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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 Quamicht Dana Data	Speculator	\$2,150	\$2,050
<b>ONX</b> - 30-Day Overnight Repo Rate	Hedger	\$2,050	\$1,950
<b><b>BAV</b> Three month Consider Donkard' Accortance</b>	Speculator	\$750	\$700
BAX - Three-month Canadian Bankers' Acceptance	Hedger	\$700	\$650
CCZ True man Canadian Commune Dand	Speculator	\$2,150	\$1,750
CGZ - Two-year Canadian Government Bond	Hedger	\$2,050	\$1,650
	Speculator	\$2,100	\$1,950
CGB - Ten-year Canadian Government Bond	Hedger	\$2,000	\$1,850
LCB. Thirte user Canadian Concernment Dand	Speculator	\$2,300	\$2,300
LGB - Thirty-year Canadian Government Bond	Hedger	\$2,200	\$2,200
SXF - S&P/TSX 60 Index	Speculator	\$10,050	\$9,050
SAF - S&P/ISA 00 Index	Hedger	\$9,850	\$8,850
	Speculator	\$6,400	\$8,050
SXA - S&P/TSX Global Gold Index	Hedger	\$6,200	\$7,850
SVD SchD/TSV Conned Einensiele Inder	Speculator	\$4,350	\$3,300
<b>SXB</b> - S&P/TSX Capped Financials Index	Hedger	\$4,150	\$3,100
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<b>SXH</b> - S&P/TSX Capped Information Technology Index	Hedger	\$1,700	\$1,300
	Speculator	\$8,600	\$8,050
SXY - S&P/TSX Capped Energy Index	Hedger	\$8,400	\$7,850
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MCX – Carbon Dioxide Equivalent (CO <sub>2</sub> e) Units	Hedger	\$400	\$300

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.

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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	
MADCUN TYDE	INTEREST RATE FUTURES CONTRACTS					
MARGIN TYPE	ONX	BAX	CGZ	CGB	LGB	
SPREADS	\$132	\$199	\$200	\$200	\$200	
<b>BUTTERFLY</b> (consecutive expiry months)	N/A	\$172	N/A	N/A	N/A	
<b>BUTTERFLY</b> (non-consecutive expiry months)	N/A	\$328	N/A	N/A	N/A	

## MARGIN ON INTER-COMMODITY SPREAD POSITIONS

SPREAD POSITION CGB-CGZ	PREVIOUS MARGIN RATE	NEW MARGIN RATE
Speculator	\$2,225	\$1,980
Hedger	\$2,120	\$1,875
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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	\$1,540	\$1,490
Hedger	\$1,470	\$1,420

# 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 RATE	NEW RATE	PREVIOUS RATE	NEW RATE	
S&P/TSX 60 Index	6.25%	5.75%	6.25%	5.25%	
S&P/TSX Global Gold Index	10.25%	14.75%	10.00%	15.50%	
S&P/TSX Capped Financials Index	11.50%	8.50%	11.25%	8.00%	
S&P/TSX Capped Information Technology Index	10.50%	8.00%	9.75%	8.00%	
S&P/TSX Capped Energy Index	11.00%	10.50%	11.00%	10.00%	
S&P/TSX Capped Materials Index	N/A	N/A	10.25%	14.25%	

### CURRENCY OPTION MARGIN RATES

CURRENCY OPTION MARGIN RATES	RATES		
	PREVIOUS RATE	NEW RATE	
USX - US Dollar Option	3.00%	3.00%	

#### TRACKING ERROR MARGIN RATES

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

	PREVIOUS RATE		NEW RATE		2	
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	1.25%	1.25	1.50%	1.50%	2.25%	2.75%
S&P/TSX Global Gold Index	1.75%	1.75%	1.75%	2.00%	1.75%	2.00%
S&P/TSX Capped Financials Index	1.00%	1.25%	1.25%	1.00%	1.25%	1.25%
S&P/TSX Capped Information Technology Index	2.00%	2.00%	2.50%	1.75%	2.00%	2.25%
S&P/TSX Capped Energy Index	1.75%	1.75%	1.00%	1.50%	1.00%	1.25%
S&P/TSX Capped Materials Index	1.50%	N/A	N/A	1.25%	N/A	N/A

These new margin requirements will be effective with processing of trades on Wednesday, September 10, 2008.

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