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Dutch Equity Options: New Strike Price Interval

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Ü Front Office/Trading Ü Middle + Backoffice Ü IT/System Administration	Updated sections of Contract Specifications for Futures Contracts and Options Contracts at Eurex Deutschland and Eurex Zürich

Summary:

As of **December 22, 2008** a new strike price interval will be applied to Dutch equity options. This step is taken in order to improve the alignment with home market conventions.

Dutch Equity Options: New Strike Price Interval

1. Procedure

After the December expiration, the newly generated maturities will be subject to the new strike price pattern.

For existing maturities, strike prices which are not covered by the present strike price interval will be generated in addition.

2. New Strike Price Interval

≤ 3 months to maturity		
strike level		
from >	to ≤	interval
0	5	0.1
5	10	0.2
10	25	0.5
25	50	1
50	100	2
100	200	5
200	400	10
400		20

>3 and ≤ 12 months to maturity		
strike level		
from >	to ≤	interval
0	4.8	0.2
4.8	10	0.4
10	26	1
26	52	2
52	100	4
100	200	10
200	400	20
400		40

> 12 months to maturity		
strike level		
from >	to ≤	interval
0	4.8	0.4
4,8	9.6	0.8
9,6	10	0.4
10	24	2
24	64	4
64	96	8
96	100	4
100	200	20
200	400	40
400		80

3. Number of Strikes Prices per Maturity

For maturities up to and including twelve months there will be nine strike prices available, four in-the-money, four out-of-the-money and one at-the-money.

For maturities beyond twelve months there will be seven strikes prices available, three in-the-money, three out-of-the-money and one at-the-money.

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2. Part: Contract Specifications for Options Contracts

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2.6 Subpart: Contract Specifications for Options Contracts and Low Exercise Price Options on Stocks

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2.6.7 Exercise Prices

(1) Option series of Options contracts may generally have the following exercise prices:

Exercise Prices (EP) in EUR/CHF/USD	Exercise Price Intervals in EUR, CHF or USD for Terms …		
	up to and including three months	~~four~~ more than three up to and including ~~12~~ twelve months	more than ~~12~~ twelve months
~~Up to~~EP ≤ 2.00	0.05	0.10	0.20
2.00 < EP ≤ 4.00~~Between 2 and 4~~	0.10	0.20	0.40
4.00 < EP ≤ 8.00~~Between 4 and 8~~	0.20	0.40	0.80
8.00 < EP ≤ 20.00~~Between 8 and 20~~	0.50	1.00	2.00
20.00 < EP ≤ 52.00~~Between 20 and 52~~	1.00	2.00	4.00
52.00 < EP ≤ 100.00~~Between 52 and 100~~	2.00	4.00	8.00
100.00 < EP ≤ 200.00~~Between 100 and 200~~	5.00	10.00	20.00
200.00 < EP ≤ 400.00~~Between 200 and 400~~	10.00	20.00	40.00
400.00 < EP ~~More than 400~~	20.00	40.00	80.00

(2) Options series of options contracts on stocks with group ID ES11 assigned in Annex B may generally have the following exercise prices:

Exercise Prices (EP) in EUR	Exercise Price Intervals in EUR
0.05 ≤ EP ≤ 0.95~~From 0.05 to 0.95~~	0.05
1.00 ≤ EP ≤ 4.90~~From 1.00 to 4.90~~	0.10
5.00 ≤ EP ≤ 9.75~~From 5.00 to 9.75~~	0.25
10.00 ≤ EP ≤ 19.50~~From 10.00 to 19.50~~	0.50
20.00 ≤ EP ≤ 49.00~~From 20.00 to 49.00~~	1.00
50.00 ≤ EP ≤ 98.00~~From 50.00 to 98.00~~	2.00
100.00 ≤ EP ≤ 195.00~~From 100.00 to 195.00~~	5.00
200.00 ≤ EP ≤ 390.00~~From 200.00 to 390.00~~	10.00
400.00 ≤ EP~~More than 400,~~.00	20.00

(3) Options series of Options contracts on shares with group ID NL11 assigned in Annex B may generally have the following exercise prices:

Exercise Price Intervals in EUR for Terms …			
up to and including three months		more than three up to and including twelve months	
Exercise Prices (EP) in EUR	Exercise Prices Intervals in EUR	Exercise Prices (EP) in EUR	Exercise Prices Intervals in EUR
EP ≤ 5.00	0.10	EP ≤ 4.80	0.20
5.00 < EP ≤ 10.00	0.20	4.80 < EP ≤ 10.00	0.40
10.00 < EP ≤ 25.00	0.50	10.00 < EP ≤ 26.00	1.00
25.00 < EP ≤ 50.00	1.00	26.00 < EP ≤ 52.00	2.00
50.00 < EP ≤ 100.00	2.00	52.00 < EP ≤ 100.00	4.00
100.00 < EP ≤ 200.00	5.00	100.00 < EP ≤ 200.00	10.00
200.00 < EP ≤ 400.00	10.00	200.00 < EP ≤ 400.00	20.00
400.00 < EP	20.00	400.00 < EP	40.00

Exercise Price Intervals in EUR for terms …	
of more than twelve months	
Exercise Prices (EP) in EUR	Exercise Price Intervals in EUR
EP ≤ 4.80	0.40
4.80 < EP ≤ 9.60	0.80
9.60 < EP ≤ 10.00	0.40
10.00 < EP ≤ 24.00	2.00
24.00 < EP ≤ 52.00	4.00
52.00 < EP ≤ 96.00	8.00

Exercise Price Intervals in EUR for terms ...	
of more than twelve months	
Exercise Prices (EP) in EUR	Exercise Price Intervals in EUR
96.00 < EP ≤ 100.00	4.00
100.00 < EP ≤ 200.00	20.00
200.00 < EP ≤ 400.00	40.00
400.00 < EP	80.00

(~~3~~4) The exercise price of a LEPO represents the smallest exercise price of an option series available in the EDP system of the Eurex Exchanges.

2.6.8 Number of Exercise Prices upon Admission of Contracts

(1) Upon implementation of the Options contracts, at least seven exercise prices are available for trading for each call and put for each maturity with terms of up to 24 months. Three of them are in-the-money, one is at-the-money and three are out-of-the-money.

Upon implementation of the Options contracts, at least five exercise prices are available for trading for each call and put for each maturity with terms of more than 24 months. Two of them are in-the-money, one is at-the-money and two are out-of-the-money.

(2) When introducing options contracts with group ID NL11 assigned in Annex B, at least nine exercise prices are – in deviation to Paragraph (1) – available for trading for each call and put for each maturity with terms of up to and including twelve months. Four of said twelve exercise prices are in-the-money, one is at-the-money and four are out-of-the-money.

When introducing options contracts with group ID NL11 assigned in Annex B, at least seven exercise prices are – in deviation to Paragraph (1) – available for trading for each call and put for each maturity with terms of up to and including twelve months. Three of said twelve exercise prices are in-the-money, one is at-the-money and three are out-of-the-money.

~~(2)~~(3) Subsection 2.6.8 shall not apply to LEPOs.