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## FUTURES CONTRACTS MARGIN REQUIREMENTS, INDEX PRODUCTS FLOATING MARGIN RATES, CURRENCY OPTIONS 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 Oyamight Dana Bata	Speculator	\$650	\$650
ONX - 30-Day Overnight Repo Rate	Hedger	\$600	\$600
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BAX - Three-month Canadian Bankers' Acceptance	Hedger	\$500	\$400
CGV - Two-year Canadian Government Bond	Speculator	\$400	\$400
Future contract expiring in September 2006	Hedger	\$350	\$350
CGZ - Two-year Canadian Government Bond	Speculator	N/A	\$800
Future contract expiring in December 2006	Hedger	N/A	\$700
CCD Ton wood Consider Community Day 1	Speculator	\$1,400	\$1,350
CGB - Ten-year Canadian Government Bond	Hedger	\$1,300	\$1,250
SXF - S&P/TSX 60 Index	Speculator	\$7,100	\$6,750
SAF - S&P/1SA ou index	Hedger	\$6,900	\$6,550
SVA C&D/TSV Conned Cold Indov	Speculator	\$8,250	\$7,100
SXA - S&P/TSX Capped Gold Index	Hedger	\$8,050	\$6,900
CVD C 0-D/TCV Council Eigensials Index	Speculator	\$1,300	\$1,700
SXB - S&P/TSX Capped Financials Index	Hedger	\$1,200	\$1,600
CVII C & D/TCV Council Information Technology Index	Speculator	\$850	\$950
SXH - S&P/TSX Capped Information Technology Index	Hedger	\$800	\$900
CVV C&D/TCV Conned Engage Index	Speculator	\$7050	\$5,750
SXY - S&P/TSX Capped Energy Index	Hedger	\$6,850	\$5,550

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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)	\$6,750	\$7,100	\$1,700	\$950	\$5,750		
HEDGER <sup>1</sup> (simple position)	\$6,550	\$6,900	\$1,600	\$900	\$5,550		
SPREADS	\$350	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100		

	INTEREST RATE FUTURES CONTRACTS						
MARGIN TYPE	ONX	BAX	CGV (September 2006 expiry)	CGZ (December 2006 expiry	CGB		
SPECULATOR <sup>1</sup> (simple position)	\$650	\$450	\$400	\$800	\$1,350		
<b>HEDGER</b> <sup>1</sup> (simple position)	\$600	\$400	\$350	\$700	\$1,250		
SPREADS	\$132	\$85	\$200	\$200	\$200		
BUTTERFLY (consecutive expiry months)	N/A	\$ 76	N/A	N/A	N/A		
BUTTERFLY (non-consecutive expiry months)	N/A	\$123	N/A	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 SHARES		
FLOATING MARGIN RATES	PREVIOUS RATE	NEW RATE	PREVIOUS RATE	NEW RATE	
S&P/TSX 60 Index	5.25%	5.00%	5.50%	4.50%	
S&P/TSX Capped Gold Index	13.50%	11.00%	13.50%	11.00%	
S&P/TSX Capped Financials Index	3.25%	4.25%	3.50%	4.00%	
S&P/TSX Capped Information Technology Index	6.50%	7.25%	6.75%	7.00%	
S&P/TSX Capped Energy Index	9.75%	7.75%	10.25%	8.00%	

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#### **CURRENCY OPTION MARGIN RATES**

CURRENCY OPTION MARGIN RATES	PREVIOUS RATE	NEW RATE
USX - US Dollar Option	3.25%	2.25%

### 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	0.75%	1.75%	1.75%	1.00%	1.75%	1.75%
S&P/TSX Capped Gold Index	1.75%	5.00%	5.00%	1.50%	4.50%	4.50%
S&P/TSX Capped Financials Index	0.75%	1.50%	1.75%	1.00%	2.25%	2.25%
S&P/TSX Capped Information Technology Index	2.75%	3.50%	4.25%	2.50%	3.25%	3.50%
S&P/TSX Capped Energy Index	1.75%	5.25%	5.50%	1.00%	4.00%	3.75%

These new margin requirements will be effective at the close of business on Thursday August 10, 2006.

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