

**Informational Circular** 

то:	BOX Options Participants
FROM:	BOX Market Operations Center
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Beginning **April 2, 2018**, BOX Options Exchange, LLC ("BOX") will introduce split-price functionality to the BOX Trading Floor.

In order to execute a split-price transaction, a Floor Broker must submit a Qualified Open Outcry ("QOO") Order to the system at a sub-minimum trading increment.<sup>1</sup> After receiving the QOO Order, the system will split the QOO Order into two transactions. The transactions are separated by one tick that, when combined, will yield a net price equal to the original price entered by the Floor Broker.

With regard to priority, when an order or offer (bid) for any number of contracts of a series is represented to the trading crowd and a Floor Participant buys (sells) one or more contracts of that order or offer (bid) at one price, then the Floor Participant will have priority over all other orders and quotes, except Public Customer Orders resting in the BOX Book, to buy (sell) up to the same number of contracts of those remaining from the same order or offer (bid) at the next lower (higher) price.

For more information about split-price priority on the BOX Trading Floor, please see <u>SR-BOX-</u> <u>2017-36</u> and <u>Partial Amendment 1</u>.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For example, entering a QOO Order at a price of \$1.03 when the minimum trading increment for the series is \$0.05.