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Summary of November 2009 Activities at TOCOM

Tokyo Commodity Exchange today announced that November trading volume averaged 137,489 contracts per day, up 27.5 % from October 2009. The major contribution to this gain came from the precious metals market. Gold October 2010 contract rallied to the highest level in 26 years at 3,370 yen per gram on November 26. Due to this price hike together with the high volatility in foreign exchange, gold was traded actively, with the volume of gold standard averaged 69,416 contracts per day, up 37.7 % from Oct 09, and the gold mini averaged 20,582 contracts per day, up 49.6% from Oct 09. Platinum recorded the year's high exceeding 4,100 yen per gram this month and the trading volume averaged 15,828 contracts per day, up 29.9 percent from the previous month.

Rubber recorded the year's high exceeding 250 yen per gram in November, but trading volume decreased by 11.5 percent from October 2009, accounting for 10,051 contracts.

Total open interest exceeded 300,000 contracts level in the late November for the first time since October 2008, after falling to the 250,000 level in May 2009.

TOCOM – Trading Volume Breakdown

Contract	Monthly Trading Volume			Monthly Average Daily Volume			
	Nov 09	Oct 09	Share	Nov 09	Oct 09	Nov 09/ Oct 09	Nov 09 / Nov 08
Gold	1,318,904	1,058,559	50.49%	69,416	50,408	137.71%	146.87%
Gold Mini	391,063	288,969	14.97%	20,582	13,760	149.58%	73.53%
Silver	9,701	11,254	0.37%	511	536	95.27%	74.18%
Platinum	300,728	255,977	11.51%	15,828	12,189	129.85%	80.90%
Platinum Mini	24,969	17,196	0.96%	1,314	819	160.49%	39.99%
Palladium	7,790	8,612	0.30%	410	410	99.98%	72.77%
Crude Oil	55,484	59,729	2.12%	2,920	2,844	102.67%	124.77%
Gasoline	216,773	230,183	8.30%	11,409	10,961	104.09%	89.14%
Kerosene	95,853	95,718	3.67%	5,045	4,558	110.68%	115.54%
Aluminum	61	133	0.00%	3	6	50.69%	12.51%
Rubber	190,960	238,582	7.31%	10,051	11,361	88.46%	44.16%
Gold Options	0	0	0.00%	0	0	-	-
Total	2,612,286	2,264,912		137,489	107,853	127.48%	97.06%
Trading Days	19	21					

Suspension of November 27 Night Session of Gold Contract

On Friday November 27, TOCOM suspended the night session for gold contracts (standard, mini and options) at 5:10 p.m. after experiencing a technical problem at 4:53 p.m. The Exchange deeply regrets the inconvenience caused to its market participants and concerned parties.

Having identified the source of the problem and applied necessary measures on the two following days, TOCOM resumed the session at 9:00 am on Monday November 30, as per normal.

Based on the sincere reflections on this trading disruption, the Exchange will continue to exert all its efforts to ensure the proper operation of the market, while making efforts to ensure this doesn't happen again

Trading of Aluminum Futures to be Suspended

TOCOM will suspend trading of the aluminum futures contract, which has been suffering from continued sluggishness, in October 2010. A new contract month will not be generated beyond the existing back contract month, which is October 2010 contract. When it reached the last trading day on October 26, 2010, all trading of the aluminum futures contract will be suspended thereafter.

TOCOM's decision to suspend the trading, but not to delist the contract reflects the fact that the Exchange anticipate to eventually re-launch the Aluminum futures contract, which is actively traded in London and Shanghai, when TOCOM will consider listing non-ferrous metals, such as copper, in future.

Nikkei-TOCOM Commodity Index Components to be Changed in Accordance with Suspension of Aluminum Trading

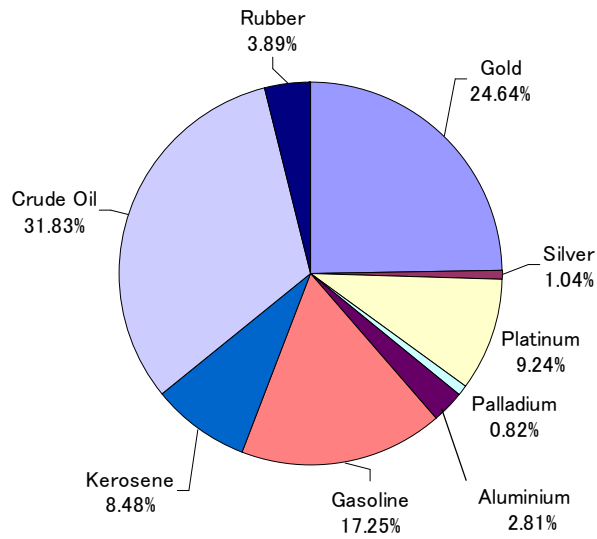
TOCOM will exclude the aluminum futures contract from the components of the Nikkei-TOCOM Commodity Index, and to adopt a new weight percentage from January 1, 2010 onwards.

This change is made based on the Tokyo Commodity Exchange Index Guidebook as the suspension of the trading of the aluminum futures contract was approved by the Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry on November 30, 2009. From January 1, 2010 onwards, following changes will be made to the calculation of the Index.

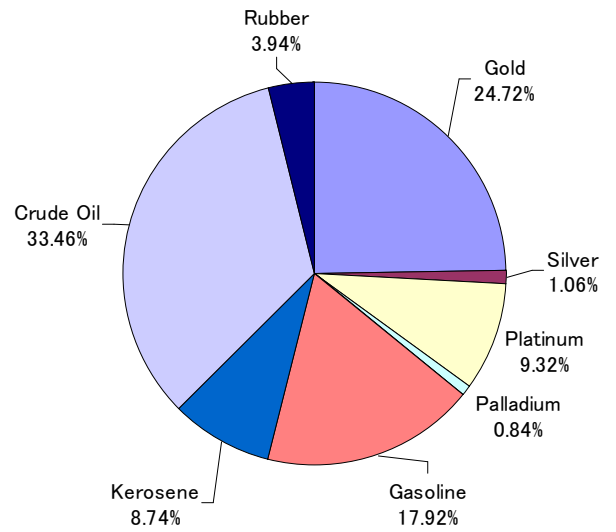
1. Aluminum will be excluded from the components of the Nikkei-TOCOM Commodity Index.
2. Aluminum will be excluded from the components of the Nikkei-TOCOM Nearby Month Commodity Index
3. Calculation of the Nikkei-TOCOM Aluminum Index will be suspended.

The weight percentages of the Nikkei-TOCOM Commodity Index before and after January 1, 2010 are as follows:

From June 2009 until December 2009



From January 2010 to May 2010



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