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5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

The Union League Club of Chicago Colonial Room 830, 8th Floor 65 West Jackson Blvd Chicago, Illinois

Agenda: 5:00 – 5:30pm Registration 5:30 – 6:00pm Networking 6:00 – 6:40pm Speech by Dr. Blu Putnam 6:40 – 7:00pm Q&A

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Speaker's Bio:

Blu Putnam joined the CME Group in May 2011, after a 35 year career on Wall Street. His career started back in the mid-1970s at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, moved to investment banking with Morgan Stanley in the 1980s, to asset management in the 1990s as a CIO for equities with Bankers Trust and later for global macro and mortgage hedge funds for CDC Investments, and finally in the 2000s to private economic and global portfolio risk consulting before joining the CME Group.

Blu's intellectual history has always placed him in the middle of global economic and financial challenges. His early career on the sell-side of Wall Street was focused on exchange rates, global bonds, and energy. His work in asset management later in his career found him embracing Bayesian quantitative methods, adding equities and mortgages to his skills set, and focusing on global cross-asset class portfolio risk management. This backgrounds provides Blu with firsthand practical knowledge of many of the CME client segments as well as most CME products.

Blu has 5 books to his credit, as well as numerous articles in academic journals and the business press.

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