

Minimum strike price intervals for standard U.K. single stock options

The Exchange stipulates the minimum number of strikes listed per expiry month and the applicable strike intervals. Standard U.K. single stock options ("U.K. stock options") have multiple strike intervals depending on the remaining lifetime of the expiry month and the around-the money strikes will have smaller strike intervals compared with deeper in- and out-of-the-money strikes.

The Exchange groups the U.K. stock options in to bands and allocates a minimum strike interval per band. The groups will be reviewed by the Exchange periodically and contracts may move from one group to another dependent on the contract's underlying share price on the review date.

The minimum number of strikes per expiry month (depending on the remaining lifetime) are as follows:

Expiry months	Strikes*
1-12 months	3 ITM, 1 ATM, 3 OTM
13+ months	1 ITM, 1 ATM, 1 OTM

*ITM – in-the-money, ATM – at-the-money, OTM – out-of-the-money

The exercise price of each band is fixed in accordance with the following scale (in pence):

Band	Scale A	Scale B
1	2	4
2	5	10
3	10	20
4	20	40
5	30	60
6	40	80
7	50	100
8	75	150
9	100	200
10	150	300
11	250	500
12	400	800

The minimum number of strikes per expiry month for short-term, mid-term and long-term series are as follows:

1-12 months:

For expiry months 1 to 12, there will be at least 7 strikes:

3 rd in-the-money	Scale B
2 nd in-the-money	Scale A
1 st in-the-money	
At-the-money	
1 st out-the-money	
2 nd out-the-money	Scale B
3 rd out-the-money	

5 strikes around-the-money: interval scale A; 1 strike: interval scale B

13+ months:

For expiry month 13+, there will be at least 3 strikes:

1 st in-the-money	Scale B
At-the-money	
1 st out-the-money	

3 strikes around-the-money: interval scale B

Custom strikes

Members may request new strikes to be listed in U.K. stock options.



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