

ISE To List Options On Nine Issues Select Sector SPDR Funds Begin Trading

NEW YORK, January 9, 2003 –The International Securities Exchange (ISE) said today that nine issues, including five equity options classes and options on four Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs), will be listed for trading on Friday. The new listings highlight ISE's commitment to expanding its portfolio of ETFs and other options products.

- Options on Financial Select Sector SPDR Fund (XLF), which were allocated to Morgan Stanley, will trade in bin 10 on a March expiration cycle with position and exercise limits of 60,000 contracts.
- Options on Technology Select Sector SPDR Fund (XLK), which were allocated to Timber Hill LLC, an affiliate of Interactive Brokers Group LLC, will trade in bin 4 on a March expiration cycle with position and exercise limits of 75,000 contracts.
- Options on Utilities Select Sector SPDR Fund (XLU), which were allocated to Timber Hill LLC, an affiliate of Interactive Brokers Group LLC, will trade in bin 4 on a March expiration cycle with position and exercise limits of 13,500 contracts.
- Options on iShares Russell 1000 Value Index Fund (IWD), which were allocated to Bear Stearns, will trade in bin 5 on a February expiration cycle with position and exercise limits of 31,500 contracts.
- Options on AON Corporation (AOC), which were allocated to Morgan Stanley, will trade in bin 10 on a January expiration cycle with position and exercise limits of 75,000 contracts.
- Options on Anthem, Inc. (ATH), which were allocated to Bear Stearns, will trade in bin 5 on a March expiration cycle with position and exercise limits of 108,390 contracts.
- Options on MBIA Inc. (MBI), which were allocated to Bear Wagner, will trade in bin 6 on a February expiration cycle with position and exercise limits of 75,000 contracts.
- Options on Hotel.com, class A (ROOM), which were allocated to Knight Financial Products, will trade in bin 1 on a January expiration cycle with position and exercise limits of 75,000 contracts.
- Options on TXU Corp. (TXU), which were allocated to Morgan Stanley, will trade in bin 10 on a January expiration cycle with position and exercise limits of 75,000 contracts.

ISE Background

ISE pioneered electronic options trading in the U.S.

Within 18-months of its May 26, 2000 launch, the Exchange became the third largest of five domestic options exchanges, a position that it has enhanced by capturing the lead market share in its listings.

ISE is the only fully-electronic U.S. options exchange, the first registered securities exchange approved by the Securities and Exchange Commission since 1973, and the first and only electronic options exchange in the global marketplace that has successfully integrated the intrinsic efficiencies of electronic trading with auction market principles.

ISE lists 533 options classes, whose aggregate volume represents more than 90% of the industry's total equity options volume. For more information about ISE, its products and its technology, visit www.iseoptions.com.

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