

Carbon Emissions Solutions

MANAGE CLIMATE RISK USING INTERNATIONAL BENCHMARK CONTRACTS

Voluntary Carbon Offset futures help manage emissions-related price risk

CBL Global Emissions Offset (GEO) futures and CBL Nature-Based Global Emissions Offset (N-GEO) futures provide physical delivery of carbon offset credits that have undergone stringent screening. These contracts help the global market base access standardized and validated instruments for the emerging voluntary emissions market.

Advantages of the CBL Emissions Offset futures

- Standardized voluntary offset benchmarks provide efficient execution.
- Hedge in the future with transparent forward price curve and counterparty risk protection.
- Delivery procedure is seamless through CBL, which is connected via API to all included offset registries.
- Ability to trade without going to delivery either by rolling or exiting positions or utilizing the Exchange for Physical (EFP) mechanism.

CBL Global Emissions Offset (GEO) futures

Foundation of offset criteria has been vetted for years by the UN specialized agency, International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), for use in the pilot phase of the Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA). The physically settled contract allows for delivery of CORSIA-aligned voluntary carbon offset credits as defined by the CBL Standard Instruments Program (SIP) from the following registries: Verra Verified Carbon Standard, American Carbon Registry and Climate Action Reserve.

CBL Nature-Based Global Emissions Offset (N-GEO) futures

Follows the industry-leading Verified Carbon Standard (VCS) for Agriculture, Forestry and Other Land Use (AFOLU) projects and require additional certification of Verra Registry's stringent Climate Community and Biodiversity (CCB) Standard, which identifies projects that simultaneously address climate change, support local communities and smallholders, and conserve biodiversity.

NEW CBL Australian Carbon Credit Unit (ACCU) futures

CBL Australian Carbon Credit Unit (ACCU) futures deliver ANREU carbon credits issued by the Australian Clean Energy Regulator for projects that reduce emissions. Each ACCU represents one tonne of carbon dioxide equivalent (tCO₂e) that otherwise would have been released into the atmosphere. These futures offer global market access to standardized Australian Carbon market instruments and can be used in the Voluntary Carbon Market or Australia's Safeguard Mechanism emissions trading scheme.

Compliance carbon products to help manage EU-ETS exposure

European Union Allowance (EUA) futures provide delivery of physical allowance credits in accordance with the European Union Emissions Trading System (EU-ETS). These contracts can serve as a price discovery and risk management mechanism to help meet regulatory greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets.

European Union Allowance (EUA) futures and options

The EU-ETS is a cap-and-trade system based on a Directive of the European Parliament, operating in all European Union countries, as well as Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway. The physically settled contracts allow for delivery of allowances at the Union Registry which operates under EU-ETS regulation.

Voluntary Carbon Emissions Offset Trailing futures

CBL Nature-Based Global Emissions Offset Trailing (N-GEO-TR) futures offer market participants the opportunity to trade futures on vintages no longer covered within benchmark N-GEO futures.



Voluntary Carbon Emissions Offset Trailing futures

[Learn about how Trailing futures are used in this video >](#)

Voluntary Carbon Emissions Offset futures vintage structure

- **GEO futures:** static five-year period (2016-2020)
- **N-GEO futures:** Rolling vintage. Current eligible vintages are 2019-2024. On July 1, 2025, 2019 -2024 will roll into 2020-2025. On each following July 1, the oldest vintage will become ineligible, and a new vintage will be added.
- **C-GEO futures:** Rolling vintage. Current eligible vintages are 2018-2023. On July 1, 2024, 2018-2023 will roll into 2019-2024. On each following July 1, the oldest vintage will become ineligible, and a new vintage will be added.
- **N-GEO and C-GEO Trailing futures:** Each year on July 1, the eligibility window is moved forward, meaning the oldest vintage year is no longer eligible and a new year is added to the main N-GEO futures contract. The vintage year that became ineligible in the main contract is added to the eligibility window of the respective Trailing futures contract.

The vintage structure changes/rolls take place on CBL on July 1 of each year. This means these changes will apply from the “July” futures contracts. As a reminder, the listed month on CME Group corresponds to the delivery period of the credit. For example, July-24 futures are for a physical delivery on July 26, 2024.

CME Group currently lists monthly contracts for N-GEO through December 2029 and monthly contracts for GEO through December 2027. Below is a summary of the deliverable vintages by contract- month based on the above-mentioned rules.

FUTURES CONTRACT MONTH		VINTAGES ELIGIBLE FOR DELIVERY AGAINST FUTURES																
FROM	TO	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
01-JUL-23	30-JUN-24							■	■	■	■	■						
01-JUL-24	30-JUN-25			■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■					
01-JUL-25	30-JUN-26				■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■				
01-JUL-26	30-JUN-27					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■			
01-JUL-27	30-JUN-28						■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
01-JUL-28	30-JUN-29							■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■

Disclaimer: for illustration purposes only
 Please refer to Standard Instrument Program maintained by CBL XPANSIV
<https://xpansiv.com/resources>



CARBON CONTRACT SPECIFICATIONS

CONTRACT	CBL GLOBAL EMISSIONS OFFSET FUTURES	CBL NATURE-BASED GLOBAL EMISSIONS OFFSET FUTURES	EUROPEAN UNION ALLOWANCE (EUA) FUTURES	EUROPEAN UNION ALLOWANCE (EUA) OPTION	AUSTRALIAN CARBON CREDIT UNIT (ACCU) FUTURES
COMMODITY CODE	GEO	NGO	ECF	ECO	ACU
RULEBOOK CHAPTER	1269	1258	1253	1254	1273
LISTING SCHEDULE	<p>Monthly contracts listed for the current year and the next three calendar years.</p> <p>List monthly contracts for a new calendar year following the termination of trading in the December contract of the current year.</p>	<p>Monthly contracts listed for the current year and the next five calendar years.</p> <p>List monthly contracts for a new calendar year following the termination of trading in the December contract of the current year.</p>	<p>Monthly contracts listed for 36 consecutive months and all December contracts through and including December 2030.</p>	<p>Quarterly contracts listed for 6 consecutive quarters (Mar/Jun/Sep/Dec cycle). All December contracts through and including December 2030.</p>	<p>Monthly contracts listed for the current year and the next three3 calendar years.</p> <p>List monthly contracts for a new calendar year following the termination of trading in the December contract of the current year.</p>
CONTRACT SIZE	1,000 environmental offsets	1,000 environmental offsets	1,000 EUAs	1,000 EUAs	1,000 environmental offsets
SETTLEMENT TYPE	Physical	Physical	Physical	Physically delivered into underlying futures	Physical
DELIVERABLE OFFSETS	Offsets that meet CBL Standard Instruments Program (SIP) criteria for CORSIA alignment	AFOLU Verified Carbon Standard (VCS) offsets with Climate, Community, and Biodiversity (CCB) Certification	Allowances that meet the criteria of the European Union Emissions Trading System (EU-ETS)	Allowances that meet the criteria of the European Union Emissions Trading System (EU-ETS)	Generic Australian Carbon Credit Units (ACCU) that comply with the procedures set forth in the CBL Standard Instruments Program (SIP) under Schedule 7.
TERMINATION OF TRADING	Trading terminates three business days prior to the last business day of the contract month.		Trading terminates at 6:00 p.m. Netherlands local time on the last Monday of the delivery month for the expiring contract	The option contract shall expire at the close of trading three business days prior to the expiration of the underlying European Union Allowance (EUA) futures contract.	Trading shall cease at the end of trading hours (5:00 p.m. Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST) or 5:00 p.m. Australian Eastern Daylight Time (AEDT) when daylight savings time is observed) on the last Australian business day that is also an Exchange business day prior to the 10th calendar day of the contract month.
MINIMUM PRICE FLUCTUATION	\$0.01 per environmental offset	\$0.01 per environmental offset	EUR 0.01 per EUA	EUR 0.005 per EUA	A\$0.01 per environmental offset
VALUE PER TICK	\$10.00	\$10.00	EUR 10.00	EUR 5.00	A\$10
BLOCK TRADE MINIMUM THRESHOLD	10 contracts	10 contracts	5 contracts	5 contracts	5 contracts – subject to a 15-minute reporting window
TRADING AND CLEARING HOURS	<p>CME Globex: Sunday – Friday 6:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time/ET (5:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Central Time/CT) with a 60-minute break each day beginning at 5:00 p.m. ET (4:00 p.m. CT)</p> <p>CME Globex Pre-Open: Sunday 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. ET (4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. CT) Monday – Friday 5.45 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. ET (4:45 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. CT)</p> <p>CME ClearPort: Sunday – Friday 6:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. ET (5:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. CT) with a 60-minute break each day beginning at 5:00 p.m. ET (4:00 p.m. CT)</p>				

About Xpansiv Market CBL

CBL is a global exchange platform for transacting energy and environmental commodity products such as carbon, renewable energy, water, and natural gas. CBL's platform is the source for price discovery for all GEO, N-GEO, and C-GEO futures. Due to its connectivity to all applicable offset registries, CBL also serves as the transfer agent for firms who choose to make or take delivery through any of the three emissions offset futures contracts.

Benefits of transaction spot on CBL:

- Commodity-trading nexus
- Price transparency
- Straight-through processing
- Anonymity guaranteed
- Reduced transaction costs
- Easy entry for new participants
- No counterparty or delivery risk
- Same-day settlement



Voluntary Carbon Emissions Offset futures

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CME Direct

Carbon emissions contracts can be traded on CME Direct, a one-stop platform for futures, options and blocks

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