# **Spot-Quoted futures**

# SEE FUTURES IN A WHOLE NEW LIGHT

# **COMING 30 JUNE\***

Spot-Quoted futures are a flexible new way to trade U.S. equity index and cryptocurrency\*\* futures markets. These small-sized contracts are traded at the spot rather than the prevailing price of the underlying futures, require lower upfront capital commitment and have long-dated expirations so you can trade without monthly or quarterly futures rolls.

# Initial offering on six key futures markets

- S&P 500
- · Nasdaq-100
- Russell 2000
- Dow Jones Industrial Average
- Bitcoin\*\*
- Ether\*\*

# **Key features**

# **SMALLER SIZE, MORE COST EFFICIENCY**

Manage your equity index and crypto trading strategies with precision and flexibility, and trade on margin to control a position up to 20x\*\*\* larger in value.

#### **NO QUARTERLY FUTURES ROLLS**

The first expiration date of Spot-Quoted futures will be June 2026, allowing participants to trade in and out of positions without concern for the contract expiration and quarterly roll.

# TRADE AT THE SPOT PRICE

Spot-Quoted futures trade at the spot price rather than the underlying futures price, making them a powerful way to trade intraday or short-term positions.

#### TRANSPARENT PRICE DISCOVERY

Spot-Quoted futures are traded on exchange, where all participants see the same transparent prices and quotes.

## **GREATER FLEXIBILITY**

Futures are tradable 23 hours a day, offering access around the clock, plus the ability to go short or long when market events impact prices.

# Understanding the contract structure and financing adjustment

The financing adjustment will be determined using liquid Equity Index/Cryptocurrency\*\* futures and bellwether cash indices.

Two components determine the futures position for Spot-Quoted products. The spot price and the financing adjustment:

Spot price (traded on Globex)

financing adjustment (determined via CME Clearing)

cleared Spot-Quoted futures position

- **Spot price** is determined via liquid and competitive markets on Globex (and accessed via your front-end). Participants will be able to view live markets (bids and offers) and place trades based on their respective market views.
- **Financing adjustment** enables participants to trade at the spot price while applying this adjustment to allow for a futures position to be carried.
  - The financing component is initially set to 0 and then is updated the next day to reflect the difference in the basis between the futures and spot price. These are adjusted and added to the cleared price of the futures contracts each day. If these products are used for intraday trading, this financing adjustment won't be realized.
  - In market dynamics where the prevailing interest rate is higher than the dividend yield, the basis tends to be a negative number.
  - On the next page would be the example of the financing adjustment with an assumption of an 3 October 2024 launch date:



<sup>\*</sup>Pending regulatory review

<sup>\*\*</sup>Cryptocurrencies are not available in the UK

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Assuming a typical 5% margin on Equity Index futures. Margins are subject to change.

#### EXAMPLE OF THE FINANCING ADJUSTMENT WITH AN ASSUMPTION OF A 3 OCTOBER 2024 LAUNCH DATE

DATE	E-MINI S&P 500 FUTURES SETTLEMENT VALUE (DEC 2024)	S&P 500 INDEX SETTLEMENT	FUTURES TO CASH BASIS	FINANCING ADJUSTMENT (THAT DAY)	TOTAL FINANCING ADJUSTMENT
					0
3 OCTOBER 2024	5749.50	5699.94	49.56	(1.15)	(1.15)
4 OCTOBER 2024	5800.00	5751.07	48.93	(0.63)	(1.78)
7 OCTOBER 2024	5744.75	5695.94	48.81	(0.12)	(1.90)
8 OCTOBER 2024	5800.50	5751.13	49.37	0.56	(1.34)
9 OCTOBER 2024	5841.25	5792.04	49.21	(0.16)	(1.50)

In the above actual example using S&P 500, if a participant were to trade at the spot price of 5750.00 on 3 October 2024 at 1:30 p.m. CT, a financing adjustment of (1.15) would be added during the clearing cycle to provide a cleared futures position of 5748.85.

If a participant were to exit the position on 4 October 2024 at 9:30 a.m. CT at 5800.00, a financing adjustment of (1.78) would be added to the position to provide a cleared futures position of 5798.22. Their total PnL would be \$49.37.

#### **CONTRACT SPECIFICATIONS\***

	S&P 500	NASDAQ-100	DOW JONES	RUSSELL 2000	BITCOIN**	ETHER**			
PRODUCT CODE	QSPX	QNDX	QDOW	QRTY	QBTC	QETH			
CONTRACT SIZE	\$1 x Index	\$0.10 x Index	\$0.10 x Index	\$1 x Index	0.01 bitcoin	0.20 ether			
NOTIONAL VALUE (AS OF 31 MARCH 2025)	\$5,600	\$1,900	\$4,200	\$2,000	\$850	\$400			
MINIMUM PRICE FLUCTUATION	1.00 index point (\$1.00 per tick)	1.00 index point (\$0.10 per tick)	1.00 index point (\$0.10 per tick)	1.00 index point (\$1.00 per tick)	\$10 per bitcoin (\$0.10 per tick)	\$0.50 per ether (\$0.10 per tick)			
LISTING SCHEDULE	1 listed futures contract at launch (June 2026 expiration)								
TRADING AND CLEARING HOURS	Sunday 6:00 p.m. – Friday 5:00 p.m. ET (5:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. CT) with a daily maintenance period from 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. ET (4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. CT)								

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For more information about Spot-Quoted futures, visit cmegroup.com/spotquoted

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