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### FUTURES CONTRACTS MARGIN REQUIREMENTS, INDEX PRODUCTS FLOATING MARGIN RATES, CURRENCY OPTION MARGIN RATES AND TRACKING ERROR MARGIN RATES

Bourse de Montréal Inc. (the Bourse) sets futures contracts margin rates, index products floating margin rates and tracking error margin rates and currency options margin rates. The Bourse updates these rates on a monthly basis or when justified by market conditions.

The Bourse, in collaboration with Canadian Derivatives Clearing Corporation (CDCC), has determined that futures contract margin rates, in the case of speculators and hedgers, must be modified as follows:

FUTURES CONTRACTS	MARGIN TYPE	PREVIOUS RATE	NEW RATE
<b>ONX</b> - 30-Day Overnight Repo Rate	Speculator	\$2,050	\$2,050
ONA - 30-Day Overlinght Repo Kate	Hedger	\$1,950	\$1,950
<b><b>BAV</b> Three month Consider Donkers' Assertance</b>	Speculator	\$1,100	\$1,100
BAX - Three-month Canadian Bankers' Acceptance	Hedger	\$1,000	\$1,000
CCZ Two year Canadian Covernment Band	Speculator	\$3,050	\$3,000
CGZ - Two-year Canadian Government Bond	Hedger	\$2,950	\$2,900
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CGB - Ten-year Canadian Government Bond	Hedger	\$2,950	\$3,150
ICP Thisty year Canadian Covernment Dand	Speculator	\$5,050	\$5,000
LGB - Thirty-year Canadian Government Bond	Hedger	\$4,850	\$4,800
SXF - S&P/TSX 60 Index	Speculator	\$18,950	\$19,050
SAF - S&P/ISA 00 Index	Hedger	\$18,750	\$18,850
	Speculator	\$16,300	\$17,750
SXA - S&P/TSX Global Gold Index	Hedger	\$16,100	\$17,550
	Speculator	\$4,250	\$4,650
SXB - S&P/TSX Capped Financials Index	Hedger	\$4,050	\$4,450
SVII SED/TEV Conned Information Tasks also and Inder	Speculator	\$1,350	\$1,500
<b>SXH</b> - S&P/TSX Capped Information Technology Index	Hedger	\$1,250	\$1,400
CVV C+D/TCV Conned Engineer Index	Speculator	\$11,300	\$11,500
SXY - S&P/TSX Capped Energy Index	Hedger	\$11,100	\$11,300
MCV Cashan Dispide Envirolant (CO a) Unit	Speculator	\$350	\$500
MCX – Carbon Dioxide Equivalent (CO <sub>2</sub> e) Units	Hedger	\$300	\$450

Note: 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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# **FUTURES CONTRACT SPREAD POSITIONS**

The following is a summary of the margin rates applicable to spread positions in futures contracts listed at Bourse de Montréal Inc.:

MARGIN TYPE	INDEX FUTURES CONTRACTS					
	SXF	SXA	SXB	SXH	SXY	
SPREADS	\$350	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	
MADCIN TYPE	INTEREST RATE FUTURES CONTRACTS					
MARGIN TYPE	ONX	BAX	CGZ	CGB	LGB	
SPREADS	\$132	\$263	\$200	\$200	\$200	
<b>BUTTERFLY</b> (consecutive expiry months)	N/A	\$233	N/A	N/A	N/A	
<b>BUTTERFLY</b> (non-consecutive expiry months)	N/A	\$374	N/A	N/A	N/A	

## MARGIN ON INTER-COMMODITY SPREAD POSITIONS

SPREAD POSITION CGB-CGZ	PREVIOUS MARGIN RATE	NEW MARGIN RATE
Speculator	\$2,745	\$6,305
Hedger	\$2,655	\$5,980
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Note: For margin and capital calculation purposes, since the size of the CGB and CGZ futures contracts are different, the abovementioned margin may be used only if the pairing is made by taking into account the size difference of these futures contracts. This means that the spread position must consist of two (2) CGB futures contracts (\$100,000 size) and one (1) CGZ futures contract (\$200,000 size).

SPREAD POSITION LGB-CGB	PREVIOUS MARGIN RATE	NEW MARGIN RATE
Speculator	\$2,835	\$6,265
Hedger	\$2,730	\$5,965

# FLOATING MARGIN RATES

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

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FLOATING MARGIN RATES	PREVIOUS NEW RATE RATE		PREVIOUS RATE	NEW RATE	
S&P/TSX 60 Index	18.50%	16.75%	15.75%	15.25%	
S&P/TSX Global Gold Index	35.75%	30.50%	33.25%	28.75%	
S&P/TSX Capped Financials Index	15.75%	16.50%	17.50%	14.50%	
S&P/TSX Capped Information Technology Index	13.00%	13.75%	14.75%	14.00%	
S&P/TSX Capped Energy Index	26.25%	23.75%	25.50%	22.75%	
S&P/TSX Capped Materials Index	N/A	N/A	28.75%	25.25%	

### CURRENCY OPTION MARGIN RATES

CURRENCY OPTION MARGIN RATES	RATES		
	PREVIOUS RATE	NEW RATE	
USX - US Dollar Option	7.75%	6.25%	

#### TRACKING ERROR MARGIN RATES

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

	PREVIOUS RATE		NEW RATE			
TRACKING ERROR MARGIN RATES	Index and IPU	Index and Futures	IPU and Futures	Index and IPU	Index and Futures	IPU and Futures
S&P/TSX 60 Index	4.50%	4.50%	6.00%	4.00%	4.25%	5.25%
S&P/TSX Global Gold Index	6.00%	4.25%	4.75%	4.75%	4.50%	4.50%
S&P/TSX Capped Financials Index	5.25%	4.25%	6.00%	5.50%	4.25%	7.25%
S&P/TSX Capped Information Technology Index	6.75%	6.75%	8.50%	7.50%	4.00%	8.00%
S&P/TSX Capped Energy Index	3.50%	3.00%	3.75%	4.00%	5.00%	4.75%
S&P/TSX Capped Materials Index	4.25%	N/A	N/A	4.50%	N/A	N/A

These new margin requirements will be implemented with end of day processing on Friday, January 9, 2009.

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