



Cboe Continuous Futures FAQ

What are Cboe Continuous Futures?

Continuous Futures are long-dated, cash-settled futures contracts. Continuous Futures are designed to provide access to perpetual-style futures in a U.S.-regulated, intermediated environment, and offer investors much closer exposure to a product's underlying price.

What is the main difference between Cboe Continuous Futures and regular futures contracts?

Traditional futures have regular expiry dates and require customers to roll positions from one expiry to another to maintain a position over a long period. The prices of traditional futures converge with their underlying spot market at each expiry date.

Continuous Futures are structured to maintain a closer and more frequent alignment with the current spot market of a product. This is achieved through a daily cash adjustment designed to align the futures price with the underlying reference rate during a trading day. At listing, Continuous Futures have a 10-year expiry date (i.e., 120 months), removing the requirement of customers to roll positions regularly.

Do Cboe Continuous Futures have an expiration date?

Yes, Continuous Futures are long-dated and have 120-month expirations. That is, a Continuous Futures contract will expire 120 months from the month the contract is initially listed for trading.

When is funding (i.e., daily cash adjustment) performed?

The daily cash adjustment, or Funding Amount adjustment, is performed daily after the futures market close (4:00 p.m. CT). On the expiration date of a Continuous Futures contract the Funding Amount adjustment is performed after the termination of trading, which is 10:00 a.m. CT and the expiration date.

How is the Funding Amount calculated?

Details of our Funding Amount calculation can be found at [Cboe Continuous Futures Funding Amount Methodology](#).

What is the Funding Rate?

The Funding Rate is a weighted average of the variance between the Continuous Futures contract price and the value of the underlying reference rate (“Basis”), computed once per minute throughout a trading day.

Where can I find Funding Rate data?

Funding Rate for Cboe Continuous Futures products will be made available on Cboe.com. The location of the Funding Rate data page will be made available prior to launch.

How is the Funding Amount calculated on holidays?

When a market holiday spans multiple days, all minute-by-minute basis calculations will be included for the same trade date.

How do market halts impact the Funding Rate calculations?

Market halts will pause the per-minute Basis calculations used in the calculation of the Funding Rate. Calculations resume when trading resumes following a halt.

Does the Funding Rate have a clamp?

A clamp is applied to the Funding Rate calculation. The clamp is designed to be wide enough to allow for the natural price discovery process and for legitimate market activity to occur yet is configured to serve as a guardrail to prevent anomalous discrepancies between the futures and the underlying markets.

What is the underlying for Cboe Continuous Futures?

Cboe Continuous Futures use the Cboe Kaiko Real-Time Rates of the underlying asset as part of the calculation of the daily Funding Amount. For example, the Bitcoin Continuous Future (PBT) uses the Cboe Kaiko Bitcoin Real-time Rate (CKBRT). At final settlement (expiration of a contract) the Cboe Kaiko Hourly Rate specific to the product will be used to calculate the final Funding Amount.

Are block trades supported for Cboe Continuous Futures?

Block Trades are supported for the Continuous Futures Products. Information regarding Block Trade parameters for each Continuous Futures Product can be found at the [CFE Contract Listing and Product Level System Parameters](#) page on Cboe.com.

Is trading available on weekends?

Weekend trading in Cboe Continuous Futures is not currently supported. See trading hours for U.S. Futures at the [Hours and Holidays](#) page on Cboe.com.

What are the fees for trading Cboe Continuous Futures products?

Information on fees for Continuous Futures will be made available prior to launch. Fees for all products trading on CFE can be found on the [CFE Fee Schedule](#) page of Cboe.com.

What are Cboe Continuous Futures margin requirements?

Continuous Futures are cleared through Cboe Clear U.S., LLC (CCUS). The margin requirements for Continuous Futures will be made available on the [CCUS Futures Margin Rates](#) web page.

Are there inter-commodity margin offsets of Continuous Futures with other digital asset futures on Bitcoin and Ether traded on CFE and cleared through CCUS?

Each respective Continuous Future will be eligible for inter-commodity margin offset vs the comparable expiring futures contract with the same underlying. For example, Continuous Bitcoin Futures (PBT) will have cross margining with financially-settled margin futures on Bitcoin (FBT) . See the [CCUS Futures Margin Rates](#) webpage for inter-commodity margin offset information.

What FCMs support Cboe Continuous Futures?

A list of current Clearing Members of CCUS can be found on the [Futures Membership](#) CCUS webpage.

This document is a high-level overview of what is currently contemplated. The information included is subject to change and to more detailed provisions to be put in place in connection with the launch of this product. Additionally, the planned launch of this product remains subject to regulatory review.