

BENCHMARK INTERNATIONAL FACILITATED THE ACQUISITION OF
SILEXX FINANCIAL SYSTEMS TO THE CHICAGO BOARD OPTIONS EXCHANGE



SELLER

SILEXX FINANCIAL SYSTEMS, LLC.

- Based in Sarasota, Florida
- Broker neutral, multiple asset class trading platform
- Access to over 40 global markets
- Focuses on options and future trading
- Develops and operates an execution management system (OEMS) that caters to institutional customers

Thomas Frey, president and majority owner of Silexx Financial Systems, LLC stated, “**I would like to thank Benchmark International for their persistence, and focus during this transaction. As is often the case, this transaction faced numerous challenges during each stage of the process. The Benchmark team remained focused, and leveraged their experience to maintain forward progress during difficult times of the process.**”

BUYER

CHICAGO BOARD OPTIONS EXCHANGE (CBOE)

- Based in Chicago, Illinois
- Largest exchange holding company in the United States
- Provides cutting edge trading and investment solutions to investors
- Provides trading across a diverse range of products in multiple asset classes and geographies



Benchmark International’s Managing Director, Dara Shareef, stated “We would like to congratulate our clients, Silexx Financial Systems, LLC, Thomas Frey, and Michael Williams, as well as the buyer, Chicago Board Options Exchange. This acquisition enhances the CBOE delivery model and provides its customers industry-leading data analytics and trade execution tools for more than three dozen global markets. The buyer truly valued our client’s existing OEMS platform and access to major global markets in North America, Europe and Asia. We feel this deal was a win-win proposition for both CBOE and Silexx, and we wish them both all the best in the future.”

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