

# **Emerging Markets**

FX trading opportunities, trends and efficiencies

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## **Need to know: The CME FX franchise**

## Average daily volume (ADV), open interest (OI) and participants\*

H1 2020

ADV FX futures and options

900,603 contracts

H1 2020

ADV in notional amount

\$83.2B

H1 2020

Average notional open interest for FX futures and options

\$232B

## **Emerging Markets FX futures\***

#### **MEXICAN PESO FUTURE**

ADV notional **1.39B** 

ADV contracts 61,846

Avg. OI **129,024** 

#### **BRAZILIAN REAL FUTURE**

ADV notional \$207M

ADV contracts 10,747

Avg. OI **25,848** 

#### **RUSSIAN RUBLE FUTURE**

ADV notional \$225M

ADV contracts **6,270** 

Avg. OI **28,406** 

#### S. AFRICAN RAND FUTURE

ADV notional **\$155M** Record

ADV contracts 5,305 Record

Avg. OI 12,917

#### **INDIAN RUPEE FUTURE**

ADV notional \$99M

ADV contracts 1,577

Avg. OI **3,027** 

#### **CHINESE RENMINBI FUTURE**

ADV notional \$79M

ADV contracts 791

Avg. OI 1,856

#### **EMERGING MARKET FX**

ADV notional **\$2.2B** 

ADV contracts 85,596

Avg. OI 292,061

#### **KEY FACTS**

LatAm Interest Rate Swap OTC Clearing ADV of \$32B, with over 260 participants clearing to date including over 45 LatAm-based firms in: Brazilian real, Mexican peso, Chilean peso, and Colombian peso.

## We're working to deliver creative solutions to your most important challenges,

so you can access the capital and margin efficiencies of our centrally-cleared and transparent market.

#### That's why:

#### We've expanded our FX futures offering

With quarterly expiries across every contract, monthly expiries on G5 and key EM pairs, along with CME FX Link – which connects the OTC FX market with FX futures electronically, for the first time.

#### We've expanded our listed FX options offering

With the launch of new Monday expiries in five currency pairs, alongside existing Wednesday, Friday, and monthly and quarterly expiries, we are now the largest centralized all-to-all electronic FX options marketplace in the world.

#### We've expanded our OTC FX clearing offering

With all FX futures and options, and all OTC cleared FX products, under one guaranty fund – that houses all of CME's listed products.

\*Data as of end of June 2020

# Trading emerging market futures on the world's largest regulated FX marketplace

#### Transparency and best execution

- Transparent, equal access to same price, firm no 'last look' execution
- Pricing is not impacted by counterparty, credit status or trading style
- Fulfils best execution requirements and creates access to broad liquidity pools

### **Emerging market liquidity**

- Central limit order book across EM pairs
- Global venue across listed and OTC markets for electronic execution of key EM pairs
- Diverse liquidity pool across client segments, range of execution methods

#### **Market access**

- All-to-all model provides simple access through our FCM network
- Credit efficient negates need for negotiating and obtaining bilateral or FX prime brokerage relationships

#### Global reach

- Participants from 150+ countries connected
- 23+ hours-a-day trading across 53 FX futures and 24 listed FX options
- All clients have access to Major and EM liquidity on one venue

#### Margin efficient trading

- Face one central counterparty for fewer margin commitments
- Access substantial netting opportunities and the lower 1-day margin period of risk on futures
- Access potential margin offsets within FX products and against other CME Group asset classes

#### **Capital efficient trading**

- Face one central counterparty for potentially more capital savings
- Access lower risk weighted asset multipliers (2% for CCP versus upwards of 20% OTC)
- Access lower leverage ratio weightings from facing a CCP

#### **Operational infrastructure**

- Reduced operational processes
- Choice of connectivity and access
- Simplified documentation requirements

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## EMFX, efficiencies: Margin offsets across FX and across commodities

	AUD	BRL	CAD	INR	MXN	NZD	RUB	ZAR
BRL	30%	_	_	25%	50%	_	20%	50%
CLP	-	50%	_	_	45%	_	_	_
CNH	65%	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
INR	35%	25%	_	_	_	_	_	25%
KRW	45%	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
MXN	-	50%	30%	_	_	_	_	60%
RUB	30%	20%	_	_	_	_	_	_
ZAR	30%	50%	45%	25%	60%	40%	_	_

	NOK	SEK	BRENT	WTI	COPPER
BRL	_	_	_	_	_
CLP	_	_	_	_	40%
CNH	50%	50%	_	_	50%
INR	_	_	_	_	_
KRW	_	_	_	_	60%
MXN	_	_	_	_	_
RUB	45%	_	25%	25%	_
ZAR	30%	20%	_	_	_

Source: CME Group

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Mexican Peso ADV in June 2020 of 61,846; up 53% vs May 2020



Mexico is the second largest economy in Latin America and the 15th largest economy in the world with nominal GDP of \$1.2 trillion in 2019. The Mexican economy was originally expected to grow by less than one percent in 2020. However, because of the Covid-19 pandemic, economists now predict the Mexican economy will contract by as much as 8.8% in 2020 with inflation increasing to 3.5% for the remainder of the year. Analysts foresee the Mexican unemployment rate hitting 15.8% in the third quarter of this year. Since February, the Bank of Mexico has acted aggressively by cutting its key policy interest rate by 175 basis points to 5.5% while announcing unprecedented liquidity-boosting measures of nearly \$40 billion. Economists expect Mexican interest rates to remain low because of subdued economic activity, weak labor market conditions, and an increase in investor demand for low-risk assets.

#### **Key stats**

- MXN Futures Notional ADV in June of \$1.39B up 61% MoM
- Mexican Peso ADV in June 2020 of 61,846; up 53% vs May 2020
- MXN futures YTD 2020 average daily notional traded of \$1.4B

#### **Key features**

- Tight bid-ask spreads across all trading hours by dedicated market makers providing liquidity across all time zones.
- Manage MXN peso FX forward and swap exposure through CME FX Link, the first electronic spread connecting the OTC FX and FX futures market.
- Also available MXN Options, with June ADV of 156 (up 25.7% YoY) to be traded on Globex or as Blocks (Threshold 50 lots).

#### Key capital efficiencies and potential margin offsets

- 50% savings with Brazilian Real (BRL/USD)
- 30% savings with Canadian Dollar (CAD/USD)
- 60% South African Rand (ZAR/USD)

#### **Mexican Peso futures at CME Group**

CME Globex: **6M**Bloomberg: **PEA Curncy** 

Reuters: **0#MPSS:** 

Block minimum threshold: 100

Also available to trade on FX Link

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#### Mexican Peso Futures (MXN/USD) - ADV and Open Interest



# **Brazilian Real/U.S. Dollar futures**

BRL Futures June ADV of 10,747; up 26% vs May 2020



Brazil is the largest economy in Latin America and the ninth largest in the world with a nominal GDP of \$1.9 trillion in 2019. Still struggling to shrug off a deep economic recession from four years ago, Brazil is now a global hotspot for Covid-19. Economists forecast that Brazil's economy will shrink eight to ten percent this year. Analysts say unemployment could rise to almost 19% later this year if the pandemic creates further economic hardships. Economists expect Brazil's inflation rate will come in at 2.4% for the year. The Central Bank of Brazil has slashed its benchmark Selic interest rate to 3% – a historic low – and is expected to cut by a further 75 basis points this month. In March, the central bank launched a \$300 billion financial liquidity package – the equivalent to 16.7% of Brazil's gross domestic product – to offset the broad economic shutdown caused by the coronavirus pandemic.

#### **Key stats**

- BRL Futures YTD ADV of 10,460, up 53% vs 2019
- June 2020 ADV in notional of \$207M up 34% vs May 2020
- Brazilian Real YTD 2020 Notional ADV of \$216M; up 22% vs YTD 2019
- BRL Futures Avg OI YTD June at 37,236 contracts; up 25% YoY

#### **Key features**

- CME BRL futures are the largest listed derivatives off-shore liquidity pool.
- CME BRL Futures allow Global participants to effectively manage currency exposure to the Real, with a number of on-shore and off-shore liquidity providers.

#### Key capital efficiencies and potential margin offsets

- 50% savings with South African Rand (ZAR/USD) and Mexican Peso (MXN/USD)
- 30% savings with Australian Dollar (AUD/USD)
- · 25% savings with Indian Rupee (INR/USD)
- 20% savings with Russian Ruble (RUB/USD)

#### **Brazilian Real futures at CME Group**

CME Globex: **6L** 

Bloomberg: **BRA Curncy** Reuters: **0#BRSS:** 

Block minimum threshold: 50

#### Brazilian Real Futures (BRL/USD) – ADV and Open Interest



# Russian Ruble/U.S. Dollar futures

Ruble ADV of 6,270 in June 2020 up 48% vs May 2020



Russia is the 11th largest economy in the world with a nominal gross domestic product of \$1.6 trillion in 2019. The Russian economy has been hit particularly hard by the Covid-19 pandemic shutdown of the economy. Because Russia's economy is heavily dependent on its status as a producer and exporter of oil, natural gas, steel, and aluminum, Russia is susceptible to movements in global commodity prices, which have fallen almost 10% during the second quarter of this year. Economists expect Russian GDP to fall 5.5% in 2020. The Central Bank of the Russian Federation recently cut its key policy interest rate in June by 100 basis points to 4.5%. The central bank expects inflation to rise between 3.8% and 4.8% by year end. Although the number of registered unemployed has been rising, analysts expect the Russian unemployment rate to remain below 5.0% in 2020.

#### **Key stats**

- RUB Futures YTD ADV of 5,812 (\$207M notional); up 43% vs 2019
- RUB Futures Q2-2020 ADV of 5,093 up 23% vs Q2-2019
- RUB Futures notional OI in June of \$1.02B up 22% vs May 2020
- Record monthly ADV achieved in March 2020 with volume reaching 10,386 contracts

#### **Key features**

- Tight bid-ask spreads across all trading hours by dedicated market makers providing liquidity across all time zones.
- CME's RUB/USD futures contract offers a useful tool for risk managers to hedge their RUB currency risks.
- CME offers a venue to access Russian assets along with the benefit of facing a regulated, central counterparty with reduced credit risk.

#### Key capital efficiencies and potential margin offsets

- 45% savings with Norwegian Krone (NOK/USD)
- 30% savings with Australian Dollar (AUD/USD)
- 25% savings with Brent and WTI Crude
- 20% savings with Brazilian Real (BRL/USD)

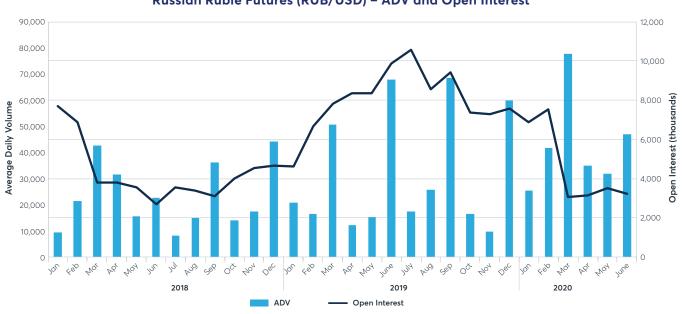
#### Cash-settled Russian Ruble futures at CME Group

CME Globex: 6R

Bloomberg: **RUA Curncy** Reuters: **0**#**RUSS**:

Block minimum threshold: 50

#### Russian Ruble Futures (RUB/USD) - ADV and Open Interest



#### **ZAR/USD**

## South African Rand/U.S. Dollar futures

Record ADV in June 2020 of 5,305 contracts (Daily traded notional at \$156 million) up 52% vs May 2020



South Africa is the second largest economy in Africa with a gross domestic product of \$385 billion in 2019. Like most emerging economies, South Africa is heavily dependent on commodity prices due to its role as a major exporter of minerals and, thus, is susceptible to movements in global commodity prices. The South African rand has depreciated more than 22% against the US dollar during 2020. The Covid-19 pandemic has added to South Africa's already severe economic challenges with depressed growth, large fiscal deficits, and increasing debt load. Economists expect economic activity will fall by 7.5% in 2020. South Africa's inflation rate has stabilized in recent years and is expected to be around 3% in 2020 going forward. Economists continue to report bad news about the country's job market situation with forecasts for the country's unemployment rate at 35.3% for 2020.

#### **Key stats**

- ADV for Q2 2020 reached a record 4,099 contracts breaking the 4k barrier for the first time over a quarter
- Record ADV in June 2020 of 5,305, up 61% vs June 2019
- ZAR Futures ADV YTD 3,390, up 83% vs 2019
- ADV in notional terms (YTD 2020) at \$117M; up 58% vs YTD 2019

#### **Key features**

- Liquidity is available on-screen or through a growing block market, which can be executed in trades greater than 50 lots.
- There are several new end-user participants joining our marketplace – attracted by the credit and capital efficiencies of trading Futures and CME Clearing.

#### Key capital efficiencies and potential margin offsets

- 40% savings with New Zealand Dollar (NZD/USD)
- 50 % savings with Brazilian Real (BRL/USD)

- 30% savings with Australian Dollar (AUD/USD), and Norwegian Krone (NOK/USD)
- · 60% Savings Mexican Peso (MXN/USD),
- · 45% Savings Canadian Dollar (CAD/USD),
- 25% savings with Indian Rupee (INR/USD)
- 20% savings Swedish Krone (SEK/USD)

#### South African Rand futures at CME Group

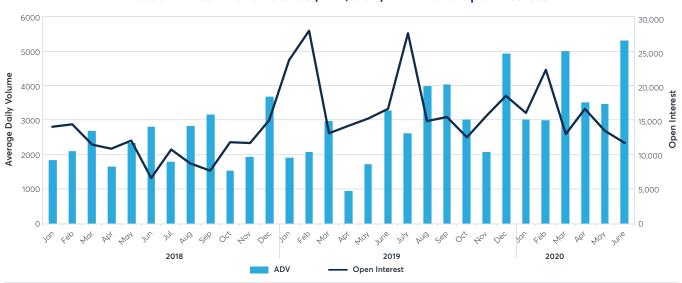
#### Standard futures

CME Globex: 6Z

Bloomberg: RAA Curncy Reuters: 0#RASS:

Block minimum threshold: 50

#### South African Rand Futures (ZAR/USD) – ADV and Open Interest



# Indian Rupee/U.S. Dollar futures

INR Futures YTD 2020 average open interest at 2,806, up 58% YoY



India is one of the world's fastest growing economies and the 5th largest with a nominal gross domestic product of \$2.9 trillion in 2019. India was already facing an economic slowdown before the Covid-19 outbreak pushed the government to impose a nationwide lockdown that began in late March and has subsequently been extended multiple times at least until the end of June. Economists expect India's GDP to contract by five percent during 2020. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government recently announced a \$266 billion support package – worth around 10% of India's GDP – containing both fiscal and monetary measures to mitigate the economic fallout. Analysts expect India's growth to rebound to 6.2% in 2021. Economists anticipate India's inflation rate will hit 3.3% in 2020. India's unemployment rate fell to 11% in June from a record high of 23.5% in the previous two months, as many businesses resumed operations following weeks of closures due to the coronavirus pandemic.

#### **Key stats**

- YTD ADV for Indian Rupee Futures in notional terms notional at \$96M
- YTD Average Open Interest in notional terms at \$191, up 51% YoY
- Increased liquidity visible in tighter bid-ask spreads across all trading hours
- Increased activity from market participants across different customer segments and regions

#### **Key features**

- Multiple contract sizes allow for increased trading flexibility and broader market participation.
- Significant margin offsets are available, with currencies and commodities.
- Participants can get attractive pricing for larger sizes via block price makers who can price all maturities and who are available in all time zones.
- Monthly expiries offer greater choice to market participants

#### Key capital efficiencies and potential margin offsets

- 35% savings with Australian Dollar (AUD/USD)
- · 25% savings with Brazilian Real (BRL/USD)
- 25% savings with South African Rand (ZAR/USD)

#### Cash-settled Indian Rupee futures at CME Group

#### **Standard futures**

CME Globex: SIR
Bloomberg: SIRA Curncy

Reuters: 0#SRI:

Block minimum threshold: 10

#### **Micro futures**

CME Globex: **MIR** Bloomberg: **MIRA Curncy** 

Reuters: **0#MRI:** 

#### Indian Rupee Futures (INR/USD) – ADV and Open Interest



#### USD/CNH

## **U.S. Dollar/Offshore Chinese Renminbi futures**

June 2020 Average Open Interest of 1,856, up 16% vs May 2020



China is the world's second largest economy with a nominal gross domestic product of \$14.1 trillion in 2019. In order to prevent a second Covid-19 wave, China has tightened coronavirus restrictions in Beijing and other cities where further outbreaks have occurred. The People's Bank of China has launched a \$79 billion stimulus effort to help companies stricken by the virus. The central bank also lowered the reserve requirement ratio by one percent while cutting the interest rates on its relending and rediscounting facilities in July. Economists expect China's real GDP growth to be only one percent in 2020. Chinese GDP was down -6.8% during the first half of 2020. Analysts estimate at least an additional 22 million workers will lose their jobs in 2020, pushing up the Chinese unemployment rate to around 10%. Around 250 million workers are expected to experience significant wage cuts between 10 to 50% this year.

#### **Key stats**

- · CNH average daily notional traded in June 2020 of \$97M
- June 2020 average daily volume of 791 contracts.

#### **Key features**

- · Cash-settled against HK TMA Fix
- Monthly expiries
- Hedging and risk management opportunities based on the offshore RMB curve.
- Multiple contract sizes allow for increased trading flexibility and broader market participation.
- Block trading eligibility of standard size contracts, with maturities out three years to more effectively manage long-term exposure.
- Nearly 24-hour access to one of the world's fastest growing currencies through CME Globex.

#### Key capital efficiencies and potential margin offsets

- 50% savings with Norwegian Krone (NOK/USD) and Swedish Krona (SEK/USD)
- 50% savings with Copper (HG)
- 65% savings with Australian dollar (AUD/USD)

# Cash-settled Offshore Chinese Renminbi futures at CME Group

#### Standard futures

CME Globex: **CNH**Bloomberg: **CHYA Curncy** 

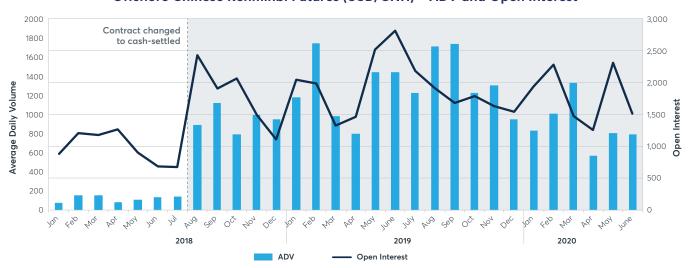
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#### Micro futures

CME Globex: MNH
Bloomberg: MHYA Curncy
Reuters: 0#MNH

#### Offshore Chinese Renminbi Futures (USD/CNH) - ADV and Open Interest



# **Contract specifications**

### **Standard contract size**

	FM	IEA	LATAM		
	Russian Ruble/US Dollar Futures (RUB/USD)	South African Rand/US Dollar Futures (ZAR/USD)	Mexican Peso/US Dollar Futures (MXN/USD)		
Contract Unit	2,500,000 Russian rubles	500,000 South African rand	500,000 Mexican pesos		
Minimum Price Fluctuation	\$.000005 per Russian ruble increments (\$12.50/contract).	\$.000025 per South African rand increments (\$12.50/contract).	\$.00001 per Mexican peso increments (\$5.00/contract).		
CME Globex Trading Hours	Sunday – Friday 5:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. CT with a 60-minute break each day beginning at 4:00 p.m.				
CME ClearPort Trading Hours	Sunday – Friday 5:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. CT with a 60-minute break each day beginning at 4:00 p.m.				
Product Code	CME Globex: 6R CME ClearPort: RU Clearing: RU	CME Globex: 6Z CME ClearPort: RA Clearing: RA	CME Globex: 6M CME ClearPort: MP Clearing: MP		
Listed Contracts	12 consecutive (serial) contract months for the 1st year of maturity plus 16 additional March quarterly months covering a total maturity range of 5 years	13 consecutive calendar months plus two-deferred March quarterly cycle months	13 consecutive calendar months plus 2 deferred March quarterly cycle contract months		
Settlement Method	Financially Settled	Deliverable	Deliverable		
Settlement Procedures	RUB/USD Futures Settlement Procedures	ZAR/USD Futures Settlement Procedures	MXN/USD Futures Settlement Procedures		
Termination Of Trading	11:00 a.m. Moscow time on the 15th day of the month, or, if not a business day, on the next business day for the Moscow interbank foreign exchange market.	9:16 a.m. Central Time (CT) on the 2nd business day immediately preceding the 3rd Wednesday of the contract month (usually Monday).	9:16 a.m. Central Time (CT) on the 2nd business day immediately preceding the 3rd Wednesday of the contract month (usually Monday).		
Exchange Rulebook	CME 260	CME 259	CME 256		
Position Limits, Block Minimum, Price Limit, or Circuit	For the most recent information, please visit cmegroup.com				

LATAM	AP	AC	
Brazilian Real/US Dollar Futures (BRL/USD)	Indian Rupee/US Dollar Futures (INR/USD)	US Dollar/Offshore Chinese Renminbi Futures (USD/CNH)	
100,000 Brazilian reals	5,000,000 Indian rupees	100,000 U.S. dollars	
\$.00005 per Brazilian real increments (\$5.00/contract).	0.01 U.S. cents per 100 INR increments (\$5.00/tick).  Also, trades can occur in 0.005 U.S. cents per 100 INR increments (\$2.50/contract) for INR futures intra-currency spreads executed on CME Globex.	Outrights quoted in 0.0001 offshore Chinese renminbi per USD = 10 CNH per contract. 0.00005 offshore Chinese renminbi per USD increments (5 CNH/contract) for USD/CNH futures intra-currency spreads executed electronically.	
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Monthly contracts listed for 60 consecutive months.	12 consecutive calendar months plus 4 March quarterly months (2-year maturity range)	13 consecutive calendar months plus 8 March quarterly months (3-year maturity range)	
Financially Settled	Financially Settled	Financially Settled	
BRL/USD Futures Settlement Procedures	INR/USD Futures Settlement Procedures	USD/CNH Futures Settlement Procedures	
On the last business day of the month, at 9:15 a.m. CT, immediately preceding the contract month, on which the Central Bank of Brazil is scheduled to publish its final end-of-month (EOM), "Commercial exchange rate for Brazilian reals per U.S. dollar for	Trading terminates at 12:00 noon Mumbai time 2 Indian business days immediately preceding the last Indian business day of the contract month.	Trading ceases at 11:00 a.m. Hong Kong time on 2nd Hong Kong business day immediately preceding 3rd Wednesday of the contract month (i.e., In Chicago, 9:00 p.m. CT on Sunday night during the winter and 10:00 p.m. CT on Sunday night during the	
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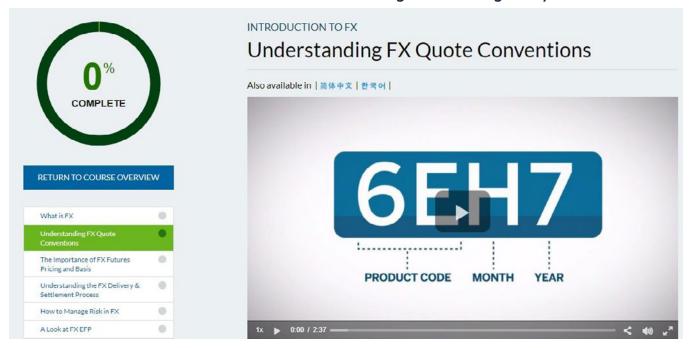
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