



CME Group Inc. Reports First-Quarter 2024 Financial Results

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CHICAGO, April 24, 2024 /PRNewswire/ -- CME Group Inc. (NASDAQ: CME) today reported financial results for the first quarter of 2024.

The company reported revenue of \$1.5 billion and operating income of \$960 million for the first quarter of 2024. Net income was \$855 million and diluted earnings per common share were \$2.35. On an adjusted basis, net income was \$911 million and diluted earnings per common share were \$2.50. Financial results presented on an adjusted basis for the first quarter of 2024 and 2023 exclude certain items, which are detailed in the reconciliation of non-GAAP results.¹

"CME Group adjusted net income and earnings per share reached new records in Q1 as investors turned to our markets to manage through the ongoing economic and geopolitical uncertainty in today's marketplace," said Terry Duffy, CME Group Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. "Average daily volume in our U.S. Treasury futures and options grew 12% year over year, reaching a new all-time high of 7.8 million contracts per day. Additionally, ADV in our commodities markets increased 14% to 4.7 million contracts. Looking ahead, we remain committed to providing the deep liquidity and unparalleled capital efficiencies our clients rely on as they continue to navigate a wide range of risks across asset classes."

First-quarter 2024 average daily volume (ADV) was 26.4 million contracts, including non-U.S. ADV, which reached a record 7.4 million contracts.

1. A reconciliation of the non-GAAP financial results mentioned to the respective GAAP figures can be found within the Reconciliation of GAAP to non-GAAP Measures chart at the end of the financial statements and earnings presentation materials.

Clearing and transaction fees revenue for first-quarter 2024 totaled \$1.2 billion. The total average rate per contract was \$0.695. Market data revenue totaled \$175 million for first-quarter 2024.

As of March 31, 2024, the company had approximately \$1.7 billion in cash (including \$225 million deposited with Fixed Income Clearing Corporation, which is included in other current assets) and \$3.4 billion of debt. The company paid dividends during the first quarter of approximately \$2.3 billion. The company has returned approximately \$24.8 billion to shareholders in the form of dividends since the implementation of the variable dividend policy in early 2012.

CME Group will hold a Q&A conference call to discuss first-quarter 2024 results at 8:30 a.m. Eastern Time today. A live audio webcast of the Q&A call will be available on the Investor Relations section of CME Group's website at www.cmegroup.com. An archived recording will be available for up to two months after the call.

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satisfy the margin and liquidity requirements associated with the BrokerTec matched principal business; the ability of our compliance and risk management programs to effectively monitor and manage our risks, including our ability to prevent errors and misconduct and protect our infrastructure against security breaches and misappropriation of our intellectual property assets; our dependence on third-party providers and exposure to risk through third parties, including risks related to the performance, reliability and security of technology used by our third-party providers and third-party providers that our clients rely on; volatility in commodity, equity and fixed income prices, and price volatility of financial benchmarks and instruments such as interest rates, equity indices, fixed income instruments and foreign exchange rates; economic, social, political and market conditions, including the volatility of the capital and credit markets and the impact of economic conditions on the trading activity of our current and potential customers; our ability to accommodate increases in contract volume and order transaction traffic and to implement enhancements without failure or degradation of the performance of our trading and clearing systems; our ability to execute our growth strategy and maintain our growth effectively; our ability to manage the risks, control the costs and achieve the synergies associated with our strategy for acquisitions, investments and alliances, including those associated with the performance of our joint ventures with S&P Dow Jones (S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC) in index services and in trade processing/post trade services (OSTTRA), our primary business and distribution partners' actions and our partnership with Google Cloud; variances in earnings on cash accounts and collateral that our clearing house holds for its clients; impact of CME Group pricing and incentive changes; impact of aggregation services and internalization on trade flow and volumes; any negative financial impacts from changes to the terms of intellectual property and index rights; our ability to continue to generate funds and/or manage our indebtedness to allow us to continue to invest in our business; industry, channel partner and customer consolidation and/or concentration; decreases in trading and clearing activity; the imposition of a transaction tax or user fee on futures and options transactions and/or repeal of the 60/40 tax treatment of such transactions; increases in effective tax rates, borrowing costs, or changes in tax policy; our ability to maintain our brand and reputation; and the unfavorable resolution of material legal proceedings. For a detailed discussion and additional information concerning these and other factors that might affect our performance, see our other recent periodic filings, including our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2023, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") on February 28, 2024, under the caption "Risk Factors."

CME Group Inc. and Subsidiaries
Consolidated Balance Sheets
(in millions)

	March 31, 2024	December 31, 2023
ASSETS		
Current Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,436.9	\$ 2,912.0
Marketable securities	121.0	111.7
Accounts receivable, net of allowance	628.2	535.6
Other current assets (includes \$5.2 in restricted cash)	647.7	1,138.4
Performance bonds and guaranty fund contributions	94,473.9	90,192.5
Total current assets	97,307.7	94,890.2
Property, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization	396.0	409.5
Intangible assets—trading products	17,175.3	17,175.3
Intangible assets—other, net	2,990.0	3,050.2
Goodwill	10,489.6	10,495.3
Other assets	3,695.1	3,685.6
Total Assets	\$ 132,053.7	\$ 129,706.1
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 111.0	\$ 90.6
Short-term debt	749.3	—
Other current liabilities	767.2	3,133.8
Performance bonds and guaranty fund contributions	94,473.9	90,192.5
Total current liabilities	96,101.4	93,416.9
Long-term debt	2,676.7	3,425.4
Deferred income tax liabilities, net	5,317.2	5,327.7
Other liabilities	804.2	798.2
Total Liabilities	104,899.5	102,968.2
Total CME Group Shareholders' Equity	27,154.2	26,737.9
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$ 132,053.7	\$ 129,706.1

CME Group Inc. and Subsidiaries
Consolidated Statements of Income

(dollars in millions, except per share amounts; shares in thousands)

Quarter Ended	
March 31,	
2024	2023

Revenues		
Clearing and transaction fees	\$ 1,208.9	\$ 1,200.2
Market data and information services	175.4	165.8
Other	103.6	75.6
Total Revenues	1,487.9	1,441.6
Expenses		
Compensation and benefits	206.0	204.5
Technology	59.4	51.3
Professional fees and outside services	33.1	38.3
Amortization of purchased intangibles	55.2	56.8
Depreciation and amortization	30.1	31.9
Licensing and other fee agreements	87.9	84.7
Other	56.6	60.4
Total Expenses	528.3	527.9
Operating Income	959.6	913.7
Non-Operating Income (Expense)		
Investment income	1,071.3	1,357.7
Interest and other borrowing costs	(39.9)	(39.9)
Equity in net earnings of unconsolidated subsidiaries	87.2	78.2
Other non-operating income (expense)	(964.8)	(1,152.8)
Total Non-Operating Income (Expense)	153.8	243.2
Income before Income Taxes	1,113.4	1,156.9
Income tax provision	258.2	273.1
Net Income	\$ 855.2	\$ 883.8
Net Income Attributable to Common Shareholders of CME Group	\$ 844.4	\$ 872.7

Earnings per Share Attributable to Common Shareholders of CME Group:

Basic	\$ 2.35	\$ 2.43
Diluted	2.35	2.43

Weighted Average Number of Common Shares:

Basic	359,258	358,933
Diluted	359,833	359,313

CME Group Inc. and Subsidiaries
Quarterly Operating Statistics

	1Q 2023	2Q 2023	3Q 2023	4Q 2023	1Q 2024
Trading Days	62	62	63	63	61

Quarterly Average Daily Volume (ADV)⁽¹⁾
CME Group ADV (in thousands)

Product Line	1Q 2023	2Q 2023	3Q 2023	4Q 2023	1Q 2024
Interest rates	14,490	11,273	10,967	13,348	13,839
Equity indexes	7,303	6,216	6,353	6,922	6,856
Foreign exchange	969	898	942	1,007	984
Energy	2,083	2,104	2,126	2,158	2,412
Agricultural commodities	1,379	1,752	1,433	1,469	1,596
Metals	649	612	528	609	675
Total	26,873	22,855	22,349	25,513	26,360
Venue					
CME Globex	24,171	20,907	20,838	23,503	23,985
Open outcry	1,623	1,124	713	1,126	1,333
Privately negotiated	1,080	825	797	885	1,043
Total	26,873	22,855	22,349	25,513	26,360

Quarterly Average Rate Per Contract (RPC)⁽¹⁾
CME Group RPC

Product Line	1Q 2023	2Q 2023	3Q 2023	4Q 2023	1Q 2024
Interest rates	\$ 0.495	\$ 0.505	\$ 0.508	\$ 0.488	\$ 0.486
Equity indexes	0.595	0.644	0.625	0.616	0.641
Foreign exchange	0.790	0.800	0.791	0.806	0.787
Energy	1.300	1.347	1.324	1.338	1.334
Agricultural commodities	1.349	1.356	1.328	1.361	1.356
Metals	1.517	1.487	1.492	1.502	1.556
Average RPC	\$ 0.664	\$ 0.724	\$ 0.707	\$ 0.682	\$ 0.695

1. ADV and RPC includes futures and options on futures only.

CME Group Inc. and Subsidiaries
Reconciliation of GAAP to non-GAAP Measures
(dollars in millions, except per share amounts; shares in thousands)

	Quarter Ended March 31,	
	2024	2023
Net Income	\$ 855.2	\$ 883.8
Restructuring and severance	2.8	0.7
Amortization of purchased intangibles ⁽¹⁾	68.7	70.1
Strategic transaction-related costs (credits)	1.9	(2.2)
Foreign exchange transaction (gains) losses	(1.8)	0.7
Unrealized and realized (gains) losses on investments	(2.5)	(74.8)
Unrealized and realized (gains) losses on assets	0.8	—
Income tax effect related to above	(14.0)	4.0
Adjusted Net Income	\$ 911.1	\$ 882.3
Adjusted Net Income Attributable to Common Shareholders of CME Group	\$ 899.7	\$ 871.1
Earnings per Share Attributable to Common Shareholders of CME Group:		
Basic	\$ 2.35	\$ 2.43
Diluted	2.35	2.43
Adjusted Earnings per Share Attributable to Common Shareholders of CME Group:		
Basic	\$ 2.50	\$ 2.43
Diluted	2.50	2.42
Weighted Average Number of Common Shares:		
Basic	359,258	358,933
Diluted	359,833	359,313
Preferred shares ⁽²⁾	4,584	4,584

1. Includes \$11.1 million of amortization of purchased intangibles (net of tax) at OSTTRA and \$2.4 million of amortization of purchased intangibles at S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC, reported in Equity in net earnings of unconsolidated subsidiaries on the Consolidated Statements of Income.

2. Preferred shares have similar rights as common shares without voting rights.

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