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## FUTURES CONTRACT MARGIN REQUIREMENTS AND INDEX PRODUCTS FLOATING MARGIN RATES

Bourse de Montréal Inc. sets futures margin rates and index products floating margin rates, and updates these rates when market conditions justify it. Considering the recent changes in these conditions, Bourse de Montréal Inc., in collaboration with the Canadian Derivatives Clearing Corporation ("CDCC"), has recently 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
BAX- Three-month Canadian Bankers' Acceptance	Speculator	\$750	\$800
	Hedger	\$700	\$700
SXF - S&P/TSX 60 Index	Speculator	\$5,000	\$4,000
	Hedger	\$4,700	\$3,800
CGB - Ten-year Canadian Government Bond	Speculator	\$2,100	\$2,000
	Hedger	\$2,000	\$1,900
CGF - Five-year Canadian Government Bond	Speculator	\$2,500	\$1,700
	Hedger	\$2,400	\$1,600
SXA - S&P/TSX Gold Index	Speculator	\$5,900	\$5,600
	Hedger	\$5,700	\$5,300
SXB - S&P/TSX Financials Index	Speculator	\$1,100	\$1,200
	Hedger	\$1,000	\$1,100
SXH - S&P/TSX Information Technology Index	Speculator	\$1,200	\$850
	Hedger	\$1,100	\$800
SXY - S&P/TSX Energy Index	Speculator	\$1,800	\$1,700
	Hedger	\$1,700	\$1,600
ONX - 30-Day Overnight Repo Rate	Speculator	\$700	\$700
	Hedger	\$600	\$600
FNT - Nortel Networks Corporation	Speculator	34.93%	42.08%
	Hedger	31.75%	38.25%

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

MARGIN TYPE	S&P/TSX SECTORIAL FUTURES CONTRACTS			
	SXA	SXB	SXH	SXY
<b>SPECULATOR</b> <sup>1</sup> (simple position)	\$5,600	\$1,200	\$850	\$1,700
<b>HEDGER</b> <sup>1</sup> (simple position)	\$5,300	\$1,100	\$800	\$1,600
SPREADS	\$ 707	\$ 177	\$ 481	\$ 264

MARGIN TYPE	FUTURES CONTRACTS					
	BAX	SXF	CGB	CGF	ONX	FNT
SPECULATOR <sup>1</sup>	\$800	\$4,000	\$2,000	\$1,700	\$ 700	42.08 % <sup>2</sup>
(simple position)						
HEDGER <sup>1</sup>	\$700	\$3,800	\$1,900	\$1,600	\$ 600	38.25 % <sup>2</sup>
(simple position)						
SPREADS	\$151	\$ 600	\$ 75	\$ 370	\$ 200	\$ 200
			CGB/CGF: \$370			

1. 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.

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

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/TSX 60 Index Securities	7.25%	6.50%
S&P/TSX 60 Index Participation Units	5.75%	6.00%

These new margin requirements will be effective on Wednesday October 9.

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