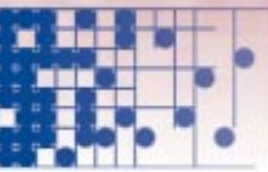




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*Real-time, electronic,
futures clearing &
execution services*



As market competition increases, flexible derivative contracts are a vital risk management component of any comprehensive portfolio strategy. To respond to the increasingly sophisticated financial markets, investors require quick and efficient execution on global exchanges combined with back-office systems in a secure, risk-controlled environment.



Futures ConnectSM is delivered through Global Link – a worldwide network that **streamlines investment processes** at all stages of the investment cycle: research, analytics, portfolio optimisation, trade order management, execution, confirmation and settlement.

Futures Connect offers execution, clearing and research services that can be linked or mutually exclusive. It fully embraces straight-through processing from trade execution to back-office reconciliation. The product suite provides investors with the tools needed to make investment decisions in a highly competitive and volatile financial environment.

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Features

Execution:

Order entry and routing through a single interface

Automated creation of electronic tickets

Multiple exchange connection through a single screen

Execution of outright, spreads and strategies

Tracking and risk monitoring

Average pricing and fund allocation

Uses FIX engine for external connectivity

Clearing:

Electronic approval of daily cash movements

Intra-day trade checking and confirming

Daily reports and statements

Provision of data downloads for host system integration

Easy access to market data for efficient account monitoring

Flexible account structures

Interactive and personalised web interface

Immediate, secure access to account information

efficient **secure** *reconciliation* *global*

Benefits

Access to global electronic futures markets

Cost efficiencies

Experienced futures providers

Strength of futures clearer

Improved ability to manage risk

Ability to easily integrate futures trading into an overall global investment portfolio strategy

Execution and back-office operability for aggregating pricing and account allocation

Execution

The Futures Connect platform offers fast, anonymous trading within a secure, risk-controlled environment. Users can set limits on accounts, contracts, order size and overall positions, thereby incorporating risk management into the electronic order routing process.

Futures Connect provides global access to futures and options electronic and open outcry markets. The system provides a quick and efficient order book management system capability, automatic creation of electronic tickets and pre/post trade allocation.

Research

Through Futures Connect, users can access a wealth of technical and economic analysis, strategies and daily commentary directly from market specialists. This creates a stimulating and productive community generating a regular flow of ideas and recommendations to assist clients with their trading decisions.

Clearing

Futures Connect provides investors with a secure, clearing capability through an advanced web-powered system. Harnessing this technology helps reduce the operational burdens of users and creates information flows specific to their needs. It offers trade reporting, customised statements and intra-day trade reconciliation. Clients can optimise their cash margining through flexible combinations of cash, collateral and/or pledges of assets.

Futures Connect provides an automated solution of product integration encompassing every stage of the trade lifecycle. By minimising human intervention and utilising advanced straight-through processing methods, it provides continuity of a professional service with efficient data management.

futures clearing & execution

confirmation

settlement

optimisation

simplify

flexible

Futures Connect In Action



Prices

Future connect offers instant access to global electronic markets displaying real-time prices and contract movements. Users have the ability to click on the contract price or volume to populate the execution window and click either the 'Buy' or 'Sell' button to enter the market.

Sub Allocation

Concise activity reporting is provided for individuals, groups and accounts. Account and sub-account allocations are available prior to and after execution, and are automatically uploaded to the clearing system.



Clearing Web Portal

The site features a navigation architecture that is simple and easy to use with a dynamically generated personalised menu system enabling quick content access and data retrieval.

The home page displays a list of the 20 most frequently executed trades for immediate review with links to daily financial statements.



