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R.J. O'Brien Wins 2018 *CTA Intelligence* US Services Award for Best FCM – Client Service for Second Consecutive Year

CHICAGO / NEW YORK, Feb. 28, 2018 – Chicago-based R.J. O'Brien & Associates (RJO), the oldest and largest independent futures brokerage and clearing firm in the United States, announced that for the second consecutive year, the firm won the award for "Best FCM – Client Service" at the <u>CTA Intelligence</u> U.S. Services Awards 2018.

Bestowed last night in New York and now in their fifth year, the awards recognize those service providers to the U.S. managed futures industry that have demonstrated exceptional customer service, innovative product development and growth over the past 12 months.

This is the sixth *CTA Intelligence* award RJO and its UK affiliate have earned, and it marks the third time the firm has won for client service in the United States. In 2016, RJO won the "Best FCM – Innovation" category at the U.S. awards. Its London-based affiliate won the magazine's European Services award in the technology category in November 2016 and in the innovation category in 2015.

Gerald Corcoran, RJO Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, said: "We are truly dedicated to providing outstanding client service so winning this category – particularly against some of the biggest banks in the world – is very gratifying. Thanks to *CTA Intelligence* for celebrating the art of service and selecting RJO once again."

Published by Pageant Media, *CTA Intelligence* focuses on key issues for professionals working in the commodity trading advisor (CTA) and managed futures space. An independent panel of judges from CTA Intelligence and leading industry experts selected RJO for the award.

About R.J. O'Brien & Associates

Founded in 1914, <u>R.J. O'Brien & Associates</u> is the largest independent futures brokerage firm in the United States, serving institutional, commercial and individual clients globally, in addition to a network of 400 introducing brokers (IBs). Clearing more than 80,000 client accounts, RJO services the industry's most expansive global network of IBs, a vast array of middle market firms and many of the world's largest financial, industrial and agricultural institutions. The firm offers state-of-the-art electronic trading and 24-hour trade execution on every major futures exchange worldwide.