

Trading Simulator Guide

July 2025



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Getting Started

When you first log into the Trading Simulator, you will have access to a default workspace created by CME Group with the priority widgets in mind.

The default workspace view includes the following:

- Featured Products - Markets.
- Chart - Select product, select contract month.
- Price Ladder.
- Commentary and Economic Events.
- View open positions and orders (only activity from the current trading session).

Your initial balance is \$100,000. To restore this balance, click the 'reset' button at any time.

The Practice Simulator offers 10-minute delayed market data. Margin is calculated per trade without offsets, blocking new positions if limits are exceeded until positions are closed or profits are generated.

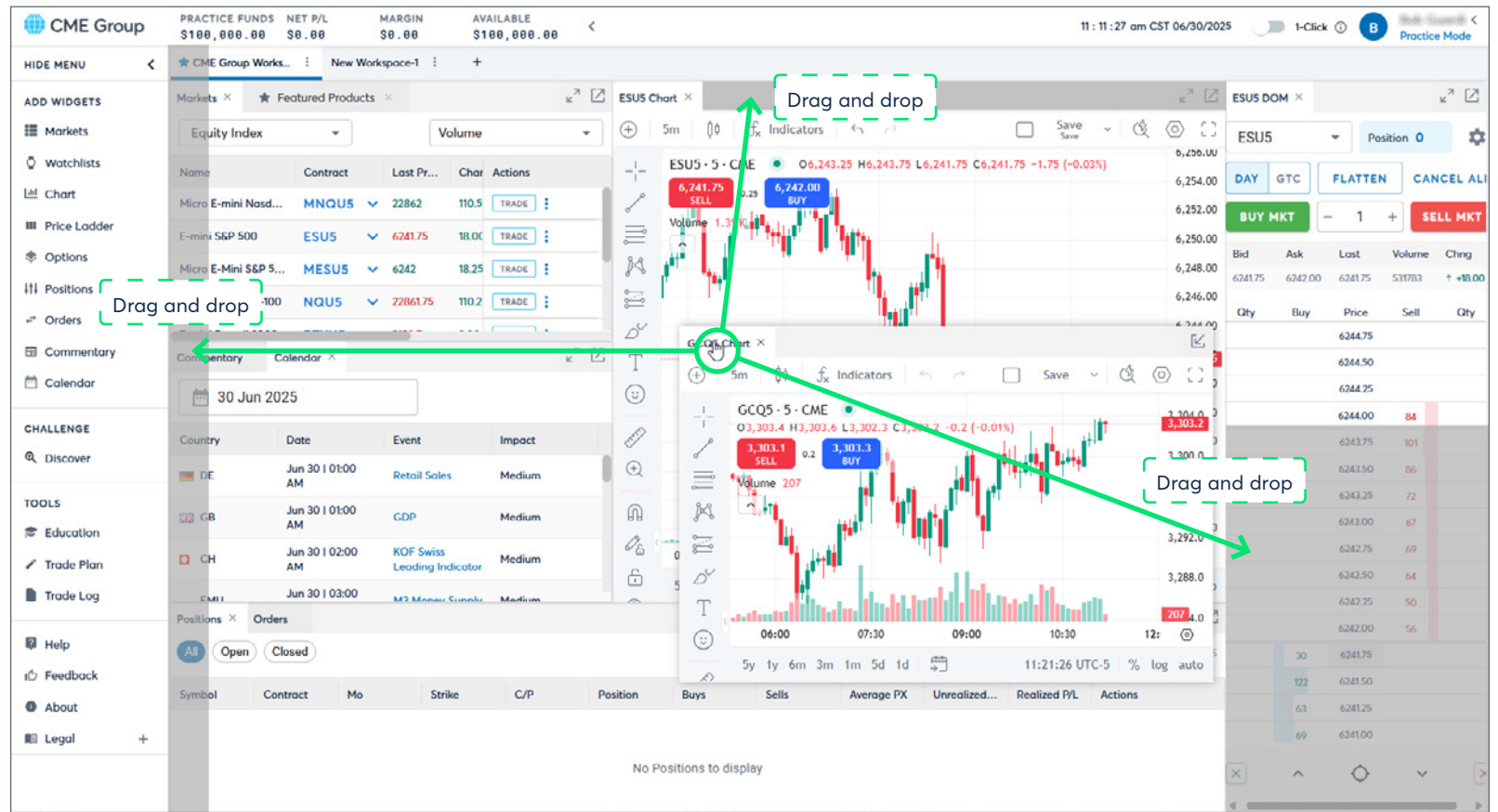
Workspaces and 1-Click Trading

Create a new workspace by clicking the + icon in the top navigation.

Name it, or it will default to "New Workspace-1" (numbered incrementally). A maximum of 10 custom workspaces are allowed.

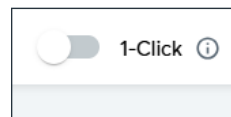
To drag a widget, hover over the product code in the upper left, click and hold, then drag to the desired location (highlighted in dark gray).

Release to drop.



The 1-Click trading feature can be enabled by clicking the toggle button to the left of your username.

Enabling this feature allows for immediate execution, removing the confirmation window when submitting an order.



Markets Tab*

First, choose an asset class such as Equity Index, Energy, Metals, etc., in the Markets widget.

You can sort contracts by trading volume, price change or alphabetical order.

Next, select a specific futures contract month.

After selecting a contract, you have the choice to hit the 'Trade' button directly in the Markets widget to open an order ticket, or click the three vertical dots to see the Chart, Price Ladder or Options widgets displaying the data of the chosen contract for trading.

Markets ×

Equity Index

Energy

Metals

FX

Interest Rates

Agriculture

Cryptocurrencies

Volume ▾

Name	Contract		Last Price	Change	Open	Prior Settle	High	Low	Volume ▾	Actions
Micro E-mini Nasd...	MNQU5	▼	22843.5	92.00 (0.40...	22751.25	22751.5	22916	22750	677282	TRADE ⋮
E-mini S&P 500	ESU5	▼	6239.75	16.00 (0.26%)	6223.25	6223.75	6255	6223.25		
Micro E-Mini S&P 5...	MESU5	▼	6240	16.25 (0.26%)	6223.25	6223.75	6255	6223.25		
E-mini NASDAQ-100	NQU5	▼	22843.25	91.75 (0.40%)	22751.5	22751.5	22915	22751.5		
E-mini Russell 2000	RTYU5	▼	2192	3.20 (0.15%)	2189.5	2188.8	2203.2	2189	64759	TRADE ⋮
Micro E-mini Dow	MYMU5	▼	44312	187.00 (0.42...	44203	44125	44434	44199	48184	TRADE ⋮
E-mini Dow (\$5)	YMU5	▼	44311	186.00 (0.4...	44201	44125	44435	44197	40020	TRADE ⋮
Micro E-mini Russe...	M2KU5	▼	2191.9	3.10 (0.14%)	2189.4	2188.8	2203.1	2188.3	24934	TRADE ⋮
Nikkei 225 (YEN)	NIYU5	▼	40325	-220.00 (-0....	40575	40545	40870	40300	14506	TRADE ⋮
E-mini MidCap 400	EMDU5	▼	3118.1	-8.20 (-0.26...	3128.7	3126.3	3144.9	3116.8	4137	TRADE ⋮
Micro Nikkei (JPY)	MNIU5	▼	40335	-210.00 (-0....	40560	40545	40865	40300	3516	TRADE ⋮

Chart

Price Ladder

Options

*The Markets tab ONLY displays contracts that you can trade within the simulated environment. If you're trading within a Challenge, the Markets tab will be limited to the products/ contracts included in that Challenge (as defined by CME Group or Challenge facilitators).

WATCHLIST

X

Your Watchlists

My Commodity Watchlist

EDIT SELECTED

CREATE NEW

Featured Watchlists

Clear Selection

Agriculture

10 Products

ZCZ5

Corn Futures

FM

426

ZSXY

Soybean Futures

FM

1026.75

ZMZ5

Soybean Meal Futures

FM

288.6

ZLZ5

Soybean Oil Futures

FM

53.02

LEQ5

Live Cattle Futures

FM

213.7

ZWU5

Chicago SRW Wheat Futur...

FM

539.75

HEQ5

Lean Hog Futures

FM

107.55

KEU5

KC HRW Wheat Futures

FM

531

AWU5

Bloomberg Commodity Ind...

FM

GFQ5

Feeder Cattle Futures

FM

310.025

Interest Rates

19 Products

Energy

10 Products

FX

16 Products

Metals

14 Products

Cryptocurrencies

6 Products

Equities

10 Products

Featured Products

13 Products

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ADD TO WORKSPACE

Watchlist

Create custom futures product watchlists in the Watchlist widget. Watchlist can include ALL our products beyond what may be available to trade in your simulated environment.

Select asset classes and contracts to add to the watchlist by clicking "Create new" in the Watchlist menu. Once created, sort selected products by clicking the arrows in the column headers. Trade directly from the watchlist by clicking the "Trade" button in the rightmost column of the widget.

Tip: Clicking the radio button for an asset class will automatically select all available products for that asset class and add them to the watchlist.

★ Featured Products

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Volume

	Name	Contract	Last Price	Change	Open	High	Low	Volume	Actions
⋮	E-mini S&P 500	ESU5	6236.5	12.75 (0.20%)	6223.25	6255	6223.25	546115	TRADE
⋮	Micro E-Mini S...	MESU5	6236.25	12.50 (0.20%)	6223.25	6255	6223.25	495275	TRADE
⋮	E-mini NASDAQ...	NQU5	22837.75	86.25 (0.38%)	22751.5	22915	22751.5	237255	TRADE
⋮	Micro E-mini ...	MNQU5	22837.75	86.25 (0.38%)	22751.25	22916	22750	714253	TRADE
⋮	WTI Crude Oil	CLQ5	65.04	-0.48 (-0.73%)	65.15	65.82	64.5	120854	TRADE
⋮	Gold	GCQ5	3304.3	16.70 (0.51%)	3284.3	3307.9	3250.5	113891	TRADE
⋮	EURUSD	6EU5	1.1821	0.01 (0.51%)	1.179	1.1832	1.1768	129965	TRADE
⋮	10-Year Yield	10YN5	4.25	-0.02 (-0.54%)	4.262	4.286	4.236	525	TRADE
⋮	Three-Month ...	SR3Z5	96.305	-0.01 (-0.01%)	96.305	96.33	96.295	255324	TRADE
⋮	Corn	ZCZ5	424.5	-2.50 (-0.59%)	426.5	429.5	422.75	137150	TRADE
⋮	Copper	HGU5	5.0825	-0.04 (-0.79%)	5.1245	5.1385	5.0625	17683	TRADE

Charting Tools

Trading indicators, shown as lines, dots or clouds on price charts, are mathematical tools that help traders identify market trends and signals for informed trading decisions.

• Chart drawing tools:



• Top indicators:

- Moving average (MA)
- Exponential moving average (EMA)
- Stochastic oscillator
- Moving average convergence divergence (MACD)
- Bollinger bands
- Relative strength index (RSI)
- Fibonacci retracement

Price Ladder (Depth of Market)

The Depth-of-Market widget (Price Ladder) displays real-time bid/ask prices and order quantities, illustrating market liquidity and potential price points for trading decisions.

- **Set quantity:** Use the gear icon in the upper right to utilize stop or limit orders.
- **Placing orders:** Place orders with the Price Ladder widget within the two columns by hovering on either side of the ladder, then click the oval button to open an order ticket. Or quickly enter a position using the market orders at the top of the price ladder.
- **Canceling orders:** Click the X in the qty column to cancel individual orders, or head to bottom left of the Price Ladder and click X to cancel all orders.
- **Re-centering the ladder:** Hit the spacebar or click the target icon to re-center the Price Ladder.



Order Ticket

The screenshot shows the 'Trade' window for the contract 'ESU5'. At the top, a table displays market data: BID (6243.75), ASK (6244.00), LAST (6243.75), VOLUME (575565), and CHANGE (+20.00). Below this, tabs for 'Futures' and 'Options' are visible, with 'Futures' selected. The interface includes controls for 'Side' (BUY/SELL buttons), 'Quantity' (set to 1), 'Time-in-force' (DAY/GTC buttons), 'Order Type' (Market dropdown), 'Limit Price' and 'Stop Price' input fields, and a 'Take Profit' section with 'Ticks' (75) and 'Price' (18.75) settings. A large blue 'BUY' button is at the bottom.

FUTURES

- Within the Markets tab, **Select the desired contract.**
- **Toggle** between futures and options order ticket.
- The trade window displays the latest market information for that product and month.
- **Select buy or sell**
- **Select order type:**
 - Market
 - Limit
 - Stop
 - Stop limit

- **Enter order quantity:** the minimum quantity is one
- **Define order price:** Defaults to Market.
 - If limit is selected, the price can be modified.
 - A limit order allows the buyer to define the maximum price to pay and the seller the minimum price to accept (the limit price). A limit order remains on the book until the order is either executed, canceled or expires. Any portion of the order that can be matched is immediately executed.
 - A market order placed at any time during the trading session to immediately execute the entire order at the best available offer price (for buy orders) or bid price (for sell orders).
 - If stop is selected, the stop price is defined in the field below. This order becomes a market order when the stop price is reached. A sell stop is placed below the market; a buy stop is placed above the market. Sometimes referred to as stop-loss order.
 - If stop limit is selected, the limit price and stop price should be defined. A stop order, which becomes executable at its limit price or better, when and if the market reaches the stop price:
 - o (1) in the case of a buy stop limit order, trades at or above, or is bid at or above the stop price; or
 - o (2) in the case of a sell stop limit order, trades at or below, or is offered at or below the stop price.
- **Select Time in Force – Day or GTC (Good Til Cancel).** "Time in Force" options determine how long an order remains active. Two common settings are "Good 'Til Canceled" (GTC) and "Day."
 - **Good 'Til Cancel (GTC):** A GTC order remains active until it is executed or you explicitly cancel it. This option is particularly useful when the market is closed, allowing your order to be ready for execution when trading resumes.
 - **Day:** A Day order is only active for the current trading day. If it's not executed by the end of the trading session, it is automatically canceled.
- **Click "Submit order."**

Trade ×

ESU5 ▼

BID	ASK	LAST	VOLUME	CHANGE
265	265.75	265.00	462	+13.25

Futures Options

Side

BUY SELL

Quantity (1-10)

— 1 +

Time-in-force

DAY GTC

Order Type

Market ▼

Limit Price

— +

Stop Price

— +

Put Call

PUT CALL

Strike Price

61000 ▼

BUY

OPTIONS

- **Select contract expiration.**
- **Toggle** between futures and options order ticket.
- Current market for the specific sides of the option selected.
- **Select order type:**
 - Market
 - Limit
 - Stop
 - Stop limit
- **Enter Order Quantity:** the minimum quantity is one
- **Select Side:** buy or sell
- **Select strike price:** The strike range will be showing the at the money strike, with 20 strikes above and below the ATM strike.
- **Define Order Price – Defaults to Limit**
 - If limit is selected, the price can be modified.
 - If market is selected, the field will be inactive.
 - If stop is selected, the field will be inactive. Stop Pprice is defined in the field below.
 - If stop limit is selected, limit price and stop price should be defined.
- **Select Time in Force – Day or GTC (Good Til Cancel).**
 - **Good 'Til Cancel (GTC):** A GTC order remains active until it is executed or you explicitly cancel it. This option is particularly useful when the market is closed, allowing your order to be ready for execution when trading resumes.
 - **Day:** A Day order is only active for the current trading day. If it's not executed by the end of the trading session, it is automatically canceled.
- **Select put or call.**
- **Click "Submit order."**

Options Grid

To add a contract, click the options icon, select an asset class (e.g., Equity Index, Energy, Metals), click the + icon to see available contracts and then click the blue button at the bottom of the options grid.

Click bid or offer, select order type. Click buy or sell.

ESU5 OPT x

UNDERLYING FUTURE		CONTRACT		LAST PRICE		CHANGE		PRIOR SETTLE		HIGH		LOW		VOLUME		ACTIONS	
E-mini S&P 500		ESU5		6243.75		20.00 (0.32%)		6223.75		6255		6223.25		582956		⋮	
CALLS									STRIKE PRICE	PUTS							
LOW	HIGH	PRIOR	CHNGE	LAST	QTY	BID	OFFER	BID		OFFER	QTY	LAST	CHNGE	PRIOR	LOW	HIGH	
		288.5		-	1	302	302.75	60500	110	110.5	196	112.25	-4	116.25	111.75	112.25	
		270		-	0	283	283.75	60750	116	116.25	10	117.5	-4.75	122.25	117.5	118	
254	269.25	251.75	+13.25	265	462	264.5	265.25	61000	122.25	122.5	288	126	-3	129	120.5	128	
		234		-	0	246.5	247	61250	128.75	129.25	35	127.5	-8.5	136	127.5	131	
228	228	216.75	+11.25	228	284	229	229.5	61500	136	136.5	14	135.5	-8	143.5	135	141.5	
		200		-	0	211.75	212.25	61750	143.75	144.25	5	146	-5.75	151.75	141.5	146	
186.25	200.25	184	+12.75	196.75	559	195.25	195.75	62000	152	152.5	96	155	-5.5	160.5	153	155.5	
178.5	182.5	168.75	+12	180.75	30	179.5	180	62250	161	161.5	26	161.25	-8.75	170	160.75	166	
158	171	154.25	+11.25	165.5	431	164.25	164.75	62500	170.5	171	498	171.5	-8.75	180.25	167.5	175	
146.75	155.5	140.25	+10	150.25	351	149.75	150.25	62750	181	181.5	53	180.25	-10.75	191	180.75	186.5	
132.5	141.25	127	+8	135	1345	136.25	136.5	63000	192	192.5	94	198.5	-4.25	202.75	189.5	198.5	
123.25	125.75	114.5	+9.75	124.25	43	123.25	123.75	63250	204	204.5	0	-		215			
108.25	114.5	103	+7.25	110.25	175	111	111.5	63500	216.5	217	80	216.5	-11.75	228.25	217.75	221.75	
97.75	99.75	92	+7	99	331	99.75	100.25	63750	230	230.5	0	-		242.25			
87.5	92.25	82	+7	89	244	89.25	89.75	64000	244.25	245	0	-		257			
77.75	78.5	72.75	+5.25	78	25	79.5	80	64250	259.25	260.25	0	-		272.5			
69	74.25	64.25	+5	69.25	38	70.5	71	64500	275	276	4	280.25	-8.5	288.75	280.25	280.25	
61	64	56.5	+4.5	61	292	62.25	62.75	64750	291.75	292.75	0	-		306			
51	59	49.5	+5.25	54.75	1068	55	55.5	65000	309	310.25	2	307	-16.75	323.75	307	307	

Trade Log

Executed orders, excluding canceled ones, are visible in the Orders widget. *Note that this widget's data is cleared at the end of each trading day.*

CME Group PRACTICE FUNDS \$98,877.25 PROFIT/LOSS \$37.58 MARGIN \$23,698.78 AVAILABLE \$75,186.55 11:52:31 am CST 06/30/2025 1-Click B Practice Mode

Trade Log

PRACTICE SIMULATOR TRADE LOG
If your goal is to make money trading futures over the long haul, then embrace what the Trade Log offers—an easy, simple-to-review written record of each round-turn trade you make that will help you gauge how your choices affect your trading performance.
Expand the line for each leg in the table to enter notes on your trading approach, stop use, trend and risk/reward ratio as well as anything else about why you decided to make this trade at this time.

All Months All Products Download

	TRANSACTION DATE & TIME	OPEN/CLOSE	BUY/SELL	C/P	STRIKE PX	QTY	TYPE	PX	TIF	FILL PX	STOP	STOP PX	ACTIONS
1MNG Future P&L: \$27.5													
>	6/27/2025 2:36:10 PM	Open	BUY	-	-	1	MKT	0.0	DAY	22681.25	-	\$0.0	
>	6/27/2025 2:48:53 PM	Close	SELL	-	-	1	MKT	0.0	DAY	22695.0	-	\$0.0	
1MES Future P&L: \$2.5													
>	6/27/2025 2:48:32 PM	Open	BUY	-	-	1	MKT	0.0	DAY	6203.5	-	\$0.0	
>	6/27/2025 2:48:53 PM	Close	SELL	-	-	1	MKT	0.0	DAY	6204.0	-	\$0.0	
1MES Future P&L: \$3.75													
>	6/27/2025 2:48:20 PM	Open	BUY	-	-	1	MKT	0.0	DAY	6203.25	-	\$0.0	
>	6/27/2025 2:48:53 PM	Close	SELL	-	-	1	MKT	0.0	DAY	6204.0	-	\$0.0	
1ES Future P&L: \$-37.5													
>	6/12/2025 3:38:42 PM	Open	BUY	-	-	1	MKT	0.0	DAY	6044.5	-	\$0.0	
>	6/12/2025 3:42:35 PM	Close	SELL	-	-	1	MKT	0.0	DAY	6043.75	-	\$0.0	
1ES Future P&L: \$-437.5													
>	5/13/2025 2:16:07 PM	Open	BUY	-	-	1	LMT	5920.75	DAY	5920.75	-	\$0.0	
>	5/14/2025 8:19:18 AM	Close	SELL	-	-	1	MKT	0.0	DAY	5912.0	-	\$0.0	
1ES Future P&L: \$-12.5													
>	5/12/2025 9:10:52 AM	Open	BUY	-	-	1	MKT	0.0	DAY	5825.25	-	\$0.0	

Trading Log

Return to Trading

Add Notes

Positions Window

The positions window provides a real-time overview of trading positions, displaying contract details, position quantity, average and current prices, unrealized profit/loss (P/L) for each position and the total portfolio, with filtering and sorting options.

Positions X											FLATTEN ALL POSITIONS	
All Open Closed												
SYMBOL	CONTRACT	MONTH	STRIKE	C/P	POSITION	BUYS	SELLS	AVERAGE PX	UNREALIZED...	REALIZED P/L	ACTIONS	
CLQ5	WTI Crud...	Aug	-	-	Short 1	0	1	65.07	-10.00	0.00	TRADE	FLATTEN
ESU5	E-mini S&...	Sep	-	-	Long 1	1	0	6244	-187.50	0.00	TRADE	FLATTEN
MGCQ5	Micro Gold	Aug	-	-	Long 1	1	0	3308.3	0.00	0.00	TRADE	FLATTEN

Orders Window

The orders window displays order status and execution. Filter by working, filled, or cancelled orders using the blue ovals. All orders show by default. Amend orders via the 'Trade' button on the right.

Orders X

AllWorkingFilledCancelled

CANCEL ALL

SIDE	SYMBOL	MONTH	STRIKE	C/P	QTY	LEAVES	TYPE	FILL PX	LIMIT PX	STOP PX	STATUS	ACTIONS
SELL	MGCQ5	Aug	-	-	1	1	LMT	-	3315.8	-	Working	AMEND CANCEL
SELL	MGCQ5	Aug	-	-	1	1	STP	-	-	3305.8	Working	AMEND CANCEL
BUY	MGCQ5	Aug	-	-	1	0	MKT	3308.3	-	-	Filled	
SELL	CLQ5	Aug	-	-	1	0	MKT	65.07	-	-	Filled	
BUY	ESU5	Sep	-	-	1	0	STP	6244	-	6244	Filled	

Trade Plan

The Trade Plan widget enables users to define their risk and set their trading objectives. Then, follow-up regularly, making adjustments to your Trade Plan as you learn more about your unique skill set, approach and tolerance for trading risk.

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PRACTICE FUNDS
\$98,782.25

PROFIT/LOSS
~\$165.00

MARGIN
\$29,788.80

AVAILABLE
\$69,873.45

12:08:04 pm CST 06/30/2025

1-Click

B

Practice Mode

HIDE MENU

ADD WIDGETS

Markets

Watchlists

Chart

Price Ladder

Options

Positions

Orders

Commentary

Calendar

CHALLENGE

Discover

Dashboard

RESOURCES

Education

Trade Plan

Trade Log

Help

Feedback

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My Trade Plan (Practice Account)

SAVE

"Plan your trade and trade your plan" just got a lot easier to do and review. Take a few minutes right now to define how much to risk and what inputs to use in your trading. Then, follow-up regularly with the automatically pre-populated notes about each trade in your Trade Log, making adjustments to your Trade Plan as you learn more about your unique skill set, approach and tolerance for trading risk.

GOALS OF THIS TRADE PLAN:

1. Why did I place the trade?
2. Why did I put my stop where I did?
3. Did my trade make money?

Section A:
Risk Parameters

Establishing your monetary boundaries is essential to maintaining perspective and trading longevity. Decide now—before the heat of battle begins—on your money management strategy and how much money you're willing to risk per idea and trade. Your answers will help determine number of positions you hold, position size and stop levels.
[Learn more in Building A Trade Plan](#)

Dollars to risk per trade

10000.0

% willing to risk per trade

3.0

% buying power willing to commit per trade

3.0

Section B:
Trading Decision Inputs

What information do you use to make a trading decision? If you look to the news and statistics about a market's supply and demand, then you trade on fundamentals. If you look at price charts and indicators derived from the market's movement, then you trade on technicals. Or, you could use a bit of both. Choose from some of the most popular methods below to get started in your Trade Plan.
[Learn more in Trading and Analysis](#)

Please select a type of decision inputs

☐ Fundamental

☐ Technical

Section C:
Types of Market Trends

If you're like many traders, you have an innate preference and aptitude for trading market trends. A momentum trader likes to go with the flow and believes the "trend is your friend." A reversion trader takes a short-term view and looks to capture market extremes.
[Learn more in Trading and Analysis](#)

Please select a type of Market Trends

☐ Momentum

☐ Contra Trend

Section D:
Risk Reward Ratio

Setting a base risk/reward ratio for your trading defines your preference for how much reward you believe is available in the trade vs. how much money you put at risk. At 1:1, you'd be willing to risk \$10 to make \$10. At 5:1, you'd be willing to risk \$10 to make \$50.
[Learn more in Trading and Risk Management](#)

Please select ratio

☐ 1:1

☐ 2:1

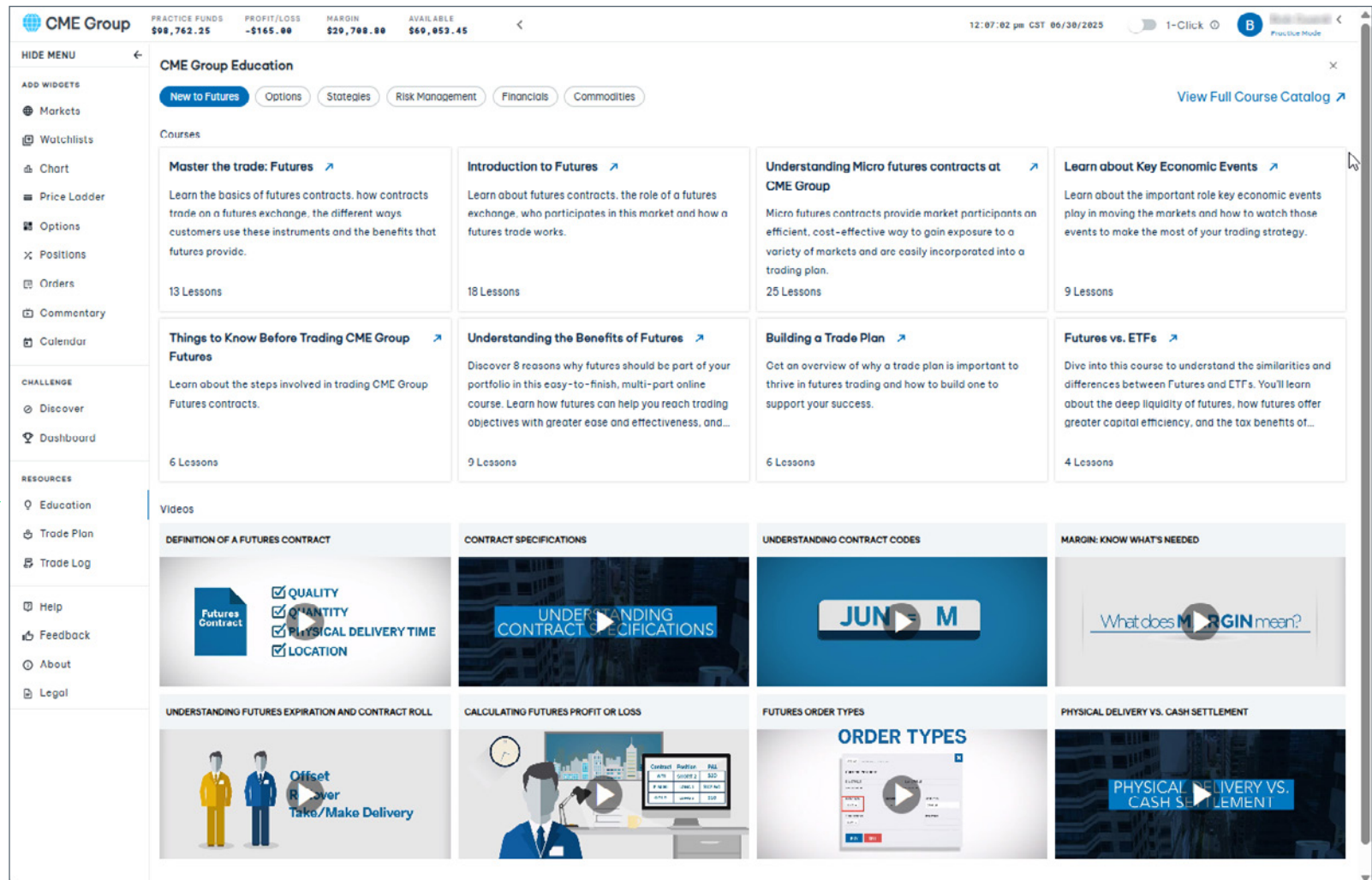
☐ 3:1

☐ 4:1

☐ 5:1

Education Resources

Click into the Education icon  to view the CME Institute courses and lessons on the products you're interested in, or view the lessons on trading strategy to refine your approach.



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Learn about futures contracts, the role of a futures exchange, who participates in this market and how a futures trade works.
18 Lessons
- Understanding Micro futures contracts at CME Group** [➔](#)
Micro futures contracts provide market participants an efficient, cost-effective way to gain exposure to a variety of markets and are easily incorporated into a trading plan.
25 Lessons
- Learn about Key Economic Events** [➔](#)
Learn about the important role key economic events play in moving the markets and how to watch those events to make the most of your trading strategy.
9 Lessons
- Things to Know Before Trading CME Group Futures** [➔](#)
Learn about the steps involved in trading CME Group Futures contracts.
6 Lessons
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Discover 8 reasons why futures should be part of your portfolio in this easy-to-finish, multi-part online course. Learn how futures can help you reach trading objectives with greater ease and effectiveness, and...
9 Lessons
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Get an overview of why a trade plan is important to thrive in futures trading and how to build one to support your success.
6 Lessons
- Futures vs. ETFs** [➔](#)
Dive into this course to understand the similarities and differences between Futures and ETFs. You'll learn about the deep liquidity of futures, how futures offer greater capital efficiency, and the tax benefits of...
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- DEFINITION OF A FUTURES CONTRACT
- CONTRACT SPECIFICATIONS
- UNDERSTANDING CONTRACT CODES
- MARGIN: KNOW WHAT'S NEEDED
- UNDERSTANDING FUTURES EXPIRATION AND CONTRACT ROLL
- CALCULATING FUTURES PROFIT OR LOSS
- FUTURES ORDER TYPES
- PHYSICAL DELIVERY VS. CASH SETTLEMENT

Education

GETTING STARTED

WORKSPACES AND 1-CLICK TRADING

MARKETS TAB

WATCHLIST

CHARTING TOOLS

PRICE LADDER (DEPTH OF MARKET)

ORDER TICKETS - FUTURES

ORDER TICKETS - OPTIONS

OPTIONS GRID

TRADE LOG

POSITIONS WINDOW AND ORDERS WINDOW

TRADE PLAN

EDUCATION RESOURCES

CHALLENGES

The screenshot displays the CME Group Practice Mode interface. At the top, a header bar shows account information: PRACTICE FUNDS (\$101,281.25), PROFIT/LOSS (\$900.00), MARGIN (\$47,275.00), and AVAILABLE (\$54,005.45). The main content area is titled 'Discover' and features an 'Introduction to Challenges' section with a graphic of two bar charts. Below this, a 'Public Challenges Available' section highlights the 'CME Group Public Challenge Test (July)' with a start date of 7/14/2025 and an end date of 8/22/2025. A 'KEY BENEFITS' section lists: 'Trade in a risk-free environment', 'Compete with your peers', and 'Sharpen your knowledge'. The left sidebar contains a 'HIDE MENU' button and a list of navigation options: ADD WIDGETS, Markets, Watchlists, Chart, Price Ladder, Options, Positions, Orders, Commentary, and Calendar. The 'CHALLENGE' section is expanded, showing 'Discover'. The 'RESOURCES' section includes Education, Trade Plan, and Trade Log. The bottom section, 'Been invited to a private challenge?', contains a form to enter a code and a checkbox for 'I have read and agree to the Trading Simulator User Agreements'. A 'Contact Us About a Trading Challenge' section is also present.

Challenges

Trading Challenges allow you to compete against peers using real-time market data. Trading Challenges are different from the normal simulated environment, known as Practice Mode. To find and enter a Trading Challenge, go to Challenge in the left hand menu.

Public Challenges:

- Open to all users.
- Scheduled regularly.

Private Simulated Environment:

- Offered by request.
- Designed for specific groups such as classrooms, trade desks, and internships.

Joining Public Trading Challenges:

- Navigate to the Challenge Dashboard.
- Select an upcoming or active Public Challenge.
- Input your desired display name.
- Begin trading in Challenge.

Joining Private Trading Challenges:

- If you've been invited to a private simulated environment, the host will provide you with a custom code.
- Navigate to the Challenge Dashboard, find the menu that says "Join a Private Trading Challenge."
- Enter a promo code for your Challenge.
- Input your desired display name.
- Click the "I accept T & C" box.
- Click "Submit."

Challenge Dashboard

Before the Challenge starts, check the dashboard to find out about required courses on cmegroup.com/education

Identifying Challenge Mode:

 CME Group		CHALLENGE FUNDS \$100,218.75	PROFIT/LOSS \$0.00	MARGIN \$0.00	AVAILABLE \$100,218.75	RANKING 2nd	<
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You are in Challenge Mode if you see:

- A trophy icon.
- "Challenge funds" displayed in the top left corner.
- "Challenge mode" indicated under your username.

Switching to Practice Mode:

- Click on the sideways arrow next to your username.
- Select the "Practice mode" radio button.

Note: Any trades placed in your practice account will NOT count towards your Challenge account.

