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## Corporate Tax Futures (TAX)

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# Key Features

## Corporate Tax Futures™ (TAX)

Offered by MGEX via the CME  
Globex® platform and are  
cleared by MGEX.

Corporate Tax Futures are based  
on the SIL U.S. Corporate Tax Rate  
Index (CTAX) developed by SIG  
Index Licensing, LLC, which offers  
a clear and simple way to measure  
changes in the corporate tax rate.

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One of the fastest, most efficient trading  
platforms in the world, offering complex  
trading and price improvement auctions  
with industry-leading risk control features.

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Licensing, LLC (SIL) to provide TAX futures.

# A new way to hedge and trade U.S. corporate tax rate risk

Anticipating tax rate fluctuations doesn't have to bring uncertainty. With Corporate Tax Futures (TAX), corporations can manage their risk exposure, reduce uncertainty, and have confidence in earnings forecasts and investment decisions, while speculators can turn market volatility into investment opportunities.

## Protection for corporations:



### Protect earnings

Minor changes in the U.S. Corporate Tax Rate can have an outsized influence on corporate earnings. Corporate Tax Futures can help offset that difference both immediately and proportionally.



### Improve forecasts

Unseen fluctuations in the corporate tax rate can make accurate earnings forecasts impossible. Corporate Tax Futures solve that problem, no matter the amount of volatility there may be.



### Raise investor confidence

Hedge against uncertainty in the U.S. Corporate Tax Rate to boost entrepreneurship and investor confidence.

## Potential for traders:

### Turn risk into reward

Speculators will have an efficient tool for trading risk associated with potential changes in the corporate tax rate.

### Leverage the first-ever good news about taxes

At last, speculators can benefit from fluctuations in the corporate tax rate. It's a great way to broaden a portfolio and protect against negative influences on the rest of the market.

### **Special Risk Disclosure Regarding Tax Futures Contracts**

The risk of loss in trading commodity futures contracts can be substantial. You should carefully consider the risks of trading commodity futures contracts generally and the unique risks of trading U.S. Corporate Tax Rate Index futures contracts (“TAX Futures Contracts”) in particular before entering into any trade. Because there are no comparable products like TAX Futures Contracts which reference and settle to a federal tax rate, there are unknown tax implications and tax treatments associated with trading these contracts. No federal guidance has been issued as to whether this product will qualify for treatment as a hedging transaction. Furthermore, no federal law or guidance exists on the deductibility of the costs incurred in trading TAX Futures Contracts, whether for speculative or hedging purposes. Likewise, the tax treatment related to Tax Futures Contracts for realizing, recognizing or offsetting gains or losses, whether capital or ordinary, is not known. Any of the above risks may result in adverse consequences, including non-deductibility of expenses or losses, and non-favorable tax treatment of gains or losses. EACH MARKET PARTICIPANT WHO CHOOSES TO TRADE TAX FUTURES CONTRACTS DOES SO AT THEIR OWN RISK, AND IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY TAX CONSEQUENCES AND REPORTING OF THEIR TRADE ACTIVITY UNDER RELEVANT GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES AND JURISDICTIONS. THEREFORE, IT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED THAT EACH MARKET PARTICIPANT CONSULT THEIR PROFESSIONAL TAX ACCOUNTANT OR ATTORNEY BEFORE TRADING TAX FUTURES CONTRACTS.

# Methodology Guide

# SIL U.S. Corporate Tax Rate Index Methodology Guide

## Introduction

This document is a guide for the composition, calculation and management of the Index. Any changes made to the guide are initiated by the Index Committee specified in Section 1.4. The Index is calculated and published by the Index Calculator, on behalf of SIG Index Licensing, LLC (SIL) (“**Index Owner**”).

## 1. Index Specifications

The SIL U.S. Corporate Tax Rate Index (the “**Index**”) is a SIG Index Licensing, LLC Index, and is calculated and distributed by the Index Calculator.

The Index tracks the highest marginal tax rate imposed for each taxable year by the United States federal government on the taxable income of corporations (the “**Corporate Tax Rate**”).

### 1.1 Short Name and ISIN

The Index is distributed under the following name and symbol:

Name	Bloomberg
SIL U.S. Corporate Tax Rate Index	SILXCTAX

### 1.2 Distribution

The Index is published and distributed via Bloomberg.

### 1.3 Calculation and Dissemination Frequency

The Index value is calculated each Business Day and disseminated at each Business Day at 9:00 a.m. ET.

### 1.4 Decision-making Bodies

A committee composed of representatives from Index Owner is responsible for decisions regarding the composition of the Index as well as any amendments to the terms and conditions of the Index or the method described in this document (in this document referred to as the “**Index Committee**”).

## 1.5 Publication

Information relevant for calculating the Index is made available on [www.miaxoptions.com/ctax](http://www.miaxoptions.com/ctax) and sub-pages.

## 1.6 Historical Data

Live historical data will be maintained from the launch of the Index. Historical data is available from 1909.

## 1.7 Licensing

Licenses to use the Index as the underlying value for derivative instruments or investment products are issued to exchanges, banks, financial services providers and investment houses by Index Owner.

# 2. Index Calculation

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The Index value is calculated based on the Corporate Tax Rate as published in Section 11(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (as amended and as it may be further amended from time to time, and any successor statutes thereto) (the “Code”). The sole tax rate used as an input to the calculation is the highest marginal tax rate imposed for each taxable year by the United States federal government on the taxable income of corporations as described therein.

## 2.1 Index Formula

$$Index_t = (100\% - r_t) * 100$$

with:  $r_t$  = Corporate Tax Rate as published in Section 11(b) of the Code expressed as a percentage on Business Day  $t$

## 2.2 Index Calculation Example

If the Corporate Tax Rate is 21%, the index is  $((100\% - 21\%) * 100) = 79.00$

## 2.3 Settlement Value

The Settlement Value of the Index is calculated based on the Corporate Tax Rate in effect at the time of settlement.

**Settlement Symbol: CTAXS**

# 3. Definitions

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A “**Business Day**” is a day on which the New York Stock Exchange is open for trading.

The “**Index Calculator**” is Devexperts Inc. or any other appropriately appointed successor in this function.

# 4. Appendix

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## 4.1 Contact Data

Information regarding the Index concept.

SIG Index Licensing, LLC

[SILInfo@sig.com](mailto:SILInfo@sig.com)

## 4.2 Data Sources

Corporate Tax Rate from Section 11(b) of the Code:

<https://uscode.house.gov/download/download.shtml>

## 4.3 Calculation of the Index – change in calculation method

The Index Calculator shall apply the method described in this document for the calculation of the Index (the “**Calculation Method**”) and such application is final and binding. However, neither the terms and conditions of the Index nor any set of procedures are capable of anticipating all possible circumstances and events that may occur with respect to the Index and the Calculation Method and it cannot be excluded that the market environment, supervisory, legal, financial, tax or other extraordinary and unforeseeable events or circumstances may adversely affect the Index and require action to be taken with respect to the Index. All such events or circumstances will be escalated to the Index Committee and the Index Committee may take such actions as it deems necessary or appropriate to address such event or circumstance, including, without limitation, suspension of the Index or making changes to the terms and conditions of the Index or the Calculation Method to prevent obvious or demonstrable error or to remedy, correct or supplement incorrect terms and conditions. The Index Committee is not obliged to provide information on any such actions, but will make reasonable efforts to promptly publish on [www.miaxoptions.com](http://www.miaxoptions.com) notice of any suspension of the Index or material changes to the terms and conditions of the Index or the Calculation Method. In addition, if changes are made to the terms and conditions of the Index or the Calculation Method, the Index Committee will take appropriate steps to ensure a calculation method is applied that is consistent with the method described in this document.

## 4.4 Notice and Disclaimer

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<https://indexit.dxfeed.com/docs/dxFeed%20Index%20Governance,%20Policies%20and%20IOSCO%20Compliance.pdf>

#### **4.5 Special Risk Disclosure Regarding Tax Futures Contracts**

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# Fact Sheet

## Corporate Tax Futures™ Fact Sheet

### Introducing Corporate Tax Futures

Anticipating tax rate fluctuations doesn't have to bring uncertainty.

Powered by MIAX and offered by MGEX via the CME Globex® platform, Corporate Tax Futures (ticker: **TAX**) fill the void in managing tax risk, offering an efficient and effective tool to trade risk associated with changes in the U.S. Corporate Tax Rate. By bringing tradability to the effects of post-stimulus budgeting in government, TAX Futures contracts allow corporations to manage their risk exposure, report earnings forecasts and make investment decisions with confidence.

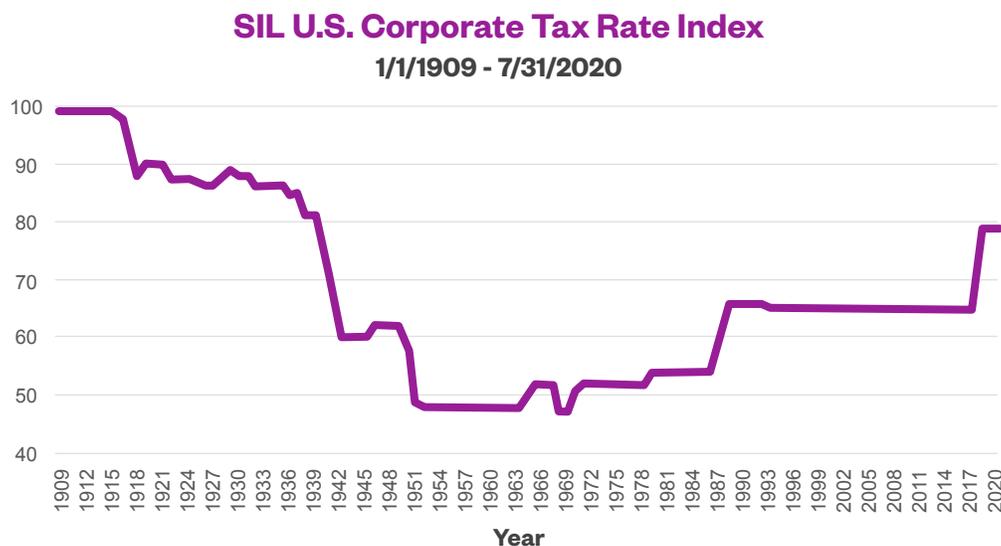
Corporate Tax Futures are built upon the SIL U.S. Corporate Tax Rate Index (index symbol: **CTAX**), developed by SIG Index Licensing, LLC. The CTAX index provides a clear and simple way to measure potential changes in the U.S. Corporate Tax Rate. By tracking the highest marginal tax rate imposed for each taxable year by the United States federal government on the taxable income of corporations, equity investors can better hedge market exposure, and for the first time, speculators will have an efficient tool for trading risk associated with potential changes in the tax rate imposed on corporations.

MIAX is proud to partner with SIG Index Licensing, LLC (SIL) to offer Corporate Tax Futures.

#### Product Codes

CME Globex: <b>TAX</b>	Bloomberg Futures: <b>TXAA</b>
Underlying Index: <b>CTAX</b>	Bloomberg Underlying Index: <b>SILXCTAX</b>
Settlement Index: <b>CTAXS</b>	Bloomberg Settlement Index: <b>SILXCTAS</b>

#### Index Levels



## Index Calculation

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The Index value is calculated based on the highest marginal tax rate imposed for each taxable year by the United States federal government on the taxable income of corporations as published in Section 11(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (as amended and as it may be further amended from time to time, and any successor statutes thereto) (the “Corporate Tax Rate”). The sole tax rate used as an input to the calculation is such highest marginal tax rate.

## Index Formula

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$$Index_t = (100\% - r_t) * 100$$

with:  $r_t$  = Corporate Tax Rate as published in Section 11(b) of the Code expressed as a percentage on Business Day  $t$

**Index Example:** If the Corporate Tax Rate is 21%, the index is  $((100\% - 21\%) * 100) = 79.00$

### Disclaimer and Special Risk Disclosure Regarding Tax Futures Contracts

Futures trading is not suitable for all investors, and involves the risk of loss. The risk of loss in futures can be substantial. You should, therefore, carefully consider whether such trading is suitable for you in light of your circumstances and financial resources. For additional information regarding futures trading risks, see the Risk Disclosure Statement set forth in CFTC Regulation §1.55(b). The information contained herein is provided for general education and information purposes only. No statement contained herein should be construed as a recommendation to buy or sell a security or future or to provide investment advice.

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# Contract Specifications



<b>Minimum Price Increment</b>	The minimum price increment in the Corporate Tax Futures Contract will be 0.10 index points, which has a value of \$25. For spread trades, the individual legs and net prices may be in increments of 0.10 index points, which has a value of \$25.
<b>Daily Price Limits</b>	There are <b>no</b> price limits during the regular trading session.
<b>Trading Halts</b>	Trading halts for Corporate Tax Futures will be triggered automatically by a Market Wide Circuit Breaker, or manually as determined by MGEX.
<b>Last Trading Day/ Termination of Trading</b>	The Last Trading Day for the Corporate Tax Futures Contract will be at 3:00 p.m. on the trading day immediate before the Final Settlement Date (Generally 3:00 p.m. Thursday afternoon on the Thursday preceding the 3rd Friday of the month).
<b>Final Settlement Date</b>	The Final Settlement Date for the Corporate Tax Futures Contract is generally the 3rd Friday of the month.
<b>Final Settlement Value</b>	<p>The Settlement Value of the Index is based on the highest marginal US Corporate Tax Rate in effect at the time of settlement (The Rate).</p> <p>The final value is <math>((100\% - \text{The Rate}) \times 100)</math></p> <p>Corporate Tax Futures will cash settle to the Final Settlement Value, as published by MGEX, on the Final Settlement Date. Settlement of the Corporate Tax Futures Contract will result in the transfer of a cash settlement amount on the business day immediately following the Settlement Date. The cash settlement amount will be the final mark to market amount against the final settlement price of the Corporate Tax Futures Contract multiplied by \$250.</p>
<b>Trade at Settlement Transactions (TAS)</b>	Trade at settlement transactions (TAS) will <b>not</b> be available for Corporate Tax Futures Contracts.
<b>Position Accountability</b>	<p>The position accountability levels for Corporate Tax Futures Contracts are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ownership or control at any time of more than 50,000 contracts net long or short in all Corporate Tax Futures Contracts combined.</li> <li>• Ownership or control of more than 30,000 contracts net long or net short in the expiring Corporate Tax Futures, effective at the start of Hours of Trading for the Friday prior to the Final Settlement Date of the expiring Corporate Tax Futures.</li> <li>• Ownership or control of more than 10,000 contracts net long or net short in the expiring Corporate Tax Futures, effective at the start of the Hours of Trading for the Business Day immediately preceding the Final Settlement Date of the expiring Corporate Tax Futures.</li> </ul>
<b>Reportable Position and Volume Level</b>	<p>Any open position level in the Corporate Tax Futures Contract at the close of trading on any trading day equal to, or in excess of, 25 contracts on either side of the market is required to be reported to the CFTC.</p> <p>A volume threshold account that has trading volume in the Corporate Tax Futures Contract during a single trading day equal to, or in excess of, 50 contracts is required to be reported to the CFTC.</p>

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# Rate Card

## Corporate Tax Futures™ Rate Card

### Corporate Tax Futures Exchange & Clearing Fees - MGEX

Per Contract	Exchange	Clearing	Surcharge	Total Fee
Future	\$0.70	\$0.20	-	\$0.90
Transfer Positions	\$0.70	\$0.20	-	\$0.90
Give - Up*	-	-	\$0.10	\$0.10
Delivery	\$0.70	\$0.20	\$0.10	\$1.00
Block Trades	\$0.70	\$0.20	\$0.50	\$1.40

\*Executing side only, same day.

All Exchange and Clearing Fees are per side. The clearing fee is standard across all products at MGEX. Visit [www.MGEX.com](http://www.MGEX.com) for more information.

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The CORPORATE TAX FUTURES Rate Card provides a summary of the CORPORATE TAX FUTURES transaction charges assessed by MGEX as of the publication date. The complete, official, and current MGEX Fee Schedule for CORPORATE TAX FUTURES is available at: <http://www.mgex.com/corporatetaxfutures.html>. In the event of any conflict between the CORPORATE TAX FUTURES Rate Card and the MGEX Fee Schedule, the charges set forth in the MGEX Fee Schedule prevail. Fees are subject to change.



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MIAX serves as the exclusive exchange venue for cash-settled options on the SPIKES® Volatility Index (Ticker: SPIKE), a measure of the expected 30-day volatility in the SPDR® S&P 500® ETF (SPY).

Under MIAX Pearl's exchange license, MIAX Pearl Equities™ provides its members with best-in-class performance through a combination of high determinism, low latency and high throughput. MIAX Pearl Equities has maker-taker pricing and a price-time allocation model.

MIAX's executive offices and National Operations Center are located in Princeton, NJ, with additional offices located in Miami, FL.

To learn more visit [www.MIAXOptions.com](http://www.MIAXOptions.com).

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