



ISE Launches Options Trading on the NASDAQ Q-50 Index

NEW YORK, January 7, 2009 – The International Securities Exchange ([ISE](#)) announced today that it has launched options trading on the NASDAQ Q-50 IndexSM (Ticker: NXTQ), a benchmark that tracks the 50 non-financial securities that next qualify for inclusion in the NASDAQ-100 Index. The NASDAQ-100 Index comprises the 100 largest domestic and international non-financial securities listed on The NASDAQ Stock Market[®] based on market capitalization. Options trading on the NASDAQ Q-50 Index began trading on ISE on December 23, 2008. Timber Hill LLC serves as the Primary Market Maker for this new product.

“We are excited to partner with NASDAQ to provide investors with the ability to trade options on a diverse basket of the fastest growing non-financial companies listed on The NASDAQ Stock Market,” said Kris Monaco, Director of New Product Development at ISE. “This new product will allow ISE’s customers to trade their views on some of the most closely watched securities listed on NASDAQ’s marketplace.”

“Our partnership with ISE will give investors who use the NASDAQ Q-50 Index in their portfolios the additional flexibility of incorporating options into their trading strategies,” said John Jacobs, Executive Vice President, NASDAQ OMX Global Index Group. “We are very pleased to work with ISE to expand the reach of our proprietary index products.”

The NASDAQ Q-50 Index is a market-capitalization weighted, price return index that commenced calculation on October 10, 2007 with a base value of 150.00. It does not contain securities of financial companies including banking and investment companies, as these are ineligible for NASDAQ-100 Index inclusion.

ISE also trades options on the NASDAQ-100 Index (Ticker: NDX) and the Mini-NASDAQ-100 Index (Ticker: MNX). For more information about ISE’s index options products, visit www.ise.com/indexoptions.

ISE Background

The International Securities Exchange (ISE) operates the world’s largest equity options exchange and offers options trading on over 2,000 underlying equity, ETF, index, and FX products. As the first all-electronic options exchange in the U.S., ISE transformed the options industry by creating efficient markets through innovative market structure and technology. ISE continues to expand its marketplace through the ongoing development of enhanced trading functionality and new product introductions. As part of its product suite, ISE provides enhanced market data for sophisticated investors and a portfolio of proprietary indexes that serve as the benchmark for a family of related exchange-traded fund (ETF) and options products. Regulated by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and a member-owner of The Options Clearing Corporation (OCC), ISE provides investors with an efficient, transparent marketplace for price and liquidity discovery on centrally cleared options products.

ISE is a wholly owned subsidiary of Eurex, a leading global derivatives exchange. Eurex itself is jointly owned by Deutsche Börse AG (Ticker: DB1) and SIX Swiss Exchange AG. Together, Eurex and ISE are the global market leader in individual equity and equity index derivatives. For more information, visit www.ise.com.

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