

CBOT HOLDINGS INC

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Subject Company:  
CBOT Holdings, Inc.  
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**An Urgent Message To CBOT Members And Shareholders And The City Of Chicago:  
THE FUTURE IS IN YOUR HANDS**

IntercontinentalExchange (ICE) has proposed a merger with the Chicago Board of Trade (CBOT) that would create the world's most comprehensive derivatives exchange and be headquartered here in Chicago.

ICE's Offer Is Clearly Superior To The CME Offer:

Provides a current premium of more than \$1 billion to the CME agreement

Offers the ability to safeguard the proud heritage of CBOT, the CBOT metals complex, and members' valuable CBOE exercise rights

Creates significantly less market concentration – a CME/CBOT combination would have a market share of over 85% (virtually 100% in equity index, interest rate and currency products)

Gives CBOT shareholders majority ownership in a business that is better positioned, faster growing and has a more diverse product portfolio

Projected to deliver significantly greater synergies estimated at approximately \$240 million annually

Encourages industry innovation and competition

To learn more about the proposed transaction, please go to **theicecbot.com**

**Forward-Looking Statements** – *Certain statements in this advertisement may contain forward-looking information regarding IntercontinentalExchange, Inc., CBOT Holdings, Inc., and the combined company after the completion of the possible merger that are*

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*intended to be covered by the safe harbor for forward-looking statements provided by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements include, but are not limited to, statements about the benefits of the merger transaction involving ICE and CBOT, including future strategic and financial benefits, the plans, objectives, expectations and intentions of ICE following the completion of the merger, and other statements that are not historical facts. Such statements are based upon the current beliefs and expectations of ICE's management and are subject to significant risks and uncertainties. Actual results may differ materially from those set forth in the forward-looking statements.*

*The following factors, among others, could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied in such forward-looking statements regarding the success of the proposed transaction: the failure of CBOT to accept ICE's proposal and enter into definitive agreements to effect the transaction, the risk that the revenue opportunities, cost savings and other anticipated synergies from the merger may not be fully realized or may take longer to realize than expected; superior offers by third parties; the ability to obtain governmental approvals and rulings on or regarding the transaction on the proposed terms and schedule; the failure of ICE or CBOT stockholders to approve the merger; the risk that the businesses will not be integrated successfully; disruption from the merger making it difficult to maintain relationships with customers, employees or suppliers; competition and its effect on pricing, spending and third-party relationships and revenues; social and political conditions such as war, political unrest or terrorism; general economic conditions and normal business uncertainty. Additional risks and factors are identified in ICE's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), including ICE's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006, as filed with the SEC on February 26, 2007.*

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**Important Merger Information**

In connection with the proposed transaction, and assuming the merger proposal is accepted by CBOT, ICE intends to file relevant materials with the SEC, including a proxy statement/prospectus regarding the proposed transaction. Such documents, however, are not currently available. INVESTORS ARE URGED TO READ THE PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS AND ALL SUCH OTHER RELEVANT MATERIALS REGARDING THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION. Investors will be able to obtain a free copy of the proxy statement/prospectus, if and when such document becomes available, and related documents filed by ICE or CBOT without charge, at the SEC's website (<http://www.sec.gov>). Copies of the final proxy statement/prospectus, if and when such document becomes available, may be obtained, without charge, from ICE by directing a

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request to ICE at 2100 RiverEdge Parkway, Suite 500, Atlanta, Georgia, 30328, Attention: Investor Relations; or by emailing a request to [ir@theice.com](mailto:ir@theice.com).

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ICE intends to file a proxy statement in connection with the CBOT special meeting of stockholders scheduled for April 4, 2007, at which the CBOT stockholders will consider the CBOT merger agreement with CME and other related matters. CBOT stockholders are strongly advised to read that proxy statement and the accompanying proxy card when they become available, as they will contain important information. Copies of that proxy statement, and amendments or supplements to that proxy statement, and other documents filed by ICE, if and when such documents become available, may be obtained, without charge, at the SEC's website (<http://www.sec.gov>); or from ICE by directing a request to ICE at 2100 RiverEdge Parkway, Suite 500, Atlanta, Georgia, 30328, Attention: Investor Relations or by emailing a request to [ir@theice.com](mailto:ir@theice.com).