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Contract Size and Block Trade Size Adjustment in Selected Stock Options

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The Management Boards of Eurex Deutschland and Eurex Zürich have taken the decision to reduce the contract size and adjust the minimum block trade size for certain stock options. From September 2, 2002 the parameters for the following contracts will be adjusted as shown below:

Stock Option	Eurex Code	Contract Size until 30.8.02	Contract Size from 02.09.02	Minimum Block Trade Size from 02.09.02
Allianz	ALV	50	**10**	**250**
Münchner Rückversicherung	MUV2	50	**10**	**250**
Nestlé	NESN	100	**10**	250 (no change)
SAP	SAP	100	**10**	**250**
Schweizer Rückversicherung	RUKN	100	**10**	250 (no change)
StoraEnso	ENUR	500	**100**	250 (no change)

The measure leads to a reduction in the relatively large contract values to a level comparable to other Eurex stock options and will ensure a contract value that is also suitable for retail investors. The minimum block trade size for Options on Allianz, Münchner Rückversicherung and SAP will be increased from 50 to 250 accordingly. All other block trade sizes will remain unchanged.

As a result of the reduction in contract sizes, the following increased position limits and market maker obligations (no. of contracts) will apply from September 2, 2002:

Stock Option	Position Limit (Contracts)	MM Position Limit (Contracts)	MM Quote Obligations (number of contracts)
ALV	400,000	1,200,000	50 (no change)
MUV2	268,000	804,000	**50**
NESN	594,000	1,782,000	**50**
SAP	472,300	1,416,900	**50**
RUKN	474,400	1,423,200	**50**
ENUR	107,500	322,500	20 (no Change)

Contract Specifications for:
Stock Options on German Shares (OSTK)

Contract Size

Generally, an options contract gives the buyer of a call the right to buy - or, in the case of a put, the right to sell - 100 shares of the underlying security. Allianz, Münchener Rückversicherung, Porsche and SAP have a contract size of 10 shares.

Minimum Price Movement

Options prices have price intervals of EUR 0.01.

Delivery

Physical delivery of 100, respectively 10, shares of the underlying security.

Delivery Day

Two exchange trading days after the exercise.

Last Trading Day

The third Friday of the expiration month, if that is an exchange trading day; otherwise, on the exchange trading day immediately prior to that Friday.

Daily Settlement Price

The last-paid price of the trading day; or, if the last-paid price is older than 15 minutes or does not reasonably reflect actual market conditions, then Eurex will establish the official settlement price.

Exercise Period

American style, i.e. an option can be exercised up to 20:30 CET on any exchange trading day during the life of the option. Options can be exercised up to 21:00 CET on the last trading day.

Expiration Months

Options are available with terms up to and including:

Group A shares: the three nearest calendar months, as well as the following three months within the cycle March, June, September and December thereafter (i.e. up to a maximum of 12 months).

Group B shares: the three nearest calendar months, as well as the following three months within the cycle March, June, September and December thereafter, and the following two months within the cycle June and December thereafter (i.e. up to a maximum of 24 months).

Group C shares: the three nearest calendar months, as well as the following three months within the cycle March, June, September and December thereafter, the following four months within the cycle June and December thereafter and the following 2 months within the cycle December (i.e. up to a maximum of 60 months).

Exercise Prices

Options series may have the following exercise prices:

Exercise prices in EUR	Exercise price interval in EUR
< 5	0.20
5.5 - 10	0.50
11 - 20	1
22 - 50	2
52.50 - 100[1]	*2.50*
55 -0 200	5
210 and above	20

For each expiration month, there are at least three call and three put series, each with an in-the-money, at-the-money and out-of-the-money strike price. For options contracts with durations from 18 up to 60 months, the exercise price intervals are doubled.

Optionable Stocks

Eurex stock options on German stocks are traded in the following groups according to their expiration months:

Group A 1, 2, 3, 6, 9 and 12 months	Group B 1, 2, 3, 6, 9, 12, 18 and 24 months	Group C 1, 2, 3, 6, 9, 12, 18, 24, 30, 36, 48 and 60 months
Adidas (ADS)	BASF (BAS)	Allianz-Holding (ALV)
BMW (BMW)	Commerzbank (CBK)	Bayer (BAY)
Continental (CON)	E.On (EOA)	Deutsche Bank (DBK)
Degussa (DGX)	Lufthansa (LHA)	Daimler Chrysler (DCX)
Deutsche Börse (DB1)	Münchner Rückversicherung (MUV2)	Deutsche Telekom (DTE)
Deutsche Post (DPW)	Bay. Hypo. Und Vereinsbank (HVM)	Infineon (IFX)
Dresdner Bank (DRB)*	VW (VOW)	SAP (SAP)
EPCOS (EPC)		Siemens (SIE)
Fresenius Medical Care (FME)		
Henkel Vz. (HEN3)		
Karstadt (KAR)		
Linde (LIN)		
MAN (MAN)		
Metro (MEO)		
MLP (MLP)		
Porsche (POR3)		
Preussag (PRS)		
RWE (RWE)		
Schering (SCH)		
Thyssen Krupp (TKA)		

* DEC 02 expiration only

Option Premium

Payable in full in the respective EUR value on the first exchange day after the buy date.

Trading Hours

09:00 until 20:00. CET.

[1] Only for the first and second contract months, and only for at-the-money exercise prices

Contract Specifications for:

Low Exercise Price Options (LEPOs) on **German Shares** *(OSTK*

Underlying German Shares with LEPO contracts

Adidas (ADS)	Bay. Hypo. Und Vereinsbank (HVM)
Allianz-Holding (ALV)	Infineon (IFX)
BASF (BAS)	Karstadt (KAR)
Bayer (BAY)	Lufthansa (LHA)
BMW (BMW)	Linde (LIN)
Commerzbank (CBK)	MAN (MAN)
Continental (CON)	Metro (MEO)
Deutsche Börse (DB1)	MLP (MLP)
Deutsche Bank (DBK)	Münchner Rückversicherung (MUV2)
Daimler Chrysler (DCX)	Porsche (POR3)
Degussa (DGX)	Preussag (PRS)
Deutsche Post (DPW)	RWE (RWE)
Dresdner Bank (DRB)*	SAP (SAP)
Deutsche Telekom (DTE)	Schering (SCH)
E.On (EOA)	Siemens (SIE)
EPCOS (EPC)	Thyssen Krupp (TKA)
Fresenius Medical Care (FME)	VW (VOW)
Henkel Vz. (HEN3)	

* December 02 Expiration only

Contract Size

Generally, an options contract gives the buyer of a call the right to buy - or, in the case of a put, the right to sell - 100 shares of the underlying security. Allianz, Münchener Rückversicherung, Porsche and SAP have a contract size of 10 shares.

Minimum Price Movement

Options prices have price intervals of EUR 0.01.

Delivery

Physical delivery of 100, respectively 10, shares of the underlying security.

Delivery Day

Two exchange trading days after the exercise.

Last Trading Day

The third Friday of the expiration month, if that is an exchange trading day; otherwise, on the exchange trading day immediately prior to that Friday.

Daily Settlement Price

EUR 1.00 below the last-paid price of the underlying security on any given trading day.

Exercise Period

American style, i.e. an option can be exercised up to 20:30 CET on any exchange trading day during the life of the option. Options can be exercised up to 21:00 CET on the last trading day.

Expiration Months

The two nearest months within the cycle March, June, September, December

Exercise Prices

All LEPO contracts have an exercise price of EUR 1.00

Option Premium

Payable in full in the respective EUR value on the first exchange day after the buy date.

Trading Hours

09:00 until 20:00. CET.

Contract Specifications for:
Stock Options on Swiss Shares (OSTK)

Contract Size

Generally, an options contract gives the buyer of a call the right to buy - or, in the case of a put, the right to sell - 100 shares of the underlying security, except for options on the shares below.

Options on Ciba Spezialitätenchemie, Givaudan, Holcim, Julius Bär, Nestlé, Rentenanstalt/Swiss Life, Schweizer Rückversicherung, Serono, Sulzer, Swisscom, Syngenta, Unaxis and Zurich Financial Services have a contract size of 10 shares.

Minimum Price Movement

The minimum price change for options is CHF 0.01 except for those below:

Options on Givaudan, Holcim, Julius Bär, Rentenanstalt/Swiss Life, Serono, Syngenta, Unaxis and Zurich Financial Services have minimum price changes as follows:

Option price in CHF	Minimum Price Change in CHF
0.10 - 9.90	0.10
10.00 - 19.80	0.20
20.00 - 299.50	0.50
300.00 and above	1.00

Settlement

Physical delivery of 100 shares or 10 shares, respectively, of the underlying instrument.

Settlement Day

Three exchange trading days after exercise.

Last Trading Day

The third Friday of each contract month, if this is an exchange trading day; otherwise, the exchange trading day immediately preceding that Friday.

Daily Settlement Price

The last traded price of the trading day; or, if the last traded price is older than 15 minutes or does not reasonably reflect the prevailing market conditions, Eurex will establish the official settlement price.

Exercise Period

American style, i.e. an option can be exercised until 6:30 p.m. CET on any exchange trading day during the lifetime of the option.

Expiration Months

Options are available with terms up to and including:

Group A shares: the three nearest calendar months, as well as the three following months within the March, June, September and December cycle thereafter (i.e. up to a maximum lifetime of 12 months).

Group B shares: the three nearest calendar months, as well as the three following months within the March, June, September and December cycle thereafter, and the two following months of the June and December cycle thereafter (i.e. up to a maximum lifetime of 24 months).

Exercise Prices

Options series may have the following exercise prices:

Exercise Prices in CHF	Exercise Price Intervals in CHF
0 - 5	0.20
5.50 - 10	0.50
11 - 20	1
22 - 50	2
*52.50 - 100**	*2.50*
55 - 200	5
*210 - 400**	*10*
220 - 400	20
*425 - 1.000**	*25*
450 - 1.000	50
*1.050 - 2.000**	*50*
1.100 - 2.000	100
*2.100 - 5.000**	*100*
2.200 - 5.000	200
*above 5.000**	*200*
above 5.000	400

*only for at-the-money options for the nearest 6 calendar months

For each expiration month, there are at least three call and three put series, providing an in-the-money, at-the-money and out-of-the-money exercise price.

Underlying Instruments

Eurex equity options on Swiss shares are traded in the following groups according to their expiration months:

Group A 1, 2, 3, 6, 9 and 12 months	Group B 1, 2, 3, 6, 9, 12, 18 and 24 months	Group C 1, 2, 3, 6, 9, 12, 18, 24, 30, 36, 48 and 60 months
Adecco N (ADEN)	ABB N (ABB2)	None
Givaudan (GIVN)	Ciba Spezialitätenchemie Holding N (CIBN)	
Holcim (HOL)	Clariant N (CLN)	
Julius Bär (BAER)	Credit Suisse Group N (CSGN)	
Kudelski (KUD)	Lonza Group (LONN)	
Rentenanstalt/Swiss Life N (RAN)	Nestlé N (NESN)	
Richemont (CFR)	Novartis N (NOVN)	
Serono (SEO)	Roche Holding GS (ROG)	
Sulzer N (SUN)	Schweizer Rückversicherung N (RUKN)	
Syngenta (SYNN)	Swisscom (SCMN)	
The Swatch Group N (UHRN)	UBS (UBSN)	
Unaxis (UNAX)	Zurich Financial Services N (ZURN)	

Option Premium

Payable in full on the exchange trading day immediately following the buy date.

Trading Hours

9:00 a.m. until 5:20 p.m. CET.

Contract Specifications for:
Low Exercise Price Options (LEPOs) on **Swiss Shares** *(OSTK)*

Underlying Swiss Shares with LEPO contracts

ABB N (ABB2)	Rentenanstalt/Swiss Life N (RAN)
Adecco N (ADEN)	Richemont (CFR)
Ciba Spezialitätenchemie Holding N (CIBN)	Roche Holding (ROG)
Clariant N (CLN)	Schweizer Rückversicherung N (RUKN)
Credit Suisse Group N (CSGN)	Serono (SEO)
Givaudan (GIVN)	Sulzer N (SUN)
Holcim (HOL)	Swisscom (SCMN)
Julius Bär (BAER)	Syngenta (SYNN)
Kudelski (KUD)	The Swatch Group N (UHRN)
Lonza Group AG (LONN)	UBS AG N (UBSN)
Nestle N (NESN)	Unaxis (UNAX)
Novartis N (NOVN)	Zurich Financial Services (ZURN)

Contract Size

Each contract is generally based on 100 shares of the underlying instrument, except for options on the shares below:

Options on Ciba Spezialitätenchemie, Givaudan, Holcim, Julius Bär, Nestlé, Rentenanstalt/Swiss Life, Schweizer Rückversicherung, Serono, Sulzer, Swisscom, Syngenta, Unaxis and Zurich Financial Services have a contract size of 10 shares.

Minimum Price Movement

The minimum price change for options is CHF 0.01 except for those below:

Options on, Givaudan, Holcim, Julius Bär, Rentenanstalt/Swiss Life, Serono, Swisscom, Syngenta, Unaxis and Zurich Financial Services have minimum price changes as follows:

Option price	Minimum Price Change
CHF 0.10 to CHF 9.90	CHF 0.10
CHF 10.00 to CHF 19.80	CHF 0.20
CHF 20.00 to CHF 299.50	CHF 0.50
CHF 300.00 and above	CHF 1.00

Delivery

Physical delivery of 100 shares or 10 shares, respectively, of the underlying instrument.

Delivery Day

Three exchange trading days after exercise.

Last Trading Day

The third Friday of each contract month, if this is an exchange trading day; otherwise, the exchange trading day immediately preceding that Friday.

Daily Settlement Price

CHF 1 below the last-paid price of the underlying security on any given trading day.

Exercise Period

American style, i.e. an option can be exercised until 7:00 p.m. CET on any exchange trading day during the lifetime of the option.

Expiration Months

The two nearest months within the cycle March, June, September, December

Exercise Prices

All LEPO contracts have an exercise price of CHF 1.

Option Premium

Payable in full on the exchange trading day immediately following the buy date.

Trading Hours

9:00 a.m. until 5:20 p.m. CET.

Contract Specifications for:
Stock Options on Finnish Shares (OSTK)

Contract Size

An options contract gives the buyer of a call the right to buy - or, in the case of a put, the right to sell - 100 shares of the underlying security.

Minimum Price Movement

Options prices have price intervals of EUR 0.01.

Delivery

Physical delivery of 100 shares of the underlying security.

Delivery Day

Four exchange trading days after the exercise (t + 4).

Last Trading Day

The third Friday of the expiration month, if that is an exchange trading day; otherwise, on the exchange trading day immediately prior to that Friday.

Daily Settlement Price

The last-paid price of the trading day; or, if the last-paid price is older than 15 minutes or does not reasonably reflect actual market conditions, then Eurex will establish the official settlement price.

Exercise Period

American style, i.e. an option can be exercised up to 8:30 p.m. CET on any exchange trading day during the life of the option. Options can be exercised up to 21:00 CET on the last trading day.

Expiration Months

Group A shares: the three nearest calendar months, as well as the following three months within the cycle March, June, September and December thereafter (i.e. up to a maximum of 12 months).

Group B shares: the three nearest calendar months, as well as the following three months within the cycle March, June, September and December thereafter, and the following two months within the cycle June and December thereafter (i.e. up to a maximum of 24 months).

Group C shares: the three nearest calendar months, as well as the following three months within the cycle March, June, September and December thereafter, the following four months within the cycle June and December thereafter and the following 2 months within the cycle December (i.e. up to a maximum of 60 months).

Exercise Prices

Options series may have the following exercise prices:

Exercise prices in EUR	Exercise price interval in EUR
< 5	0.2
5.50 - 10	0.5
11 - 20	1
22 - 50	2
*52.50 - 100**	*2.50*
55 - 100	5
110 - 200	10
220 - 500	20
*525 - 1000**	*25*
550 - 2000	50
2100 and above	100

* only for the first and second expiration date in the at-the-money area

For each expiration month, there are at least three call and three put series, each with an in-the-money; at-the-money and out-of-the-money strike price. For options contracts with 18-up - 60-month duration, the exercise price intervals are doubled.

Optionable Stocks

Finnish Equity Options are traded in the following groups according to their expiration months:

Group A 1, 2, 3, 6, 9 and 12 months	Group B 1, 2, 3, 6, 9, 12, 18 and 24 months	Group C 1, 2, 3, 6, 9, 12, 18, 24, 30, 36, 48 and 60 months
Elisa Communications (EIA)	None	Nokia Corporation A (NOA3)
StoraEnso Oyj R (ENUR)		
UPM-Kymmene Corporation (RPL)		
Sonera Corporation (SOY)		
TietoEnator Corporation (TTEB)		

Option Premium

Payable in full on the exchange trading day immediately following the buy date.

Trading hours

9:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. CET.

Contract Specifications for
Low Exercise Price Options (LEPOs) on **Finnish Shares** (OSTK)

Stocks with LEPO contracts

Elisa Communications (EIA)
StoraEnso Oyj R (ENUR)
Nokia Corporation (NOA3)
UPM-Kymmene Corporation (RPL)
Sonera Corporation (SOY)
TietoEnator Corporation (TTEB)

Contract Size

Each contract covers 100 shares of the underlying stock.

Minimum Price Movement

A LEPO has a price gradation of EUR 0.01.

Delivery

Physical delivery of 100 shares of the underlying security.

Delivery Day

Four exchange trading days after the exercise (t + 4).

Last Trading Day

The third Friday of the expiration month, if that is an exchange trading day; otherwise, on the exchange trading day immediately prior to that Friday.

Daily Settlement Price

EUR 1 below the last-paid price of the underlying security on a given trading day.

Exercise Period

American style, i.e. an option can be exercised up to 8:30 p.m. CET on any exchange trading day during the life of the option.

Expiration Months

The two nearest months within the cycle March, June, September, December.

Exercise Price

All LEPO contracts have an exercise price of EUR 1.

Option Premium

Payable in full on the exchange trading day immediately following the buy date.

Trading Hours

9:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. CET.