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Date:	January 10, 2025
Subject:	Discover Financial Services - Anticipated Adjustment Option Symbols: DFS/2DFS New Symbols: COF1/2COF1 Date: ???
Contract Adjustment	
Date:	Effective the opening of the business day after the merger is consummated. Contract adjustment is anticipated to occur in early 2025.
Option Symbols:	DFS changes to COF1 2DFS changes to 2COF1
Strike Divisor:	1
Contracts Multiplier:	1
New Multiplier:	100 (e.g., a premium of 1.50 yields \$150; a strike of 20 yields \$2,000.00)
New Deliverable Per Contract:	1) 101 Capital One Financial Corporation (COF) Common Shares 2) Cash in lieu of 0.92 fractional COF Common Shares
	Note: Once determined the cash in lieu of fractional share portion of the option deliverable remains fixed and does not vary with price changes of any security.
CUSIP:	COF: 14040H105

Pricing

Until the cash in lieu amount is determined, the underlying price for COF1/2COF1 will be determined as follows:

COF1 = 1.0192 (COF)

Delayed Settlement

The COF component of the COF1/2COF1 deliverable will settle through National Securities Clearing Corporation (NSCC). OCC will delay settlement of the cash portion of the COF1/2COF1 deliverable until the cash in lieu of fractional COF shares is determined. Upon determination of the cash in lieu amount, OCC will require Put exercisers and Call assignees to deliver the appropriate cash amount.

Background

On February 18, 2025, Shareholders of Discover Financial Services (DFS) will vote concerning the proposed merger with Capital One Financial Corporation (COF). If the merger is approved and consummated, each existing DFS Common Share will be converted into the right to receive 1.0192 COF Common Shares. Cash will be paid in lieu of fractional COF shares.

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