

## Special Executive Report

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**Stock Index Price Limits to be  
Revised Effective for 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2009**

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, March 31, at 3:30 p.m. Central Time. The revised limits shall be applicable throughout the second calendar quarter of 2009.

If limits were calculated using data collected through Monday, March 23, price limits for the second calendar quarter of 2009 would be as set forth below. The official calculation will occur at the close of business on Tuesday, March 31. 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 Tuesday, April 1. *Pro-forma* limits and bands may be calculated as follows.

***Pro-Forma 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2009 Stock Index Price Limits and Bands***

Contracts	5% Limit (Overnight Hours) up and down	10% Limit Down only	20% Limit Down only	30% Limit Down only
S&P 500 <sup>®</sup> & E-mini <sup>™</sup>	35.00	70.00	140.00	210.00
MidCap 400 <sup>™</sup> & E-mini	20.00	40.00	80.00	120.00
DJIA <sup>®</sup> Futures	350.00	700.00	1,400.00	2,100.00
S&P/Citigroup Growth <sup>™</sup>	17.00	35.00	70.00	105.00
S&P/Citigroup Value <sup>™</sup>	15.00	30.00	60.00	90.00
NASDAQ-100 <sup>®</sup> & E-mini	55.00	110.00	220.00	330.00
E-mini NASDAQ Composite <sup>®</sup>	70.00	140.00	280.00	420.00
E-mini NASDAQ Biotechnology <sup>®</sup>	30.00	60.00	120.00	180.00
S&P 500 Financial SPCTR <sup>™</sup>	5.00	10.00	20.00	30.00
S&P 500 Technology (Telecom/IT) SPCTR <sup>™</sup>	8.00	16.00	32.00	48.00
S&P Smallcap 600 <sup>™</sup> & E-mini <sup>™</sup>	10.00	20.00	40.00	60.00
All TRAKRS <sup>SM</sup>				

\* 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 securities markets.

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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 and CBOT rules are 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 700, 1,400 and 2,100 (limits were at 850, 1,700 and 2,600 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.*