

# MONTRÉAL EXCHANGE

# Q3 2019 Highlights

## Multiple achievements done in Q3, the third highest quarterly volume of all time!

500K 8M 467K 448K 450K 5Y CAGR: 11% 7.5M 400K 385K 366K 7M 350K Average daily volume 306K oen interes 300K 6.5M 279K 250K 6M 200K 5.5M 150K 100K 5M 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 Equity Index Derivatives Total Open Interest Equity & ETF Options Interest Rate Derivatives

#### Total YTD ADV of 467k contracts, up 8% YoY.

## Many records established, with a strong performance in August and September!

- Extended Hours average daily volume record: **21k** (Aug)
- All products ADV of 519k in September, **up 27%** vs Sep 2018

#### 5Y Bond Futures (CGF) volume up 22% vs Q2 2019

Daily volume record: **61k** (Aug 27)

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Monthly volume record: 24k ADV (Aug)
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#### **Equity Derivatives Record**

SXF - Daily volume record: 277k (Sep 16)
SXF - Extended Hours monthly volume record: 1.4k ADV (Sep)
Equity Options - Open interest record: 4.6M (Sep 18)
Share Futures - BTC monthly volume record: 18k ADV (Sep)
Share Futures - Monthly volume record: 27k ADV (Sep)

#### BAX Futures and Options (OBX) are gaining traction!

BAX - Open interest record: 1.2M (Sep 9)

OBX - Average daily volume (5k) up 6% vs Q3 2018

OBX - Monthly volume record in 2019: 8.2k ADV (Sep)

OBX - Open interest (252k) up 37% vs end of Q3 2018

Product highlights	ADV (YTD)	YoY CHG (%)
BAX	119k	9%
CGF	15k	1068%
CGB	129k	18%
SXF	31k	8%
Share Futures	16k	442%
Equity Options	119k	4%

#### **Comments:**

- Interest Rate Market: Canadian rate expectations changed during the quarter, bringing some volatility to BAX contracts. One rate cut appears to be in play next year based on BAX contract prices at quarter end. The yield curve remains inverted on the short-end and relatively flat up to 10Y.
- Equity Market: The Canadian stock market ended slightly higher but some volatility was observed in the constituents, especially in the Health Care sector which was down 30%. Defensive sectors recorded the best performances.

# **Key Milestones and Facts**

#### **Extended Hours 1-year anniversary!**

Since launch (Oct 9, 2018), the average daily volume on products available for trading between 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. (ET) has increased significantly as market quality continuously improves. Q3 statistics during the extended hours period:

Product	Q3 ADV	Growth vs Q2
All products	13.5k	12%
CGB	8.1k	31%
SXF	1k	64%

#### Revamped Market Making Program!

MX has revamped its Extended Hours market making program for its flagship products (BAX & CGB) & has also launched a new market making program for the CGF. Take advantage of competitive on-screen markets as of 2:00 a.m. ET!

#### Save the date for CADC 2020!

The 20<sup>th</sup> edition of the CADC conference will take place on June 9, 2020, at the magnificent **Four Seasons Hotel Montréal**. The event will feature a full day of panels and presentations pertaining to the Canadian derivatives industry. More details to come in upcoming publications.

#### **CORRA Futures**

MX is currently working on renewing its product offering based on the Canadian Overnight Repo Rate Average ("CORRA"). More details will be posted on the new CORRA futures web page as this project evolves. To stay abreast of the interest rate benchmark transition in Canada, we invite our participants to visit the Canadian alternative reference rate website.

#### **CGF: Delivery standards modifications**

The remaining maturity range of deliverable Government of Canada bonds has been changed to 4.5-5.5 years and the minimum amount outstanding criteria has been changed to C\$3B. These modifications are effective since July 25 and are applied to the December 2019 and following contracts. **Click here** for more information.

### CGB: Additional reporting time for large block transaction

A new reporting time and block volume threshold have been implemented for CGB. Effective as of August 2, market participants have 30 minutes to report block transactions over 3,500 contracts done during regular hours (6:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. ET). **Click here** for more information.

#### SXO & USX: New market making programs

New market making programs have recently been launched on the S&P/TSX 60 Index Options (SXO) and the US Dollar option (USX) to provide robust market quality conditions throughout the day and enhance liquidity.

#### Inclusion of "BIC" block trades on SXF and Sector Index futures in STTRF portal

Effective as of September 24, block trades priced at a basis to index close (BIC) on the S&P/TSX 60 Index and Sector Index futures will be integrated into the special terms transaction reporting form (STTRF). The "smart forms" are interactive and serve to minimize the number of potentially erroneous or rejected submissions.

### **New Pre-Trade Risk Control application**

MX has launched its new exchange-hosted web user interface on September 23! The functionality gives clearing members the ability to set specific controls to mitigate risk exposure on behalf of market participants. It also allows the setting of specific and global pre-trade controls on internal and client order flows to MX. Now available on "TMX Connect" platform. **Click here** for more information.

## Did you know...

- OptionsPlay is hosting a series of webinars to bring exclusive options education and actionable trading ideas and content to market participants. Make sure to register!
- CGB has turned 30 years old in September! The product is healthier than ever with a 10-year compounded annual growth rate (CAGR) of 21%!

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