

WEEKLY INDEX OPTIONS

(Hang Seng Index and Hang Seng China Enterprises Index)

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HANG SENG INDEX (HSI) AND HANG SENG CHINA ENTERPRISES INDEX (HSCEI)

Both HSI and HSCEI are key stock market benchmark indices in Hong Kong, widely used by investors to gauge their investment performances. The HSI is the key benchmark representing the performance of the Hong Kong stock market. The HSCEI tracks the performances of Mainland Chinese companies listed in Hong Kong, including H shares, Red-chips and private enterprises. Both indices are free-float adjusted market capitalisation weighted, with a 10-per cent-cap on the weighting of individual constituent securities. Both indices are compiled and calculated by Hang Seng Indexes Company Limited (HSIL).



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To supplement the existing monthly index options, introduction of the weekly index options contracts on HSI and HSCEI aims to provide risk management tools for investors to manage their short-term risks on the exposure of HSI and HSCEI positions.

Weekly index options are similar to the monthly index options except that they expire on the last business day of every week instead of the second last business day of the month.



FEATURES OF WEEKLY INDEX OPTIONS

With a shorter maturity, weekly index options contracts would have a much lower option premium and faster time decay comparing to the monthly index options contracts, thus allowing short-term trading and more attractive short options strategies.

Investors can now target a specific time period to deploy their short-term trading strategies using weekly index options.





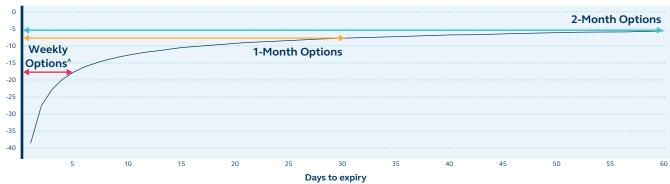
^{*}For illustration purpose only

[^]Spot week contract



Figure 2. Comparison of Time Decay Factors of Option Premiums between Weekly and Monthly Options*





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USAGES OF WEEKLY INDEX OPTIONS

Weekly index options are useful for investors in the following ways:



COST EFFECTIVE

Trading or hedging against short-term market events with relatively low option premium.



YIELD ENHANCEMENT

Employing short options strategies to capture option premium by taking advantage of the rapid time decay of its premium.



OPTION RISK MANAGEMENT

Managing the risks of options portfolio (delta, gamma and vega, etc) more effectively.

Weekly index options can also be used for options trading strategies such as covered calls, call/put spreads, straddles etc. at a relatively low cost.

CONTRACT SPECIFICATIONS

ITEMS	WEEKLY HSI OPTIONS	WEEKLY HSCEI OPTIONS
Underlying Index	HSI	HSCEI
Trading Symbol	"HSI" + Strike + Month + Year + "W" + Expiry Day e.g. HSI2700019W20 Where: - "HSI" means underlying code; - "27000" means strike price; - "I" means Sep call - contract month; - "9" means year 2019 contract; - "W20" means weekly product with 20th of the month as expiry	"HHI" + Strike + Month + Year + "W" + Expiry Day e.g. HHI10400I9W20 Where: -"HHI" means underlying code; -"10400" means strike price; -"I" means Sep call - contract month; -"9" means year 2019 contract; -"W20" means weekly product with 20th of the month as expiry

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Contract Multiplier	HK\$50 per Index point		
Strike Prices	Index points Below 5,000 At or above 5,000 but below 20,000 At or above 20,000	Intervals 50 100 200	
Contract Weeks	Spot Week and the next week, except where the Expiry Day of the Weekly Contract is the same as the Expiry Day of the Spot Month HSI Option Contract	Spot Week and the next week, except where the Expiry Day of the Weekly Contract is the same as the Expiry Day of the Spot Month HSCEI Option Contract	
Trading Hours (Hong Kong time)	T Session 9:15 am - 12:00 noon (morning trading session) 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm (afternoon trading session) (Expiring contract closes at 4:00 pm on the Expiry Day) T+1 Session 5:15 pm - 3:00 am (after-hours trading session)		
Expiry Day	The last Business Day of the Contract Week		
Final Settlement Price	Average of the index values taken at 5 minute interval on the Expiry Day		
Trading Fee	HK\$10	HK\$3.5	
Settlement Fee	HK\$10	HK\$3.5	



INFORMATION VENDORS AND ACCESS CODES

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DB Power Online Ltd	HSI	HHI
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Infocast Limited	HSI	ННІ
MegaHub Limited	HSI	ННІ
N2N-AFE	873101	873121
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