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Eurex: New record month with 229 million contracts

Trading volume increased by 47 percent compared with September 2007 /
Average daily volume of 10.4 million - double digit million for the first time

The international derivatives exchange Eurex reached a new record month in September with 229.4 million contracts (excluding ISE volume). The previous record month was January 2008 with 207 million contracts. The strong growth of 47 percent y-o-y (Sep 2007: 156 million contracts) is partly attributable to the increased use of exchange-traded derivatives during the recent market crisis. The average daily volume in September was 10.4 million, for the first time above 10 million contracts per day. On a year to date basis, Eurex volumes rose by 15 percent achieving 1.68 billion contracts (Jan – Sep 2007: 1.46 billion contracts).

The equity index derivatives segment – the strongest in terms of volumes – reached over 100 million contracts in a single month for the first time. It grew by 75 percent (y-o-y) to 122.3 million contracts. A key growth driver was the Dow Jones Euro STOXX 50® Index Future with around 56.6 million contracts (new record); the options volume also achieved its best monthly result with 44.8 million contracts.

The equity derivatives segment (equity options and single stock futures) totaled 34.5 million contracts (September 2007: 24.1 million). 30.6 million equity options contracts were traded, and single stock futures traded another 3.9 million contracts.

Interest rate derivatives achieved 72.6 million contracts (September 2007: 61.8 million contracts). Approximately 27 million contracts were traded on the Euro Bund Future, 17.1 million contracts on the Euro Bobl Future; and the Euro Schatz Future recorded its second-best monthly result with 20 million contracts.

At the International Securities Exchange (ISE), which has been part of Eurex since December 2007, US options reached an average daily trading volume of 4.8 million contracts (September 2007: 3.0 million). In total, 101.5 million contracts were traded in September 2008. On a year-to-date basis, average daily trading volume of all options increased 36 percent to 4.1 million contracts.

Eurex Repo, which operates CHF and EUR repo markets, set new record volumes in all three segments in September. The secured money market segment, Euro GC Pooling, increased outstanding volumes to €47.2 billion, daily outstanding volume peaked at a new record level of €55.6 billion. The EUR repo market grew by 60 percent and set a record of average outstanding volume of €75.7 billion in September (Sep 2007: €47.2 billion). The CHF repo market grew to the record value of €66.4 billion.

The electronic trading platform Eurex Bonds, which rounds out Eurex's fixed-income product range, traded volumes of €10.2 billion (single counting) in September; in September 2007 it was €11.3 billion. In August 2008 volumes were €6.3 billion.

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Eurex Trading Volumes (in contracts traded)

Year/Month	Total	Interest Rate Derivatives	Equity Index Derivatives	Equity Derivatives
1998	248,222,487	141,793,628	45,455,822	60,958,770
1999	379,148,639	248,734,510	65,608,952	64,805,177
2000	454,071,506	289,039,427	75,794,263	89,237,816
2001	674,157,863	409,625,922	131,988,426	132,543,515
2002	801,200,873	447,128,870	210,705,224	143,304,584
2003	1,014,932,312	562,199,527	264,234,616	188,239,823
2004	1,064,947,500	574,097,020	279,182,870	211,503,739
2005	1,248,748,152	658,862,128	333,833,451	255,996,595
2006	1,526,751,902	731,215,924	487,367,500	308,132,141
2007	1,899,861,926	771,728,288	753,577,216	374,507,636
September 2007	155,934,251	61,811,878	69,984,875	24,135,196
September 2008	229,387,723	72,617,854	122,264,020	34,475,096
Jan – Sep 2007	1,464,059,518	603,521,936	566,934,145	293,561,575
Jan – Sep 2008	1,681,188,374	540,286,439	742,660,224	397,822,660

ISE Trading Volumes (in US option contracts traded)

Year/Month	Total
2007	804,359,123
September 2007	57,431,454
September 2008	101,533,047
Jan – September 2007	567,075,413
Jan – September 2008	781,910,930