



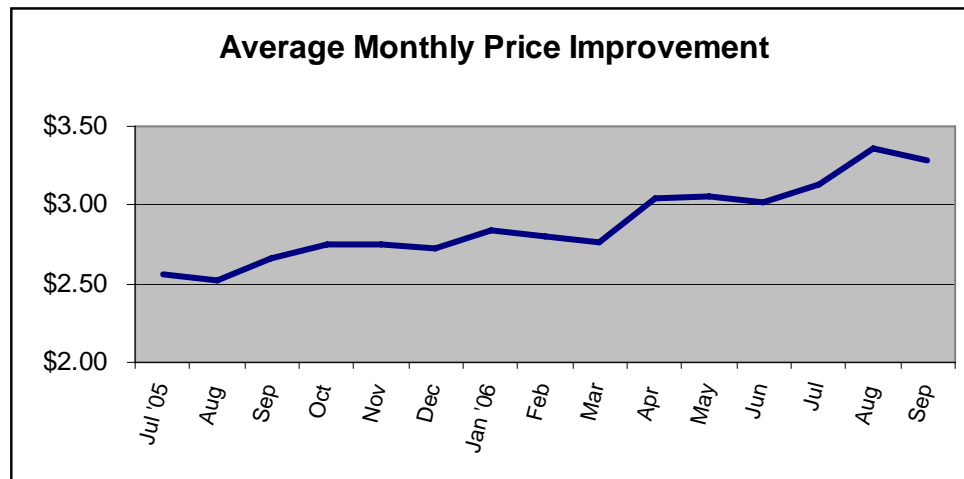
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BOXX's Price Improvement Remains Above \$3 for Seventh Consecutive Month, Prepares To Launch Index Classes

Boston, November 6, 2006: In the month of October, price improvement versus the prevailing NBBO for contracts submitted via the Boston Options Exchange's ("BOXX") price improvement auction ("PIP") averaged \$3.28 per contract, making October the seventh consecutive month this key statistic delivers a result above \$3. This represented savings to investors of \$5.6 million, or \$253,982 per day. An average of 77,484 contracts per day received price improvement during the month. To date, BOXX has saved investors over \$89 million.



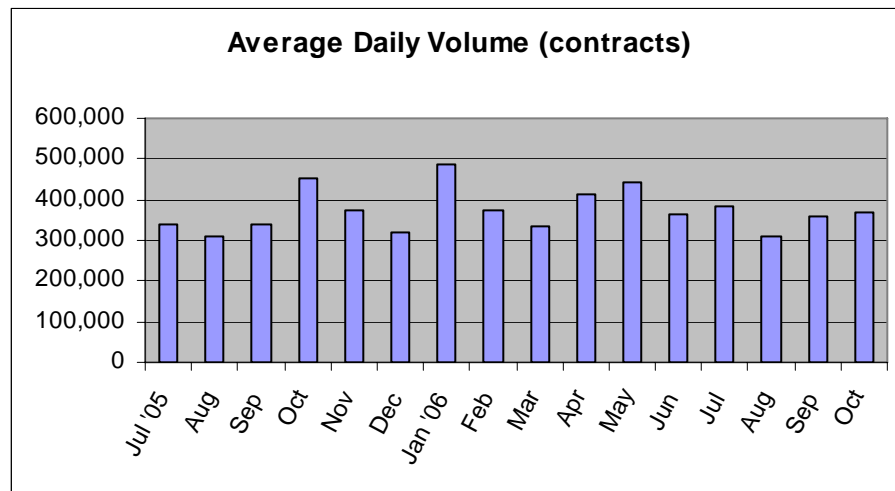
BOXX Prepares To Roll Out New Index Classes

In the month of November, BOXX plans to roll out three popular index classes: Mini-Nasdaq 100 Index (MNX), Nasdaq 100 Index (NDX), and Russell 2000 Index (RUT), as well as the Diamonds Trust Series 1 (DIA) Exchange-traded fund. In addition, during coming months, BOXX will add 496 additional classes for trading (subject to licensing and regulatory approval).



Average Daily Volume Reaches 370,000 contracts

Average daily trading volume on BOXX in the month of October 2006 was 370,096 contracts, which represented a 3% increase over the previous month.



* Patent application pending for BOXX Price Improvement Process auction