

Strategically significant license agreement with MSCI a positive

What's New

- Strategically significant partnership that materially expands SGX's access to MSCI benchmarks, with up to 100 new contracts spanning developed and emerging markets; 40 futures and options to be launched in initial phase
- Positive for SGX's medium-term derivatives growth and competitive positioning, broadening its institutional customer base and creating cross-selling opportunities with its FX derivatives.
- Near-term earnings contribution is likely to be limited as new contracts take time to build liquidity and open interest, but successful liquidity formation could provide meaningful longer-term upside

Strategically significant license agreement and partnership with MSCI. SGX's new licensing agreement with MSCI, covering up to 100 new contracts with around 40 futures and options in the initial phase which covers across major developed and emerging markets economies and span MSCI's flagship global developed market benchmarks, key Asia-Pacific single-country indexes and EM Asia sector indexes. We believe this represents a material deepening of SGX and MSCI's relationship. Recall that in 2020 when MSCI announced it will move licensing for derivatives products on a host of gauges to Hong Kong from Singapore, SGX share price suffered the steepest daily drop in 17 years (-11.6%) on the back of concerns of loss of revenues arising from MSCI Taiwan contracts, which SGX management back then had estimated a conservative impact of 10-15% of FY21 net profit on pro forma basis without adjusting for mitigating actions on the loss of most MSCI contracts. SGX subsequently migrated the majority of Taiwan liquidity to FTSE Russell and expanded its broader FTSE derivatives shelf. The latest agreement allows for SGX's access to a broad range of MSCI global developed-market, Asia-Pacific country and emerging-Asia sector benchmarks, rather than remaining largely confined to MSCI Singapore and selected climate products.

Positive for SGX's medium-term derivatives growth and competitive positioning. We view the new license agreement positively as it broadens SGX's addressable institutional customer base, strengthens its position as global derivatives powerhouse, not just in the region, with potential opportunities for cross-sell across MSCI contracts and corresponding FX derivatives on a single clearing platform. This compares with HKEX's existing MSCI suite (license was for Asia and Emerging Markets futures and options contracts) which does not include MSCI Korea offerings. Any earnings contribution to SGX is likely to be limited initially, as the contracts still need to establish trading liquidity and open interest. While timing of pipeline roll out is unknown, there is potential for meaningful earnings upside dependent on liquidity formation surrounding the contracts they roll out. The new MSCI license agreement continues to fit into SGX's strategic growth narrative and is strategically significant for SGX's valuation multiple and longer-term competitive positioning as a global derivatives powerhouse, not just in the region.

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Key Financial Data (FY Jun)

Bloomberg Ticker	SGX SP
Sector	Financial Services
Share Price(SGD)	23.70
DBS Rating	BUY
12-mth Target Price (SGD)	26.40
Market Cap (USDbn)	19.6
3m Avg. Daily Val (USDmn)	47.5
Dividend yield (%)	1.9
Fwd. P/E (x)	30.5
P/Book (x)	10.4
ROE (%)	31.6

Closing Price as of 23/07/2026

Source: Twelve Data, DBS, Visible Alpha

Singapore Exchange Ltd Share Price



Source: Twelve Data

Target Price & Ratings History - Singapore Exchange Ltd (SGX_SP_Equity)



S.No.	Date of Report	Closing Price	12-mth Target Price	Rating
1	30 Jul'25	15.75	18.20	BUY
2	05 Feb'26	17.75	19.20	BUY
3	09 Apr'26	20.19	22.50	BUY
4	24 Jun'26	23.84	26.40	BUY

Source: DBS

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