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**HOLLY DURAN REAL ESTATE PARTNERS HAS RECORD YEAR
Firm's Futures Industry Expertise Contributed to 50 Percent Rise in Transactions**

CHICAGO, March 17, 2009 – Holly Duran Real Estate Partners LLC (HDREP) announced today that 2008 represented the most successful year in the company's history, with a 50 percent increase in number of transactions over 2007. The boutique firm, which represents more futures-related business than any other real estate advisor in Chicago, handled dozens of relocations, expansions and renewals on behalf of brokerage and trading firms associated with the futures industry. The transactions enabled many of their clients to maximize efficiencies and opportunities associated with the historic integration last year of CME Group's trading floors into The Chicago Board of Trade (CBOT) building at 141 W. Jackson following CME's merger with CBOT in July 2007.

HDREP in 2008 managed transactions exceeding 1 million square feet of office and data center space. The firm is one of the most successful independent boutique real estate firms in the country.

Since 1980, Holly Duran, principal of HDREP, has served as the global real estate advisor to CME Group, now the world's largest derivatives exchange. In the past four years, Duran has negotiated domestic and international transactions for CME Group representing more than 1 million square feet, while also managing the real estate transitions associated with the firm's merger with CBOT and acquisition of the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Over the years, Duran and her team have established a niche in representation of clients associated with the futures industry. HDREP's Lois Durkin, who represents a wide range of futures-related clients that include clearing firms, introducing brokers, proprietary trading and algorithmic trading firms, completed 34 transactions in 2008 on behalf of more than 30 of these firms. The lease transactions represented approximately 200,000 square feet of space for terms ranging from three years to 10 years.

“The futures industry continues to evolve rapidly, and we have worked diligently to ensure that our clients have the flexibility they need to grow and change without committing too much of their capital,” Durkin said.

The HDREP team has more than 70 years of combined commercial real estate experience and expertise in a wide range of disciplines. Duran, the firm’s chief strategist and negotiator, regularly closes transactions valued at more than \$100 million. As technology needs across industries have evolved, HDREP has also developed an expertise in data centers not only for their exchange and trading firm clients but for many of their corporate and entrepreneurial clients as well, all of which require significant infrastructure and cooling considerations. Jason Schulz is HDREP’s in-house specialist on data center, technology and infrastructure issues. Rich Schulz provides the firm’s finance and analytical expertise and works with Duran to represent CME Group.

“It’s very gratifying that 2008 was our best year yet,” said Duran. “We’re extremely proud that more than 95 percent of our business is based on repeat and referral. We treat our clients’ budget as if it were our own, and we consider it our mission to find the most creative and cost-effective solution that enables each client’s real estate strategy to closely align with the corporate strategy.”

About Holly Duran Real Estate Partners

Based in Chicago, Holly Duran Real Estate Partners LLC (www.hdrealestate.com) is a global real estate strategy and services firm dedicated to providing innovative, cost-efficient solutions to commercial tenants. The firm has represented clients and completed transactions in over 50 cities, 26 states and 10 countries, negotiating transactions and managing lease issues for clients ranging from one-person operations to international lease portfolios. HDREP provides a full scope of real estate services, including brokerage, investment sales, acquisitions and dispositions, development, real estate tax consulting, real estate finance and analysis, real estate valuation/appraisal and project management. In addition to the futures industry, the firm represents numerous other clients in the financial, legal and entertainment industries. Clients include CME Group, MF Global, Rosenthal Collins Group, Brookfield Redding, TBA Global and McDermott Will & Emery.

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