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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
ONV 20 Day Overnight Papa Pata	Speculator	\$3,500	\$6,150
ONX - 30-Day Overnight Repo Rate	Hedger	\$3,300	\$5,950
DAY Thuse month Consider Doultons! A contant	Speculator	\$600	\$1,300
BAX - Three-month Canadian Bankers' Acceptance	Hedger	\$550	\$1,200
CC7 Two year Canadian Covernment Dand	Speculator	\$1,050	\$1,000
CGZ - Two-year Canadian Government Bond	Hedger	\$950	\$950
CGB - Ten-year Canadian Government Bond	Speculator	\$2,200	\$2,050
- 1ch-year Canadian Government Bond	Hedger	\$2,100	\$1,950
I CD Thirty year Canadian Covernment Dand	Speculator	\$3,550	\$2,600
LGB - Thirty-year Canadian Government Bond	Hedger	\$3,350	\$2,500
SXF - S&P/TSX 60 Index	Speculator	\$9,150	\$12,500
SAF - S&P/1SA 00 Ilidex	Hedger	\$8,950	\$12,300
CVA C & D/TCV Clabal Cald Indan	Speculator	\$7,550	\$8,300
SXA - S&P/TSX Global Gold Index	Hedger	\$7,350	\$8,100
CVD C & D/TCV Council Einensiels Index	Speculator	\$2,150	\$4,050
SXB - S&P/TSX Capped Financials Index	Hedger	\$2,050	\$3,850
SVU S&D/TSV Cannod Information Technology Index	Speculator	\$1,450	\$1,600
SXH - S&P/TSX Capped Information Technology Index	Hedger	\$1,350	\$1,500
SVV S&D/TSV Cannad Energy Index	Speculator	\$4,850	\$5,900
SXY - S&P/TSX Capped Energy Index	Hedger	\$4,650	\$5,700

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

MARGIN TYPE	INTEREST RATE FUTURES CONTRACTS					
WARGIN TITE	ONX	BAX	CGZ	CGB	LGB	
SPREADS	\$132	\$157	\$200	\$200	\$200	
BUTTERFLY (consecutive expiry months)	N/A	\$141	N/A	N/A	N/A	
BUTTERFLY (non-consecutive expiry months)	N/A	\$230	N/A	N/A	N/A	

## MARGIN ON INTER-COMMODITY SPREAD POSITIONS

SPREAD POSITION CGB-CGZ	PREVIOUS MARGIN RATE	NEW MARGIN RATE
Speculator	\$3,545	\$2,805
Hedger	\$3,350	\$2,670

Note: For margin and capital calculation purposes, since the size of the CGB and CGZ futures contracts are different, the above-mentioned 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	\$2,590	\$2,095
Hedger	\$2,455	\$2,005

## **FLOATING MARGIN RATES**

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

	BASKET OF INDI	EX SECURITIES	INDEX PARTICIPATION SHARES		
FLOATING MARGIN RATES	PREVIOUS RATE	NEW RATE	PREVIOUS RATE	NEW RATE	
S&P/TSX 60 Index	5.75%	7.75%	5.75%	7.00%	
S&P/TSX Global Gold Index	10.00%	12.00%	10.50%	12.25%	
S&P/TSX Capped Financials Index	5.50%	10.25%	5.50%	9.25%	
S&P/TSX Capped Information Technology Index	8.50%	8.75%	8.50%	8.50%	
S&P/TSX Capped Energy Index	6.50%	8.00%	6.75%	7.50%	
S&P/TSX Capped Materials Index	N/A	N/A	9.75%	11.25%	

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## **CURRENCY OPTION MARGIN RATES**

CURRENCY OPTION	RATES		
MARGIN RATES	PREVIOUS RATE	NEW RATE	
USX - US Dollar Option	3.75%	3.25%	

## 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	1.00%	1.50%	1.50%	1.50%	1.50%	2.00%
S&P/TSX Global Gold Index	2.00%	2.25%	2.25%	2.00%	2.25%	2.25%
S&P/TSX Capped Financials Index	1.00%	1.00%	1.25%	1.50%	1.00%	1.25%
S&P/TSX Capped Information Technology Index	1.75%	3.00%	3.25%	3.00%	2.25%	2.75%
S&P/TSX Capped Energy Index	1.00%	1.75%	1.75%	1.25%	1.75%	1.75%
S&P/TSX Capped Materials Index	1.25%	N/A	N/A	1.25%	N/A	N/A

These new margin requirements will be effective with processing of trades on Wednesday, April 9, 2008.

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