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Background



The global financial crisis in 2008 has put global markets in deep distress and triggered some of the most dramatic commodity price swings the world has ever seen. Real economies have been suffering. China's futures markets, however, enjoyed a boom year measured by contract volume or notional value, and unlike many Western commodity markets, Chinese futures for the most part started off 2009 with volume gains. Chinese exchanges have been upgrading their trading technologies and risk systems, and top-tier futures brokerage companies (FCM's) have been adopting best practices with regard to risk management and operations. It could be said that China's commodity futures markets are developing into a mature industry with vigorous markets.

Progress notwithstanding, China's commodity markets face considerable challenges that need to be addressed, some urgently. For example, how should China's futures exchanges position themselves in the current global crisis? How can China's domestic futures companies position themselves to start to participate in the global futures and options markets, as China takes steps to liberalize outbound business, and eventually, inbound business? What challenges do regulators face as the Chinese futures markets globalize and cross-border trading increases? What are the most appropriate strategies for institutional investors to hedge? What are the key challenges for Chinese FCMs in order to survive and thrive in this changing environment? What are trading, IT, and risk-management platforms that exchanges and FCMs need to develop to secure the foundation for further growth and development?

In light of these challenges and issues, the Bijing Futures Association, this year jointly with the Futures Industry Association of Asia (FIA Asia), is pleased to announce the 2009 China (Beijing) Futures and Derivatives Forum. The them of this year's event will be "How China's Futures Markets Should Adapt to the Global Financial Crisis." Speakers will include industry experts from both China and abroad, regulatory officials and risk managers of commercial and trading firms. Topics will be how to develop strategies to promote the healthy growth of China's futures markets, the role of futures and the developing OTC markets, the prospects for index futures and other derivatives in China. Other key topics will be management of FCMs in a volatile environment and choosing and developing the right infrastructure to support client trading strategies while controlling risk.



Themes of the event



- The outlook for China's futures market in the global financial crisis
- Development strategies for FCMs a liberalizing environment.
- Challenges for exchange trading systems in a globalizing environment.
- An exploration of key issues regarding the relationship between cash equities and futures and the roles of various market participants after the introduction of stock index futures.
- Investment strategies for commodity futures in a changing environment.
- Managed futures and commodity fund managers (CTA's)
- The status and role of IT systems and how they need to adapt to an evolving marketplace.

Agenda



Keynotes

Major theme: the outlook for China's futures market

- Forging an innovative path for Chinese futures market in a financial crisis
- The regulation and the development of financial derivatives
- The challenges for FCMs
- Key issues facing today's Chinese futures markets.

Session

- Futures index forum
- Gold and industrial commodities futures forum
- Agricultural commodities futures forum
- Electronic trading forum
- Managed futures funds

Speakers



- Officials of the Chinese government and industry regulatory agencies
- Executives from banks, securities firms, fund managers, insurance companies, and the futures industry
- Executives from domestic and international exchanges
- Executives from IT companies
- Representatives from international stocks and futures exchanges and financial institutions



Audience



- Officials and specialists from financial regulatory agencies
- Executives from domestic exchanges
- Executives from domestic FCMs
- Executives from domestic banks, stocks, insurance, and fund companies
- Specialists from financial management and investment consulting companies
- Representatives from international financial institutions
- Private investors
- CTOs and specialists from IT companies
- Media



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