



## Special Executive Report

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### CME Group Announces New Minimum Block Trade Thresholds for CBOT Ultra T-Bond Futures and Intercommodity Spreads for CBOT Interest Rate Futures

Effective **Tuesday, February 1, 2011**, CME Group ("Exchange") will lower the minimum block trade threshold for Chicago Board of Trade ("CBOT") Long-Term U.S. Treasury Bond futures ("Ultra T-Bond") during Regular Trading Hours ("RTH") from 3,000 contracts to 2,000 contracts. No changes are being made to the minimum block trade thresholds applicable during European Trading Hours ("ETH") and Asian Trading Hours ("ATH").

Also effective **Tuesday, February 1, 2011**, CME Group will modify the convention applicable to determining the minimum threshold for intercommodity block spread trades in CBOT U.S. Treasury, On-the-Run Treasury Yield, and Interest Rate Swap futures.

The current convention applicable to determining the minimum size requirement for intercommodity futures block spread trades in CBOT U.S. Treasury, On-the-Run Treasury Yield, and Interest Rate Swap futures requires each leg of the spread to meet the larger of the threshold requirements for the underlying products. Effective on February 1, CBOT will modify the convention such that each leg of the spread will need to meet the designated minimum quantity threshold applicable to each of the respective products. For example, the minimum quantity thresholds for 10-Year U.S. Treasury Note futures and U.S. Treasury Bond futures during RTH are 5,000 and 3,000 contracts, respectively. A block trade in the NOB futures spread (i.e., 10-Year Note futures over Treasury Bond futures) will be permitted only if the minimum quantity of the 10-Year Note futures leg of the spread is at least 5,000 contracts and the minimum quantity of the Treasury Bond futures leg of the spread is at least 3,000 contracts. This change has been made as the former convention created spread requirements that were inconsistent with the lower minimums established for outright transactions in certain interest rate futures products and, accordingly, will be less confusing to the marketplace.

Market Regulation Advisory Notice RA1101-3, which summarizes these changes, can be found at: [www.cmegroup.com/rulebook/rulebook-harmonization.html](http://www.cmegroup.com/rulebook/rulebook-harmonization.html).

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