

## Special Executive Report

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SUBJECT: Various Amendments to the Bitcoin Futures, Micro Bitcoin Futures, and Ether

Futures Contracts Including Enabling Basis Trade at Index Close (BTIC) Transactions and Reduction of Strike Price Listing Schedule for the Options

on Bitcoin Futures Contract

Effective on Sunday, September 26, 2021 for trade date Monday, September 27, 2021, and pending all relevant Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC") regulatory review periods, Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. ("CME" or "Exchange") will implement various amendments to the Bitcoin Futures, Micro Bitcoin Futures, Ether Futures, and Options on Bitcoin Futures contracts (the "Contracts") as noted in the table below.

Contract Title	CME Globex and CME Clear- Port Code / BTIC Code	Rulebook Chapter	Amendment Description
Bitcoin Futures	BTC/BTB	350	<ul> <li>Enable BTIC transactions with a minimum block threshold of 5 contracts</li> <li>Clarity regarding Termination of Trading and Final Settlement rules</li> </ul>
Micro Bitcoin Futures	MBT/MIB	348	<ul> <li>Enable BTIC transactions with a minimum block threshold of 10 contracts</li> <li>Clarity regarding Termination of Trading and Final Settlement rules</li> <li>Increase CME Globex Maximum Order Quantity from 100 to 500 contracts</li> </ul>
Ether Futures	ETH/ETB	349	<ul> <li>Enable BTIC transactions with a minimum block threshold of 5 contracts</li> <li>Clarity regarding Termination of Trading land Final Settlement rules</li> </ul>
Options on Bitcoin Futures	втс	350A	<ul> <li>Reduce strike price listing schedule by 50%</li> <li>Clarity regarding Termination of Trading and Final Settlement rules</li> </ul>

Attachments: Exhibit A - Amendments to CME Chapters 350, 348, 349, and 350A (blackline format)

Exhibit B - BTIC Exchange Fees
Exhibit C - Additional BTIC Information

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#### Exhibit A CME Rulebook

(additions are underscored; deletions struck though)

# Chapter 350 Bitcoin Futures

#### 35000. SCOPE OF CHAPTER

This chapter is limited in application to Bitcoin Futures. In addition to this chapter, futures shall be subject to the general rules and regulations of the Exchange as applicable.

#### 35001. CONTRACT SPECIFICATIONS

Each futures contract shall be valued at 5 bitcoin as defined by the CME CF Bitcoin Reference Rate ("BRR").

#### 35002. TRADING SPECIFICATIONS

#### 35002.A. Trading Schedule

Futures contracts shall be scheduled for trading during such hours and for delivery in such months as may be determined by the Exchange.

#### 35002.B. Trading Unit

The unit of trading shall be 5 bitcoin.

#### 35002.C. Price Increments

The minimum price increment shall be \$5.00, equal to \$25.00 per contract, except for intermonth spreads executed pursuant to Rule 542.A., for which the minimum price increment shall be \$1.00, equal to \$5.00 per intermonth spread.

# 35002.D. Position Limits, Exemptions, Position Accountability and Reportable Levels

The applicable position limits and/or accountability levels, in addition to the reportable levels, are set forth in the Position Limit, Position Accountability and Reportable Level Table in the Interpretations & Special Notices Section of Chapter 5.

A Person seeking an exemption from position limits for bona fide commercial purposes shall apply to the Market Regulation Department on forms provided by the Exchange, and the Market Regulation Department may grant qualified exemptions in its sole discretion.

Refer to Rule 559 for requirements concerning the aggregation of positions and allowable exemptions from the specified position limits.

#### 35002.E. Daily Price Limits

At the commencement of each Trading Day, the contract shall be subject to special price fluctuation limits and daily price limits as set forth in Rule 589 and in the Special Price Fluctuation Limits Table in the Interpretations & Special Notices Section of Chapter 5.

#### 35002.F. Termination of Trading

Trading in expiring futures shall terminate at 4 p.m. London time on the last Friday of the contract month <u>if that day is a business day in either the UK or the US</u>. If that day is not a business day in both the UK and the US, trading shall terminate on the preceding day that is a business day <u>in either for both</u> the UK and <u>or</u> the US. <u>Trading shall terminate at 4 p.m. London time on the Last Trade Date.</u>

#### 35003. SETTLEMENT PROCEDURES

Delivery shall be by cash settlement.

#### 35003.A. Final Settlement Price

For a futures contract for a given delivery month, the Final Settlement Price shall be the BRR published at 4 p.m. London time on the Last Trade Date (Rule 35002.F.). Revision to the published BRR shall be received prior to 23:59:59 London time on the Last Trade Date. Thereafter, the final settlement futures price shall be deemed final.

In the event that the BRR is not publishable or published on the CME Bitcoin Futures Termination of Trading day, and therefore, CME cannot determine the CME Bitcoin Final Settlement Price, then final settlement of the CME Bitcoin futures contract is at the discretion of the Exchange and may be deferred or postponed for up to 14 consecutive calendar days.

#### 35003.B. Final Settlement

Clearing members holding open positions in an expiring futures contract at its termination of trading (Rule 35002.F.) shall make payment to or receive payment from the Clearing House in accordance with normal variation margin procedures based on such expiring contract's Final Settlement Price (Rule 35003.A.).

In the event of a hard fork, Bitcoin futures shall continue to settle to the BRR corresponding to the original token pair (BTC:USD). The Exchange may, in its sole discretion, take alternative action with respect to hard forks in consultation with market participants as may be appropriate.

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#### 35006. BASIS TRADE AT INDEX CLOSE ("BTIC") TRANSACTIONS

All BTIC transactions must be executed in accordance with the requirements of Rule 524.B.

For the purpose of this section and Rule 524.B., the closing level of such futures contract's underlying cash Index shall mean the CME CF Bitcoin Reference Rate ("BRR").

#### 35006.A. Block Trade Requirements

BTIC block trades must be executed in accordance with the requirements of Rule 526.

For a BTIC or BTIC block trade executed on a given Trading Day at or before 4:00 p.m. London time, the corresponding futures price shall be made by reference to the closing Index value for the current Trading Day.

For a BTIC or BTIC block trade executed on a given Trading Day after 4:00 p.m. London time, the corresponding futures price shall be made by reference to the closing Index value for the next Trading Day.

#### 35006.B. Price Assignment Procedures

The price assignment procedure for BTIC transactions shall follow Rule 524.B.3.

#### 35006.C. Minimum Price Increments

The valid basis or price increment applied to the closing Index value to establish the BTIC futures price shall be an integer multiple of the contract minimum price increment, \$1.00 per bitcoin, equal to \$5.00 per contract.

#### 35006.D. Market Disruption Events

In the event of disruption in the underlying market that precludes a valid Index value calculation, all pending and executed BTIC transactions in the corresponding futures contract shall be cancelled by the Exchange. Such disruption shall be declared by the Exchange in its sole discretion.

# Chapter 348 Micro Bitcoin Futures

#### 34800. SCOPE OF CHAPTER

This chapter is limited in application to Micro Bitcoin Futures. In addition to this chapter, futures shall be subject to the general rules and regulations of the Exchange as applicable.

#### 34801. CONTRACT SPECIFICATIONS

Each futures contract shall be valued at 0.10 bitcoin as defined by the CME CF Bitcoin Reference Rate ("BRR").

#### 34802. TRADING SPECIFICATIONS

#### 34802.A. Trading Schedule

Futures contracts shall be scheduled for trading during such hours and for delivery in such months as may be determined by the Exchange.

#### 34802.B. Trading Unit

The unit of trading shall be 0.10 bitcoin.

#### 34802.C. Price Increments

The minimum price increment shall be 5.00 index points, equal to \$0.50 per contract, except for intermonth spreads executed pursuant to Rule 542.A., for which the minimum price increment shall be 1.00 index points, equal to \$0.10 per intermonth spread.

## 34802.D. Position Limits, Exemptions, Position Accountability and Reportable Levels

The applicable position limits and/or accountability levels, in addition to the reportable levels, are set forth in the Position Limit, Position Accountability and Reportable Level Table in the Interpretations & Special Notices Section of Chapter 5.

A Person seeking an exemption from position limits for bona fide commercial purposes shall apply to the Market Regulation Department on forms provided by the Exchange, and the Market Regulation Department may grant qualified exemptions in its sole discretion.

Refer to Rule 559 for requirements concerning the aggregation of positions and allowable exemptions from the specified position limits.

#### 34802.E. Price Limits and Trading Halts

At the commencement of each Trading Day, the contract shall be subject to special price fluctuation limits and daily price limits as set forth in Rule 589 and in the Special Price Fluctuation Limits and Daily Price Limits Table in the Interpretations & Special Notices Section of Chapter 5.

#### 34802.F. Termination of Trading

Trading in expiring futures shall terminate at 4 p.m. London time on the last Friday of the contract month if that day is a business day in either the UK or the US. If that day is not a business day in both the UK and the US, trading shall terminate on the preceding day that is a business day in either for both the UK or and the US. Trading shall terminate at 4 p.m. London time on the Last Trade Date.

#### 34803. SETTLEMENT PROCEDURES

Delivery shall be by cash settlement.

#### 34803.A. Final Settlement Price

For a futures contract for a given delivery month, the Final Settlement Price shall be the BRR published at 4 p.m. London time on the Last Trade Date (Rule 34802.F.). Revision to the published BRR shall be received prior to 23:59:59 London time on the Last Trade Date. Thereafter, the final settlement futures price shall be deemed final.

In the event that the BRR is not publishable or published on the CME Micro Bitcoin Futures Termination of Trading day, and therefore, CME cannot determine the CME Micro Bitcoin Final Settlement Price, then final settlement of the CME Micro Bitcoin futures contract is at the discretion of the Exchange and may be deferred or postponed for up to 14 consecutive calendar days.

#### 34803.B. Final Settlement

Clearing members holding open positions in an expiring futures contract at its termination of trading (Rule 34802.F.) shall make payment to or receive payment from the Clearing House in accordance with normal variation margin procedures based on such expiring contract's Final Settlement Price (Rule 34803.A.).

In the event of a hard fork, Micro Bitcoin futures shall continue to settle to the BRR corresponding to the original token pair (BTC:USD). The Exchange may, in its sole discretion, take alternative action with respect to hard forks in consultation with market participants as may be appropriate.

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#### 34806. BASIS TRADE AT INDEX CLOSE ("BTIC") TRANSACTIONS

All BTIC transactions must be executed in accordance with the requirements of Rule 524.B.

For the purpose of this section and Rule 524.B., the closing level of such futures contract's underlying cash Index shall mean the CME CF Bitcoin Reference Rate ("BRR").

#### 34806.A. Block Trade Requirements

BTIC block trades must be executed in accordance with the requirements of Rule 526. For a BTIC or BTIC block trade executed on a given Trading Day at or before 4:00 p.m. London time, the corresponding futures price shall be made by reference to the closing Index value for the current Trading Day.

For a BTIC or BTIC block trade executed on a given Trading Day after 4:00 p.m. London time, the corresponding futures price shall be made by reference to the closing Index value for the next Trading Day.

#### 34806.B. Price Assignment Procedures

The price assignment procedure for BTIC transactions shall follow Rule 524.B.3.

#### 34806.C. Minimum Price Increments

The valid basis or price increment applied to the closing Index value to establish the BTIC futures price shall be an integer multiple of the contract minimum price increment, \$1.00 per bitcoin, equal to \$0.10 per contract.

#### 34806.D. Market Disruption Events

In the event of disruption in the underlying market that precludes a valid Index value calculation, all pending and executed BTIC transactions in the corresponding futures contract shall be cancelled by the Exchange. Such disruption shall be declared by the Exchange in its sole discretion.

### Chapter 349 Ether Futures

#### 34900. SCOPE OF CHAPTER

This chapter is limited in application to Ether Futures. In addition to this chapter, futures shall be subject to the general rules and regulations of the Exchange as applicable.

#### 34901. CONTRACT SPECIFICATIONS

Each futures contract shall be valued at 50 ether as defined by the CME CF Ether Reference Rate ("ETHUSD RR").

#### 34902. TRADING SPECIFICATIONS

#### 34902.A. Trading Schedule

Futures contracts shall be scheduled for trading during such hours and for delivery in such months as may be determined by the Exchange.

#### 34902.B. Trading Unit

The unit of trading shall be 50 ether.

#### 34902.C. Price Increments

The minimum price increment shall be 0.25 index points, equal to \$12.50 per contract, except for intermonth spreads executed pursuant to Rule 542.A., for which the minimum price increment shall be 0.05 index points, equal to \$2.50 per intermonth spread.

# 34902.D. Position Limits, Exemptions, Position Accountability and Reportable Levels

The applicable position limits and/or accountability levels, in addition to the reportable levels, are set forth in the Position Limit, Position Accountability and Reportable Level Table in the Interpretations & Special Notices Section of Chapter 5.

A Person seeking an exemption from position limits for bona fide commercial purposes

shall apply to the Market Regulation Department on forms provided by the Exchange, and the Market Regulation Department may grant qualified exemptions in its sole discretion.

Refer to Rule 559 for requirements concerning the aggregation of positions and allowable exemptions from the specified position limits.

#### 34902.E. Price Limits and Trading Halts

At the commencement of each Trading Day, the contract shall be subject to special price fluctuation limits and daily price limits as set forth in Rule 589 and in the Special Price Fluctuation Limits and Daily Price Limits Table in the Interpretations & Special Notices Section of Chapter 5.

#### 34902.F. Termination of Trading

Trading in expiring futures shall terminate at 4 p.m. London time on the last Friday of the contract month if that day is a business day in either the UK or the US. If that day is not a business day in both the UK and the US, trading shall terminate on the preceding day that is a business day in either for both the UK or and the US. Trading shall terminate at 4 p.m. London time on the Last Trade Date.

#### 34903. SETTLEMENT PROCEDURES

Delivery shall be by cash settlement.

#### 34903.A. Final Settlement Price

For a futures contract for a given delivery month, the Final Settlement Price shall be the ETHUSD\_RR published at 4 p.m. London time on the Last Trade Date (Rule 34902.F.). Revision to the published ETHUSD\_RR shall be received prior to 23:59:59 London time on the Last Trade Date. Thereafter, the final settlement futures price shall be deemed final.

In the event that the ETHUSD\_RR is not publishable or published on the CME Ether Futures Termination of Trading day, and therefore, CME cannot determine the CME Ether Final Settlement Price, then final settlement of the CME Ether futures contract is at the discretion of the Exchange and may be deferred or postponed for up to 14 consecutive calendar days.

#### 34903.B. Final Settlement

Clearing members holding open positions in an expiring futures contract at its termination of trading (Rule 34902.F.) shall make payment to or receive payment from the Clearing House in accordance with normal variation margin procedures based on such expiring contract's Final Settlement Price (Rule 34903.A.).

In the event of a hard fork, Ether futures shall continue to settle to the ETHUSD\_RR corresponding to the original token pair (ETH:USD). The Exchange may, in its sole discretion, take alternative action with respect to hard forks in consultation with market participants as may be appropriate.

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#### 34906. BASIS TRADE AT INDEX CLOSE ("BTIC") TRANSACTIONS

All BTIC transactions must be executed in accordance with the requirements of Rule 524.B.

For the purpose of this section and Rule 524.B., the closing level of such futures contract's underlying cash Index shall mean the CME CF Ether Reference Rate ("ETHUSD RR").

#### 34906.A. Block Trade Requirements

BTIC block trades must be executed in accordance with the requirements of Rule 526.

For a BTIC or BTIC block trade executed on a given Trading Day at or before 4:00 p.m. London time, the corresponding futures price shall be made by reference to the closing Index value for the current Trading Day.

For a BTIC or BTIC block trade executed on a given Trading Day after 4:00 p.m. London time, the corresponding futures price shall be made by reference to the closing Index

#### value for the next Trading Day.

#### 34906.B. Price Assignment Procedures

The price assignment procedure for BTIC transactions shall follow Rule 524.B.3.

#### 34906.C. Minimum Price Increments

The valid basis or price increment applied to the closing Index value to establish the BTIC futures price shall be an integer multiple of the contract minimum price increment, \$0.05 per ether, equal to \$2.50 per contract.

#### 34906.D. Market Disruption Events

In the event of disruption in the underlying market that precludes a valid Index value calculation, all pending and executed BTIC transactions in the corresponding futures contract shall be cancelled by the Exchange. Such disruption shall be declared by the Exchange in its sole discretion.

# Chapter 350A Options on Bitcoin Futures

#### 350A00. SCOPE OF CHAPTER

This chapter is limited in application to options on Bitcoin Futures ("futures"). In addition to this chapter, options on futures shall be subject to the general rules and regulations of the Exchange as applicable.

Unless otherwise specified, times referenced herein shall refer to and indicate Chicago time.

### 350A01. OPTIONS CHARACTERISTICS

#### 350A01.A. Contract Months, Trading Hours, and Trading Halts

Options shall be listed for expiration on such dates and shall be scheduled for trading during such hours as may be determined by the Exchange, provided that there shall be no trading in options when trading is halted in the underlying Futures Contract Month for Bitcoin Futures.

#### 350A01.B. Trading Unit

The trading unit shall be an option to buy in the case of a call, or to sell in the case of a put, one Bitcoin Futures contract (Chapter 350). Such Bitcoin Futures contract shall represent 5 bitcoin as valued by the CME CF Bitcoin Reference Rate ("BRR") in accordance with Rule 35001.

#### 350A01.C. Minimum Fluctuations

Option prices shall be quoted in USD per bitcoin (BRR Index points), each BRR Index point representing \$1.00 per bitcoin or \$5.00 per Bitcoin Futures contract.

The minimum price fluctuation shall be \$5.00 per bitcoin (equal to \$25.00 per option contract), provided that trades at a premium equal to or less than \$25.00 per bitcoin (\$125.00 per option contract) may occur at price levels that are integer multiples of \$1.00 per bitcoin (equal to \$5.00 per option contract).

#### **Option Spreads and Combinations**

Any option contract that trades as a component of a spread or combination shall be traded at a price that conforms to the applicable minimum price fluctuation as set forth in this Rule, provided that for any option spread or combination that trades at a net premium of \$25.00 (equal to \$125.00 per option contract spread) or fewer, each option contract comprised within such spread or combination may trade in price increments of \$1.00 per bitcoin (equal to \$5.00 per option contract).

#### 350A01.D. Underlying Futures Contract

#### **Monthly Options**

For any Monthly option, the Underlying Futures Contract shall be for delivery on the last Friday of the same month as such option's named month of expiration, subject to Rule 35003.A.

#### 350A01.E. Exercise Prices

#### 1. Regularly-Listed Exercise Prices

#### **Monthly Options**

On any Business Day, the Exchange shall ensure that Monthly put and call options are listed for trading at all eligible exercise prices, as follows:

#### Persistent 100000 Point Exercise Prices

For Monthly options exercisable into a given Underlying Futures Contract (Rule 350A01.D.1.), the Exchange shall ensure that such put and call options are listed for trading at the 500000, 100000, 50000, 10000, 5000 and 1000 exercise price level.

#### 500010000 Point Exercise Prices

For Monthly options exercisable into a given Underlying Futures Contract (Rule 350A01.D.1.), the Exchange shall ensure that such put and call options are listed for trading at all exercise price levels that are integer multiples of 500010000 Index points (e.g., 95000, 100000, 10500010000, 20000, 30000) and that lie within a range from 50 percent below10000 Index points to 50 percent 600 percent above the preceding Business Day's daily settlement price of the Underlying Futures Contract, provided that such settlement price is greater than 100000 index points as rounded to the nearest integer multiple of 10000.

#### **1000 Point Exercise Prices**

For Monthly options exercisable into a given Underlying Futures Contract (Rule 350A01.D.1.), the Exchange shall ensure that such put and call options are listed for trading at all exercise price levels that are integer multiples of 1000 Index points (e.g., 9000, 10000, 11000) and that lie within a range from 50 percent below 1000 Index points to 50 percent 400 percent above the preceding Business Day's daily settlement price of the Underlying Futures Contract provided that such settlement price is less than or equal to 100000 index points as rounded to the nearest integer multiple of 1000.

#### 500 Point Exercise Prices

For Monthly options exercisable into Underlying Futures Contracts for each of the four nearest Underlying Futures Contract Months, the Exchange shall ensure that such put and call options are listed for trading at all exercise price levels that are integer multiples of 500 Index points (e.g., 9500, 10000, 10500) and that lie within a range from 50 percent below to 50 percent above the preceding Business Day's daily settlement price of the Underlying Futures Contract provided that such settlement price is less than or equal to 10000 index points as rounded to the nearest integer multiple of 500.

#### **100 Point Exercise Prices**

For Monthly options exercisable into Underlying Futures Contracts for each of the three nearest Underlying Futures Contract Months, the Exchange shall ensure that such put and call options are listed for trading at all exercise price levels that are integer multiples of 100 Index points (e.g., 4900, 5000, 51009500, 9600, 9700) and that lie within a range from 5030 percent below to 5030 percent above the preceding Business Day's daily settlement price of the Underlying Futures Contract provided that such settlement price is less than or equal to 5000 index points as rounded to the nearest integer multiple of 100.

#### 50 Point Exercise Prices

For Monthly options exercisable into Underlying Futures Contracts for either the nearest or the second-nearest Underlying Futures Contract Months, if the daily settlement price of such Underlying Futures Contract on the preceding Business Day is below 5000 price points, then the Exchange shall ensure that such put and call options are listed for trading at all exercise price levels that are integer multiples of 50 Index points (e.g., 2450, 2500, 25504850, 4900, 4950) and that lie within a range from 5020 percent below to 5010 percent above the preceding Business Day's daily settlement price of the Underlying Futures Contract provided that such settlement price is less than or equal to 2500 index points as rounded to the nearest integer multiple of 50.

Additional exercise prices may be listed on a discretionary basis on any Business Day up to and including the termination of trading in such options.

#### 2. Dynamically-Listed Exercise Prices

Upon demand and at the discretion of the Exchange, an option with an out-of-currentrange exercise price may be listed for trading as a User-Defined Instrument, on an assoon-as-possible basis, provided that the exercise price of such option shall be an integer multiple of 25 Index points. The Exchange may modify the provisions governing the establishment of exercise prices as it deems appropriate.

# 350A01.F. Position Limits, Exemptions, Position Accountability and Reportable Levels

The applicable position limits and/or accountability levels, in addition to the reportable levels, are set forth in the Position Limit, Position Accountability and Reportable Level Table in the Interpretations & Special Notices Section of Chapter 5.

A Person seeking an exemption from position limits for bona fide commercial purposes shall apply to the Market Regulation Department on forms provided by the Exchange, and the Market Regulation Department may grant qualified exemptions in its sole discretion.

Refer to Rule 559 for requirements concerning the aggregation of positions and allowable exemptions from the specified position limits.

#### 350A01.G. Nature of Options

Upon exercise of a put option on behalf of the long holder of such option, the short holder of such option shall incur the obligation to assume a long position in one Underlying Futures Contract (Rule 350A01.D.) at such option's exercise price (Rule 350A01.E.). Upon exercise of a call option on behalf of the long holder of such option, the short holder of such option shall incur the obligation to assume a short position in one Underlying Futures Contract at such option's exercise price.

#### **Monthly Options**

A Monthly option (Rule 350A01.D.1.) will be exercised only at its expiration.

#### 350A01.H. Daily Price Limits

At the commencement of each trading day, the contract shall be subject to special price fluctuation limits and daily price limits as set forth in Rule 589 and in the Special Price Fluctuation Limits Table in the Interpretations & Special Notices Section of Chapter 5.

#### 350A01.I. Termination of Trading

### **Monthly Options**

Trading in any Monthly option shall terminate on the same date and at the same time as the termination of trading in such option's Underlying Futures Contract (Rule 350A01.D.1.).

If that day is not a business day in both the UK and the US, trading shall terminate on the preceding day that is a business day for both in either the UK and or the US.

#### 350A01.J. [Reserved]

#### 350A02. EXERCISE AND ASSIGNMENT

In addition to the applicable procedures and requirements of Chapter 7, the following shall apply to the exercise of options.

#### 350A02.A. Exercise

#### **Monthly Options**

Any Monthly option (Rule 350A01.D.1.) may be exercised only at, and not before, the expiration of such option. Following termination of trading in expiring options, any such option that is in the money shall be automatically exercised by the Clearing House, and any such option that is out of the money shall be abandoned by the Clearing House. For the avoidance of doubt, no such option that expires in the money may be abandoned, and no such option that expires out of the money may be exercised.

An expiring call option shall be in the money if the corresponding Final Settlement Price for the Underlying Futures Contract (Rule 35003.A) is at or above such option's exercise price, and shall be out of the money if the corresponding Final Settlement Price is strictly below such option's exercise price.

An expiring put option shall be in the money if the corresponding Final Settlement Price for the Underlying Futures Contract (Rule 35003.A) is strictly below such option's

exercise price, and shall be out of the money if the corresponding Final Settlement Price is at or above such option's exercise price.

#### 350A02.B. Assignment

#### **Monthly Options**

For a given option contract, an exercise by the Clearing House in accordance with Rules 350A02.A. shall be assigned by the Clearing House to clearing members carrying open short positions in such option contract.

The clearing member representing the short holder of such option shall be assigned a short position in such option's Underlying Futures Contract (Rule 350A01.D.) if such option is a call, or a long position in such option's Underlying Futures Contract if such option is a put.

The clearing member representing the long holder of such option shall be assigned a long position in such option's Underlying Futures Contract if such option is a call, or a short position in such option's Underlying Futures Contract if such option is a put.

All such futures positions shall be assigned at a price equal to the exercise price of such option contract, and shall be marked to market (in accordance with Rule 814) on the Business Day on which the Clearing House automatically exercises such.

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### Exhibit B Exchange Fees

Membership Type	Venue/Transaction Type	Bitcoin Futures	Micro Bitcoin Futures	Ether Futures
Individual Members Clearing Members Rule 106.J Equity Member Firms & Rule 106.J Qualified Subsidiaries Rule 106.I Members & Rule 106.I Qualified Affiliates Rule 106.S Member Approved Funds	EFP EFR Block BTIC	\$3.75	\$2.00	\$2.75
Rule 106.D Lessees Rule 106.F Employees	EFP EFR Block BTIC	\$6.00	\$3.20	\$3.65
Rule 106.R Electronic Corporate Members (For other than CME Globex - Non-Member rates apply)	CME Globex - BTIC	\$6.15	\$3.30	\$3.71
Rule 106.H and 106.N Firms Clearing Non-Equity Member Firms	EFP EFR Block BTIC	\$6.40	\$3.55	\$3.89
International Incentive Program (IIP) and International Volume Incentive Program (IVIP) Participants (For other than CME Globex - Non-Member rates apply)	CME Globex-BTIC	\$7.50	\$4.00	\$5.50
Central Bank Incentive Program (CBIP), Emerging Markets Bank Incentive Program (EMBIP), Latin American Fund Manager Incentive Program (FMIP), Participants (For other than CME Globex - Non-Member rates apply)	CME Globex-BTIC	\$7.50	\$4.00	\$5.50
CBOE Members (For S&P products only; for all other products - Non- Member rates apply)	EFP EFR Block BTIC	\$7.50	\$4.00	\$5.50
Non-Members	EFP EFR Block BTIC	\$7.50	\$4.00	\$5.50

### <u>Exhibit C</u> Additional BTIC Information

	Bitcoin Futures	Micro Bitcoin Futures	Ether Futures				
Commodity	Futures: BTC	Futures: MTB	Futures: ETH				
Code	BTIC: BTB	BTIC: MIB	BTIC: ETB				
Underlying Reference Rate	CME CF Bitcoin Reference Rate (BRR)	CME CF Bitcoin Reference Rate (BRR)	CME CF EtherDollar Reference Rate (ETHUSD_RR)				
Underlying Contract Size	5 bitcoin	0.10 bitcoin	50 ether				
BTIC	Sunday - Friday 6:00 p.m. Eastern time (ET) - 4:00 p.m. London time (11:00 a.m./12:00 p.m. ET).						
CME Globex Hours	Monday - Thursday 4:30 p.m. London time (11:30 a.m./12:30 p.m. ET) - 5:00 p.m. ET.						
	Friday 4:30 p.m. London time (11:30 a.m./12:30 p.m. ET) – 5:00 p.m. ET for Monday's Reference Rate						
	Monday - Thursday 5:00 p.m 6:00 p.m. ET daily maintenance period.						
BTIC CME ClearPort Hours	Sunday 6:00 p.m. Eastern time (ET) - Monday 4:00 p.m. London Time (11:00 a.m./12:00 p.m. ET).						
	Monday - Thursday 1:00 p.m. ET - 6:45 p.m. ET and 7:00 p.m. ET - 4:00 p.m. London time (11:00 a.m./12:00 p.m. ET).						
	Monday - Friday 4:00 p.m. London time - 1:00 p.m. ET and 6:45 p.m 7:00 p.m. ET daily maintenance period.						
Minimum Price Fluctuation	Outright: \$5.00 per bitcoin = \$25.00 per contract	Outright: \$5.00 per bitcoin = \$0.50 per contract	Outright: \$0.25 per ether = \$12.50 per contract				
	Calendar Spread: \$1.00 per bitcoin = \$5.00 per contract	Calendar Spread: \$1.00 per bitcoin = \$0.10 per contract	Calendar Spread: \$0.05 per ether = \$2.50 per contract				
	BTIC: \$1 per bitcoin	BTIC: \$1 per bitcoin	BTIC: \$0.05 per ether				
Listing Schedule	BTIC offered on all 6 consecutive monthly contracts listed inclusive of nearest 2 December contract months						
BTIC Trading	For a BTIC or BTIC block trade executed on a given Trading Day at or before 4:00 p.m. London time, the corresponding futures price shall be made by reference to the closing Index value for the current Trading Day.						
	For a BTIC or BTIC block trade executed on a given Trading Day after 4:00 p.m. London time, the corresponding futures price shall be made by reference to the closing Index value for the next Trading Day.						
Termination of Trading	Futures: Trading terminates at 4:00 p.m. London time on the last Friday of the contract month if that day is a business day in either the U.K. or the U.S. If that day is not a business day in both the U.K. and the U.S, trading shall terminate on the preceding day that is a business day in either the U.K. or the U.S.						
	BTIC: For an expiring futures contract, BTIC trading shall terminate at 4:00pm London time on the business day immediately preceding the day of Final Settlement Price determination for such futures contract. For clarity, BTIC transactions in expiring futures contracts may not be initiated on the Last Trade Date in such expiring futures.						
Block Minimum	Futures: 5 contracts	Futures: 10 contracts	Futures: 5 contracts				
Threshold	BTIC: 5 contracts	BTIC: 10 contracts	BTIC: 5 contracts				