Overview

BATS Options leads the way in Making Markets Better with innovative solutions to meet the needs of traders in the changing options climate. BATS will leverage its cutting-edge technology and maker-taker pricing to build a platform for today's options traders.

BATS Options is a pure price-time priority platform that offers penny executions in all options regardless of premium or class. All multiply-listed options will be available with Post Options Symbology Initiative (OSI) consolidation.

Securities Traded on BATS Options: Trading in all multiply-listed equity options.

Trading Hours: 9:30 to 4 p.m. ET

2010 HOLIDAYS

New Year's Day, January 1 / Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, January 18 (Observed) / President's Day, February 15 / Good Friday, April 2
Memorial Day, May 31 / Independence Day, July 5 (Observed) / Labor Day, September 6 / Thanksgiving Day, November 25
Early Market Close, November 26 / Christmas, December 24 (Observed)

Market Data

MULTICAST PITCH: Real-time depth of book and trade information.
DROP: Participant-only order, trade and cancel messages.

Maker-Taker Pricing

BATS Options operates a true price–time priority market. There are no membership fees, no confusing Member designations or complicated pricing schemes.

Pricing is the same for customers, firms and market makers.

Per Contract Pricing	All Members
Adding Rebate	$0.20
Removing Fee	$0.30
Standard Routing Fee	$0.05
Directed ISO Fee	$0.10

See the fee schedule for full details.

Links

Fee Schedule: Pricing for accessing liquidity, liquidity rebates, routing and other pricing models.

Membership: Become a Member of BATS Options in two steps.

Connectivity Manual: A network connectivity manual which provides information on how to connect to BATS Options.

Specifications

FIX: FIX (Financial Information Exchange) protocol information.

Multicast PITCH: Real-time depth of book quotations and execution information.

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See the reverse for descriptions of available order types on BATS Options.

Functionality

PRICE IMPROVEMENT

Firms that enter orders in pennies may receive price improvement on the BATS Options platform. Posted orders priced in penny increments where the Minimum Price Variation is $0.05 or $0.10 will take advantage of displayed price sliding to the next increment.

MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE QUANTITY

This allows a minimum execution size to be designated when using an IOC order. The order is cancelled back to the user if less than the designated size would be executed.

Order Types

LIMIT ORDER

Limit orders allow users to buy or sell a security at a desired price or better. Time in Force (TIF) availability for limit orders:

- DAY: If not executed, canceled at 4 p.m. ET.
- GTD (Good 'til Day): If not executed, canceled at expire time or 4 p.m. ET.
- IOC (Immediate or Cancel): Remainder of the order not filled immediately is cancelled. Market orders are implicitly IOC. Minimum Quantity is also available with IOC orders.
- GTC (Good 'til Cancelled): If not executed, canceled at 4 p.m. ET.

PARTIAL POST ONLY @ LIMIT ORDER

Partial Post Only at Limit offers liquidity removal with price improvement while allowing users to designate a Maximum Remove Percentage to allow for removal of liquidity at the limit price.

WAIT ORDER

Regulation requires customer orders to be exposed for a minimum of one second before executing against a corresponding principal order. This order type automatically holds the firm order for one second to comply with the minimum exposure period.

The WAIT order modifier fulfills the required service in two fashions:
1) Add the modifier upon entry in the system and the order is held for one second before processing.
2) Enter the customer and firm order simultaneously with the firm order marked with the WAIT modifier. The firm order will be held for one second.

INTERMARKET SWEEP ORDERS (ISO)

An intermarket sweep order (ISO) defined as an immediate or cancel order (IOC) ignores the NBBO and does not route away from the BATS order book. Day ISO orders provide a day timeframe rather than the default IOC order. Directed ISO orders are sent via BATS to a specified market center.

DISCRETIONARY ORDER

Discretionary orders have a working visible price and an non-displayed "discretionary" price. The discretionary price is a hidden upward offset which users are willing to buy or a hidden downward offset which users are willing to sell. A minimum amount of discretion necessary will be used to achieve execution.

RESERVE ORDER

Reserve orders allow users to enter a limit order and only display a fraction of the order size. The entire size is available for execution. Also, the reserve portion of the order is last in priority after visible orders.

POST ONLY ORDER

Post only orders allow users to make a market and specify not to remove liquidity. Any incoming post only orders that cross with a resting displayed order will be rejected.

CANCEL & REPLACE ORDER

Allows users to change price, size and/or side (sell long or sell short) of a working order and change a limit order to a market order.

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