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Melamed sells about 40% of CME stk

Leo Melamed, a director of Chicago Mercantile Exchange Holdings Inc., has sold about 40% of his shares in the company, cashing in on a huge run-up in the stock this year.

Mr. Melamed on Dec. 2 sold 4,000 shares at prices of \$208.61 and \$208.85 a share, receiving nearly \$835,000 in the transactions, according to a recent Securities and Exchange Commission filing. He still holds 9,289 shares worth about \$2 million.

Shares in the Chicago-based futures exchange have nearly tripled this year, rising another \$3 Monday to \$216.99. Melamed is a former chairman of the exchange.

Company officers and directors have sold 53,695 shares over the last 12 months and bought 13,350.
