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Interactive Brokers' ForecastEx Pivots to CFB Indices

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ForecastEx is the latest regulated provider of event contracts—AKA regulated prediction markets—to deploy CF Benchmarks indices for crypto settlement.

The CFTC-registered Designated Contract Market (DCM) and Derivatives Clearing Organization (DCO) – a wholly-owned subsidiary of **Interactive Brokers** – has begun the process of transitioning to **CFB's UK FCA** regulated Real-Time Index (RTI) methodology for settlement references of its suite of crypto price contracts.

First BTC, ETH, SOL

Initial coverage of RTI-settled forecast contracts will encompass BTC, ETH, SOL, XRP, and DOGE prices, with the respective streaming CFB indices being **BRTI**, **ETHUSD_RTI**, **SOLUSD_RTI**, **XRPUSD_RTI**, **DOGEUSD_RTI**. ForecastEx plans to eventually roll-out CFB RTIs across the full suite of its crypto price products, bringing the same price representativeness, replicability and resistance to manipulation as integrated into crypto products offered by Kalshi, the largest regulated prediction market operator, which also utilizes CFB indices.

Insto Prediction Markets

As we set out in our December examination of the event contract market, it is in fact a regulated subset of white-hot prediction trading.

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With institutions showing interest in the granular pricing and behavior data generated by such venues, benchmark-led settlement design is a gating factor for suitability.

ForecastEx's integration into the Interactive Brokers platform, much like Robinhood's outsourcing of prediction trading to Kalshi, brings 'Forecast Contracts' into a high-intent, highly informed environment made for serious traders, which is quite likely to prove fertile ground for '**information venue**' effects.