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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
<b>ONX</b> - 30-Day Overnight Repo Rate	Speculator	\$2,050	\$2,050
ONA - 30-Day Overlinght Repo Kate	Hedger	\$1,950	\$1,950
BAX - Three-month Canadian Bankers' Acceptance	Speculator	\$1,600	\$1,200
<b>BAX</b> - Three-month Canadian Bankers Acceptance	Hedger	\$1,500	\$1,100
CCZ Two year Canadian Covernment Band	Speculator	\$1,950	\$1,800
CGZ - Two-year Canadian Government Bond	Hedger	\$1,850	\$1,700
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CGB - Ten-year Canadian Government Bond	Hedger	\$3,350	\$3,250
LCB. Thister user Canadian Concernant Dand	Speculator	\$4,850	\$5,200
LGB - Thirty-year Canadian Government Bond	Hedger	\$4,650	\$5,000
SXF - S&P/TSX 60 Index	Speculator	\$19,350	\$26,600
SAF - S&P/ISA 00 Index	Hedger	\$19,150	\$26,400
	Speculator	\$10,550	\$16,450
SXA - S&P/TSX Global Gold Index	Hedger	\$10,350	\$16,250
SVD ChD/TCV Conned Einensiele Inden	Speculator	\$4,900	\$6,950
SXB - S&P/TSX Capped Financials Index	Hedger	\$4,700	\$6,750
SVII S&D/TSV Conned Information Tasknology Index	Speculator	\$2,150	\$1,450
<b>SXH</b> - S&P/TSX Capped Information Technology Index	Hedger	\$2,050	\$1,350
CVV C+D/TCV Conned Engineer Index	Speculator	\$10,000	\$16,100
SXY - S&P/TSX Capped Energy Index	Hedger	\$9,800	\$15,900
MCV Cashon Disuida Equivalent (COre) Units	Speculator	\$350	\$550
MCX – Carbon Dioxide Equivalent (CO <sub>2</sub> e) Units	Hedger	\$300	\$500

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	
MADCIN TYPE	INTEREST RATE FUTURES CONTRACTS					
MARGIN TYPE	ONX	BAX	CGZ	CGB	LGB	
SPREADS	\$132	\$308	\$200	\$200	\$200	
<b>BUTTERFLY</b> (consecutive expiry months)	N/A	\$275	N/A	N/A	N/A	
<b>BUTTERFLY</b> (non-consecutive expiry months)	N/A	\$508	N/A	N/A	N/A	

## MARGIN ON INTER-COMMODITY SPREAD POSITIONS

SPREAD POSITION CGB-CGZ	PREVIOUS MARGIN RATE	NEW MARGIN RATE
Speculator	\$2,715	\$2,610
Hedger	\$2,565	\$2,460
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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	\$2,940	\$3,030
Hedger	\$2,800	\$2,890

# FLOATING MARGIN RATES

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

	BASKET OF IND	EX SECURITIES	INDEX PARTICIPATION SHARES		
FLOATING MARGIN RATES	PREVIOUS RATE	NEW RATE	PREVIOUS RATE	NEW RATE	
S&P/TSX 60 Index	14.75%	22.50%	12.75%	21.00%	
S&P/TSX Global Gold Index	22.75%	40.50%	22.00%	38.00%	
S&P/TSX Capped Financials Index	13.25%	21.50%	12.25%	18.00%	
S&P/TSX Capped Information Technology Index	17.75%	12.75%	18.00%	12.50%	
S&P/TSX Capped Energy Index	17.50%	33.75%	17.25%	31.00%	
S&P/TSX Capped Materials Index	N/A	N/A	18.50%	31.00%	

### CURRENCY OPTION MARGIN RATES

CURRENCY OPTION MARGIN RATES	RATES		
	PREVIOUS RATE	NEW RATE	
USX - US Dollar Option	3.75%	8.25%	

#### 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	3.25%	3.75%	3.50%	4.75%	4.50%	4.75%
S&P/TSX Global Gold Index	2.75%	3.00%	2.75%	6.25%	2.00%	6.00%
S&P/TSX Capped Financials Index	3.00%	3.50%	3.50%	5.50%	2.00%	5.50%
S&P/TSX Capped Information Technology Index	5.75%	3.25%	6.25%	11.75%	2.50%	12.00%
S&P/TSX Capped Energy Index	3.75%	3.00%	2.75%	5.50%	1.75%	5.50%
S&P/TSX Capped Materials Index	4.75%	N/A	N/A	6.00%	N/A	N/A

These new margin requirements will be effective with processing of trades on Wednesday November 12, 2008.

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