

## **BY ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION**

Submission No. 22-252 December 14, 2022

Mr. Christopher J. Kirkpatrick Secretary of the Commission Office of the Secretariat Commodity Futures Trading Commission Three Lafayette Centre 1155 21st Street, NW Washington, DC 20581

Re: Amendments to MSCI Exchange Member Program - Submission Pursuant to Section 5c(c)(1) of the Act and Regulation 40.6

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Pursuant to Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC") Regulation 40.6(a), ICE Futures U.S., Inc. ("IFUS" or "Exchange") hereby submits by written certification, the amendments to the MSCI Exchange Member Program ("Program") set forth in Exhibit A.

The Program currently offers market participants that are members or member firms of IFUS or another qualifying exchange the ability to earn discounted Exchange and Clearing fees on their proprietary trading of MSCI Index Futures and options. Program participants who execute at least 30,000 lots of MICRO NYSE FANG+ Index Futures during a calendar month will earn a discount on Exchange and clearing fees based on the volume of MSCI Index futures contracts they traded during that calendar month. Participants which fail to meet the minimum volume requirement for MICRO NYSE FANG+<sup>TM</sup> futures in a month, will not be eligible for Program discounts for the rest of a calendar quarter. The Program is structured in tiers which offer participants progressive discounts based on their monthly volume. Both screen and non-screen (off-Exchange) volume are included in determining a participant's monthly volume in the Program and both are eligible for any discounted Exchange and Clearing fee earned.

The amendments to the Program: (i) limit Program rebates, which were previously available for all MSCI Index futures volume, to MSCI EM Index futures (MME) and MSCI EAFE Index futures: and (ii) eliminate T2 rebates, which were available to participants that met associated contract trading requirements.

The Exchange certifies that the amended Program complies with the requirements of the Commodity Exchange Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder. In particular, the Program complies with Core Principle 4 (Monitoring of Trading), Core Principle 9 (Execution of Transactions) and Core Principle 12 (Protection of Market Participants). The Program does not impact order execution

priority or otherwise give participants any execution preference or advantage. In addition, the Exchange's Market Regulation Department actively monitors for trading abuses using electronic exception reports and will take appropriate action against any participants engaging in market abuses.

The Exchange is not aware of any opposing views with regard to the new Program, which will become effective on January 1, 2023, and further certifies that, concurrent with this filing, a redacted copy of this submission was posted on the Exchange's website at (<a href="https://www.theice.com/futures-us/regulation#rule-filings">https://www.theice.com/futures-us/regulation#rule-filings</a>).

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact me at 212-748-4021 or at jason.fusco@theice.com.

Sincerely,

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#### **EXHIBIT A**

# ICE Futures U.S.\*, Inc. MSCI Contract Exchange Member Fee Program

The program offers entities that are members of a number of qualifying derivatives exchanges and that execute proprietary trades in MSCI Futures and NYSE FANG+<sup>TM</sup> Index Futures to earn a discounted Exchange and Clearing fee for their program volume in MSCI contracts MSCI EM Index futures (MME) and MSCI EAFE Index futures (MFS) each month. Note that investment banks and their affiliates are not eligible for this program.

Participants are required to trade a minimum of at least 30,000 screen-traded sides of NYSE MICRO FANG+<sup>TM</sup> futures per month to qualify for rebates. If a participant misses a month, they will not be eligible for MSCI rebates for the rest of that quarter. For example, if a participant trades 30,000 MICRO FANG+ in July but only 2,000 MICRO FANG+ in August, they will not be eligible for September MSCI rebates. The cycle will begin again for the next quarter with the October contract.

For participants who meet that NYSE FANG+ volume threshold, the amount of the discounted Exchange and Clearing Fee for MSCI <u>EM Index futures (MME) and MSCI EAFE Index futures (MFS)</u> contracts earned in a calendar month is based on the participant's MSCI total contract volume in the month, as shown below:

Sides	\$ per	
Traded	side	<u>-</u>

	Lower	Upper	Fees <del>T1</del>	Fees <del>T1</del>	Fees T2	Fees T2
	Tier	Tier	Screen	Block/EFPs	<del>Screen</del>	Block/EFPs
1	0	25,000	1.20	1.75	<del>1.20</del>	<del>1.75</del>
2	25,001	75,000	0.71	1.05	0.66	0.98
3	75,001	125,000	0.65	0.96	0.60	0.89
4	125,001	250,000	0.60	0.88	0.54	0.79
5	250,001	500,000	0.55	0.79	0.48	<del>0.69</del>
6	500,001	750,000	0.49	0.70	<del>0.42</del>	0.60
7	750,001	1,000,000	0.44	0.61	0.36	0.50
8	1,000,001	+	0.38	0.53	0.30	0.42

<sup>•</sup>T2 fees are achieved if the participant meets for a given month the following volume requirements for the designated "Associated Contracts":

#### **Associated Contracts:**

MSCI EM Asia NTR (ASN)
MSCI World NTR (MWS)
MSCI EM NTR (MMN)
MSCI India (NTR) Index (MIN )

#### MSCI USA (GTR) Index (USS)

### **Volume requirement (monthly basis):**

Non-Roll months - 250 lots

Roll Months (i.e., March, June, September and December) - 1,000 lots

Participant Name \_\_\_\_\_

Volume can be done in one contract or split between all four of the associated contracts

All volume in the associated contracts is cumulative and can be done over the course of the month to achieve T2 fees

In calculating the monthly rebate amount for a Participant, the fee rate shown above for each Tier will be applied to all volume within that Tier. So, for example a Participant that trades 30,000 sides of program volume in calendar month will receive the Tier 1 rates for Screen and Non-Screen volume for the first 25,000 sides and will receive the Tier 2 discounted rates for Screen and Non-Screen trades for the next 5,000 sides.

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Only transactions in MSCI contracts executed by the participant in its proprietary account(s) are eligible for discounted fees in this program; block trades and EFP transactions in these contracts are eligible for discounted fees. The difference between the discounted rate earned by the participant in this Program and the standard customer fees for the contracts will be rebated to the Program participating firm through the participating firm's clearing member.

The Exchange Member Fee Program continues through trade date December 31, 2023 or until further notice, but in no case for a period to exceed three years. ICE Futures U.S. reserves the right to remove any participant from the Program at its discretion, and to terminate or amend the program terms at any time.

As a qualified representative of the Exchange member applying to participate in the Program, I hereby certify that the information provided above is true and correct. I hereby acknowledge and understand that ICE Futures U.S., including but not limited to the Market Regulation Department, will be reviewing trading in the proprietary account(s) listed above to determine whether the participant continues to meet the requirements of the Program and whether the participant should continue or be renewed as a participant in the Program. I authorize ICE Futures U.S. to contact the clearing member of the participant from time to time to confirm its continued eligibility for the program and authorize its clearing member to release all trading information related to the proprietary account(s) listed above to ICE Futures U.S.

Signature:		Date:
Printed Name:		
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Please call Ted Doukas (312.836.6712) or Laura Brandeis (212.323.8874) with questions about the program. The application should be returned to <a href="ted.doukas@theice.com">ted.doukas@theice.com</a> or <a href="ted.doukas@theice.com">laura.brandeis@theice.com</a>.