

## Special Executive Report

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### Stock Index Price Limits to be Revised Effective for 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2008

Exchange price limit rules for domestic stock index futures\* call for a quarterly re-assessment of price limits based on prevailing market prices. Limits are calculated quarterly at the close of business on the day preceding the commencement of a new calendar quarter. Thus, new limits shall become effective with the commencement of Electronic Trading Hours (ETH) on Tuesday, September 30 at 3:30 p.m. Central Time. The revised limits shall be applicable throughout the fourth calendar quarter of 2008.

If limits were calculated using data collected through Monday, September 22, price limits for the fourth calendar quarter of 2008 would be as set forth below. The official calculation will occur at the close of business on Monday, September 30. Details of the revised limits will appear on the Exchange's Web site at [www.cmegroup.com](http://www.cmegroup.com) shortly thereafter, and a Special Executive Report will appear on the Exchange floor before the opening of Regular Trading Hours (RTH) on Wednesday, October 1. *Pro-forma* limits and bands may be calculated as follows ...

#### *Pro-Forma* 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2008 Stock Index Price Limits and Bands

Contracts	5% Limit (Overnight Hours)	10% Limit	20% Limit	30% Limit	2x No Bust Band	4x No Bust Band
S&P 500® & E-mini™	60.00	120.00	240.00	360.00	12.00	na
MidCap 400™ & E-mini	37.00	75.00	150.00	225.00	8.00	na
DJIA® Futures	550	1,100	2,250	3,350	na	na
S&P/Citigroup Growth™	30.00	60.00	120.00	180.00	8.00	na
S&P/Citigroup Value™	30.00	60.00	120.00	180.00	8.00	na
NASDAQ-100® & E-mini	85.00	170.00	340.00	510.00	24.00	na
E-mini NASDAQ Composite®	110.00	220.00	440.00	660.00	24.00	na
E-mini NASDAQ Biotechnology®	40.00	80.00	160.00	240.00	24.00	na
S&P 500 Financial SPCTR™	14.00	28.00	56.00	84.00	6.00	na
S&P 500 Technology (Telecom/IT) SPCTR™	12.00	24.00	48.00	72.00	6.00	na
S&P Smallcap 600™ & E-mini™	19.00	38.00	76.00	114.00	8.00	Na
All TRAKRS <sup>SM</sup>					na	1.00

The Exchange's circuit breakers are re-assessed quarterly rather than established at fixed levels insofar as fixed limits are not responsive to on-going market fluctuations. CME rules are

\* Note, however, that futures on any TRAKRS<sup>SM</sup> Index trade without explicit price limits. Rather, TRAKRS Rules require trading halts coordinated with trading halts in the primary security markets.

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designed to coordinate with circuit breaker provisions as applied by the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE).

The NYSE enforces limits at 10%, 20% and 30% declines of the Dow Jones Industrial Average (DJIA), calculated at the beginning of each calendar quarter, using the average closing value of the DJIA for the prior month, rounded to the nearest 50 points. ***Pro-forma*** limits may be calculated at 1,100, 2,250 and 3,350 (limits were at 1,200, 2,400 and 3,600 index points during the previous calendar quarter).

*Please consult the Rulebook for a complete description of the application of the circuit breaker provisions .Or, you may wish to direct any inquiries to Lucy Wang, Research Analyst, Product Research and Development at 312-648-5478.*

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