

FMX Futures Exchange, L.P.
Adoption of Early Adopter Program
Submission #2024-14
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Via Electronic Portal

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Commodity Futures Trading Commission
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1. FMX Futures Exchange, L.P. (“FMX” or the “Exchange”) hereby certifies to the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (“CFTC” or “Commission”) the attached proposal for the adoption of the Early Adopter Program of FMX (“Program”) in accordance with CFTC Regulation 40.6(a).
2. The proposed effective date of the Program is January 6, 2025.
3. Attached please find a certification that (1) this rule complies with the Commodity Exchange Act and the Commission’s regulations thereunder; and (2) concurrent with this submission, the Exchange has posted on its website: (i) a notice of pending certification of this rule submission with the Commission; and (ii) a copy of this submission.¹
4. A concise explanation of the operation, purpose, and effect of the Program appears below.
5. No opposing views to the Program were expressed to FMX.

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¹ See <https://www.fmxfutures.com/rules-notices/>. Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings given to such terms in the FMX Rules, and references to “FMX Rules” refer to such rules.

A CONCISE EXPLANATION OF THE EARLY ADOPTER PROGRAM, INCLUDING CORE PRINCIPLES.

Attached to this document as Exhibits are the Early Adopter Program Agreement, the Early Adopter Program Indication of Interest Form, and the Early Adopter Program Costs Template. The Program will take effect on January 6, 2025. The Program has been designed to encourage futures commission merchants (“FCMs”) to onboard customer trading and clearing business during the early adoption period. An important goal of the Program is to promote the growth of participation in the Exchange, which will enhance price discovery, liquidity, and depth in the market.

FMX has reviewed the core principles for designated contract markets set forth in Section 5 of the Commodity Exchange Act and in the Commission’s Part 38 Regulations thereunder (“Core Principles”), as well as the FMX Rules. Based on its review, FMX has identified the following Core Principles as relevant to its assessment of the Program:

- ***Core Principle 2, Compliance with Rules.*** FMX believes the Program will not adversely affect its ability to perform its trade practice and market surveillance obligations.
- ***Core Principle 7, Availability of General Information.*** FMX is making information about the Program available to the Commission, its regulatory services provider, Customers, and the public.
- ***Core Principle 9, Execution of Transactions.*** FMX believes that the Program does not give rise to incentives that will adversely affect the ability to execute orders for all Customers.
- ***Core Principle 11, Financial Integrity of Transactions.*** As FCMs, Program participants must meet federal and FMX minimum financial standards.
- ***Core Principle 12, Protection of Markets and Market Participants.*** Participants in the Program will be subject to the requirements of the FMX Rules, which have been designed to ensure the protection of the market and market participants.
- ***Core Principle 18, Recordkeeping.*** The Program is subject to the Exchange’s record retention policies, which have been designed to achieve compliance with applicable CFTC recordkeeping requirements.

The terms of the Program and eligibility to participate in it have been established in accordance with Rule XII-12 of the FMX Rules. The Exchange will also implement appropriate policies and procedures to administer the Program.

By its terms, the Program does not affect order execution priority on the Exchange or otherwise give Program participants any execution preference or advantage.

Exhibit I
Early Adopter Program Agreement



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New York, NY 10038

FuturesSales@FMX.com

Early Adopter Program Agreement

This Early Adopter Program Agreement between **[FCM NAME]** (“**you**” or “**your**”) and FMX Futures Exchange, L.P. (“**FMX**”) is made on this **[DATE]** (the “**Effective Date**”) (this “**Agreement**”). You hereby agree to all of the following terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement.

Recitals.

WHEREAS, FMX desires to assist FCMs (as defined below) with set-up costs to support trading and clearing by the FMX Intended Date (as defined below);

WHEREAS, FMX desires to offer a second round of a program called the FCM Early Adopter Program (the “**Program**”) to up to three (3) FCMs who are chosen to participate in the Program for the purpose of reimbursing the FCM’s costs of onboarding to FMX as an FMX Participant and becoming a Clearing Member (as defined below), and

WHEREAS, you are electing to be one of up to three (3) FCMs to participate in the Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, you and FMX hereby agree as follows.

Definitions.

“**Clearing Member**” shall mean any FMX Participant that is a member of LCH Limited and is authorized pursuant to the rules of LCH Limited to clear trades entered on FMX.

“**FCM**” shall mean any natural person, association, partnership, limited liability company, joint venture, trust or corporation registered with the CFTC as a futures commission merchant.

“**FMX Intended Date**” shall mean the date FMX identifies to you via electronic mail, which shall be no sooner than March 31, 2025. FMX reserves the right to modify the FMX Intended Date at any time, in its sole discretion, upon notice to you.

“**FMX Participant**” shall mean any natural person, association, partnership, limited liability company, joint venture, trust or corporation that has been granted, and continues to have, trading privileges and that trades as agent for its customer or for its proprietary account in trading on FMX.

“**Go-Live Conditions**” shall mean (i) your certified completion of connectivity with FMX and LCH Limited, including being an active FMX Participant and being able to execute trades on FMX to clear at

LCH Limited; and (ii) your contribution to the required LCH's Listed Rates default fund.

Eligibility Criteria.

To be eligible for the Program, you must meet the following criteria:

[REDACTED]

To promote fairness, FCMs will have equal access and opportunity to apply for the Program. FMX reserves the right to reject any FCM's Application for the Program in its sole discretion. If FMX rejects an FCM's Application for the Program, FMX shall provide the FCM with notice of rejection which shall include a reason for the FCM's rejection.

Payment Schedule.

[REDACTED]

Confidentiality.

[REDACTED]

Definitions. All capitalized terms used shall have the meanings set forth in this Agreement.

Entire Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement and understanding of the parties with respect to its subject matter and supersedes all oral communications or prior writings (except as otherwise provided herein) with respect thereto.

Headings. The headings used in this Amendment are for convenience of reference only and are not to affect the construction of or to be taken into consideration in interpreting this Amendment.

Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York without reference to choice of law doctrine. Any suit brought by either party shall be exclusively brought in the state or federal courts sitting in New York County in the State of New York.

Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

[Signature page follows.]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their respective officers, thereunto duly authorized, as of the Effective Date.

Accepted and Agreed:

[FCM NAME]

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____

Accepted and Agreed:

FMX FUTURES EXCHANGE, L.P.

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____

Exhibit II
Early Adopter Program Indication of Interest



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Early Adopter Program Indication of Interest

1. Name of US FCM Entity: _____
2. Contact Name: _____
3. Contact Title: _____
4. Contact Email: _____
5. Contact Phone #: _____
6. Name of FCM Officer Making Attestations: _____

The undersigned attests that the FCM will meet the below criteria:

7. The FCM reasonably expects to be ready to offer execution services on FMX and clearing services at LCH Limited by the FMX Intended Date, which shall be no sooner than March 31, 2025:

Yes No
8. The FCM reasonably expects to fund the LCH Listed Rates Default Fund of up to 3.4m GBP by the FMX Intended Date, which shall be no sooner than March 31, 2025:

Yes No

Name of FCM

Signature of Officer

Print Officer's Name and Title

The Indication of Interest must be submitted to FuturesSales@FMX.com by January 6, 2025, to be considered for the program.

Exhibit III
Early Adopter Costs Template



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Early Adopter Costs Template

FCM Name: _____

Technology Related Costs

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount \$</u>
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____
4. _____	_____
5. _____	_____

Vendor Related Costs

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount \$</u>
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____
4. _____	_____
5. _____	_____

Staffing Related Costs

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount \$</u>
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____
4. _____	_____
5. _____	_____

Other Costs		<u>Amount \$</u>
<u>Description</u>		
1. _____		_____
2. _____		_____
	Total Of All Costs	<u>Amount \$</u> _____

The FMX Early Adopter Costs Template is due within five (5) business days of the Indication of Interest form and no later than January 13, 2025. Please submit to FuturesSales@FMX.com

CERTIFICATIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 5c OF THE COMMODITY EXCHANGE ACT,
7 U.S.C. §7A-2 AND COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION RULE 40.6, 17
C.F.R. §40.6

I hereby certify that:

- (1) The rule as attached complies with the Commodity Exchange Act and the Commission's regulations thereunder; and
- (2) Concurrent with this submission, FMX Futures Exchange, L.P. posted on its website, <https://www.fmxfutures.com/rules-notices/>: (a) a notice of pending certification of this rule submission with the Commission; and (b) a copy of this submission.

/ Signed /

By: Thomas Thompson
Title: Chief Compliance Officer
Date: December 19, 2024