



## CME Group and Morningstar Announce Exclusive Index Derivatives Licensing Agreement

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CHICAGO, June 10, 2026 /PRNewswire/ -- CME Group, the world's leading derivatives marketplace, along with Morningstar, a leading provider of independent investment insights, today announced that they have entered into a multi-year licensing agreement for CME Group to launch derivatives products based on key Morningstar equity index benchmarks, including the Morningstar US Total Market, Large Cap, Large Cap Value, Large Cap Growth, Mid Cap, and Small Cap Indexes.

Through this exclusive agreement, CME Group will offer derivatives on the Morningstar Market Indexes, currently rebranding from CRSP, for the first time, enabling clients to utilize derivatives based on the indexes which underpin over \$3 trillion in linked assets.

"We are pleased to partner with Morningstar to help unlock more precise, next-generation risk management tools for the global investment community," said Tim McCourt, CME Group Senior Managing Director and Global Head of Equities, FX and Alternative Products. "Together, CME Group's deeply liquid equity derivatives marketplace paired with Morningstar's data-driven, benchmark ecosystem is expected to allow us to provide our global clients with an optimized framework to safely navigate market volatility and capture new opportunities."

"We're excited to collaborate with CME Group to offer derivative products for the first time on the Morningstar Market Indexes, the most definitive and comprehensive measures of the US equity market," added Morningstar Indexes President Amelia Furr. "With our acquisition of CRSP earlier this year, we have become a leading provider of U.S. equity benchmarks, and the new relationship with CME Group will accelerate our growth even further. Most exciting, we expect to open new doors and bring our high-quality equity indexes to an entirely new segment of the global investment marketplace."

### About CME Group

As the world's leading derivatives marketplace, CME Group ([www.cmegroup.com](http://www.cmegroup.com)) enables clients to trade futures, options, cash and OTC markets, optimize portfolios, and analyze data – empowering market participants worldwide to efficiently manage risk and capture opportunities. CME Group exchanges offer the widest range of global benchmark products across all major asset classes based on [interest rates](#), [equity indexes](#), [foreign exchange](#), [energy](#), [agricultural products](#) and [metals](#). The company offers futures and options on futures trading through the [CME Globex](#) platform, fixed income trading via BrokerTec and foreign exchange trading on the EBS platform. In addition, it operates one of the world's leading central counterparty clearing providers, CME Clearing.

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Morningstar Indexes was built to keep up with the evolving needs of investors—and to be a leading-edge advocate for them. Morningstar's rich heritage as a transparent, investor-focused leader in data and research uniquely equips Morningstar Indexes to support individuals, institutions, wealth managers and advisors in navigating investment opportunities across all major asset classes, styles, and strategies. In February 2026, the acquisition

of CRSP brought the CRSP Market Indexes – benchmarks for over \$3 trillion in US equities – into the Morningstar Indexes family. Additionally, CRSP's Research Data Products, renowned for their academic rigor, historical depth and accuracy, further enhances Morningstar's equity benchmark and data capabilities. This powerful combination unites two trusted sources of market insight, reinforcing a shared commitment to transparency, quality and investor-focused solutions. Please visit [indexes.morningstar.com](https://indexes.morningstar.com) for more information.

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