Managers in Latin American countries to trade the products listed below on the CME Globex Platform. The resulting increase in liquidity in the products listed below benefits all participant segments in the market.

### Product Scope

All CME, CBOT, NYMEX, and COMEX products available for trading on the Globex Platform (“Products”).

### Eligible Participants

There is no limit to the amount of participants that may be selected in the Program. All approved CME, CBOT, NYMEX and COMEX non-members may participate. Additionally, participants must meet the following criteria.

To qualify for LAFMIP, a Fund Manager must:

- Be located in a Latin American country. (See below)
- Have assets under management of at least US\$100 million.
- Be registered and licensed by the government regulator in their respective country in Latin America and must submit to the Exchanges all related documentation of such registrations and licenses.
- Have all traders physically located in Latin America.
- Complete a LAFMIP application and be approved by the Exchanges.
- Register Approved Funds with the Exchanges. Approved Fund accounts will receive discounted fees only on fund accounts that are solely managed by the LAFMIP participating Fund Manager. The LAFMIP participant must submit documentation showing they are the authorized manager of the fund account applying for discounted fees.
- Trade the account of a hedge fund, certain specialized government-sponsored pension funds, commodity pool or other collective investment vehicle. Individual managed accounts and private pension funds do not qualify for the Program.
- Execute all trades in the name of the Approved Fund account managed by the qualified LAFMIP firm.
- Register all participating traders who must be owners, bona fide employees or independent contractors of the LAFMIP participant.

Fund managers from the following countries qualify for the LAFMIP:

|                    |               |           |
|--------------------|---------------|-----------|
| Argentina          | French Guiana | Uruguay   |
| Belize             | Guatemala     | Venezuela |
| Bolivia            | Guyana        |           |
| Brazil             | Honduras      |           |
| Chile              | Mexico        |           |
| Colombia           | Nicaragua     |           |
| Costa Rica Mexico  | Panama        |           |
| Dominican Republic | Paraguay      |           |
| Ecuador            | Peru          |           |
| El Salvador        | Suriname      |           |

## **Program Term**

Start date is December 4, 2011. End date January 31, 2019.

## **Hours**

The incentives will apply to all trades made in the Products regardless of the execution time.

## **Program Incentives**

Once accepted into the Program, participants will be eligible to receive the following incentives:

Fee Discounts. Participants will be eligible to receive discounted fees for the Products that are traded on Globex in accordance with the following table:

| <b>Product Category<br/>(For Executed trades on Globex only)</b> | <b>FMIP fees<br/>(per side)</b>  |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>CME Products</b>                                              |                                  |
| E-mini Equity Index – Futures                                    | <del>\$0.76</del> <u>\$0.87</u>  |
| E-mini Equity Index – Options                                    | \$0.45                           |
| Full Size Equity Index – Futures                                 | <del>\$1.60</del> <u>\$2.40</u>  |
| Full Size Equity Index – Options                                 | \$1.50                           |
| Nikkei Futures                                                   | <del>\$1.60</del> <u>\$2.15</u>  |
| E-mini NIFTY 50 Index Futures                                    | <del>\$0.76</del> <u>\$0.81</u>  |
| USD Ibovespa Futures                                             | \$1.26                           |
| Interest Rate Futures                                            | \$0.50                           |
| Interest Rate Options                                            | \$0.50                           |
| 2-Year Eurodollar Bundle Futures                                 | <del>\$3.52</del> <u>\$6.40</u>  |
| 3-Year Eurodollar Bundle Futures                                 | <del>\$5.28</del> <u>\$9.60</u>  |
| 5-Year Eurodollar Bundle Futures                                 | <del>\$8.80</del> <u>\$16.00</u> |

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| 2-Year Eurodollar Bundle Options                                 | <del>\$2.89</del> <u>\$5.50</u>  |
| 3-Year Eurodollar Bundle Options                                 | <del>\$4.22</del> <u>\$8.00</u>  |
| 5-Year Eurodollar Bundle Options                                 | <del>\$6.87</del> <u>\$13.00</u> |
| Foreign Exchange – Full Size Futures<br>(excluding FX Link)      | \$1.00                           |
| Foreign Exchange – Full Size Futures via FX<br>Link <sup>1</sup> | <u>\$0.80</u>                    |
| Foreign Exchange – Full Size Options                             | \$1.00                           |
| Foreign Exchange – E-mini Contracts                              | <del>\$0.54</del> <u>\$0.85</u>  |
| Foreign Exchange – E-micro Contracts                             | <del>\$0.10</del> <u>\$0.16</u>  |
| Agricultural Contracts – Futures                                 | <del>\$1.50</del> <u>\$2.03</u>  |
| Agricultural Contracts – Options                                 | <del>\$1.50</del> <u>\$2.03</u>  |
| Weather Contracts                                                | <del>\$0.25</del> <u>\$0.54</u>  |
| <b>CBOT Products</b>                                             |                                  |
| Mini \$5 Dow Equity Contracts                                    | <del>\$0.75</del> <u>\$0.87</u>  |
| DJ U.S. Real Estate Index Futures                                | <del>\$0.75</del> <u>\$0.87</u>  |
| <u>2-Year U.S. Treasury Futures</u>                              | <u>\$0.56</u>                    |
| <u>5-Year U.S. Treasury Futures</u>                              | <u>\$0.56</u>                    |
| <u>10-Year &amp; Ultra 10-Year U.S. Treasury Futures</u>         | <u>\$0.59</u>                    |
| <u>U.S. Treasury Bond Futures</u>                                | <u>\$0.64</u>                    |
| <u>Ultra U.S. Treasury Bond Futures</u>                          | <u>\$0.64</u>                    |

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| U.S. Treasury Futures and Options                                                           | \$0.49                          |
| Other Financial Products                                                                    | <del>\$0.49</del> <u>\$0.56</u> |
| MAC Swap Futures                                                                            | \$0.49                          |
| Full Size Agricultural Contracts                                                            | \$1.45 <u>\$1.67</u>            |
| Mini Agricultural Contracts                                                                 | <del>\$0.90</del> <u>\$1.03</u> |
| ICS & CS Agricultural Options                                                               | <del>\$2.06</del> <u>\$3.84</u> |
| <b>NYMEX Products</b>                                                                       |                                 |
| Energy Contracts (Physicals) on CME Globex<br>( <u>CL, LO, HO, OH, RB, OB, NG, LN, ON</u> ) | \$1.10 <u>\$1.27</u>            |
| NYMEX Metals (PL, PA, PO, PAO)                                                              | \$1.10 <u>\$1.27</u>            |
| <b>COMEX Products</b>                                                                       |                                 |
| Metals Futures Contracts (Physicals) on CME<br>Globex ( <u>GC, SI, HG</u> )                 | \$1.10 <u>\$1.27</u>            |

1 – FX Link fees will be effective beginning on March 25, 2018.

### **Monitoring and Termination of Status**

The Exchanges shall monitor trading activity shall retain the right to revoke Program participant status if it concludes from review that a Program participant no longer meets the eligibility requirements of the Program.