

INTERIM FLASH REPORT

NEW RMB CURRENCY FUTURES TO DEBUT

ON 30 MAY 2016

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HIGHLIGHTS

Following the RMB exchange rate reform towards a managed float regime with reference to a basket of currencies, HKEX has received regulatory approval to introduced new cash-settled RMB currency futures on 30 May 2016.

- Cash-settled Euro-RMB, Japanese yen-RMB and Australian dollar-RMB futures
- US dollar-denominated cash-settled RMB-US dollar futures to complement the existing physically-delivered US dollar-RMB futures

RMB FX's RISK/RETURN/CORRELATION SPACE



KEY BENEFITS OF NEW RMB CURRENCY FUTURES

- Hedging and risk management opportunities
- · Capital efficiency of exchange-traded futures
- Block trade facility offers OTC flexibility with minimal counterparty risk
- Dedicated liquidity providers to provide competitive bid-ask spreads
- Same Asian time zone for liquidity aggregation

KEY DRIVING FACTORS OF RMB CURRENCY PAIRS

USD/CNH mostly driven by relative interest rates



EUR/CNH mostly driven by risk reversals



AUD/CNH mostly driven by commodity price movements



JPY/CNH mostly driven by relative terms of trade between China and Japan



Performance						
	Current Month	Prior Month	Chg	Prior 3 Month	YTD	Correlation w/h USD/CNH
USD/CNH	-1.0%	-0.4%	↓	0.0%	0.2%	1.00
EUR/CNH	0.5%	-1.0%	1	-3.7%	-2.9%	0.33
AUD/CNH	3.4%	0.3%	1	-1.8%	0.5%	0.06
JPY/CNH	1.6%	-6.1%	1	-3.1%	-10.0%	0.42

Volatility						
	Implied	Prior Month	Chg	Historical	Prior Month	Chg
USD/CNH	6.1%	5.9%	1	4.4%	4.8%	
EUR/CNH	10.4%	11.1%	I	8.2%	9.8%	I.
AUD/CNH	11.9%	12.7%	Į.	11.7%	11.2%	1
JPY/CNH	12.1%	12.8%	1	12.2%	11.0%	Ť



Sources: Bloomberg (16 May 2016)

VOLATILITY DYNAMICS

All the RMB currency pairs' volatilities decrease recently except for the JPY/CNH.







COMPARISON BETWEEN USD/CNH FUTURES AND CNH/USD FUTURES

Product	USD/CNH Currency Futures	CNH/USD Currency Futures	
Quotation	RMB per 1 USD (e.g. RMB 6.6233 per USD)	USD per 10 RMB (e.g. USD 1.2888 per 10 RMB)	
Trading and Margin Currency	RMB	USD	
Contract size USD 100,000		RMB 300,000	
Settlement Method	Physically settled (USD vs RMB)	Cash-settled in USD	
Last Trading Day (LTD) Final Settlement Day (FSD)	LTD: Usually 3 rd Monday FSD: Usually 3 rd Wednesday	LTD: Usually 3 rd Monday FSD: Usually 3 rd Tuesday	

KEY CONTRACT SPECS	EUR/CNH Futures	JPY/CNH Futures	AUD/CNH Futures	CNH/USD Futures	
Contract Size	EUR50K	JPY6,000K	AUD80K	RMB300K	
Price Quotation	RMB per EUR (e.g. 6.8028)	RMB per 100 JPY (e.g. 5.5923)	RMB per AUD (e.g. 4.6942)	USD per 10 RMB (e.g. 1.5288)	
Tick Value	RMB5	RMB6	RMB8	USD3	
Settlement Methodology	Cash settled in RMB	Cash settled in USD			
Contract Months	4 contract months (Spo	8 contract months (Spot, next 3 months and next 4 quarter months)			
Reference Benchmark	A cross rate calculated 11:00am and TMA ² CN	TMA Fixing			
Minimum Fluctuation	RMB 0.0001 (4 decima	USD 0.0001			
Trading Hours	9:00am to 4:15pm (T session) and 5:00pm to 11:45pm (T+1 session)				
Last Trading Day	Two business days prior to the 3rd Wednesday of the contract month				

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INFORMATION VENDOR ACCESS CODES FOR NEW RMB CURRENCY FUTURES

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A. Hong Kong and International Information Vendors

Information Vendor	EUR/CNH Futures	JPY/CNH Futures	AUD/CNH Futures	CNH/USD Futures	
AAStocks	221450	221455	221460	221465	
Activ Financial	CEU/16M.HF	CJP/16M.HF	CAU/16M.HF	UCN/16M.HF	
AFE Solution	870814	870815	870816	870817	
Bloomberg	CUEA Curncy	JPCA Curncy	CUAA Curncy	UNCA Curncy	
CQG	CNE	CJP	CAU	UCN	
DBPower	CEU	CJP	CAU	UCN	
ETNet	[HV/IQ] Futures -> Index Futures Screen				
Fidessa	CEU_Fmy.HF	CJP_Fmy.HF	CAU_Fmy.HF	UCN_Fmy.HF	
Infocast	CEU	CJP	CAU	UCN	
Interactive Data	F[n]:CEU\MYYDD	F[n]:CJP\MYYDD	F[n]:CAU\MYYDD	F[n]:UCN\MYYDD	
Market Prizm	CEUmy	CJPmy	CAUmy	UCNmy	
QPI	P11022	P11024	P11026	P11028	
SIX Financial	CEUmy	CJPmy	CAUmy	UCNmy	
Telequote	CEUmy	CJPmy	CAUmy	UCNmy	
Tele-Trend	CEFC, CEmyy	CJFC, CJmyy	CAFC, CAmyy	CUFC, CUmyy	
Thomson Reuters	0#HCEU:	0#HCJP:	0#HCAU:	0#HUCN:	

B. Mainland China Information Vendors

Information Vendor	EUR/CNH Futures	JPY/CNH Futures	AUD/CNH Futures	CNH/USD Futures
AASTOCKS.com / Shanghai DZH	CEU	CJP	CAU	UCN
East Money Information	CEU	CJP	CAU	UCN
Hexin Flush Financial	CEUc	CJPc	CAUc	UCNc
Pobo Financial	CEU+Month	CJP+Month	CAU+Month	UCN+Month
Information	Code+Year Code	Code+Year Code	Code+Year Code	Code+Year Code
Shanghai Qianlong Advanced Technology	229	229	229	229
Shanghai Wind Information	CEUF+yymm+HK	CJPF+yymm+HK	CAUF+yymm+HK	UCNF+yymm+HK



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