

## **SGX SICOM Rubber**

Price volatility & managing price risk

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### **Overview of the Rubber Market**









The latex derived is used to produce two main forms of rubber:

RSS (Ribbed Smoked Sheets)		TSR (Technically Specified Rubber)	
•	Latex are diluted, processed and pressed into sheets of standardised dimensions	•	Latex is processed and compressed into bale/block before being packed in plastic wrap
•	Sheets are smoked and hung in smokehouses and dried before packing	•	Also known as Standard Rubber Specification is drafted by ISO

- Accompanying number represents quality (e.g. TSR10, TSR20, RSS1, RSS3)
- 75% of natural rubber production is in the form of TSR
- Thailand, Indonesia and Malaysia account for 57% of global rubber production
- China (40%) and the rest of Asia (35%) are the biggest consumers of rubber

Usages of Rubber

General Tyres Aircraft Tyres Latex Others

100%

Others, 10%

Others, 10%

Aircraft Tyres, 5%

Aircraft Tyres, 5%

General Tyres, 70%

30%

General Tyres, 70%

0%



# **Rubber Benchmark Is Supported By Active Trading**

**Dominant Offshore Market Share** (YTD January 24):

>85% marker share in both volume and open interest

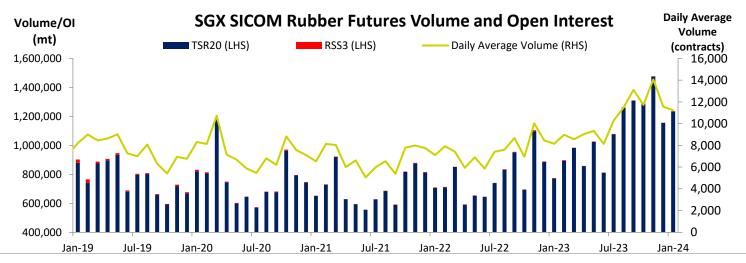
#### **Growth momentum**

DAV trading above 10k lots for 7 consecutive months

#### **Recent records**

Daily volume record of on 4 September 2023 Monthly DAV record of 14k lots in November 2023 Monthly DAV in notional exceeded US\$100mil in November 2023

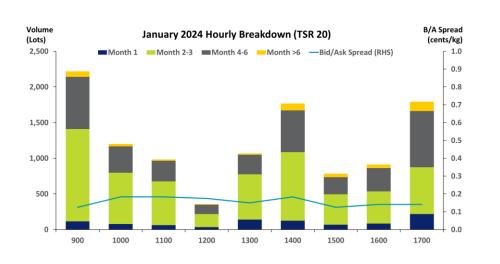
Rubber Futures Records	Contracts	Tonnes
Volume cleared in a month - November 2023	295,561	1,477,80 5
Volume cleared in a day - 4 September 2023	29,472	147,360
Total volume cleared in a year - 2023	2,589,023	12.95 mil
Month-end Open interest - March 2018	102,508	512,540

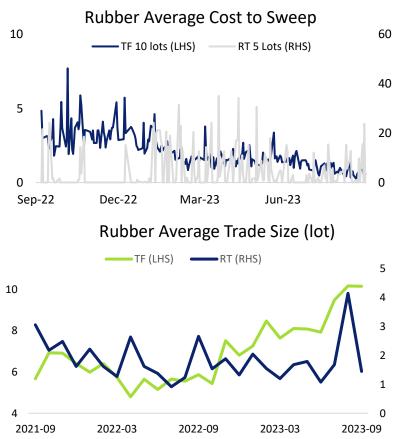




## **Improved Market Liquidity Made Hedging Easier**

- 1-2 ticks bid-ask spread for active contract months during active trading hours
- Hedging in SICOM is made easier with decrease in cost-to-sweep and increase in average trade size

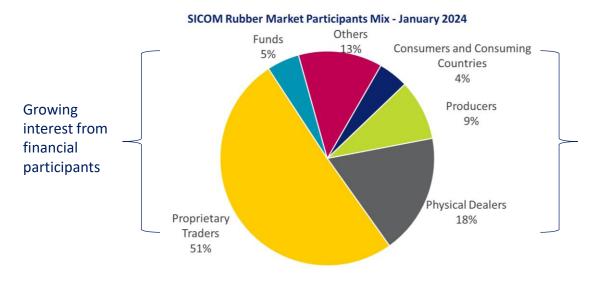






## **Broad Market Participation Creates A Robust Benchmark**

 Trading Activity – comes from a full range of participants, each expressing their views on the demand and supply of rubber.



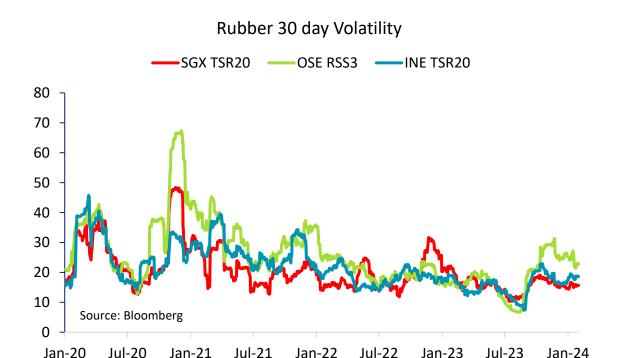
About half of volume are from physical participants

- <u>Consumers</u> Tyre makers and wholesale importers from consumer countries
- <u>Producers</u> Regional factories and processors
- Physical Dealers Trade houses
- Proprietary Traders Financial participants
- <u>Funds</u> Asset managers



# **Volatility Across Different Rubber Futures Markets**

Average volatility for SICOM rubber is the lowest among major exchanges



Rubber market	Average volatility
SICOM TSR 20	20.59
SHFE RSS 3	20.85
INE TSR20	21.81
OSE RSS 3	26.04



### **SGX SICOM Rubber Futures - Trading**

- A futures contract is a legal agreement to buy or sell the underlying rubber at a predetermined price at a specific time in the future
- Futures contracts are traded in organized exchanges such as SGX
- The exchange clearing house is the central counterparty of all futures transactions
- Traders with a futures position can close out their position with an offsetting trade before contract expiry date



## **SGX SICOM Rubber Futures - Delivery**

- Traders with open positions when the rubber futures contract month expires are subjected to physical delivery of the underlying rubber
- On the day after futures contract expiry, SGX Clearing House will match traders with long positions with those with short positions
- Sellers will choose the port that they wish to delivery their rubber and buyer will arrange to collect rubber from that port
- Sellers' delivery obligation completed when cargo is successfully loaded onto the ship





# Why Manage Rubber Price Risk?

- Mitigate the impact of volatile rubber prices as it relates to cash flows, expenses and/or profit margins
- Achieve budget certainty
- Insurance against sudden and/or significant changes in fuel oil prices
- Mitigate competitive pressure as it relates to rubber prices
- Provide stakeholders with confidence that rubber price exposure is being properly addressed

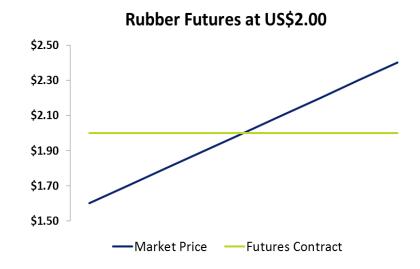




### Use SGX SICOM Rubber Futures to "Lock in" Current Prices

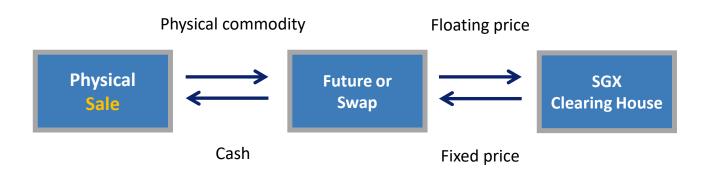
Buying or selling a future essentially says, "I accept the current, future market price."

The "fixed price payer" always realizes a price equal to the future price





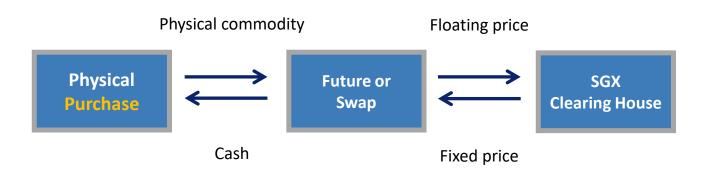
# Sell \$2.00 Rubber Future/Swap (Producer Hedge)



Short \$ 2.00 Future/Swap	\$2.50 Exit	\$1.50 Exit
Pay for physical	\$2.50	\$1.50
+/- exit price	(\$0.50)	\$0.50
Realised price	\$2.00	\$2.00



# **Buy \$2.00 Rubber Future/Swap (Consumer Hedge)**



Long \$ 2.00 Future/Swap	\$2.50 Exit	\$1.50 Exit
Pay for physical	\$2.50	\$1.50
+/- exit price	\$0.50	(\$0.50)
Realised price	\$2.00	\$2.00



## Why Singapore and SGX SICOM?

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#### **International Appeal**

Contracts denominated in USD

#### **Actively Traded TSR**

Technically Specified Rubber (TSR) has become the choice rubber product for physical dealers

### **Trading Hours**

Trading hours that span over active periods for rubber

#### **Users Based Here**

Producers, Tire Makers, Processors, Dealers, Funds, Banks

#### **Risk Management**

Strong and recognised Risk Management structure

#### Neutral

No vested interest in buyers or sellers





### **Thank You**

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