



Crude Outright - Brent Average Price Balmo Options

Contract Specifications

Description	The Brent Average Price Balmo Option is based on the underlying Brent 1st Line Balmo Future (BSQ) and will automatically exercise into the settlement price of the 1st Line Balmo Future on the day of expiry of the options contract.
Contract Symbol	BSQ
Contract Size	1,000 barrels
Unit of Trading	Any multiple of 1,000 barrels
Currency	US Dollars and cents
Trading Price Quotation	One cent (\$0.01) per barrel
Settlement Price Quotation	One tenth of one cent (\$0.001) per barrel
Minimum Price Fluctuation	One tenth of one cent (\$0.001) per barrel
Last Trading Day	Last Trading Day of the contract month
Option Style	Options are Asian-style and will be automatically exercised on the expiry day if they are "in the money". The swap future resulting from exercise immediately goes to cash settlement relieving market participants of the need to concern themselves with liquidation or exercise issues. If an option is "out of the money" it will expire automatically. It is not permitted to exercise the option on any other day or in any other circumstances than the Last Trading Day. No manual exercise is permitted.

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Option Premium / Daily Margin	<p>The premium on the Brent Average Price Balmo Option is paid/received on the business day following the day of trade. Net Liquidating Value (NLV) will be re calculated each business day based on the relevant daily settlement prices. For buyers of options the NLV credit will be used to off set their Original Margin (OM) requirement; for sellers of options, the NLV debit must be covered by cash or collateral in the same manner as OM requirement. OM for all options contracts is based on the option's delta.</p>
Expiry	<p>19:30 London Time (14:30 EST).</p> <p>Automatic exercise settings are pre-set to exercise contracts which are one minimum price fluctuation or more 'in the money' with reference to the relevant reference price. Members cannot override automatic exercise settings or manually enter exercise instructions for this contract.</p> <p>The reference price will be a price in USD and cents per barrel equal to the settlement price as made public by ICE for the Brent 1st Line Balmo Future for the contract month. When exercised against, the Clearing House, at its discretion, selects sellers against which to exercise on a pro rata basis.</p>
Strike Price	<p>A minimum of 10 Strike Prices in increments of \$1.00 per bbl above and below the at-the-money Strike Price. Strike Price boundaries are adjusted according to futures price movements. User-defined Strike Prices are allowed in \$0.01 increments.</p>
Contract Series	<p>Up to 2 consecutive months</p>
Final Payment Date	<p>Two Clearing House Business Days following the Last Trading Day</p>
Business Days	<p>Publication days for ICE</p>