

The Cboe Mini-Russell 2000 Index option contract, known by its symbol MRUT, is an index option product designed to track the underlying Russell 2000 Index. At 1/10 the size of the standard Russell 2000 options contract, MRUT provides greater flexibility and precision for small cap U.S. equity trading strategies, and for new index options traders or traders managing an individual portfolio.

Benefits of Mini-Russell 2000 Index Options



Cash Settled & European Exercise

Account credited/debited in cash, not ETF shares and no risk of early assignment.



60/40 Tax Treatment

Capital gains may benefit from 60/40 tax treatment*



Mini Contract

Mini-Russell 2000 is 1/10th the size of the standard contract.



Covered Margin Treatment

Receive covered margin treatment on IWM ETF holdings**

Comparison of Russell 2000 Index Options Products

| Description | Mini-Russell 2000 Options | Russell 2000 Index Options - Traditional | Russell 2000 Index Options - Weeklys and End Of Month | ishares Russell 2000 ETF |
|--|---------------------------|--|---|--------------------------|
| Options Chain | MRUT | RUT | RUT | IWM |
| Root Ticker Symbol | MRUT | RUT | RUTW | IWM |
| AM or PM Settlement | PM-settled | AM-settled | PM-settled | PM-settled |
| Approximate Notional Size <small>When Russell 2000 Index was trading at 2,151</small> | \$21,510 | \$215,100 | \$215,100 | \$21,300 |
| Exercise Style | European | European | European | American |
| Settlement Type | Cash | Cash | Cash | Physical Shares of ETF |

Summary Product Specifications

Contract Name & Ticker

Mini-Russell 2000 Index Options

Ticker: MRUT

Description

Mini-Russell 2000 Index Options are exchange-traded European exercise cash settled options contracts based on 1/10th the value of the Russell 2000 Index (RUT). The Russell 2000 Index is designed to measure the performance of the bottom 2,000 companies from a universe of the 3,000 largest stocks in the U.S. The index is capitalization-weighted and includes only common stocks belonging to corporations domiciled in the US and its territories and traded on the NYSE, NASDAQ or the AMEX. The Russell 2000 Index is adjusted once per year, in June, to reflect changes in rankings and shares outstanding.

Contract Multiplier

\$100

Minimum Price Intervals

Minimum tick for options trading is 0.01 (\$1.00)

Trading Hours

Regular Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. (Chicago)

Final Settlement Value

Exercise will result in delivery of cash on the business day following expiration. The exercise settlement value, MRUT, is one-tenth (1/10th) the official closing price of the Russell 2000 Index as reported by FTSE Russell on the last trading day of the expiring series. The exercise settlement amount is equal to the difference between the exercise-settlement value and the exercise price of the option, multiplied by \$100.

Final Settlement Date

Standard MRUT options expire on the third Friday of the expiration month or the immediately preceding business day if the Exchange is not open on that Friday. MRUT Weekly options expire on a Monday, Wednesday, or a Friday. If the Exchange is not open on a Wednesday or Friday, the normally expiring Wednesday or Friday Weekly will expire on the immediately preceding business day. If the Exchange is not open on a Monday, the normally expiring Monday MRUT Weekly will expire on the first business day immediately following that Monday. Quarterly MRUT options expire on the last business day of the calendar quarter.

For contract specifications and more details, visit Cboe.com/MRUT

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