



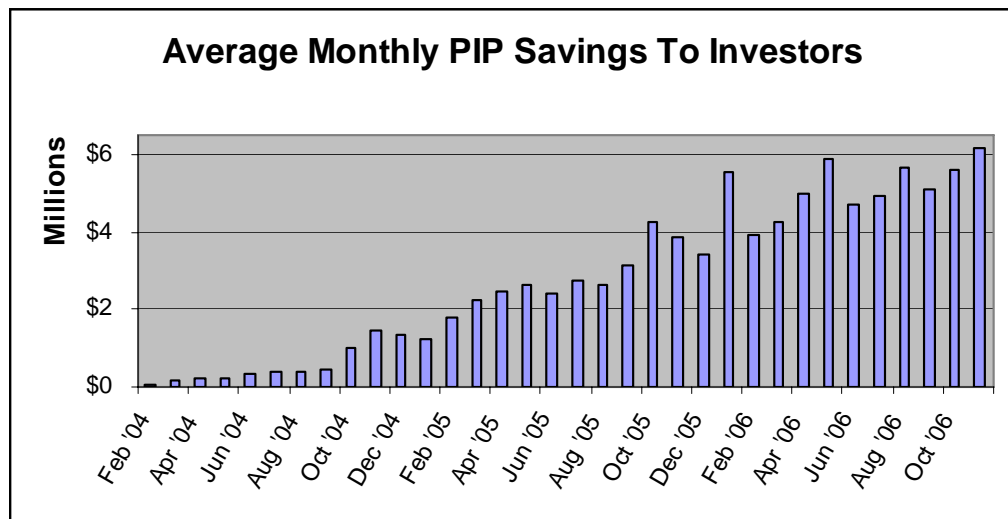
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BOX's Price Improvement Monthly Savings To Investors Surpass \$6M For First Time, Launches 42 New Classes

Boston, December 4, 2006: In the month of November, price improvement versus the prevailing NBBO for contracts submitted via the Boston Options Exchange's ("BOX") price improvement auction ("PIP") averaged \$3.23 per contract. An average of 90,649 contracts per day received price improvement during the month. This represented savings to investors of \$6.1 million, or \$292,398 per day, making November the best month on record for both daily and monthly PIP savings. To date, BOX has saved investors over \$95 million.



BOX Rolls Out 42 New Classes

In the month of November, BOX rolled 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 along with 38 more classes. In addition, during coming months, BOX will add 458 additional classes for trading (subject to regulatory approval).

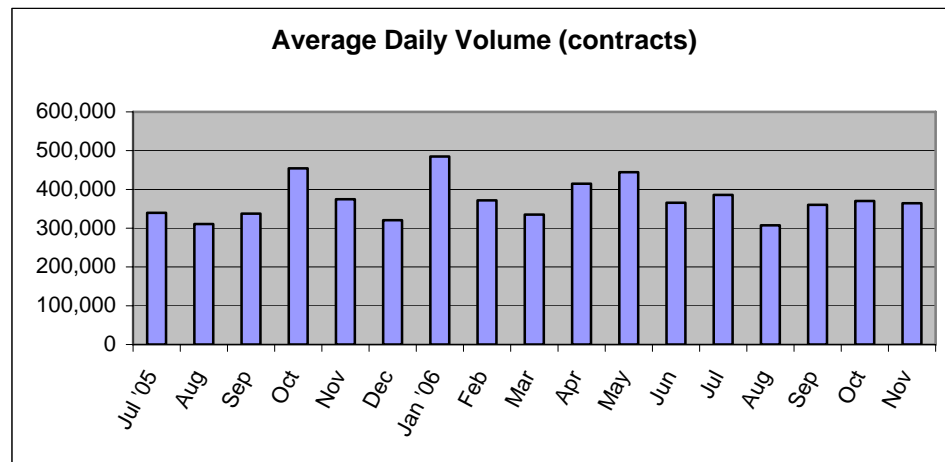


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Average Daily Volume Reaches 365,000 contracts

Average daily trading volume on BOX in the month of November 2006 was 364,552 contracts, which represented a 5.65% market share in BOXtraded classes..



* Patent application pending for BOX Price Improvement Process auction