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**Date:** August 30, 2022

**Subject:** Direxion Fallen Knives ETF – Anticipated Liquidation/Anticipated Cash Settlement  
Option Symbol: NIFE  
Date: ???

On August 26, 2022, Direxion Shares ETF Trust announced that it will terminate and subsequently liquidate the Direxion Fallen Knives ETF (NIFE). The last day of trading for the NIFE shares on the NYSE Arca, Inc. will be September 23, 2022, and trading will be suspended before the open on the following business day. From September 23, 2022 through September 30, 2022 (the "Liquidation Date") shareholders may only be able to sell their shares to certain broker-dealers and there is no assurance that there will be a market for NIFE shares during this time period.

On or about the Liquidation Date, the fund will liquidate its assets and distribute cash pro rata to all shareholders who have not previously redeemed or sold their shares.

#### **Contract Adjustment**

The option symbol NIFE will not change.

**Date:** Anticipated to occur on or about September 30, 2022.

**New Deliverable  
Per Contract:** 100 x the pro rata cash proceeds paid to NIFE Shareholders, less any applicable transactions costs, pursuant to the liquidation

Note: The determination to include any distributions, if any, in the contract adjustment will be made by OCC on a case-by-case basis.

**Settlement:** NIFE exercise and assignment activity will be subject to delayed settlement, effective September 26, 2022, until the pro rata cash proceeds amount paid to NIFE Shareholders pursuant to the liquidation is determined.

Once the final cash amount to be included in the NIFE deliverable is determined, settlement in the NIFE options will take place through OCC's cash settlement system. Settlement will be accomplished by payment of the difference between the extended strike amount and the cash deliverable.

#### **Acceleration of Expirations**

Pursuant to OCC Rule 807, equity stock option contracts whose deliverables are adjusted to call for cash-only delivery will be subject to an acceleration of the expiration dates for outstanding option series (See OCC Information Memo 23988).

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