CME Group-FICC Enhanced Cross-Margining Arrangement

CME Group & FICC

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CME Group and FICC are working together to enhance their existing cross-margining arrangement for the benefit of common members (and their affiliates, where applicable) when trading U.S. Treasury Securities and CME Group interest rate futures that have offsetting risk exposures.
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Current Methodology

- Today, the CME Group – FICC Cross-Margining Arrangement allows for cross-margining of CME Group interest rate futures with FICC cleared cash Treasuries.
- FICC and CME Clearing each separately hold and manage their own positions and collateral and independently determine the amount of margin that it would make available for cross-margining.
- Operationally, the current arrangement is light touch, with no affirmative daily management required by participating members.
- Current arrangement is applicable to house (proprietary) accounts of CME Clearing Members and FICC/GSD Netting Members.
- Approximately 30 members are eligible for the current arrangement with several firms receiving some benefit on each day.
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Enhanced Methodology

Key Enhancements:
- Introduce active management aspect applicable to CME Group eligible positions; passive management remains for FICC eligible positions.
- Expand the list of CME Group eligible interest rate futures products available for cross-margining.

Timeline to Implementation:
- Operational testing available today. FICC will offer a cross-margin report to support operational testing beginning 9/5/2023.
- Target Implementation Date: January 2024.

Eligibility:
- Eligibility for the arrangement remains house (proprietary) accounts of CME Clearing Members & FICC GSD Netting Members, however, subject to regulatory analyses and approvals, CME Group & FICC are supportive of extending this program beyond house accounts as part of a later phase.

Enhanced Arrangement

- CME Clearing House
  - Non-Included CME Positions
  - Identified CME Positions
- FICC/GSD
  - Identified FICC Positions
  - Non-Included FICC Positions
- Combined Portfolio (File Sharing)
  - CME SPAN Margin Calculations
  - FICC Margin Calculations
  - Jointly Apply lower of two % Savings
  - CME Margin Requirement = Eligible CME Margin x (1 – Lower % Savings)
  - FICC Margin Requirement = Eligible FICC Margin x (1 - Lower % Savings)
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## CME Group Planned Resources & Targeted Timelines

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<td>• New report available for CME Group and FICC/GSD XM Participating Members daily.</td>
<td>• Rules-based engine creates risk reducing transfers in equivalent CME Group Treasury futures positions based on the amount of FICC allocated positions.</td>
<td>• CME Group to provide a multi-dimensional optimization process across futures, FICC eligible positions, and CME Cleared Swaps.</td>
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<td>• Report maps FICC/GSD positions (CUSIP &amp; Notional Amount) into equivalent CME Group Treasury futures positions.</td>
<td>• Existing CME Group Optimizer Software enhanced to support automation of transfers.</td>
<td>• Incorporated into the CME Group Optimizer Software algorithm to minimize total margin across all three dimensions.</td>
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<td>• CME Clearing members to determine the number of futures position transfers to submit for offset in the program.</td>
<td>• Available today for testing purposes.</td>
<td>• Target Availability in 12-24 months.</td>
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Testing is available in the CME Clearing New Release test environment.

Firms can begin to test automated transfers with the rules-based Optimizer solution.

Cross-margin savings produced in the test environment are intended to be indicative of expected savings in the program; provided, however, that Firms should not rely upon the results of the hypothetical portfolios as neither CME Clearing nor FICC guarantee the same results in an actual portfolio.
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#### Examples

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Note: Margin rates and savings subject to change based upon market conditions and portfolio composition.
Next Steps

- Participating firms to complete the following:
  1. New account setup at CME Clearing
  2. Complete program legal documentation
  3. Test end-to-end workflows

- Please note that the existing, passive arrangement at CME Clearing will no longer be available after enhanced arrangement goes into production.
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