



# Adobe Systems Option Exchange Program

*Institutional Investor Presentation  
Annual Meeting of Stockholders  
April 9, 2003*



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## *Rationale*



- Stock options are a critical component of Adobe's compensation, incentive, and retention programs
- Many employees have a significant portion of options underwater, which are non-motivating
- Exchange creates retention tool and aligns employee goals with those of stockholders
- Exchanged options returned to the reserve could fund annual stock and new hire grants until 2004 stockholder meeting
- Value neutral exchanges avoid dilution in ownership that normally result from supplemental grants of stock options



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## *Details*

- **6 month+1 day exchange program**
- **Complies with ISS guidelines for stockholder approval**
  - Excludes Adobe officers and directors
  - Value neutral (i.e. “value-for-value”) exchange ratios
- **Restart 3-year vesting schedule with 1-year cliff vest, and monthly vesting thereafter**
- **6-year term**
- **100% participation by employees would equate to ~10% reduction in outstanding options**
- **Submitting proposal to stockholders for approval even though not required to do so**