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*There is a substantial risk that stop-loss orders, left to protect open positions held overnight, may be executed at levels significantly worse than their specified price.*

# INDICES

Instrument Name	Min. Trade Size	Max. Trade Size*	Pip Cost (Native CCY)	Margin Requirement								Target FXCM Spread	Minimum Stop Distance (Points)**	Trading hours***	Break Time***
				Per Min Trade Size											
				USD	GBP	EUR	CHF	NZD	AUD	JPY	CAD				
US30	1	10,000	\$0.10	9	6	6	8	12.5	10	850	9	4	6	Sun 22.00 – Fri 20.15	Daily from 20.15 until 20.30
SPX500	1	5,000	\$0.10	12	7.5	8	11	16.5	14	1100	12	0.5	2	Sun 22.00 – Fri 20.15	Daily from 20.15 until 20.30
NAS100	1	10,000	\$0.10	2.5	1.75	2	2	3.5	3	230	2.5	2	4	Sun 22.00 – Fri 20.15	Daily from 20.15 until 20.30
UK100	1	10,000	£ 0.100	9	6	6	8	12.5	10	850	9	1(2)	4	Daily 07.00 – 20.00	None
GER30	1	1,000	€ 0.10	9	6	6	8	12.5	11	850	9	1(2)	5	Daily 06.00- 20.00	None
ITA40	1	10,000	€ 0.10	25	16	17	23	35	30	2300	25	20	20	Daily 07.00 – 15.40	None
ESP35	1	10,000	€ 0.10	20	12.5	14	18	27.5	24	1850	20	8	12	Daily 07.00 – 15.30	None
FRA40	1	10,000	€ 0.10	6	4	4	6	8	7	550	6	1(2)	5	Daily 06.00 – 20.00	None
HKG33	1	300	HKD 1	75	45	52.5	69	100	90	6950	75	15	25	Daily 01.15 – 08.15	Daily 04.00- 05.00
JPN225	10	1,000	¥ 10	15	9	10	14	20	18	1400	15	10	25	Sun 23.00 – Fri 20.15	Daily from 20.15 until 23.00
SUI30	1	10,000	CHF 0.10	9	9	9	8	12.5	10	850	9	4	6	Daily 05.50- 15.25	None
AUS200	1	2,000	AUD 0.10	6	4	4	6	8	7	550	6	1(2)	7	Daily 23.50 – 21.00 <sup>†</sup>	Daily 06.30 – 07.10
EUSTX50	1	10,000	€ 0.10	8	7	7	8	11	8.5	800	8	2	4	Daily 06.00 – 20.00	None

\*The max trade sizes on the GER30, HKG33 and JPN225 may vary per account. Increasing the max trade size is subject to approval. | \*\*The 'Minimum Stop Distance' also applies to Limits for MT4 Accounts. | \*\*\* All hours are stipulated in GMT. | <sup>†</sup> Except Fridays when the AUS200 closes at 20:45 GMT | (2) Spreads in UK100, GER30, FRA40 and AUS200 may widen from 1 pip to 2 pips when the respective index's exchange is closed for the day.

## 1. Trading Hours

FXCM index trading hours are based on when their underlying reference markets are open. FXCM indices will not be open for trading during holidays in which the reference markets are closed. You may also note that some indices have an intraday break in addition to a daily closing. During these times you will still be able to place stop and limit orders<sup>1</sup>. You will not be able to close existing positions or open new ones. All trading functionalities will cease upon the end of week closing.

## 2. Contract/Trade Size

FXCM utilises a lot based trading system. Therefore, you are only able to trade in the 'Minimum Trade Size' or multiples thereof. Each instrument also has a 'Maximum Trade Size,' which applies to individual positions only. Traders wishing to exceed the Maximum Trade Size must open multiple positions. Whenever a trade is opened, a tick or pip value is associated with each lot to provide precise profit and loss calculations in real time. The pip cost associated with each instrument automatically converts your profit and loss into the currency of the account, therefore, negating any currency fluctuation risk.

## 3. Pip Cost

As profit and loss is converted into the account currency, a pip cost is associated with each product. For example, if the trading account is dominated in USD, then all of the profit and loss will be calculated in USD. If a client traded in the UK 100, which is priced in GBP, FXCM will automatically convert profit and loss into USD. The pip cost details the conversion rate, which, in this example, would be the GBP/USD exchange rate. If the GBP/USD exchange rate was 1.6400, then the pip cost would be 0.164 converting all profit/loss from the UK100 trade into USD. The pip cost is displayed on FXCM Trading Station. The pip cost on display in the Trading Station shows the cost per point for the minimum contract size.

## 4. Minimum Margin Requirements (MMR).

FXCM Margin Rates are displayed in the dealing rates window on Trading Station and detail the client's capital obligation to buy or sell the minimum contract of a single index. FXCM has standardised minimum trade size for each instrument to make calculating the margin required to place a trade straight forward.

For example, the MMR is detailed as \$9 for 1 US30. If a trade is placed for a larger amount, the total MMR will increase. Using the example for the US30, if a client placed a trade for 5 US30 the MMR would be 5 multiplied by the minimum MMR (\$9) creating a MMR of \$45 to open a trade for 5 US30.

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<sup>1</sup> MT4 accounts will not be able to amend or place stops /limits when the instrument is closed.

The margins detailed are FXCM's default margin requirements. Should you wish to change your margin requirement please log on to myfxcm.com where you will be able to increase your default margin for oil, metal and index products

## 5. Minimum Spread

This is the tightest (smallest difference between our sell and buy price) FXCM will display in their pricing.

## 6. Financing Costs

Cost of carry and dividends make up the overnight credits/debits. The value of these two variables is independent of one another. The overall credit/debit that is applied to your account will depend on the size of the open trade.

### 6.2. Finance Charges

Interest rates are a factor in any market. FXCM's daily interest debit or credit amounts (hereafter "rollover") are based on the total face value of the position. Our rollover rates are calculated by referencing the relevant 3 month LIBOR for all index products. Each day, the rollover amounts per lot are shown transparently in the simple dealing rates window. Index positions that are open at the close of business on Friday will incur 3 day rollover.

For example, if 3 month USD LIBOR is 4.50% and FXCM is applying a haircut of +3/-3% a long position would pay 7.50%/360 per day, whereas a holder of a short position would receive 1.50%/360 per day.

It is worth noting that FXCM references the relevant underlying 3 months LIBOR rate for the native currency which an instrument is quoted. For example, GER 30 is quoted in euro, therefore, FXCM will reference 3 month Euro LIBOR. Similarly, for clients who have open UK100 positions, the reference interest rate would be 3 month GBP LIBOR and so forth.

### Financing Calculation

f = Overnight finance charge

s = Trade size

p = Closing price as determined by FXCM

r = Relevant LIBOR rate, add 300 basis points for long positions, or deduct 300 basis points for short positions (6.00% - 3.00%) = 3%

d = Number of days, i.e., 365 for GBP products and 360 for all others

And is calculated as follows:  $f = (s \times p \times r) / d$

Please note that the roll over detailed on Trade Station is for 1 index CFD and not the minimum trade size.

## 7. Dividends

Applicable to most cash indices, dividend payments will be applied as debit/credit along with the rollover to your open positions. Adjustments will apply on the eve of the ex-dividend date of the constituent members of the relevant Index. The adjustment will appear as part of the roll over debit/credit on your statement.

When an equity goes ex-dividend, the price of that equity theoretically decreases by the dividend amount. In practice, this does not always happen as there are many market forces affecting an equity price. The amount of points an index cash CFD drops by is dependent on the weighting of the equity within the index. If more than one constituent equity of an index CFD goes ex-dividend on the same day, the amount of points each equity will theoretically cause the sector or index to drop by is added together to calculate the total amount of dividend points or 'drop points'. FXCM will either collect or pay dividends on the hedge positions that we have entered into against client issued CFDs.

Where an index is a Total Return Index, dividend payments will not be credited/debited.

An example of a total return index is the GER 30 where the cash disbursements are reinvested back into the index



### 7.2. Final Thoughts on Credits and Debits

Please note that the Roll S and Roll B displayed in the dealing rates window are the costs per contract. Since such is the case, the clients will pay or earn whatever the charge is, times the size of the position the client is holding.

#### **Example:**

- Client is long 100 US 30.

- Current Roll (B) is -0.88 (as displayed in the dealing rates window).
- Assuming the client is a holder of this position through 17:00 (NY Time), they will be assessed a charge of \$88.00 for that particular trading day.

## 8. Cash Index Contract Expiration

All cash index positions will remain open until they are closed by the client or the position is liquidated due to insufficient margin to support the open position.

## Energy

Instrument Name	Min. Trade Size	Max. Trade Size	Pip Cost (Native CCY)	Margin Requirement Per Min Trade Size								Target FXCM Spread	Minimum Stop Distance (Points)	Trading hours*	Break Time*
				USD	GBP	EUR	CHF	NZD	AUD	JPY	CAD				
USOil	1	10,000	\$0.10	20	12.5	14	18	28	24	1850	20	0.05	0.1	Sun 22.00 – Fri 20.45	Daily from 21.15 until 22.00
UKOil	1	10,000	\$0.10	20	12.5	14	18	28	24	1850	20	0.05	0.1	Mon 00.00 – Fri 20.45	Daily from 21.15 until 00.00
NGAS	1	100	\$0.10	4	3	3	3.5	5.5	4.5	380	4	10	0.005	Sun 22.00 – Fri 20.45	Daily from 21.15 until 22.00

\*All hours are stipulated in GMT.

## 9. Trading Hours

FXCM Energy trading hours are based on the underlying reference market prices and opening hours. Energy products will not be open for trading during holidays in which the reference market is closed. Similar to many indices, Energy products have a daily break in addition to a daily closing; during this time you will still be able to place stops and limits.<sup>2</sup> You will not be able to close existing positions or open new ones. All trading functionalities will cease upon the week end closing.

## 10. Energy Pricing

FXCM receives its Energy prices from various liquidity providers. The only variation in the FXCM price from its reference market will be a small mark up on the bid and offer.

<sup>2</sup> MT4 accounts will not be able to amend or place stops/limits when the instrument is closed.

## **11. Contract Size/Trade Size**

FXCM utilises a 'lot-based' trading system. This means that all FXCM products are aggregated into standardised trade sizes. These sizes generally replicate the underlying reference instrument (the futures or cash instrument) or are a fraction of that figure. This simplifies trading by allowing clients to trade in lot increments, and also provides a price for each lot size rather than averaging open and close prices when multiple positions are taken in the same instrument. A tick or pip value is associated with each lot for precise calculations, and profits and losses on a position are automatically converted into the currency of the particular account. For example, a euro-denominated account will experience real-time profit or loss in euro when trading any instrument, whether it is UK 100 or US Oil.

## **12. Pip Cost**

Pip cost is determined in the same manner as it is done for the various indices offered. Please refer to page 4 for the detailed explanation.

## **13. Minimum Margin Requirements (MMR)**

FXCM Margin Rates are displayed in the dealing rates window on the Trading Station and detail the client's capital obligation to buy or sell 1 contract of a US Oil or UK Oil. FXCM has standardised minimum/incremental trade sizes for each instrument. To calculate the margin required to place the minimum trade size, simply multiply the minimum trade size by the margin required (per contract) displayed in the dealing rates window.

- US Oil Minimum trade size is 1 contracts
- MMR is USD \$20 per contract
- 1 contract x \$20 = \$20

The margins detailed are FXCM's default margin requirements. Should you wish to change your margin requirement please log on to [myfxcm.com](http://myfxcm.com) where you will be able to increase your default margin for energy, metals and index products

## **14. Minimum Spread**

This is the tightest (smallest difference between our sell and buy price) FXCM will display in their pricing.

## **15. Overnight Credits/Debits**



Since Energy products are forward instruments, no overnight credits/debits or dividends are applicable.

## **16. Expiration**

Energy products have a monthly expiration (please see the tables below). Clients that hold an open position on the 'FXCM Expiration' will be closed at our bid/offer at 21:15 GMT\* for US Oil and UK Oil, and NGAS, the only consequence of this is the client will realise any floating P/L at the time it is closed. There are no rollovers for all oil contracts offered.

\*FXCM's official monthly expirations are based on Eastern Time (5:15 pm ET) or New York time. Due to the observance of daylight saving time in the United States, monthly expirations listed in GMT are subject to change.

### ***Example:***

- Client is long 5 US Oil @ 72.00.
- On the day of FXCM Expiration, the expiring month is trading at 73.00.
- The customer position is closed at 73.00 and the profit is credited to the clients trading account.
- All pending Stop and Limit orders that are associated with the expiring contract will be cancelled.
- Client will need to re-establish another long position (assuming they wish to) and reinsert Stop and Limit orders to the new open position.

<b>US OIL</b>				<b>UK OIL</b>				<b>NGAS</b>			
Contract Month		Reference Expiration	FXCM Expiration	Contract Month		Reference Expiration	FXCM Expiration	Contract Month		Reference Expiration	FXCM Expiration
<b>2014</b>	January	18-Dec	17-Dec	<b>2014</b>	January	16-Dec	13-Dec	<b>2014</b>	January	27-Dec	26-Dec
	February	17-Jan	16-Jan		February	16-Jan	15-Jan		February	29-Jan	28-Jan
	March	19-Feb	18-Feb		March	13-Feb	12-Feb		March	26-Feb	25-Feb
	April	19-Mar	18-Mar		April	14-Mar	13-Mar		April	27-Mar	26-Mar
	May	21-Apr	17-Apr		May	15-Apr	14-Apr		May	28-Apr	25-Apr
	June	19-May	16-May		June	15-May	14-May		June	28-May	27-May
	July	19-Jun	18-Jun		July	13-Jun	12-Jun		July	26-Jun	25-Jun
	August	21-Jul	18-Jul		August	16-Jul	15-Jul		August	29-Jul	28-Jul
	September	19-Aug	18-Aug		September	14-Aug	13-Aug		September	27-Aug	26-Aug
	October	19-Sep	18-Sep		October	15-Sep	12-Sep		October	26-Sep	25-Sep
	November	20-Oct	17-Oct		November	16-Oct	15-Oct		November	29-Oct	28-Oct
	December	19-Nov	18-Nov		December	13-Nov	12-Nov		December	25-Nov	24-Nov

All pending stop and limit orders that are associated with the expiring contract will be cancelled.

## METALS

Instrument Name	Min. Trade Size	Max. Trade Size	Margin Requirement Per Min Trade Size									Target FXCM Spread	Minimum Stop Distance (Points)	Trading hours**	Break Time**
			USD	GBP	EUR	CHF	NZD	AUD	JPY	CAD					
XAU/USD	1	10,000	4	3	3	4	5	5	350	4	0.5	0.1	Sun 22.00 - Fri 20.45	Daily 21.00 until 22.00	
XAG/USD	50	200,000	7.5	5	5	7.5	10	9	700	7.5	0.05	0.1	Sun 22.00 - Fri 20.45	Daily 21.00 until 22.00	
XPD/USD	1	5,000	12.5	10	10	10	17.5	45	1200	13	3	10	Sun 22.00 - Fri 20.45	Daily 21.00 until 22.00	
XPT/USD	1	5,000	4	3	3	3.5	5.5	45	3800	40	3	10	Sun 22.00 - Fri 20.45	Daily 21.00 until 22.00	
Copper	1	10,000	5	3	3.5	4.5	6.5	5	390	5	0.002	0.002	Sun 22.00 - Fri 20.45	Daily 21.00 until 22.00	

\*\*All hours are stipulated in GMT.

### 17. Trading Hours

Metal trading is available to trade 23 hours per day. During these hours you are able to open and close trades and place limit and stop orders.<sup>3</sup> When the market is closed you will not be able to place any trades, stops or limits.

### 18. Metal Pricing

Our aim is to provide you with very competitive transaction costs—tight bid/ask spreads on every metal product.

### 19. Contract Size/Trade Size

FXCM utilises a 'lot-based' trading system. This means that all FXCM products are aggregated into standardised trade sizes. This simplifies trading by allowing clients to trade in lot increments, and also provides a price for each lot size rather than averaging open and close prices when multiple positions are taken in the same instrument. A tick or pip value is associated with each lot for precise calculations, and profits and losses on a position are automatically converted into the currency of the particular account. For example, a euro-denominated account will experience real-time profit or loss in euro when trading any instrument, whether it is XAU/USD or XAG/USD.

<sup>3</sup> MT4 accounts will not be able to amend or place stops/limits when the instrument is closed.

## 20. Pip Cost

Pip cost is determined in the same manner as it is done for the various indices offered. Please refer to page 4 for the detailed explanation.

## 21. Minimum Margin Requirements (MMR)

FXCM Margin Rates are displayed in the dealing rates window on Trading Station and detail the client's capital obligation to buy or sell the minimum trade size of gold or silver. FXCM has standardised minimum/incremental trade sizes for each instrument. To calculate the margin required to place the minimum trade size, simply multiply the trade size by the margin required (per contract), which is displayed in the dealing rate.

The margins detailed are FXCM's default margin requirements. Should you wish to change your margin requirement please log on to myfxcm.com where you will be able to increase your default margin for oil, metal and index products

## 22. Minimum Spread

This is the tightest (smallest difference between our sell and buy price) FXCM will display in their pricing.

## 23. Overnight Rollover

All open metal positions are rolled to the next trading day. Depending on whether you are long (buy) or short (sell) you will either be debited or credited rollover interest on a daily basis. Details of FXCM's rollover rates (rolls) are detailed on the Trading Station in a transparent manner. Please note that all open positions at the close of business on Wednesday at 17.00 EST incur a 3 day rollover debit/credit, and bank holidays will affect the number of days that a position is rolled forward. Furthermore, the roll over detailed on Trade Station is for 1 ounce of gold or silver and not the minimum trade size.

Copper is the only metal which is not subject to rollover interest.

## 24. Expiration

Copper is the only metal to have an expiration. ***All other metal trades will remain open until such time the client closes the position or there is insufficient margin to support the open position.*** For Copper, the open position will be closed by FXCM.

Clients that hold an open position in Copper on the 'FXCM Expiration' will be closed at our bid/offer at 21:00 GMT\*, the only consequence is the client will realize any floating P/L at the time it is closed. There are no rollovers for Copper contracts.

FXCM's official expirations are based on Eastern Time or New York time. Due to the observance of daylight savings time in the United States, monthly expirations listed in GMT are subject to change.

**Example:**

- Client is long 5 Copper @ 3.700.
- On the day of FXCM Expiration, the expiring month is trading at 3.710.
- The customer position is closed at 3.710 and the profit is credited to the clients trading account.
- All pending Stop and Limit orders that are associated with the expiring contract will be cancelled.
- Client will need to re-establish another long position (assuming they wish to) and reinsert Stop and Limit orders to the new open position.

<b>Next Copper Expiration</b>
Monday November 24 <sup>th</sup> 2014 at 22:00 GMT

## Treasury

Instrument Name	Min. Trade Size	Max. Trade Size	Pip Cost (Native CCY)	Margin Requirement								Target FXCM Spread	Minimum Stop Distance (Points)*	Trading hours**	Break Time**
				Per Min Trade Size											
				USD	GBP	EUR	CHF	NZD	AUD	JPY	CAD				
BUND	1	10,000	0.10	4.5	3	3	4	6	5	425	4.5	0.03	0.05	Daily 06.00 – 20.00 (Fri 19.45)	None

\*\*All hours are stipulated in GMT.

### 25. Trading Hours

Treasury trading is available to trade 14 hours per day. During these hours you are able to open and close trades and place limit and stop orders<sup>4</sup>. When the market is closed you will not be able to place any trades, stops or limits.

### 26. Treasury Pricing

Our aim is to provide you with very competitive transaction costs—tight bid/ask spreads on every product.

### 27. Contract Size/Trade Size

FXCM utilises a 'lot-based' trading system. This means that all FXCM products are aggregated into standardised trade sizes. This simplifies trading by allowing clients to trade in lot increments, and also provides a price for each lot size rather than averaging open and close prices when multiple positions are taken in the same instrument. A tick or pip value is associated with each lot for precise calculations, and profits and losses on a position are automatically converted into the currency of the particular account. For example, a euro-denominated account will experience real-time profit or loss in euro when trading any instrument, such as BUND.

### 28. Pip Cost

Pip cost is determined in the same manner as it is done for the various indices offered. Please refer to page 4 for the detailed explanation.

<sup>4</sup> MT4 accounts will not be able to amend or place stops/limits when the instrument is closed.

### 29. Minimum Margin Requirements (MMR)

FXCM Margin Rates are displayed in the dealing rates window on Trading Station and detail the client's capital obligation to buy or sell the minimum trade size of BUND. FXCM has standardised minimum/incremental trade sizes for each instrument. To calculate the margin required to place the minimum trade size, simply multiply the trade size by the margin required (per contract), which is displayed in the dealing rate. The margins detailed are FXCM's default margin requirements. Should you wish to change your margin requirement please log on to myfxcm.com where you will be able to increase your default margin for oil, metal and index products

### 30. Minimum Spread

This is the tightest (smallest difference between our sell and buy price) FXCM will display in their pricing.

### 31. Rollover

Since Treasury products are futures instruments, there will be no roll costs.

### 32. Expiration

Treasury products have a quarterly expiration (please see the table below). Clients that hold an open BUND position on the 'FXCM Expiration' day, will be closed at our bid/offer immediately after that session close, the only consequence of this is the client will realise any floating P/L at the time it is closed. There are no rollovers for all Treasury contracts offered.

## BUND

	CONTRACT MONTH	REFERENCE EXPIRATION	FXCM EXPIRATION
<b>2014</b>	June	6-Jun	5-Jun
	September	8-Sep	5-Sep
	Dec	8-Dec	5-Dec