



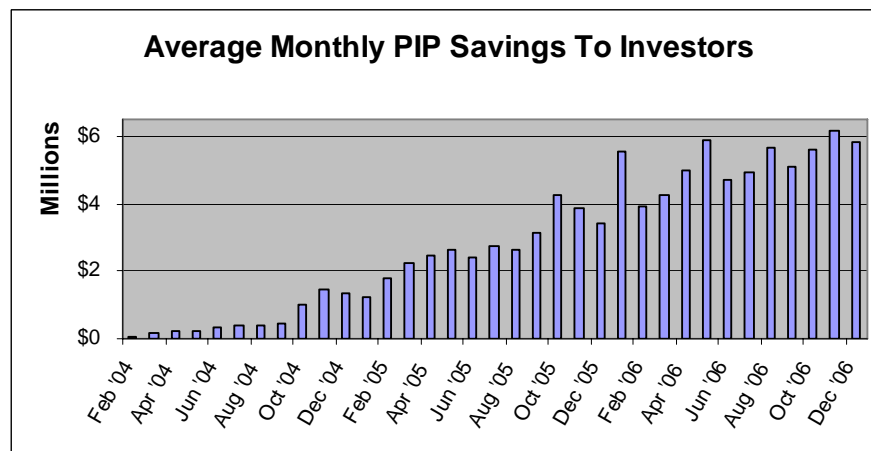
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## **BOX Reaches \$100M In Savings To Investors, Launches 63 New Classes**

Boston, January 4, 2007: In the month of December, 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 89,842 contracts per day received price improvement during the month. This represented savings to investors of \$5.8 million. With this amount, BOX surpassed \$100 million in savings to investors since inception. On a yearly basis, average price improvement per contract for 2006 set a new record high at \$3.09.



## **BOX Rolls Out 63 New Classes**

During the month of December, BOX continued its expansion program by rolling out 63 new classes, to reach a total of 575 classes currently traded on the Exchange. In addition, during coming months, BOX will add 425 additional classes for trading (subject to regulatory approval).

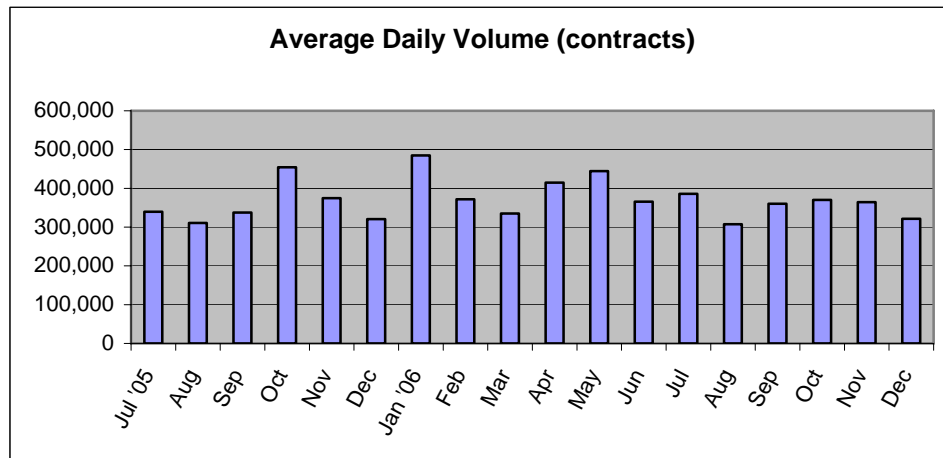


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## Average Daily Volume Reaches 321,000 contracts

Average daily trading volume on BOX in the month of December 2006 was 321,347 contracts, which represented a 4.77% market share in BOX-traded classes.



\* Patent application pending for BOX Price Improvement Process auction