

# USD/CNH Futures and Options and Mini USD/CNH Futures

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The USD/CNH derivative products suite, together with other RMB currency futures listed on HKEX, are widely traded and popular risk management tools for investors to manage their RMB and USD exposures and cater to the needs of various market participants who may prefer physically delivered or cash settled, bigger or smaller contracts

# Trading benefits

Transparency & Efficiency

Exchange-traded Contracts Flexible Collateral Policy

Multiple Currencies Accepted Capital Efficiency

Margin Offsets with Multiple Related Products Available Block Trade\*

OTC Flexibility with Relatively Low Counterparty Risk Calendar Spreads

High Liquidity for Efficient Spread Trading **Long Tenors** 

Covering up to 22 Month Horizon

# USD/CNH Futures and Mini USD/CNH Futures contracts specifications

	USD/CNH Futures	Mini USD/CNH Futures	
HKATS Code	CUS	MCS	
Contract Size	USD 100,000	USD 20,000	
Price Quotation	RMB per USD (e.g. RMB 7.0910 per USD)		
Min. Fluctuation	RMB 0.0001 (4 decimal places)		
Tick Value	RMB 10	RMB 2	
Last Trading Day	Two Trading Days (each of which is also a Business Day) prior to the Final Settlement Day	Two Trading Days (each of which is also a Business Day) prior to the third (3rd) Wednesday of the Contract Month	
Final Settlement Day	The third Wednesday of the Contract Month. If it is not a Business Day, the Final Settlement Day shall be the next Business Day	The first Trading Day after the Last Trading Day	
Final Settlement Price	USD/CNY (HK) Spot Rate published by Hong Kong Treasury Markets Association (TMA) at or around 11:30am on the Last Trading Day		
Contract Months	Spot month, the next 3 calendar months, the next 6 calendar quarter months		
Trading Hours	8:30 am - 6:30 pm (Day Session) 7:15 pm - 3:00 am (AHT Session) (Expiring contract month closes at 11:00 am on the Last Trading Day)		
Settlement Method	Delivery of US dollars by the Seller and Cash settled payment of the Final Settlement Value in RMB by the Buyer		
Margin Offset	Margin offset can be offered between any two of the USD/CNH Futures & Options, Mini USD/CNH Futures and CNH/USD Futures		

 $<sup>\</sup>hbox{$^\star$ For Block Trade quote enquiries, please email FICD@hkex.com.hk.}\\$ 

# USD/CNH Options contract<sup>1</sup> specifications

**USD/CNH Options** 

**HKATS Code** CUS USD 100,000 Contract Size RMB per USD (e.g. RMB 7.0910 per USD) Price Quotation Min. Fluctuation RMB 0.0001 (4 decimal places) Tick Value RMB 10 **Expiry Day** Two Trading Days (each of which is also a Business Day) prior to the Final Settlement Day Final Settlement Day Third Wednesday of the Contract Month. If it is not a Business Day, the Final Settlement Day shall be the next Business Day Official Settlement Price USD/CNY (HK) Spot Rate published by Hong Kong Treasury Markets Association (TMA) at or around 11:30am on the Expiry Day Contract Months Spot month, the next 3 calendar months, the next 6 calendar quarter months **Trading Hours** 8:30 am to 6:30 pm (8:30 am to 11:00 am on the Expiry Day) Exercise Style European style Strike Price Strike intervals will be set at 0.05 Settlement on Exercise Physical delivery on Exercise

Holder

Payment of the Final Settlement

Value\* in RMB

Delivery of US dollars

\* Final Settlement Value is the Strike Price multiplied by the Contract Size; applies to

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Delivery of US dollars

Payment of the Final Settlement Value\* in RMB

Call Options

**Put Options** 

both Call and Put Options

USD/CNH Futures and CNH/USD Futures

# Market landscape

Margin Offset

#### USD/CNH Futures Average Trading Volume ("ADV") and Open Interest ("OI")





<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Currency Options are of high risk and not suitable for inexperienced investors or people who are less risk tolerant

# Market strategies

#### Calendar Spread Trade



Calendar spreads are available to all individual contract month futures series for efficient calendar rolling. Upon placing of calendar spread orders, bait orders, system-generated orders that adjust prices according to the prevailing market price, would be placed on outright series legs to increase the chance of execution.



Client is holding a short position of 1,000 lots HKEX USD/CNH Futures Jun 24 contracts. When the expiration day of the Jun 24 contract approaches, the client nees to rollover the position to the Sep 24 contract.



It is for illustration purpose only

### Block trade

A block trade comprises large buy and sell orders privately negotiated apart from the public auction market.

#### **Benefits**

#### • Gain large size of FX exposure

- Price and execution certainty
- OTC flexibility with central clearing benefits
- Added liquidity

#### Criteria

Items	Mini USD/CNH Futures	USD/CNH Futures	USD/CNH Options	
Minimum volume threshold	100 contracts	50 contracts	50 contracts	
Permissible price	±3%	±3%	if price >= 0.4000 10%	
range			if price < 0.4000 0.040	
Execution must be within product trading hours				
Telephone recording is required to record all block trade orders				

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#### **Execution Procedures**





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