

# MCX LAUNCHES SILVER 100 FUTURES

The launch of the 100-gram Silver Futures contract by the Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX) marks another significant step in the evolution of India's precious metals market. By introducing a smaller and more accessible contract size, MCX has broadened participation opportunities for a wider spectrum of market participants, including retail investors, jewellers, bullion dealers, manufacturers, and small-scale industrial users of silver.

The contract's 999 purity specification aligns with prevailing industry standards and enhances its relevance as a practical hedging instrument. The lower contract value and margin requirements are expected to make risk management more efficient, enabling participants to hedge price volatility with greater precision while reducing capital commitments. Such products play an important role in improving market accessibility and fostering a more inclusive derivatives ecosystem.

Equally noteworthy is the growing prominence of India Good Delivery (IGD) standards within the bullion value chain. The increasing acceptance of domestically refined precious metals in exchange-traded products represents a major milestone for the Indian bullion

industry. It reflects the continued improvement in refining capabilities, quality assurance mechanisms, and industry-wide confidence in Indian-produced bullion.

The promotion of IGD-compliant metals can generate multiple long-term benefits for the sector. Greater utilisation of domestically refined silver and gold can strengthen India's refining industry, improve supply-chain resilience, reduce dependence on imported refined metals, and enhance value addition within the country. It also supports the broader objective of creating a robust and self-sustaining precious metals ecosystem aligned with India's vision of economic self-reliance and manufacturing excellence.

As India's bullion market continues to mature, initiatives such as the Silver 100 Futures contract and the wider adoption of India Good Delivery standards are expected to deepen market participation, improve liquidity, strengthen price discovery, and encourage greater formalisation of trade. Together, these developments will contribute to building a more transparent, efficient, and globally competitive bullion market, reinforcing India's position as one of the world's most important precious metals hubs.