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ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

ADR	American depository receipt
BCBS	Basel Committee on Banking Supervision
BIS	Bank for International Settlements
CBO	Collateralized bond obligation
CP	Commercial paper
CTD	Cheapest to deliver
DVP	Delivery versus payment
ECB	European Central Bank
ECU	European Currency Unit
EMBI	Emerging Markets Bond Index
EMTA	Emerging Markets Traders Association
EMU	European Economic and Monetary Union
EU	European Union
EURIBOR	Euro Interbank Offered Rate
FDI	Foreign direct investment
FRA	Forward-rate agreement
GDR	Global depository receipt
GEM	Global Equity Market
G-7	Group of Seven
G-10	Group of Ten
HLI	Highly leveraged institution
IFC	International Finance Corporation
IOSCO	International Organization of Securities Commissions
IPO	Initial public offering
IRB	Internal ratings based
ISDA	International Swaps and Derivatives Association
JGB	Japanese government bond
LCBO	Large, complex banking organization
LIBOR	London Interbank Offered Rate
LTCM	Long-Term Capital Management
MBS	Mortgage-backed securities
MSCI	Morgan Stanley Capital International (index)
MSCI EMF	Morgan Stanley Capital International Emerging Markets Free (index)
NASDAQ	National Association of Securities Dealers Automated Quotations
NPL	Nonperforming loan
NRF	Name registration form
OECD	Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development
OTC	Over-the-counter
QFI	Qualified foreign intermediary
ROA	Return on assets
ROE	Return on equity
RTGS	Real-time gross settlement
SAR	Special Administrative Region
TARGET	Trans-European Automated Real-Time Cross Settlement Express Transfer
TMT	Technology, media, and telecommunications

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