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Announcement on Launch of APEX Gold Perpetual Futures Contract

Asia Pacific Exchange Pte. Ltd. and Asia Pacific Clear Pte. Ltd. would like to announce that the APEX Gold Perpetual Futures Contract (“AUP”) will be listed for trading from 6 August 2021 07:00hr onwards. Please refer to following URL for the full details of the contract specifications:

https://www.asiapacificex.com/?p=gold_futures

This Circular sets out the operational details related to the trading of AUP, including the listing day and trading hours, trading calendar and non-standard trading hours, rollover fees, block trades, margin rates, reportable threshold and applicable fees.

(1) LISTING DAY AND TRADING HOURS

On the first day of trading of AUP, the Pre-opening Session will be from 06:55hr to 06:59hr, the Opening Match Session will be from 06:59hr to 07:00hr, with the Day Session beginning at 07:00hr. The trading hours thereafter will be as stipulated in the contract specifications.

(2) TRADING CALENDAR AND NON-STANDARD TRADING HOURS

The following non-London Bullion Market Association (“LBMA”) Gold AM Publication Days¹ in 2021 will be Non-Trading Days for AUP.

Table 1: Non-Trading Days for AUP

Holiday	2021
Summer Bank Holiday	Monday 30 August
Christmas Day	Monday 27 December
Boxing Day	Tuesday 28 December

The trading hours for AUP on any standard Trading Day are as specified in the contract specifications.

There will be no T+1 Session for AUP on the non-LBMA Gold AM Publication Day or the previous Trading Day of a non-LBMA Gold AM Publication Day (as listed in Table 1). The non-

¹ LBMA Gold Price AM Publication Day means a 24-hour day, on all days except Saturdays, Sundays and days which have been established by ICE Benchmark Association (“IBA”) to be a non-publishing day, such days to be determined by IBA from time to time and as published on IBA’s website.

standard trading hours for AUP prior to and after a non-LBMA Gold AM Publication Day will be as follows:

Table 2: Non-standard Trading Hours for AUP

Date	Trading Hours for AUP
Last Trading Day before the non-LBMA Gold AM Publication Day	<u>T Session:</u> 06:55hr - 06:59hr (Pre-opening Session) 06:59hr - 07:00hr (Opening Match Session) 07:00hr - 18:00hr (Day Session) <u>There will be no T+1 Session.</u>
Non-LBMA Gold AM Publication Day	<u>No Trading</u>
First Trading Day after the non-LBMA Gold AM Publication Day	<u>T Session:</u> 06:55hr - 06:59hr (Pre-opening Session) 06:59hr - 07:00hr (Opening Match Session) 07:00hr - 18:00hr (Day Session) <u>T+1 Session:</u> 20:25hr - 20:29hr (Pre-opening Session) 20:29hr - 20:30hr (Opening Match Session) 20:30hr - 05:00hr (Night Session)

(3) ROLLOVER FEES

Rollover Fees will be applied to all open positions at the end of the T Session. The Rollover Fees will be calculated and collected during the end-of-day clearing cycle at the end of each Trading Day.

The formula is as follows:

$$\text{Rollover Fee} = \frac{\text{No. of Open Position Contracts} \times \text{Contract Size} \times \text{DSP} \times \text{Rollover Rate}}{\text{Total Number of Days in a Year}}$$

where:

DSP = Daily Settlement Price

Total Number of Days in a Year = 365

The Rollover Rate files can be downloaded at

[https://www.asiapacificex.com/?p=roll over rate download.](https://www.asiapacificex.com/?p=roll_over_rate_download)

(4) BLOCK TRADES

Members and Inter-Dealer Brokers who intend to execute and report block trades for AUP must apply to the Exchange for access to the APEX Block Trade Facility (“BTF”).

Block trades must be reported to the Exchange through the BTF.

The reporting of block trades for AUP may only take place during the following Block Trade timings:

Session	Screen Trade Timing	Block Trade Timing
Night Session / 1st Session (T+1)	20:30hr – 05:00hr (T+1)	20:30hr – 05:00hr (T+1)
Day Session / 2nd Session	07:00hr – 18:00hr	07:00hr – 18:30hr

Reporting Time Requirement

All block trades must be reported to the Exchange within 15 minutes after the conclusion of the trade negotiation, and accepted/confirmed within 30 minutes after successful reporting through the BTF.

Minimum Volume Threshold

The Minimum Volume Threshold (“MVT”) in respect of each contract shall be determined by the Exchange and published from time to time. The MVT for block trade of AUP at launch is 30 lots.

Price Limit

The price negotiated for a block trade must be consistent with the price limit imposed for the particular contract. The price limit of $\pm 10\%$ on a previous Trading Day’s DSP will be imposed on AUP.

(5) MARGIN RATES

Pursuant to Clearing Rule 406 and Clearing Procedures 5, the Exchange and its Clearing House have set the following SPAN® Margin Parameters with effect from 6 August 2021.

Price Scanning Ranges (Outright Margin Rates)

Product Name	Product Code	Combined Commodity Code	Margin Rate
APEX Gold Perpetual Futures Contract	AUP	AUP	USD 200

The above information can be found on APEX’s website at https://www.asiapacificex.com/?p=operation_info and the SPAN risk parameter files can be downloaded at https://www.asiapacificex.com/?p=span_download.

(6) REPORTABLE THRESHOLD

The reportable threshold for AUP is as follows:

Product	Reportable Threshold
APEX Gold Perpetual Futures Contract	500 lots on either side of the market

Who Must Report

Members are required to submit to the Exchange a report of all Open Positions held by a person and/or in a position account of reportable status.

Reportable Status

An Open Position is of reportable status if the Open Positions at the end of any Trading Day is at or above the Reportable Threshold as prescribed by the Exchange.

Required Information

The report must include the (i) Open Positions, (ii) identity of the beneficial owner(s) of the Open Positions, and (iii) the trading strategies of the relevant position account. Items (i) and (ii) must be submitted to the Exchange on the Trading Day following the trade date that such Open Positions in question becomes reportable. Item (iii) must be submitted within three Business Days from the first day that such Open Position in question becomes reportable. The Large Position Report must be submitted before 10:00hr of next Trading Day.

Report Format

Position information for all Open Positions of reportable status must be submitted in electronic format (as shown in Appendix 1) to the Exchange via the Exchange's FTP server (for Clearing Members only) or emailed to the Exchange's Operations department at operations@asiapacificex.com.

(7) APPLICABLE FEES

The applicable fees for AUP are as follows:

1. Screen Trade Fees

Fee Type	Fee (USD)
Trading Fee	0.15/lot
Clearing Fee	0.05/lot

2. Block Trade Fees

Fee Type	Fee (USD)
Trading Fee	No Charge
Clearing Fee	0.20/lot

3. Post-Trade Fees*

Fee Type	Fee (USD)
Give-up/Take up Fee	0.05/lot
Position Re-opening Fee	0.10/lot
Position Transfer Fee	0.15/lot

**Post-Trade Fees will be waived until further notice.*

Please ensure that the appropriate members of staff within your organisation and customers are advised of the contents of the circular.

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APPENDIX 1

Large Positions Report

(Email to operations@asiapacificex.com)

Member ID		Trade Date*							
S/N	Position Acc ID	Business Unit	Identity of Beneficial Owner	ID Type	Identity Number	Contract	Long	Short	Trading Strategy**
1	A3001_CO_3101	ABC123	Ken	NRIC	S8888888	AUP	25	400	Hedging /Arbitrage/ Speculation
2	A3001_CO_3101	DEF123	DEF Company	ACRA Bizfile	1234567	AUP	550	5	Hedging
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Note:

* Trades in T+1 session (Night Session) should be included in next day reporting.

**Clearing House may request for supporting documents.

The details of Trading Strategies shall be reported within 3 Business Days from the first day a person/position account becomes reportable.

The rest of the information shall be reported on the Trading Day following the trade date it becomes reportable.