









# S&P/TSX 60 Index Options

## **SXO Options**



- Options on the S&P/TSX 60 Index.
- Can be used to:
  - Gain market exposure
  - Hedge a well-diversified portfolio



# SXO Trading Parameters



- Types of contract
  - Call options
  - Put options
- Strike prices and expiration months
- Pricing variables
  - The underlying
  - Strike Price
  - Time to expiry
  - Volatility
  - Risk free rate of interest



#### **SXO Trading Parameters**



- Contract multiplier is C\$10.
- European-style exercise.
- Cash settlement in Canadian dollars.
- Settlement price is the Official Opening Level of the underlying index on the expiration day.
- Last trading day is the day prior to the expiration day.

#### **SXO Price Quotation**



- Premium
  - Premium X C\$10 X Number of contracts

Action	Option	Bid	Ask	Premium
Buy	1 Call July 2012 675	9.80	11.60	\$116.00
Sell	2 Calls August 2012 670	19.95	21.60	\$399.00
Buy	1 Put September 2012 625	8.90	10.65	\$106.50
Sell	4 Puts July 2012 685	8.15	9.55	\$326.00



# Settlement Example - Call Option



• At expiration, S&P/TSX 60 = 690.

Strike is 680.

Settlement value = Index value - Call strike

• 690 - 680 = 10.00 points per contract



## Settlement Example - Call Option



- 10 points X C\$10.00 = C\$100.00
- The SXO call option holder receives a credit of C\$100.00.

- The SXO call option writer's trading account will be debited by C\$100.00.
- No shares are delivered, the position is cash settled.

#### Settlement Example - Put Option



At expiration, S&P/TSX 60 = 665

Strike is 680.

Settlement value = Put strike - Index value

• 680 - 665 = 15.00 points per contract



# Settlement Example – Put Option



15 points X C\$10.00 = C\$150.00

 The SXO put option holder will receive a credit of C\$150.00.

 The SXO put option writer's trading account will be debited by C\$150.00.

No shares are sold, the position is cash settled.



#### Why Use SXO Options



- Gain market exposure
  - Does not require stock picking
  - Cost efficiency
- Hedge a well-diversified portfolio
  - Does not require the sale of assets
  - Cost efficiency





