

# SERIES ADJUSTMENTS - 2005-152 ONN INFORMATION CIRCULAR # 1154 September 20, 2005

Software HOLDRs Trust (SWH) Stock Distribution Ex-Distribution Date: 9/21/2005

On September 15, 2005 Nuance Communications, Inc. (NUAN), a component of the Software HOLDRs Trust (SWH), merged with ScanSoft, Inc. (SSFT), and each NUAN share was converted into .77 SSFT Common Shares and \$2.20 cash. As a result, the cash entitlement of the Nuance Communications Inc.Common Share component of Software HOLDRs Trust (SWH) will be distributed to SWH Shareholders. The distribution ratio is \$2.20 for 100 share round lot of SWH HOLDRs. The record date is September 23,2005. Mail date is to be determined. The American Stock Exchange has set September 21, 2005,as the ex distribution date.

### **Contract Adjustments:**

Pursuant to the by-laws of The Options Clearing Corporation ("OCC"), all Software HOLDRs options will be adjusted as follows:

Adjustment Date: Effective with exercises of Wednesday, September 21, 2005 and thereafter.

ISE Underlying Symbol(s): SWH becomes SDP

Commodity Code: 3741

OPRA Option Symbol(s): SWH becomes SDP No. of Contracts: Unchanged

**Multiplier:** 100 (e.g., Premium of 1.00 = \$100)

New Deliverable/Contract: 1) 100 Software HOLDRs Trust (SWH) Shares

2) \$2.20 Cash

#### **GTC Order Cancellation:**

On Tuesday, September 20, 2005, immediately after the ISE close, all resting orders in the SWH order book will be cancelled.

## Unadjusted New Shares:

New SWH series with a contract unit of 100 shares will be introduced on Thursday, September 22, 2005. Strike prices and expiration months will be announced on a separate release.

#### Adjusted Exercise Prices:

On Wednesday, September 21, 2005, the ex-distribution date, trading in SWH series will be on an adjusted basis. The strike price adjustments listed below are expected based on the current outstanding series. Any additional SWH series added prior to the ex-date will also be adjusted in the manner outlined below.

Software HOLDRs (SWH) (Before 9/21/2005) (100 shrs SWH) Software HOLDRs (SDP) (Beginning 9/21/2005) (See New Deliverable Above)

| ISE Series   | <u>OPRA</u>              | <u>Month</u>             | Strike                                 | Calls/Puts                                | ISE Series   | <u>OPRA</u>                     | <u>Month</u>             | <u>Strike</u>                          | Calls/Puts                                |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|---|--|---------------------------------|--------------------------|--|---|
| SWH5OCT30.0C/P<br>SWH5OCT32.5C/P<br>SWH5OCT35.0C/P<br>SWH5OCT37.5C/P<br>SWH5OCT40.0C/P | SWH<br>SWH<br>SWH<br>SWH | OCT<br>OCT<br>OCT<br>OCT | 30<br>32 1/2<br>35<br>37 1/2<br>40     | JF/VF<br>JZ/VZ<br>JG/VG<br>JU/VU<br>JH/VH | SDP5OCT30.0CX/PX<br>SDP5OCT32.5CX/PX<br>SDP5OCT35.0CX/PX<br>SDP5OCT37.5CX/PX<br>SDP5OCT40.0CX/PX | SDP<br>SDP<br>SDP<br>SDP<br>SDP | OCT<br>OCT<br>OCT<br>OCT | 30<br>32 1/2<br>35<br>37 1/2<br>40     | JF/VF<br>JZ/VZ<br>JG/VG<br>JU/VU<br>JH/VH |
| SWH5NOV30.0C/P<br>SWH5NOV32.5C/P<br>SWH5NOV35.0C/P<br>SWH5NOV37.5C/P<br>SWH5NOV40.0C/P | SWH<br>SWH<br>SWH<br>SWH | NOV<br>NOV<br>NOV<br>NOV | 30<br>32 1/2<br>35<br>37 1/2<br>40     | KF/WF<br>KZ/WZ<br>KG/WG<br>KU/WU<br>KH/WH | SDP5NOV30.0CX/PX<br>SDP5NOV32.5CX/PX<br>SDP5NOV35.0CX/PX<br>SDP5NOV37.5CX/PX<br>SDP5NOV40.0CX/PX | SDP<br>SDP<br>SDP<br>SDP<br>SDP | NOV<br>NOV<br>NOV<br>NOV | 30<br>32 1/2<br>35<br>37 1/2<br>40     | KF/WF<br>KZ/WZ<br>KG/WG<br>KU/WU<br>KH/WH |
| SWH6FEB30.0C/P<br>SWH6FEB32.5C/P<br>SWH6FEB35.0C/P<br>SWH6FEB37.5C/P<br>SWH6FEB40.0C/P | SWH<br>SWH<br>SWH<br>SWH | FEB<br>FEB<br>FEB<br>FEB | 30<br>32 1/2<br>35<br>37 1/2<br>40     | BF/NF<br>BZ/NZ<br>BG/NG<br>BU/NU<br>BH/NH | SDP6FEB30.0CX/PX<br>SDP6FEB32.5CX/PX<br>SDP6FEB35.0CX/PX<br>SDP6FEB37.5CX/PX<br>SDP6FEB40.0CX/PX | SDP<br>SDP<br>SDP<br>SDP<br>SDP | FEB<br>FEB<br>FEB<br>FEB | 30<br>32 1/2<br>35<br>37 1/2<br>40     | BF/NF<br>BZ/NZ<br>BG/NG<br>BU/NU<br>BH/NH |
| SWH6MAY32.5C/P<br>SWH6MAY35.0C/P<br>SWH6MAY37.5C/P<br>SWH6MAY40.0C/P<br>SWH6MAY42.5C/P | SWH<br>SWH<br>SWH<br>SWH | MAY<br>MAY<br>MAY<br>MAY | 32 1/2<br>35<br>37 1/2<br>40<br>42 1/2 | EZ/QZ<br>EG/QG<br>EU/QU<br>EH/QH<br>EV/QV | SDP6MAY32.5CX/PX<br>SDP6MAY35.0CX/PX<br>SDP6MAY37.5CX/PX<br>SDP6MAY40.0CX/PX<br>SDP6MAY42.5CX/PX | SDP<br>SDP<br>SDP<br>SDP<br>SDP | MAY<br>MAY<br>MAY<br>MAY | 32 1/2<br>35<br>37 1/2<br>40<br>42 1/2 | EZ/QZ<br>EG/QG<br>EU/QU<br>EH/QH<br>EV/QV |

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