

Special Executive Report

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Stock Index Price Limits Revised Effective for 4th Quarter 2012

Price limits for domestic stock index futures are revised to the following levels, effective as of the commencement of Electronic Trading Hours (ETH) on Sunday, September 30, 2012, at 5:00 p.m. Chicago time. These limits shall be in force for the entire fourth calendar quarter, 2012. Limits and bands are as follows:

4th Quarter 2012 Stock Index Price Limits and Bands

| Contracts | 5% Limit (Overnight Hours) up and down | 10% Limit Down only | 20% Limit Down only | 30% Limit Down only |
|-------------------------------------|---|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| S&P 500 [®] & E-mini™&Euro | | | | |
| Denominated | 70.00 | 140.00 | 280.00 | 420.00 |
| MidCap 400™ & E-mini | 45.00 | 90.00 | 180.00 | 270.00 |
| DJIA® Futures | 650.00 | 1,350.00 | 2,700.00 | 4,050.00 |
| DJIA® US Real Estate | 12.00 | 25.00 | 50.00 | 76.00 |
| S&P/Citigroup Growth™ | 35.00 | 70.00 | 140.00 | 210.00 |
| S&P/Citigroup Value™ | 30.00 | 60.00 | 120.00 | 180.00 |
| NASDAQ-100 [®] & E-mini | 140.00 | 280.00 | 560.00 | 840.00 |
| E-mini NASDAQ Composite® | 155.00 | 310.00 | 620.00 | 930.00 |
| E-mini NASDAQ | | | | |
| Biotechnology [®] | 70.00 | 140.00 | 280.00 | 420.00 |
| S&P Smallcap 600™ & E-mini™ | 20.00 | 40.00 | 80.00 | 120.00 |

The E-mini S&P Select indices have 5% (up and down) price limits during ETH (Electronic Trading Hour). During RTH (Regular Trading Hour) E-mini S&P Select indices have no price limits, but trading halts for E-mini S&P Select indices during RTH will be coincidental with trading halts for price limits incidents in the E-mini S&P 500 futures.

| Contracts | 5% Limit (Overnight Hours) up and down | |
|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| E-mini S&P Select Sector Consumer | | |
| Discretionary | 23.00 | |
| E-mini S&P Select Sector Consumer | | |
| Staples | 18.00 | |
| E-mini S&P Select Sector Energy | 37.00 | |
| E-mini S&P Select Sector Financial | 8.00 | |
| E-mini S&P Select Sector Health Care | 20.00 | |
| E-mini S&P Select Sector Industrial | 18.00 | |
| E-mini S&P Select Sector Materials | 19.00 | |
| E-mini S&P Select Sector Technology | 16.00 | |
| E-mini S&P Select Sector Utilities | 18.00 | |

Exchange Rules call for the limits to be re-calculated quarterly at the close of business on the day preceding the commencement of a new calendar quarter.

The Exchange's price limits are re-assessed quarterly rather than established at fixed levels insofar as fixed limits are not responsive to on-going market fluctuations. Exchange Rules are designed to coordinate with circuit breaker provisions as applied by the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE).

The NYSE enforces limits at 10%, 20% and 30% declines of the Dow Jones Industrial Average (DJIA), calculated at the beginning of each calendar quarter, using the average closing value of the DJIA for the prior month, rounded to the nearest 50 points. Limits enforced during the fourth quarter of 2012 are 1,350, 2,700 and 4,050 (limits during the third quarter of 2012 were at 1,250, 2,500 and 3,750 index points).

Please consult the Rulebook for a complete description of the application of the circuit breaker provisions. Or, you may wish to direct any inquiries to Lucy Wang, Research & Product Development at 312-648-5478, or John Nyhoff, Research & Product Development at 312-930-2310.