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**1. General Observations of HHI in Eurex Markets**

Eurex created a synthetic production like dataset covering the first quarter of 2022 for a set of liquid futures products<sup>1</sup>. These futures products are also in scope for the initial activation of the HHI in the T7 trading system. The below table 1 shows descriptive statistics regarding the distribution of the orderbook HHI per price level for individual futures products (averaged for the bid and ask side). The shown percentages of the HHI indicator are the upper limits of the ordinal HHI groups.

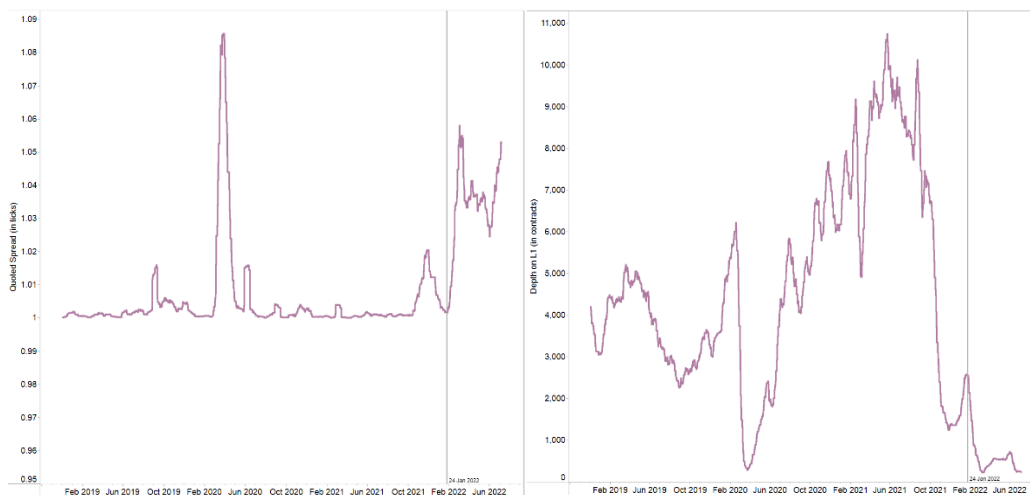
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<sup>1</sup> Detail on the calculation of the HHI can be found in Appendix B.

HHI Indicator	Level 1		Level 2		Level 3		Level 4		Level 5		
	Count	Time weighted	Count	Time weighted	Count	Time weighted	Count	Time weighted	Count	Time weighted	
FESX	20%	70.5%	68.2%	95.9%	91.5%	96.5%	85.2%	97.1%	89.7%	97.6%	91.7%
	40%	21.1%	22.9%	3.7%	7.2%	3.3%	13.7%	2.7%	9.3%	2.3%	7.4%
	60%	8.4%	8.9%	0.4%	1.3%	0.2%	1.1%	0.2%	1.0%	0.2%	0.9%
	80%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	100%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
FESB	20%	68.2%	43.3%	94.1%	60.1%	95.1%	60.9%	95.0%	60.2%	94.5%	59.9%
	40%	22.9%	26.6%	5.0%	12.3%	4.0%	10.1%	4.2%	10.8%	4.7%	10.3%
	60%	8.9%	30.1%	0.9%	27.7%	0.8%	29.0%	0.8%	29.0%	0.8%	29.8%
	80%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	100%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
FXXP	20%	65.2%	44.0%	91.1%	57.0%	93.9%	57.9%	94.4%	58.2%	94.6%	58.4%
	40%	25.3%	32.3%	8.3%	11.1%	5.4%	9.2%	4.9%	9.0%	4.6%	9.2%
	60%	9.5%	23.7%	0.7%	31.9%	0.7%	32.9%	0.7%	32.8%	0.8%	32.4%
	80%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	100%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
FDAX	20%	49.1%	49.2%	83.2%	74.5%	91.6%	80.9%	94.3%	82.3%	95.0%	82.7%
	40%	28.0%	29.7%	13.0%	15.1%	6.1%	9.8%	3.8%	8.9%	3.3%	8.7%
	60%	22.9%	21.1%	3.8%	10.5%	2.3%	9.4%	1.9%	8.8%	1.7%	8.6%
	80%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	100%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
FDXM	20%	24.8%	25.8%	68.1%	63.9%	88.3%	75.6%	91.6%	79.6%	92.7%	81.7%
	40%	37.6%	41.3%	27.0%	28.8%	9.9%	18.4%	7.0%	14.7%	6.0%	13.1%
	60%	37.6%	32.9%	4.9%	7.3%	1.8%	6.0%	1.4%	5.7%	1.3%	5.2%
	80%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	100%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
FGBL	20%	74.1%	71.7%	97.4%	94.6%	98.0%	94.5%	98.3%	96.5%	98.4%	97.1%
	40%	18.4%	20.8%	2.4%	5.1%	1.9%	5.4%	1.6%	3.3%	1.5%	2.7%
	60%	7.5%	7.5%	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%
	80%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	100%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
FGBM	20%	76.2%	75.4%	98.3%	96.6%	98.4%	95.1%	98.5%	95.9%	98.5%	97.3%
	40%	17.1%	18.8%	1.7%	3.2%	1.6%	4.8%	1.5%	4.0%	1.4%	2.5%
	60%	6.6%	5.7%	0.1%	0.2%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.2%
	80%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	100%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
FGBS	20%	71.6%	62.6%	95.2%	85.7%	95.7%	88.4%	95.8%	88.8%	95.4%	87.7%
	40%	19.5%	27.2%	4.3%	12.3%	4.0%	10.2%	3.9%	10.0%	4.2%	10.9%
	60%	8.9%	10.2%	0.5%	2.0%	0.4%	1.4%	0.3%	1.2%	0.4%	1.4%
	80%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	100%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
FGBX	20%	66.4%	56.4%	95.6%	83.8%	96.6%	81.1%	96.5%	80.0%	96.7%	84.5%
	40%	20.0%	24.0%	3.7%	12.4%	2.9%	15.7%	2.9%	16.2%	2.7%	11.6%
	60%	13.6%	19.6%	0.7%	3.8%	0.5%	3.2%	0.6%	3.8%	0.6%	3.9%
	80%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	100%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
FOAT	20%	74.2%	57.5%	96.4%	73.0%	97.0%	79.4%	97.3%	81.1%	97.5%	82.5%
	40%	17.8%	28.3%	3.2%	22.9%	2.6%	15.9%	2.3%	13.9%	2.1%	12.8%
	60%	8.0%	14.2%	0.4%	4.1%	0.4%	4.7%	0.4%	5.1%	0.4%	4.8%
	80%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	100%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
FBTS	20%	74.5%	79.2%	94.7%	94.4%	94.2%	93.6%	94.5%	93.7%	94.5%	93.5%
	40%	18.6%	16.0%	5.0%	5.2%	5.4%	6.0%	5.2%	5.9%	5.2%	6.0%
	60%	6.9%	4.8%	0.3%	0.4%	0.3%	0.4%	0.3%	0.4%	0.3%	0.4%
	80%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	100%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
FBTP	20%	64.2%	66.0%	93.8%	93.5%	96.2%	95.9%	96.6%	96.2%	96.8%	96.4%
	40%	22.2%	22.9%	5.7%	5.8%	3.5%	3.7%	3.1%	3.4%	3.0%	3.2%
	60%	13.6%	11.1%	0.5%	0.6%	0.3%	0.4%	0.2%	0.4%	0.2%	0.4%
	80%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	100%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

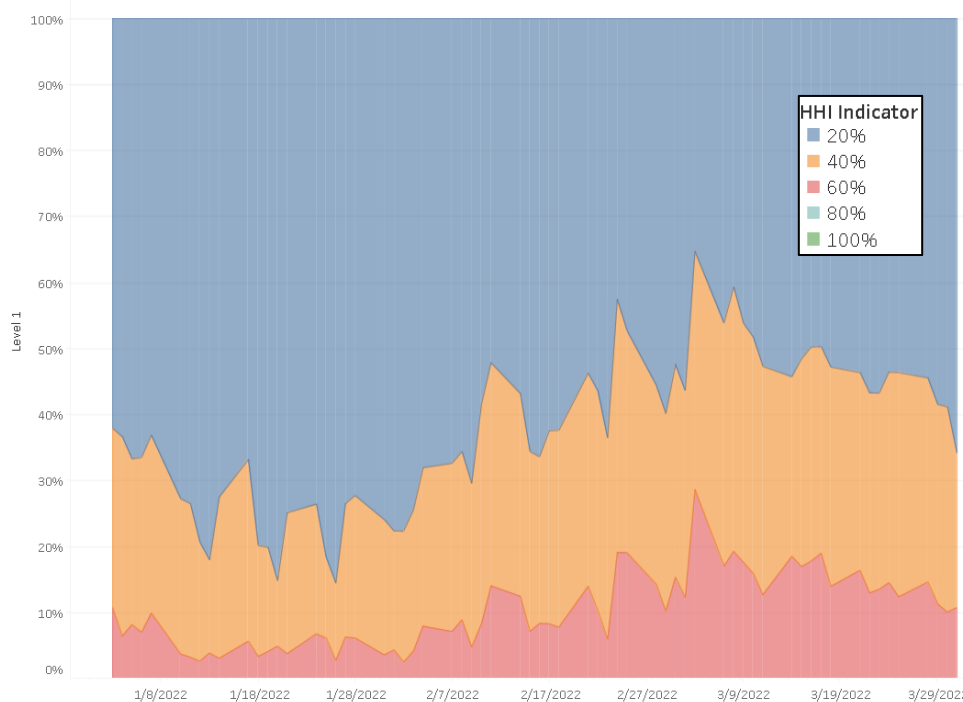
Table 1: Distribution of observations respective time of given HHI observations for the best five price levels during Q1/2022.





*Graph 1: Time Series of the quoted spread as well as the available liquidity on the BBO for FGBS for Q1/2022. For every trading day the graph shows the average quoted spread respectively the average number of contracts on the best price level during European trading hours (09:00 – 17:30 CET) for the front month contract. To reduce the noise in the data, we applied local averages for each daily value by taking the average of the previous and following five days.*

Graph 2 shows the impact of changing market characteristics in the FGBS during the first quarter of 2022 on the distribution of the HHI. The values shown are the daily time-weighted distribution of the HHI Indicator values on the best price level in the front month contract. During the rather stable period the product showed a high diversification with only 5% of the time in the third HHI bin (between 40% and 60%). However, this changed once the volatility end of January increased and the liquidity in the product became more concentrated to fewer participants. One reason is that the risk for passive participants increases once the market becomes more volatile, and therefore less participants can bear that risk.



*Graph 2: Time Series HHI plot for FGBS for Q1/2022. For every trading day the graph shows the relative distribution of HHI indicator flagged in the EOBI market data on a time-weighted basis of the best bid and offer price level in the front-month contract (Level 1). Colors indicate the respective HHI bucket with the relative appearance over each trading day.*

## 2. Insights into HHI - Market Microstructure Observations

### 2.1. Case Study FESX Tick size

#### Background:

With effect from 21 March 2022, Eurex increased the minimum price change (tick) in outright contracts in EURO STOXX® 50 Index Futures (FESX), one of the most liquid benchmark future products at Eurex. The new tick was determined to be 1.0 index points after having it reduced from 1.0 to 0.5 index points in June 2021.

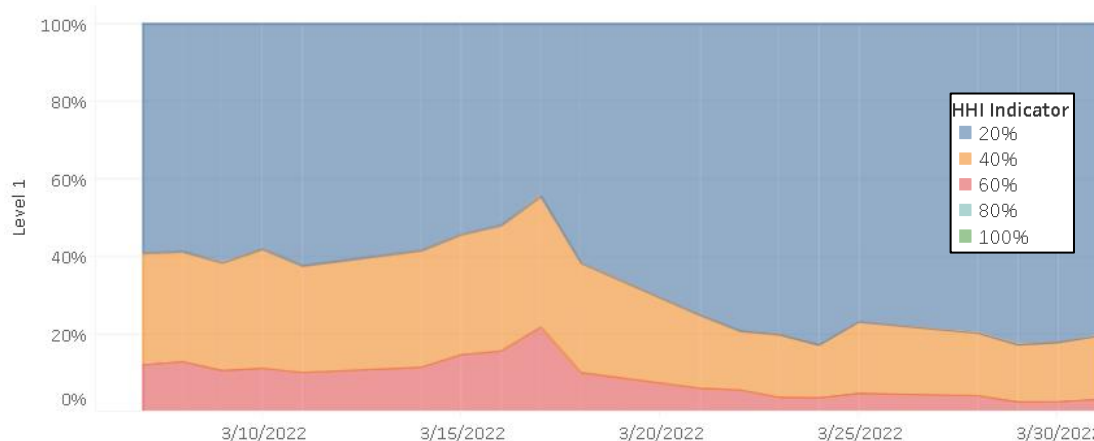
Prior to June 2021 with a valid tick size of 1.0, most of the time during the trading day the observed bid-ask spread is equal to smallest possible value of one tick. Hence, market participants cannot provide more competitive prices without crossing the bid-ask spread. Thus, the decrease in the tick size after June 2021 opened a new price level available for passive liquidity providers to quote more aggressively than before. Consequently, the increase in the tick size after March 2022 removed this additional price level, which provides the interesting opportunity to evaluate the respective level of concentration during this time applying the HHI information feed.



### Time Series Observations:

Eurex Trading Design conducted time series monitoring to capture this very interesting market microstructure change to evaluate the quality and competitiveness of liquidity provision during this time. Therefore, the HHI has been applied to observe changes in the liquidity provision activity when increasing the tick size from 0.5 to 1.0 tick. However, it must be clearly mentioned that also geopolitical events overshadowed this period, likewise, affecting market dynamics and trading behavior severely. Therefore, for this observation only a very narrow observation period was chosen, i.e., 10 days before and after the event.

The graphs provided in the following are based on the same production-alike setup of the HHI intended for go-live in December 2022. HHI is aggregated into five equidistant buckets, only front month instruments are covered in this evaluation. HHI is observed throughout each trading day and aggregated into a daily distribution where 100% resembles all HHI observations over one specific trading day. Other than treating every observation equally, it is more accurate to take into account the respective amount of time each observation was available to capture the time series dynamic of each trading day. Graph 3 depicts the daily time series observations of all time weighted HHI observations within ten days before and after the tick size change.



*Graph 3: Time Series HHI plot for FESX +/- 10 trading days before and after 21 March 2022. For every trading day the graph shows the relative distribution of HHI indicator flagged in the EOBI market data on a time-weighted basis of the best bid and offer price level in the front-month contract (Level 1). Colors indicate the respective HHI bucket with the relative appearance over each trading day.*

It is clearly visible that before 21 March 2022, the additional available top price level at 0.5 index points (level 1) had higher concentration levels compared to the period afterwards. On average, between 50% and 60% of all daily time weighted HHI observations show the lowest HHI bucket, i.e., HHIs between 0.0 and 0.2, on level 1. Relative to other products, shown in table 1, this shows a more concentrated liquidity picture on the additional price level. Although not visible in the short observation period, Eurex observed that there are two additional effects that amplify



## Appendix

### A) Description of the Data structure

Eurex will provide a synthetic test dataset for Participants to be able to prepare their algorithms based on the new information. The dataset is available via the following link:

<https://a7-dataplatform.deutsche-boerse.com/download/1f9b8d39-f01d-45b2-b3b9-e8276b69fb6c>

Please note that the data is available until 23 December 2022. The dataset covers the first quarter of 2022 and all products mentioned in the product scope. The dataset contains synthetically created orderbook data as well as synthetically created trade data.

The orderbook data contains every tick during the continuous trading period. The data is separated by product, day, and security ID. For each of these combinations several files are available, which are described in the following Table 2.

Filetype	Description
TD	Contains date, time, reference data
BIDP	Contains the prices for the best 10 price levels on the bid side. Prices are multiplied with 1,000.
BIDS	Contains the sizes for the best 10 price levels on the bid side
HHIBID	Contains the index of the HHI Indicator for the best 10 price levels on the bid side
ASKP	Contains the prices for the best 10 price levels on the ask side. Prices are multiplied with 1,000.
ASKS	Contains the sizes for the best 10 price levels on the ask side
HHIASK	Contains the index of the HHI Indicator for the best 10 price levels on the ask side

Table 2: Description of the various datatypes in the file structure for the orderbook data.

The filename is created with the following logic:

Filename = product id + file type + date + instrument id + ".csv "

The fields in the files with the file type "TD" are described in the following table 3.

Column name	Description
Nanos_since_Midnight	Matching engine timestamp (t_7) expressed in nanoseconds since 12:00 am UTC
Year	Year
Month	Month
Day	Day
Hours	Hour of the Matching engine timestamp (t_7) in UTC
Minutes	Minutes of the Matching engine timestamp (t_7) in UTC
Seconds	Seconds of the Matching engine timestamp (t_7) in UTC
Millis	Milliseconds of the Matching engine timestamp (t_7) in UTC
Micros	Microseconds of the Matching engine timestamp (t_7) in UTC
Nanos	Nanoseconds of the Matching engine timestamp (t_7) in UTC
Product_ID	Symbol (e.g. FESX)
Instrument_ID	Security ID (unique contract identifier)
Expiration	Expiration Month (e.g. 202203)

Table 3: Description of the various fields for the file type "TD" for the orderbook data.

The files with the file type BIDP, BIDS, BIDC, HHIBID, ASKP, ASKS, ASKC and HHIASK have columns with column names 0 to 9 indicating the 10 best price levels (with the column name 0 being the best price level).

Nanos_since_Midnight	Year	Month	Day	Hours	Minutes	Seconds	Millis	Micros	Nanos	Product_ID	Instrument_ID	Expiration
901050428787.0	2022	1	3	0	15	1	50	428	787	FESX	5035794	202203
901052104879.0	2022	1	3	0	15	1	52	104	879	FESX	5035794	202203
901052136534.0	2022	1	3	0	15	1	52	136	534	FESX	5035794	202203
901052201287.0	2022	1	3	0	15	1	52	201	287	FESX	5035794	202203
901052208649.0	2022	1	3	0	15	1	52	208	649	FESX	5035794	202203
901052238175.0	2022	1	3	0	15	1	52	238	175	FESX	5035794	202203
901052269829.0	2022	1	3	0	15	1	52	269	829	FESX	5035794	202203
901052278707.0	2022	1	3	0	15	1	52	278	707	FESX	5035794	202203
901052295589.0	2022	1	3	0	15	1	52	295	589	FESX	5035794	202203
901052305657.0	2022	1	3	0	15	1	52	305	657	FESX	5035794	202203
901052314360.0	2022	1	3	0	15	1	52	314	360	FESX	5035794	202203
901052340890.0	2022	1	3	0	15	1	52	340	890	FESX	5035794	202203
901052355470.0	2022	1	3	0	15	1	52	355	470	FESX	5035794	202203
901052374773.0	2022	1	3	0	15	1	52	374	773	FESX	5035794	202203
901052391987.0	2022	1	3	0	15	1	52	391	987	FESX	5035794	202203
901052397648.0	2022	1	3	0	15	1	52	397	648	FESX	5035794	202203
901052416576.0	2022	1	3	0	15	1	52	416	576	FESX	5035794	202203

Graph 4: Screenshot of the first lines of the orderbook data for the filetype "TD" for FESX on 2022-01-03.

The trade data contains every match event during the continuous trading period. The data is separated by product ID and day. For each of these combinations one file is available.

The filename is created with the following logic:

Filename = product id + "\_Trd\_" + date + ".csv "

with date being in the YYYY-MM-DD format. The fields in the files are described in the following table 4.

Column name	Description
FACT_DATE	Date in YYYY-MM-DD format
FACT_TIMESTAMP	Matching engine timestamp (t_7) expressed in YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS.000000 in UTC time
Nanos_since_Midnight	Matching engine timestamp (t_7) expressed in nanoseconds since 12:00 am UTC
Security ID	unique contract identifier
AggressorSide	Side of the aggressive order (1=Buy, 2=Sell)
LastQty	Total quantity executed by the aggressive order
LastPx	Worst price of the execution
TradingHHIIndicator	The trading HHI is the index to the HHI interval of the match event.
Product_Business_ID	Symbol (e.g. FESX)

Table 4: Description of the various fields for the trade data.

FACT_DATE	FACT_TIMESTAMP	Nanos_since_Midnight	Security ID	AggressorSide	LastQty	LastPx	TradingHHIndicator	Product_Business_ID
2022-01-03 00:00:00.000000	2022-01-03 00:15:00.050977	900050977456	5035794	2	8	4293.5	4	FESX
2022-01-03 00:00:00.000000	2022-01-03 00:15:00.058587	900058567180	5035794	2	1	4293.0	4	FESX
2022-01-03 00:00:00.000000	2022-01-03 00:15:00.060746	900060746802	5035794	2	2	4293.0	4	FESX
2022-01-03 00:00:00.000000	2022-01-03 00:15:00.329771	900329771955	5035794	2	1	4293.0	4	FESX
2022-01-03 00:00:00.000000	2022-01-03 00:15:00.331513	900331513589	5035794	2	4	4293.0	4	FESX
2022-01-03 00:00:00.000000	2022-01-03 00:15:00.453321	900453321633	5035794	2	4	4293.0	4	FESX
2022-01-03 00:00:00.000000	2022-01-03 00:15:00.627331	900627331447	5035794	2	4	4293.0	4	FESX
2022-01-03 00:00:00.000000	2022-01-03 00:15:00.627385	900627385002	5035794	2	18	4293.0	1	FESX
2022-01-03 00:00:00.000000	2022-01-03 00:15:00.627954	900627954963	5035794	2	1	4292.5	4	FESX
2022-01-03 00:00:00.000000	2022-01-03 00:15:01.052136	901052136534	5035794	2	1	4291.0	4	FESX
2022-01-03 00:00:00.000000	2022-01-03 00:15:01.052208	901052208649	5035794	2	2	4290.5	2	FESX
2022-01-03 00:00:00.000000	2022-01-03 00:15:01.052238	901052238175	5035794	2	1	4290.5	4	FESX
2022-01-03 00:00:00.000000	2022-01-03 00:15:01.052340	901052340890	5035794	2	1	4290.0	4	FESX
2022-01-03 00:00:00.000000	2022-01-03 00:15:01.052355	901052355470	5035794	2	1	4290.0	4	FESX
2022-01-03 00:00:00.000000	2022-01-03 00:15:01.052442	901052442908	5035794	1	1	4290.0	4	FESX
2022-01-03 00:00:00.000000	2022-01-03 00:15:01.078647	901078647108	5035794	1	3	4289.5	2	FESX
2022-01-03 00:00:00.000000	2022-01-03 00:15:01.533382	901533382829	5035794	2	1	4288.5	4	FESX
2022-01-03 00:00:00.000000	2022-01-03 00:15:01.533517	901533517880	5035794	1	1	4289.0	4	FESX
2022-01-03 00:00:00.000000	2022-01-03 00:15:01.579712	901579712597	5035794	2	1	4288.5	4	FESX
2022-01-03 00:00:00.000000	2022-01-03 00:15:01.580723	901580723601	5035794	2	3	4288.5	4	FESX
2022-01-03 00:00:00.000000	2022-01-03 00:15:01.580904	901580904300	5035794	1	1	4288.0	4	FESX
2022-01-03 00:00:00.000000	2022-01-03 00:15:01.580992	901580992120	5035794	2	1	4287.0	4	FESX
2022-01-03 00:00:00.000000	2022-01-03 00:15:01.581019	901581019826	5035794	1	1	4287.5	4	FESX
2022-01-03 00:00:00.000000	2022-01-03 00:15:01.581133	901581133258	5035794	1	2	4287.5	4	FESX
2022-01-03 00:00:00.000000	2022-01-03 00:15:01.581151	901581151574	5035794	1	6	4287.5	4	FESX

Graph 5: Screenshot of the first lines of the trade data for FESX on 2022-01-03.

## B) HHI Definition and Properties

The HHI, independent whether it is the *orderbook HHI*, or the *passive trading HHI*, is calculated as the sum of squared market shares,

$$HHI = \sum_i s_i^2,$$

with  $i$  being an index for the business unit and  $s_i$  being the respective market share of business unit  $i$ . The HHI is defined between zero and one. A HHI of one happens if one participant is active with a market share of 100% (no competition), while an HHI of zero can happen if an infinitesimal large number of participants with equal market share are active (perfect competition).

The **market share** for the *orderbook HHI* for a specific price level  $j$  on one side of the orderbook is defined as:

$$HHI^{(j)} = \sum_i (s_i^{(j)})^2 \quad \text{with} \quad s_i^{(j)} = \frac{q_{ij}^{bk}}{\sum_i q_{ij}^{bk}}$$

where  $q_{ij}^{bk}$  is the accumulated quantity of the order quantities of business unit  $i$  per price level  $j$  per orderbook side.

The **market share** for the *trading HHI* is defined as:

$$HHI = \sum_i s_i^2 \quad \text{with} \quad s_i = \frac{\sum_j q_{ij}^{trd}}{\sum_{i'} \sum_j q_{i'j}^{trd}}$$

where  $q_{ij}^{trd}$  is the traded quantity of the outright orders of business unit  $i$  per match step  $j$  on the passive side of the orderbook and  $i'$  denotes that the trading quantities of all participating business units involved in the match event are considered.

Note that the whole trading quantity of business unit  $i$  is considered in the calculation of the *trading HHI*. Introducing the index  $j$  is to emphasize that there might be several match steps (matching cascade) with a dedicated  $MatchPrice_j$  comprising a match event.

The publication of the HHI is referring to specific HHI intervals. The upper interval limits for the ordinal HHI scale will be set up as shown in table 5.

Upper Interval limit	Index
0.2	0
0.4	1
0.6	2
0.8	3
1.0	4

Table 5: Upper interval limits for the ordinal scale for the HHI Indicator.

These parameters are applicable for all products for which the HHI will be activated. The HHI intervals are disseminated via the T7 RDI/RDF reference data interface.

Initially, the publication of the HHI is limited to liquid futures according to table 6 .

Product ID	Product Name
FESX	EURO STOXX 50® Index Futures
FDAX	DAX® Futures
FDXM	Mini-DAX® Futures
FESB	EURO STOXX® Banks Futures
FXXP	STOXX® Europe 600 Index Futures
FGBL	Euro-Bund Futures
FGBM	Euro-Bobl Futures
FGBS	Euro-Schatz Futures
FGBX	Euro-Buxl® Futures
FOAT	Euro-OAT Futures
FBTP	Long-Term Euro-BTP Futures
FBTS	Short-Term Euro-BTP Futures

Table 6: Product list in scope for sequential activation of the HHI.