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Subject: iShares Frontier and Select EM ETF - Liquidation/Cash
Settlement/Acceleration of Expirations
Option Symbol: FM
Date: 01/09/2025

On June 7, 2024, BlackRock, Inc. announced that it will terminate and subsequently liquidate the iShares Frontier and Select EM ETF (FM). The fund ceased trading after market close on January 6, 2025, and was suspended before the open on January 7, 2025. **Proceeds of the liquidation were distributed to shareholders in the amount of \$27.234261 per FM share on January 9, 2025.**

Contract Adjustment

The option symbol FM will not change.

Date: January 9, 2025

**New Deliverable
Per Contract:** \$2,723.43 Cash (\$27.234261 x 100)

FM options, which were subject to delayed settlement from January 7, 2025 through January 8, 2025, are no longer subject to delayed settlement, effective January 9, 2025.

Settlement in FM 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 23707) Additionally, the exercise by exception (ex by ex) threshold for expiring series will be \$.01 in all account types.

All series of iShares Frontier and Select EM ETF options whose expiration dates are after 01-17-2025 will have their expiration dates advanced to 01-17-2025. Expiration dates occurring before 01-17-2025 (e.g., Flex options) will remain unchanged.

All iShares Frontier and Select EM ETF options will utilize a \$.01 exercise threshold.

Option Symbol: FM
Existing Expiration: All months
New expiration date: 01-17-2025

Existing American-style iShares Frontier and Select EM ETF options remain exercisable at the option of the holder prior to their expiration. Exercised options will continue to settle in one business day.

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