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SGX Group's resilient September performance lifts securities, derivatives volume for quarter

SGX Group (Singapore Exchange) today reported a resilient performance for September, rounding off a steady third quarter of 2026 as global investors sought trusted markets and risk-management tools amid persistent uncertainty marked by elevated energy prices and higher borrowing costs.

Securities market turnover rose 27% y-o-y in September to S\$42.2 billion, with securities daily average value (SDAV) also up 27% y-o-y at S\$1.9 billion. For July-to-September, turnover climbed 31% from the same period in 2025 to S\$132 billion, as SDAV gained 33% y-o-y to S\$2 billion. The average securities net clearing fee for the July-to-September quarter was 2.58 basis points.

Derivatives daily average volume (DAV) in September stood at 1.4 million contracts, while traded volume declined 2% y-o-y to 29.8 million contracts. For July-to-September, DDAV increased 5% y-o-y to 1.4 million contracts, while total volume was up 4% y-o-y at 90.8 million contracts. The average net fee per contract for equity, currency and commodity derivatives for the July-to-September quarter was S\$1.16.

Key highlights:

- **Sustained cash-market activity:** Cash SDAV rose 30% y-o-y in September to S\$1.9 billion, driven by active participation across all client and stock segments. The Straits Times Index (STI) notched another record to 5,801.96 on 4 September, up 22% y-o-y for July-to-September, making it the best-performing ASEAN bellwether over the period. Retail investors were net buyers of the Index segment for a third straight quarter, with net inflows climbing to a high of S\$1.18 billion over the three months.
- **Record ETF AUM:** September was a record month in net inflows to STI exchange-traded funds (ETF), with S\$293 million of net creations lifting combined STI ETF assets-under-management (AUM) to above S\$6 billion for the first time. It also marked 19 successive months of net inflows to STI ETFs totalling S\$1.96 billion. Gold ETFs attracted S\$163 million in net inflows to extend a record streak to 28 months and bringing cumulative net inflows over the period to S\$2.9 billion, with combined AUM reaching S\$5.27 billion. The [CGS Fullgoal Singapore Next 50 Active ETF](#) was listed on 3 September, the first actively managed ETF benchmarked to the iEdge Singapore Next 50 Index.
- **Growth in capital raising:** SGX Stock Exchange welcomed [Metrocon Holdings Limited](#) to Catalist on 15 September, adding a Singapore-based specialist in geotechnical foundation engineering to the market. Secondary fundraising climbed 7% y-o-y to S\$730.9 million, the highest in five months, led by a sizable placement by Keppel DC REIT.
- **New global derivatives suite:** SGX Derivatives unveiled its [expanded global suite](#) of MSCI equity-index derivatives, offering investors capital-efficient access to 40 regional, country and sector benchmarks through a single platform. These included Net Total Return Futures,

Price Return Futures and Options launching in two phases, with 20 contracts introduced on 28 September and 21 more in late October.

- **Growing participation in GIFT:** Open interest (OI) across GIFT Nifty futures and options rose to a record US\$18.2 billion notional in September, surpassing the previous high watermark set in November 2025. Gains were led by a 25% m-o-m increase in GIFT Nifty 50 Futures OI to a record US\$17.2 billion notional. GIFT Nifty 50 Futures DAV climbed 28% m-o-m to 112,137 contracts (US\$5.2 billion notional), supported by broad-based participation across all client segments.
- **More hedging in listed FX:** Currency-hedging activity increased in September amid a focus on U.S.-China trade relations and the pace of economic growth. The volume of SGX USD/CNH FX Futures, the world's most widely traded international renminbi futures, gained 47% y-o-y to 4.9 million contracts, with July-to-September volume rising 41% y-o-y and OI up 27% y-o-y. SGX INR/USD FX Futures volume climbed 59% y-o-y at 3.9 million contracts, capping a strong quarter with volume gaining 58% y-o-y and OI up 55% y-o-y.
- **Petrochemicals, freight among commodities highlights:** Petrochemical derivatives volume YTD surpassed 45 million metric tonnes (MT) equivalent, exceeding the full-year tally of 2025 as September volume more than doubled y-o-y. Amid heightened volatility, forward freight agreement (FFA) volume increased 32% y-o-y to 270,730 contracts, with average OI reaching 380,105 contracts. To further support the freight-market ecosystem, SGX Commodities launched [intraday FFA forward curves](#) for Capesize, Panamax and Supramax on 21 September, enhancing pricing transparency. Separately, SGX McCloskey Hard Coking Coal FOB Australia Swaps and Futures were introduced on 7 September.

The full market statistics report can be found [here](#).

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