Cboe Agrees to Acquire BIDS Trading

This morning Cboe announced that it has entered into a definitive agreement to acquire BIDS Trading, a registered broker-dealer and the operator of the BIDS Alternative Trading System (ATS), subject to regulatory review and other customary closing conditions. The planned acquisition of BIDS Trading, the largest block-trading ATS by volume in the U.S., will provide an opportunity for Cboe to diversify its U.S. equities offering beyond traditional exchange products and services.

BIDS Trading's proven block trading capability will provide Cboe with a significant foothold in the off-exchange segment of the U.S. equities market. Additionally, BIDS Trading's differentiated network of global buy-side investment managers and sell-side constituents provides the foundation for Cboe to potentially build more off-exchange products and services in non-U.S. equities or options products and in other geographies beyond the U.S. and provide Cboe with a significant presence in the off-exchange segment of the U.S. equities market. See the **Press Release**.

Cboe Information Solutions Update

The Cboe Theoretical Value, or Cboe Theo, is now being generated by Cboe Hanweck. Click **here** to listen to the recent podcast on Cboe Theo with Cboe's Jerry Hanweck, VP, Software Engineering. The Cboe Information Solutions 2020 Webinar Series also kicked off last week with Cboe's Henry Schwartz, Head of Product Intelligence, sharing an **Introduction to Option Order Flow Analysis**. Register now for the Thursday, October 22 webinar: **It All Begins with Risk Management**.

Sunset of Legacy Mass Cancel Method

On **Monday, October 12**, Cboe sunset the legacy *MassCancel* (FIX Tag 7693) and *MassCancelLockout* (FIX Tag 7697) instructions currently supported in FIX and BOE protocols on the BZX, Cboe, C2 and EDGX Options Exchanges. See the **Tradedesk Update**.

Cboe Options to Update Price Buffer Logic

Effective **today, Friday, October 16**, Cboe Options changed the price buffer logic so that a two-legged spread order with a pair of AM-settled/PM-settled legs with the same expiration date will be considered a diagonal spread, rather than a vertical spread, or a calendar spread. See the **Tradedesk Update**.

Cboe Silexx Enhancements

Cboe Silexx, a world-class, order execution management system (OEMS), recently released a number of usability enhancements to the order manager, quick trade ticket, option chain and risk settings. See the **Tradedesk Update**.

PAR Reactivation of Maximum Active Order Threshold

Effective **Monday, October 19**, Cboe Options will re-activate the maximum active order threshold safeguard on PAR terminals used by floor brokers. The maximum threshold will be set to 1,999. See the **Tradedesk Update**.

Update to AIM Entry Price Checks

On **Friday, October 23**, Cboe EDGX Options Exchange will update entry price checks to prevent an AIM auction from starting if it is priced through the opposite side National Best Bid or Offer (NBBO). Testing is now available. See the **Tradedesk Update**.

Marking and Settlement Price Reference Time

Effective **Monday, October 26**, subject to regulatory review, Cboe will transition the daily marking time and daily settlement price calculation for certain proprietary index options and futures from 3:15 p.m. CT to 3:00 p.m. CT (noon CT on early market close days). The change is being implemented in conjunction with corollary changes being made by CME Group for related futures products. See the **Tradedesk Update**.

New Electronic Position Compression Cross Paired-Order Type

The schedule and facilitation process for compression forums, as well as changes to the procedures for position files, will be changed on **Wednesday, October 28.** Additionally, new rule and technology changes will be implemented to allow daily compression trades via open outcry and via a new electronic "Position Compression Cross" (PCC) paired-order mechanism. See the **Tradedesk Update**.

We encourage your input on these and other exchange matters. Please feel free to contact us.

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