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AVERAGE DAILY VALUE TRADED UP 25 PER CENT IN FEBRUARY

- Average daily trading on the international order book almost doubles

The average daily value traded across London Stock Exchange Group's equity markets during February increased 25 per cent year on year to £7.4 billion (€8.5 billion). The average daily number of trades was 865,706, one per cent lower than February 2009.

UK Cash Equities

The average daily value traded on the UK equity order book was £4.4 billion (€5.1 billion), an increase of 10 per cent year on year, while the average daily number of trades was down nine per cent at 566,718.

Italian Cash Equities

The average daily number of trades in Italian equities was 246,227, up 16 per cent on the same month last year. The average daily value traded during the month also grew, reaching €2.7 (£2.3 billion), a 49 per cent increase on last year.

International Cash Equities

During February, the average daily value traded in international stocks on the Group's equity order books nearly doubled, up 99 per cent year on year, totalling £670 million (€765 million). Meanwhile the average daily number of trades was 52,761, up 35 per cent on last February.

ETFs and ETCs

Trading in ETFs and ETCs during the month was strong, with the average daily number of trades up 60 per cent year on year, totalling 15,609. The average daily value traded was up 38 per cent to £428 million (€489 million).

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Derivatives

The average daily number of contracts traded on the Group's derivatives markets, EDX London and IDEM, was down 24 per cent on February 2009 but up 13 per cent on last month at 302,540. The average daily notional value traded was £2.9 billion (€3.4 billion), 12 per cent lower than the same month last year.

On EDX London, continued growth of the Russian IOB Index saw the highest number of contracts traded since the inception of the service in December 2006 at 18,462. The total number of IOB derivative contracts traded in February was also up 56 per cent on last year to 3,109,415.

Fixed income

Trading on the MTS Cash markets remained strong, with the average daily value traded during the month up by 68 per cent year on year at €10.7 billion (£9.4 billion). On the MTS Repo market, the average term adjusted daily value traded increased by 70 per cent year on year to €207.4 billion (£181.7 billion).

The average daily value traded during February on the Group's retail bond markets was €1billion (£887 million), in line with same month last year. The average daily number of trades was 10 per cent lower than the same month last year at 15,238.

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Additional Information:

This release uses only electronic trading data; trades that are reported to the either London Stock Exchange or Borsa Italiana under their rules but executed away from their electronic order books are not included.

There were 20 trading days on the London Stock Exchange and on Borsa Italiana during February 2010, the same as the previous year.

During February, the average daily number of trades on SETS – covering all equity based order book trading on the London Stock Exchange – was 603,575 down 7 per cent on February 2009. The average daily value traded was £5.1 billion, an increase of 15 per cent year on year.

Primary market data for February will be available on the websites of London Stock Exchange and Borsa Italiana later in the month.

The February 2010 value traded figures use a € per £ exchange rate of 1.14. The exchange rate used for February 2009 was 1.12.

January 2010 derivative data has been restated. The average daily number of contracts traded on the Group's derivatives markets, EDX London and IDEM in January 2010 was down 25 per cent on January 2009, at 267,742, while the average notional value traded was £2.7 billion (€3.1 billion), down 32 per cent.

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	February 2010				February 2009				
	Totals								
	TRADES	VALUE TRADED £M	VALUE TRADED €M		Trades	VALUE TRADED £M	VALUE TRADED €M		
UK EQUITIES	11,334,354	88,786	101,349		12,459,609	80,576	90,850		
ITALIAN EQUITIES	4,924,542	46,643	53,242		4,248,279	31,700	35,742		
INTERNATIONAL EQUITIES	1,055,222	13,408	15,305		783,976	6,740	7,600		
ETFs & ETCs	312,179	8,559	9,770		194,857	6,193	6,983		
SECURITISED DERIVATIVES	133,467	975	1,113		155,526	662	746		
DERIVATIVES (EDX & IDEM)	6,050,790	58,753	67,066		7,979,227	66,836	75,358		
RETAIL BONDS	304,767	17,740	20,250		339,107	18,002	20,297		
MTS Cash	36,229	187,438	213,960		26,952	113,200	127,634		
MTS REPO	42,961	3,633,765	4,147,932		44,154	2,164,155	2,440,107		
	Average daily								
UK EQUITIES	566,718	4,439	5,067		622,980	4,029	4,542		
ITALIAN EQUITIES	246,227	2,332	2,662		212,414	1,585	1,787		
INTERNATIONAL EQUITIES	52,761	670	765		39,199	337	380		
ETFs & ETCs	15,609	428	489		9,743	310	349		
SECURITISED DERIVATIVES	6,673	49	56		7,776	33	37		
DERIVATIVES (EDX & IDEM)	302,540	2,938	3,353		398,961	3,342	3,768		
RETAIL BONDS	15,238	887	1,012		16,955	900	1,015		
MTS Cash	1,811	9,372	10,698		1,348	5,660	6,382		
MTS REPO	2,148	181,688	207,397		2,208	108,208	122,005		

	January to February 2010			January to February 2009					
	Totals								
	Tr ades	VALUE TRADED £M	VALUE TRADED €M	Trades	VALUE TRADED £M	VALUE TRADED €M			
UK EQUITIES	22,413,921	172,710	196,388	25,742,458	171,361	189,724			
ITALIAN EQUITIES	9,470,926	91,047	103,528	8,700,010	64,884	71,883			
INTERNATIONAL EQUITIES	2,067,101	26,981	30,676	1,563,192	13,334	14,781			
ETFs & ETCs	647,647	16,939	19,259	385,306	12,073	13,386			
SECURITISED DERIVATIVES	248,348	1,843	2,096	322,942	1,479	1,636			
DERIVATIVES (EDX & IDEM)	11,405,626	113,983	129,612	14,589,334	152,374	168,517			
RETAIL BONDS	579,190	32,680	37,169	708,724	37,272	41,284			
MTS Cash	73,610	398,033	452,446	53,125	226,620	251,160			
MTS REPO	86,523	7,418,751	8,434,197	93,952	4,548,044	5,036,390			
	Average daily								
UK EQUITIES	560,348	4,318	4,910	627,865	4,180	4,627			
ITALIAN EQUITIES	236,773	2,276	2,588	212,195	1,583	1,753			
INTERNATIONAL EQUITIES	51,678	675	767	38,127	325	361			
ETFs & ETCs	16,191	423	481	9,398	294	326			
SECURITISED DERIVATIVES	6,209	46	52	7,877	36	40			
DERIVATIVES (EDX & IDEM)	285,141	2,850	3,240	355,837	3,716	4,110			
RETAIL BONDS	14,480	817	929	17,286	909	1,007			
MTS Cash	1,840	9,951	11,311	1,296	5,527	6,126			
MTS REPO	2,163	185,469	210,855	2,292	110,928	122,839			

For Derivatives, the values used are notional values while "trades" refer to contracts traded. Value traded figures for MTS Repo are term-adjusted, and totals for MTS Cash include BondVision.