



MarketAxess Announces Monthly Volume Statistics for December 2019

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NEW YORK, Jan. 06, 2020 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- MarketAxess Holdings Inc. (Nasdaq: MKTX), the operator of a leading electronic trading platform for fixed-income securities, and the provider of market data and post-trade services for the global fixed-income markets, today announced total monthly trading volume for December 2019 of \$466.9 billion, consisting of \$80.2 billion in U.S. high-grade volume, \$70.6 billion in other credit volume, and \$316.2 billion in rates volume.

The Company also reported preliminary variable transaction fees per million ("FPM") for the quarter ended December 31, 2019 of \$82, consisting of \$170 for U.S. high-grade, \$191 for other credit, and \$4.50 for rates. The FPM for the quarter ended December 31, 2019 are preliminary and may be revised in subsequent updates and public filings. The Company undertakes no obligation to update any fee information in future press releases.

Reported MarketAxess volume in all product categories includes only fully electronic trading volume. MarketAxess trading volumes, TRACE reported volumes and Trax[®] processed volumes are available on the Company's website at investor.marketaxess.com/volume.cfm

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This press release may contain forward-looking statements, including statements about the outlook and prospects for Company and industry growth, as well as statements about the Company's future financial and operating performance. These and other statements that relate to future results and events are based on MarketAxess' current expectations. Actual results in future periods may differ materially from those currently expected or desired because of a number of risks and uncertainties, including: the volatility of financial services markets generally; the level of trading volume transacted on the MarketAxess platform; the absolute level and direction of interest rates and the corresponding volatility in the corporate fixed-income market; the level and intensity of competition in the fixed-income electronic trading industry and the pricing pressures that may result; the variability of our growth rate; the rapidly evolving nature of the electronic financial services industry; our ability to introduce new fee plans and our clients' response; our exposure to risks resulting from non-performance by counterparties to transactions executed between our clients in which we act as an intermediary in matching back-to-back trades; our dependence on our broker-dealer clients; the loss of any of our significant institutional investor clients; our ability to develop new products and offerings and the market's acceptance of those products; the effect of rapid market or technological changes on us and the users of our technology; our ability to successfully maintain the integrity of our trading platform and our response to system failures, capacity constraints and business interruptions; our vulnerability to cyber security risks; our ability to protect our intellectual property rights or technology and defend against intellectual property infringement or other claims; our ability to enter into strategic alliances and to acquire other businesses and successfully integrate them with our business; our ability to comply with new laws, rules and regulations both domestically and internationally; our ability to maintain effective compliance and risk management methods; the strain of growth initiatives on management and other resources; our future capital needs and our ability to obtain capital when needed; limitations on our operating flexibility contained in our credit agreement; and other factors. The Company's actual results and financial condition may differ, perhaps materially, from the anticipated results and financial condition in any such forward-looking statements. The Company undertakes no obligation to update any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. More information about these and other factors affecting MarketAxess' business and prospects is contained in MarketAxess' periodic filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission and can be accessed at www.marketaxess.com.

About MarketAxess

MarketAxess operates a leading, institutional electronic trading platform delivering expanded liquidity opportunities, improved execution quality and significant cost savings across global fixed-income markets. A record \$2.1 trillion of U.S. investment-grade bonds, U.S. high-yield bonds, emerging market debt, Eurobonds and other fixed income securities traded through MarketAxess' patented trading technology in 2019. The global community of over 1,700 firms trading on MarketAxess today include the world's leading asset managers and institutional broker-dealers. MarketAxess' award-winning Open Trading[™] marketplace is regarded as the preferred all-to-all trading solution in the global credit markets, creating a unique liquidity pool for a broad range of credit market participants. Drawing on its deep data and analytical resources, MarketAxess enables automated trading solutions and, through its Trax[®] division, provides a range of pre- and post-trade services and products.

MarketAxess is headquartered in New York and has offices in London, Amsterdam, Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, Miami, Salt Lake City, San Francisco, São Paulo, Hong Kong and Singapore. For more information, please visit www.marketaxess.com.

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**MarketAxess Holdings Inc.
Monthly Volume Statistics**

	Average Daily Volume			Total Trading Volume		
	Dec-19	Dec-18	% Change	Dec-19	Dec-18	% Change
	(\$ in millions)					
U.S High Grade ¹						
Fixed Rate	\$ 3,578	\$ 3,634	-1.5%	\$ 75,129	\$ 69,040	8.8%
Floating Rate	240	283	-15.2%	5,036	5,370	-6.2%
Total U.S. High Grade	3,818	3,917	-2.5%	80,165	74,410	7.7%
Other Credit ¹						
U.S. High Yield	858	797	7.7%	18,027	15,139	19.1%
Emerging Markets	1,634	1,321	23.7%	34,310	25,108	36.6%
Eurobonds	865	596	45.1%	17,296	11,329	52.7%
Other Credit Products	44	44	0.0%	922	834	10.6%
Total Other Credit	3,401	2,758	23.3%	70,555	52,410	34.6%
Rates						
U.S. Government Bonds ²	14,884	-	n/a	312,572	-	n/a
Agencies and Other Government Bonds ¹	173	231	-25.1%	3,616	4,389	-17.6%
Total Rates	15,057	231	6418.2%	316,188	4,389	7104.1%
Total Volume	\$ 22,276	\$ 6,906	222.6%	\$ 466,908	\$ 131,209	255.9%
Number of U.S. Trading Days ³	21	19				
Number of U.K. Trading Days ⁴	20	19				

NOTES:

¹ Consistent with FINRA TRACE reporting standards, both sides of trades are included in the Company's reported volumes when the Company executes trades on a matched principal basis between two counterparties.

² U.S. Government Bonds represent U.S. Treasury volume traded through LiquidityEdge LLC, which was acquired by the Company on November 1, 2019. Consistent with industry standards, U.S. Government Bond trades are single-counted.

³ The number of U.S. trading days is based on the SIFMA holiday recommendation calendar.

⁴ The number of U.K. trading days is based on the U.K. Bank holiday schedule.

**MarketAxess Holdings Inc.
Quarterly Volume Statistics**

	Average Daily Volume			Total Trading Volume		
	4Q19	4Q18	% Change	4Q19	4Q18	% Change
	(\$ in millions)					
U.S High Grade ¹						
Fixed Rate	\$ 3,854	\$ 3,668	5.1%	\$ 238,959	\$ 223,737	6.8%
Floating Rate	228	277	-17.7%	14,150	16,915	-16.3%
Total U.S. High Grade	4,082	3,945	3.5%	253,109	240,652	5.2%
Other Credit ¹						
U.S. High Yield	904	853	6.0%	56,021	52,035	7.7%
Emerging Markets	1,901	1,453	30.8%	117,840	88,643	32.9%
Eurobonds	936	668	40.1%	59,913	42,754	40.1%
Other Credit Products	42	63	-33.3%	2,629	3,842	-31.6%
Total Other Credit	3,783	3,037	24.6%	236,403	187,274	26.2%
Rates						
U.S. Government Bonds ²	9,833	-	n/a	609,650	-	n/a
Agencies and Other Government Bonds ¹	174	234	-25.6%	10,787	14,345	-24.8%
Total Rates	10,007	234	4176.5%	620,437	14,345	4225.1%
Total Volume	\$ 17,872	\$ 7,216	147.7%	\$ 1,109,949	\$ 442,271	151.0%

Number of U.S. Trading Days ³	62	61
Number of U.K. Trading Days ⁴	64	64

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² U.S. Government Bonds represent U.S. Treasury volume traded through LiquidityEdge LLC, which was acquired by the Company on November 1, 2019. Consistent with industry standards, U.S. Government Bond trades are single-counted. ADV was calculated using 62 trading days. Post-acquisition ADV for U.S. Government Bonds using the November and December day count was \$15.2 billion.

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Source: MarketAxess Holdings, Inc.