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FUTURES CONTRACTS MARGIN REQUIREMENTS AND INDEX PRODUCTS FLOATING MARGIN RATES

Bourse de Montréal Inc. monitors futures margin rates and index products floating margin rates on an ongoing basis, and updates these rates when market conditions justify it. Considering the recent changes in these conditions, Bourse de Montreal Inc., in collaboration with the Canadian Derivatives Clearing Corporation ("CDCC"), has recently determined that futures contracts margin rates, in the case of speculators and hedgers, be modified as follows:

FUTURES CONTRACTS	MARGIN TYPE	PREVIOUS RATE	NEW RATE
BAX- Three-month Canadian Bankers' Acceptance	Speculator	\$700	\$700
	Hedger	\$650	\$600
SXF - S&P Canada 60 Index	Speculator	\$5,100	\$4,700
	Hedger	\$4,900	\$4,500
CGB - Ten-year Canadian Government Bond	Speculator	\$2,300	\$2,200
	Hedger	\$2,200	\$2,100
CGF - Five-year Canadian Government Bond	Speculator	\$2,300	\$3,100
	Hedger	\$2,200	\$2,900
FNT - Nortel Networks Corporation	Speculator	24.75%	23.25%
	Hedger	21.75%	20.25%

The following is a summary of the various margin rates for the futures contracts listed at Bourse de Montréal Inc.

MARGIN TYPE	FUTURES CONTRACTS					
	BAX	SXF	CGB	CGF	FNT	
SPECULATOR ¹ (simple position)	\$700	\$4,700	\$2,200	\$3,100	23.25 % ²	
HEDGER ¹ (simple position)	\$600	\$4,500	\$2,100	\$2,900	20.25 % 2	
SPREADS	\$151	\$600	\$75 CGB/CGF: \$370	\$370	\$200	

The "Speculator" designation applies to all clients, except acceptable institutions, acceptable counterparties, regulated entities and bona fide hedgers, as defined in the Rules and Policies of the Bourse.

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^{2.} The margin requirements for the FNT are defined as a percentage and must be applied by using the futures contract settlement price.

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In regards to index products floating margin rates, the following rates have been determined:

FLOATING MARGIN RATE	PREVIOUS RATE	NEW RATE
Basket of S&P/TSE 60 Index Securities	6.25%	5.75%
S&P/TSE 60 Index Participation Units	6.00%	5.50%

These new margin requirements are effective immediately.

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