

Precious Metals at Eurex – Gold Derivatives Are Followed by Futures and Options on Silver

The Eurex gold derivatives, which were launched in February 2009, were well received by the market. By May, a number of members, spread across the U.S., Europe and Middle East, were active in this segment. This positive development reflects the overall high demand for derivatives on commodities.

We are extending our offering with futures and options on silver. As of June 15, you have the opportunity to easily access the silver market for your investments. This is the first logical product extension after gold, triggered also by the interest from current gold market participants.

Both gold and silver derivatives are cash-settled, USD-denominated contracts based on the fixing of the London Bullion Market. The fixings, provided by The London Gold Market Fixing Ltd. and The London Silver Market Fixing Ltd., are considered as the international benchmark for consumers, producers, investors, banks and central banks.

Particularly clients, who prefer or require cash settlement, will welcome the contracts as an attractive alternative to the current market. The new derivatives also address physical market participants as their forward transactions rarely result in actual physical delivery and the contracts provide a virtual link into the London Bullion Market. Market Makers have agreed to support the liquidity in Eurex silver products by providing quotes in the order book.

Mitigated Counterparty Risk for the OTC Market

Our clearing facilities are adding value to the OTC market offering central clearing and straight-through processing for bilateral trades on a single platform. The products have a block trade size of one contract and can be cleared via the Eurex Clearing OTC facility. OTC positions and order book positions are fully fungible.

With the OTC Flexible Options and Flexible Futures facilities, traders can also tailor the contracts according to their trading needs by defining certain parameters: maturity for futures, as well as expiration and exercise price in the case of options.

Trading Hours (CET)

	Pre-Trading	Continuous Trading	Post-Trading	OTC Block Trading	Last Trading Day
Gold Futures (FGFX) Silver Futures (FSFX)	07:30–08:00	08:00–22:00	22:00–22:30	08:00–22:30	Gold: Trading till 11:30 Silver: Trading till 13:00
Gold Options (OGFX) Silver Options (OSFX)	07:30–08:00	08:00–20:00	20:00–20:30	08:00–20:30	Gold: Trading till 11:30 Silver: Trading till 13:00 Exercise till 21:00

The fixing of gold is carried out at 11:30 CET (10:30 GMT), the silver fixing at 13:00 CET (12:00 GMT). As the final settlement price of the Eurex gold and silver contracts refer to the fixing of the respective day, a virtual indirect link into the Loco London gold/silver market is established.

Contract Specifications

	Gold Futures	Silver Futures	Gold Options	Silver Options
Product ID	FGFX	FSFX	OGFX	OSFX
Product ISIN	DE000A0V75H3	DE000A0X7H15	DE000A0SNHA8	DE000A0X7S46
Underlying	Gold	Silver	Gold	Silver
Contract Size	100 troy ounces	5,000 troy ounces	100 troy ounces	5,000 troy ounces
Currency	USD			
Price Quotation	In USD with one decimal place	In USD with three decimal places	In USD with one decimal place	In USD with three decimal places
Minimum Price Change	USD 0.1	USD 0.005	USD 0.1	USD 0.005
Contract Months	Up to 36 months: The three nearest successive calendar months and the eleven following quarterly months of the March, June, September and December cycle thereafter.		Up to 60 months: The three nearest successive calendar months, the eleven following quarterly months of the March, June, September and December cycle thereafter, and the four following semi-annual months of the June and December cycle thereafter.	
Last Trading Day and Final Settlement Day	The third Friday of each maturity and expiration month respectively.			
Settlement	Cash settlement, based on the fixings of: The London Gold Market Fixing Ltd. at 11:30 CET (10:30 GMT) The London Silver Market Fixing Ltd. at 13:00 CET (12:00 GMT).			
Final Settlement Price	The Final Settlement Price is established by Eurex Clearing AG on the Last Trading Day, after the fixings.			
Exercise Price Intervals			≤ 36 months: Gold USD 20 / Silver USD 0.2 > 36 months: Gold USD 40 / Silver USD 0.4	
Number of Exercise Prices			15 7 out-of-the-money, 1 at-the-money, 7 in-the-money	
Exercise	An option can only be exercised on the Final Settlement Day (European-style).			
Gold Fixing a.m. Vendor Codes	Bloomberg: GOLDNAM <Cmdty> Reuters: XAU-1030-FIX			
Silver Fixing Vendor Codes	Bloomberg: SLVRLN <Cmdty> Reuters: XAG-SPOT-FIX			

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