





# MIAX and SIG Index Licensing to Launch Capital Gains Tax Rate Futures on MGEX

# New futures aim to help investors hedge potential changes in capital gains tax rates Capital Gains Tax Futures enhance suite of MIAX products for managing tax exposure

**PRINCETON, N.J. and MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.** — November 30, 2021 — MIAX®, operator of high-performance securities exchanges and SIG Index Licensing, LLC (SIG Index Licensing) announced today the launch of cash-settled futures contracts on SIG Index Licensing's U.S. Capital Gains Tax Rate Index (the Index). The new futures contracts will begin trading on Minneapolis Grain Exchange, LLC (MGEX<sup>™</sup>) on December 6, 2021.

Capital Gains Tax Rate Futures are the second proprietary futures product developed by MIAX and SIG Index Licensing designed to provide capital market participants with a tool to manage potential changes in U.S. tax rates. U.S. Corporate Tax Rate Futures were listed on MGEX on May 24, 2021.

"Capital Gains Tax Rate Futures are the first-ever future providing investors with the ability to hedge and manage risk associated with potential changes in capital gains tax rates," said Thomas P. Gallagher, Chairman of MGEX and Chairman & CEO of MIAX. "We are pleased to expand our partnership with SIG Index Licensing and offer another innovative tool on MGEX to help investors manage tax exposure in an uncertain economic environment."

The cash-settled futures contracts on the Index will be listed on MGEX via the CME Globex® platform and cleared by MGEX, a wholly owned subsidiary of MIAX's parent company, Miami International Holdings. The Index is calculated by Devexperts and published on the MIAX Proprietary Feed (MPF). The Index is also distributed by Bloomberg each day at 9:00 a.m. ET.

"Capital Gains Tax Futures are a powerful tool for individual investors, providing a new opportunity to manage tax exposures resulting from changes in capital gains tax rates imposed on investors," said Mark G. Bagan, President and Chief Executive Officer of MGEX. "These new futures represent the latest product to be listed and cleared on MGEX, providing the industry with another innovative tool designed to meet the unique needs of investors in today's capital markets."

Added Bart Smith, Head of FICC, ETF and Portfolio Group at the Susquehanna International Group of Companies: "We are pleased to expand our partnership with MIAX as we launch the new Capital Gains Tax Futures product. We believe the growing suite of Tax Rate Futures listed on MGEX provides the industry with powerful tools to help manage tax exposure, especially as the debate on tax policy continues to evolve both in Washington and around the world."

For more on the methodology of Capital Gains Tax Rate Futures please visit <u>https://www.miaxoptions.com/tax/capgains</u> or www.mgex.com.

#### **About MIAX**

MIAX's parent holding company, Miami International Holdings, Inc., owns Miami International Securities Exchange, LLC (MIAX<sup>®</sup>), MIAX PEARL, LLC (MIAX Pearl<sup>®</sup>), MIAX Emerald, LLC (MIAX Emerald<sup>®</sup>), Minneapolis Grain Exchange, LLC (MGEX<sup>™</sup>), and Bermuda Stock Exchange (BSX).

MIAX, MIAX Pearl and MIAX Emerald are national securities exchanges registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) that leverage MIAX's industry-leading technology and infrastructure to provide U.S. listed options trading to their member firms. MIAX serves as the exclusive exchange venue for cash-settled options on the SPIKES<sup>®</sup> Volatility Index (Ticker: SPIKE), a measure of the expected 30-day volatility in the SPDR<sup>®</sup> S&P 500<sup>®</sup> ETF (SPY). In addition to options, MIAX Pearl facilitates the trading of cash equities through MIAX Pearl Equities<sup>™</sup>.

MGEX is a registered exchange with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) and is a Notice Registered Securities Futures Product Exchange with the SEC. MGEX serves as the exclusive market for a variety of products, including Hard Red Spring Wheat and SPIKES Futures. In addition, MGEX is a Designated Contract Market (DCM) and Derivatives Clearing Organization (DCO) under the CFTC, providing DCM, DCO and cash market services in an array of asset classes.

BSX is a leading electronic international securities market regulated by the Bermuda Monetary Authority (BMA) specializing in the listing and trading of capital market instruments such as equities, debt issues, funds, hedge funds, derivative warrants and insurance linked securities. A full member of the World Federation of Exchanges and affiliate member of the International Organization of Securities Commissions, BSX is globally recognized, including by the SEC.

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

To learn more about MIAX visit www.MIAXOptions.com.

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