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## FUTURES CONTRACT MARGIN REQUIREMENTS, INDEX PRODUCTS FLOATING MARGIN RATES AND TRACKING ERROR MARGIN RATES

Bourse de Montréal Inc. (the Bourse) sets futures margin rates, index products floating margin rates and tracking error margin rates, and updates these rates when market conditions justify. Considering the recent changes in these 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, be modified as follows:

FUTURES CONTRACTS	MARGIN TYPE	PREVIOUS RATE	NEW RATE
ONV 20 Day Oyamicht Dana Bata	Speculator	\$1,100	\$950
ONX - 30-Day Overnight Repo Rate	Hedger	\$1,000	\$900
DAY Three month Consider Denlard Assentance	Speculator	\$550	\$650
BAX - Three-month Canadian Bankers' Acceptance	Hedger	\$500	\$600
CC7 Two year Canadian Cayammant Dand	Speculator	\$600	\$700
CGZ - Two-year Canadian Government Bond	Hedger	\$500	\$650
CCD Tan year Canadian Cayammant Band	Speculator	\$1,700	\$2,050
CGB - Ten-year Canadian Government Bond	Hedger	\$1,600	\$1,950
SXF - S&P/TSX 60 Index	Speculator	\$3,650	\$3,750
SAF - S&F/1SA 00 lildex	Hedger	\$3,450	\$3,550
SXA - S&P/TSX Capped Gold Index	Speculator	\$3,500	\$3,200
SAA - S&F/13A Capped Gold fildex	Hedger	\$3,300	\$3,000
CVD C&D/TCV Conned Financials Index	Speculator	\$1,200	\$1,150
SXB - S&P/TSX Capped Financials Index	Hedger	\$1,100	\$1,050
SVU S&D/TSV Conned Information Technology Index	Speculator	\$1,250	\$1,150
SXH - S&P/TSX Capped Information Technology Index	Hedger	\$1,150	\$1,050
SVV S&D/TSV Conned Energy Index	Speculator	\$2,700	\$3,200
SXY - S&P/TSX Capped Energy Index	Hedger	\$2,600	\$3,000

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## **FUTURES CONTRACT MARGIN REQUIREMENTS**

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

MARGIN TYPE	INDEX FUTURES CONTRACTS					
	SXF	SXA	SXB	SXH	SXY	
SPECULATOR <sup>1</sup> (simple position)	\$3,750	\$3,200	\$1,150	\$1,150	\$3,200	
HEDGER <sup>1</sup> (simple position)	\$3,550	\$3,000	\$1,050	\$1,050	\$3,000	
SPREADS	\$350	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	

MARGIN TYPE	INTEREST RATE FUTURES CONTRACTS					
MIROINTILE	ONX	BAX	CGZ	CGB		
SPECULATOR <sup>1</sup> (simple position)	\$950	\$650	\$700	\$2,050		
HEDGER <sup>1</sup> (simple position)	tion) \$900 \$600		\$650	\$1,950		
SPREADS \$132		\$125	\$200	\$200		
BUTTERFLY	N/A	\$106	N/A	N/A		

<sup>1.</sup> 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.

## **FLOATING MARGIN RATES**

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

	BASKET OF INDI	EX SECURITIES	INDEX PARTICIPATION UNITS		
FLOATING MARGIN RATES	PREVIOUS RATE	NEW RATE	PREVIOUS RATE	NEW RATE	
S&P/TSX 60 Index	3.25%	3.50%	3.25%	3.25%	
S&P/TSX Capped Gold Index	8.00%	8.00%	7.25%	7.25%	
S&P/TSX Capped Financials Index	3.50%	3.50%	2.75%	2.75%	
S&P/TSX Capped Information Technology Index	7.75%	6.75%	7.75%	7.50%	
S&P/TSX Capped Energy Index	5.50%	6.25%	5.00%	7.00%	

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## 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	1.00%	1.25%	1.25%	1.00%	2.75%	2.75%
S&P/TSX Capped Gold Index	1.50%	1.00%	1.50%	1.50%	1.50%	2.00%
S&P/TSX Capped Financials Index	3.50%	0.75%	3.75%	2.75%	1.25%	3.00%
S&P/TSX Capped Information Tech. Index	2.00%	1.75%	2.25%	2.25%	2.50%	4.25%
S&P/TSX Capped Energy Index	1.00%	0.75%	1.25%	1.00%	5.75%	5.50%

These new margin requirements will be effective for the close of business on Friday, April 8, 2005.

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