

Index FLEX Option Specifications

Description	Index FLEXible EXchange (Index FLEX) options are exchange-traded options on underlying indexes. Key contract terms, including expiration dates, exercise style, exercise prices, and settlement value determination, can be customized.
Customized Contract Terms	Expiration Date: Up to fifteen years from trade date.
Exercise Style	American, European or Capped (European).
Exercise (strike) Price	May be based on an index level, a percentage or numerical deviation from a closing or intraday index level, or any other reasonable method for deriving an index level, rounded to the nearest two decimal places.
Determination of Exercise Settlement Value	Opening settlement based on the opening value of an index on the expiration date; closing settlement based on the closing value of an index on the expiration date; average of the opening and closing values of an index on the expiration date; average of the high and low values of an index on the expiration date; or average of the opening settlement value, closing settlement value, and high and low values of an index on the expiration date. American-style Index FLEX options, exercised prior to expiration date, are settled based on the closing value on the index on the exercise date.
Minimum Size	No minimum under a pilot program expiring March 2013.
Option Premium Quotations	Incremental Changes for Bids and Offers. Changes in decimal bids and offers for FLEX Index Options in the designated currency shall meet or exceed the following minimums (or such other minimums as the Exchange sets from time to time to ensure fair and orderly markets); U.S. Dollars - \$0.01; Canadian Dollars - \$0.01; Japanese Yen - 0.01¥; Swiss Francs - 0.01Fr.; British pounds - 0.01£; European Currency units - 0.01€.
Position Limits	200,000 contracts on the same side of the market on each broad-based index and up to four times the position limit for standard index options in industry groups. Index FLEX options are not aggregated with conventional index option contracts and there are no position limits for the Nasdaq-100 (NDX), Mini Nasdaq-100 (MNX), and Russell 2000.
Minimum Customer Margin for Uncovered Writers	Subject to the same customer margin requirements governing traditional broad-market index options: 100% of the market value of the option plus 15% of the value of the underlying index less any out-of-the-money amount, subject to a minimum of 100% of the market value of the option plus 10% of the value of the underlying index.
Trading Hours	All options trade 9:30-4:00 pm ET with the exception of Index options that trade 9:30-4:15 ET. Please view the Late Close List.
Trading Process	Request for Quote (RFQ) procedures are utilized.