Topic 718 Disclosures - 1149% Increase in the Use of Binomial Models Since 2003

With the adoption of Topic 718 (formerly FAS 123(R)), which requires the "fair value" of stock options to be deducted from the income statement for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2005, many companies are revisiting how the fair value is calculated. As of the end of fiscal year 2002, 37 public companies were applying a "binomial" model, the most common form of lattice model. As of June 30, 2010, Radford has identified 462 companies that have publicly disclosed the use of a binomial model for purposes of the valuation of traditional service-based stock option plans, or an increase by 1149% since 2003.

The original FAS 123, as released in 1994, allowed for companies to use either the Black-Scholes formula or a binomial model. In practice however, virtually all public companies chose to use the Black-Scholes formula, since these valuations were only necessary for *pro forma* disclosures and the Black-Scholes formula is relatively easy to apply.

However, when the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) began drafting revisions to FAS 123, many companies began to reconsider the use of the Black-Scholes formula. In fact, the original Exposure Draft, released in February 2004, stated an explicit preference for a lattice model. The final standard, released in November 2004, allowed both the Black-Scholes formula and for binomial models, however, implies a preference for lattice models that "more fully reflect the substantive characteristics of employee share options". In recent years, in part due to its flexibility and enhanced accuracy, as well as the FASB implicit preference, the popularity of a binomial model has been growing.

The Black-Scholes formula was designed to value exchange traded options and assumes that option exercises occur at the end of an option's contractual term. Further, it assumes that expected volatility, dividends, and risk-free interest rates are constant over the option's term. In contrast, a lattice model can be designed to accommodate dynamic assumptions of expected volatility and dividends, and distributions of expected option exercise patterns during the option's contractual term. In general, many companies are seeking the most accurate estimation of "fair value" and want to fully comply with the FASB implicit preferability of binomial models are those that have transitioned to a binomial model.

Further, all sizes of companies (as defined by annual revenue) have transitioned to a lattice model, from 168 companies with less than \$100 Million in annual revenue, to 71 with more than \$5 Billion in annual revenue (including 84 companies in the S&P 500). There appears to be no distinction in companies that are adopting binomial models by the size of the company.





Summary of Companies Using The Binomial/Lattice Model for Topic 718 By Revenue and Year of Adoption

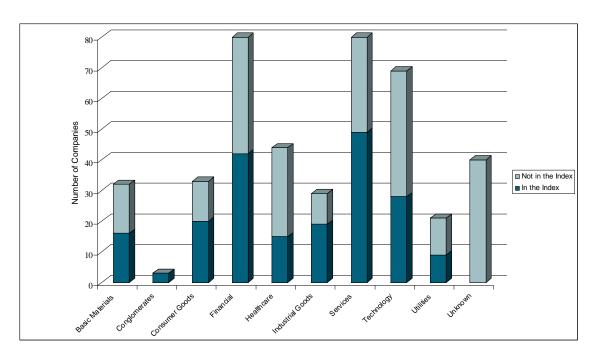
Fiscal Year of Binomial Model Adoption	Small < \$100M	Medium \$100M - \$1B	Large \$1B - \$5B	Jumbo >\$5B	Total
1995	6	7	4	1	18
1996	0	1	1	0	2
1997	0	0	0	0	0
1998	1	1	0	0	2
1999	1	0	1	1	3
2000	0	3	1	1	5
2001	2	0	0	0	2
2002	2	2	1	0	5
2003	3	5	0	5	13
2004	10	10	13	10	43
2005	31	45	32	27	135
2006	58	36	38	23	155
2007	24	5	3	2	34
2008	9	2	0	0	11
2009	16	7	4	1	28
2010	5	0	1	0	6
TOTAL	168	124	99	71	462

Note that the chart above includes some interim periods of SEC reporting. Radford believes that as more companies disclose their technique for valuing stock options over the coming interim and annual reporting periods, there will continue to be an increase in the number of companies utilizing binomial models. A summary of all 462 companies that disclosed the use of the lattice model in their SEC reporting is attached.

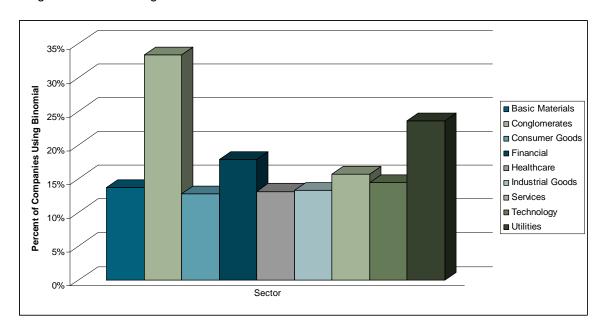
Of the 462 companies, 44% are in one of the following three indices, Russell 2000, S&P 400 and S&P 500. The following chart shows the breakdown by sector.







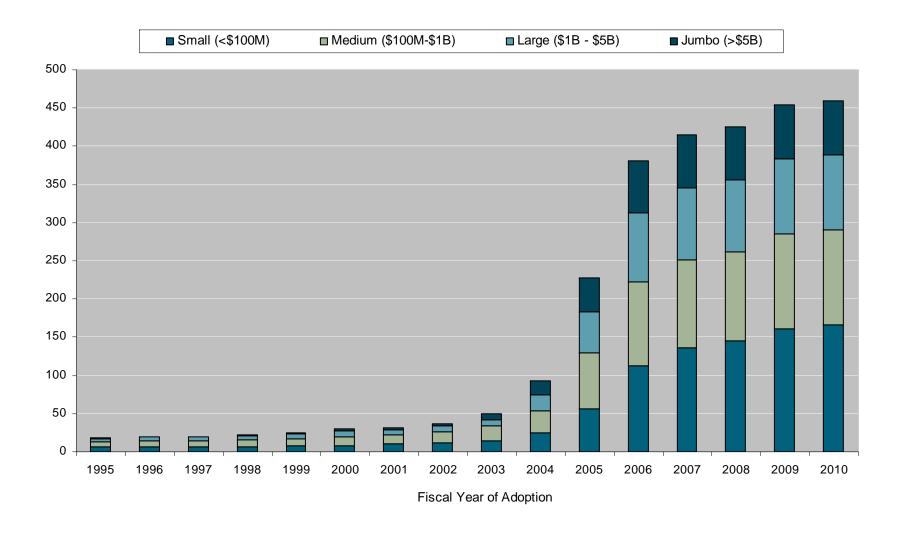
While there may be no distinction in companies that are adopting binomial models by the size, there appears to be some differences between the sectors. The following chart shows that while 13% of the companies in most sectors are adopting the binomial model, utilities and conglomerates have higher.



The growth in the cumulative number of companies using binomial models can be seen in the following chart, as of June 30, 2010.











(For Filings Through June 30, 2010)

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BNL Financial Corp.

Boeing Corp.

Cincinnati Financial Corp.

Covanta Energy Corp. CRT Properties Inc.

Enterprise Bancorp Inc.

First Keystone Corp.

Harsco Corp.

Hawaiian Electric Co. Inc.

Mocon Inc.

MultiColor Corp.

Pulitzer Inc.

Reptron Electronics Inc. Sandy Spring Bancorp Inc.

Schiff Nutrition International, Inc.

SRI Surgical Express Inc.

Trans Lux Corp.

Vornado Realty Trust

1996 Fiscal Year

Applica Inc.

Ferreligas Partners LLP

1998 Fiscal Year

Brightstar Information Technology Group

Harbor Florida Bancshares

1999 Fiscal Year

Bank of Commerce Holdings

ISPAT Inland Inc.

Washington Mutual, Inc.

2000 Fiscal Year

Diamond Offshore Drilling

Idacorp Inc.

Cedar Fair LP

MeadwestVaco Corp.

Sonoco Products

2001 Fiscal Year

Dreams Inc.
Mexco Energy Corp.

2002 Fiscal Year

First Keystone Financial Inc. Harris Preferred Capital

Newcastle Investment Corp.

Pacific Capital Bancorp
UIL Holdings Corp

2003 Fiscal Year

American International Group Inc.

Anheuser-Busch Companies Inc.

Brooke Corp

Citigroup, Inc

Global Preferred Holdings

IMAX Corp

Maguire Properties Inc.

Marlin Business Services

Prudential Financial Inc.

UnitedHealth Group

Vornado Realty LP

WestCorp

Worldspan L P

2004 Fiscal Year

1st Centennial Bancorp Acadia Realty Trust

Alliance Data Systems

American Home Mortgage Investment Corp.

Becton Dickinson and Co.

Bucyrus International Corp.

Caterpillar Inc.

Charles Schwab Corp

Cheesecake Factory Incorporated

Choicepoint Inc.

CitiCorp

DeVry, Inc.

Digene Corp.

E W Scripps Fedders Corp

Fiserv Inc.

General Growth Properties

Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc.

Hartford Life Inc.

Hartford Life Insurance Co.

Hillenbrand Inc.

Illinios Tool Works Inc.

Integra Lifesciences Holdings

ITT Corporation

Kellogg Co.

Laclede Gas Co

McCormick & Co. Inc.

Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Inc.

MGIC Investment Corp.

New York Mortgage Trust Inc.

Origen Financial Inc.

Private Bancorp Inc.

2004 Fiscal Year

Rainier Pacific Financial Group, Inc.

Rockwell Collins Inc.

Scotts Miracle Grow

SFBC International, Inc.

Specialty Underwriters Alliance, Inc.

Sun Communities Inc.

Telesource International Inc.

The Travelers Companies, Inc.

United Bankshares

Viskase Companies Inc.

Western Digital Corp

2005 Fiscal Year

Abington Community Bancorp

Actuant Corp

Advanced Cell Technology, Inc.

Aethlon Medical Inc.

Alcoa Inc.

Allstate Corp

Ameren Corporation

Ameren Corporation

American Physician Capital Inc.

Amerisourcebergen Corp

Atlantic Tele Network Inc.

Atlas America Inc.

Automatic Data Processing Inc.

Avaya Inc.

Bancwest Corp

Bank of New York Co., Inc.

Battle Mountain Gold Exploration Corp.

Bioanalytical Systems Inc.

Biosite Inc.

BJ Services Co.

Note: The companies listed in **bold** font are components of the S&P 500.





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2005 Fiscal Year (cont.)

Brand Intermediate Holdings, Inc. Factset Research Systems Genesis Healthcare Corp

Calavo Growers Inc. Goldman Sachs Group Inc.

Cardinal Health Inc. Cardiogenesis Corp.

Hawaiian Electric Industries Inc. Catcher Holdings, Inc.

CBeyond Communication Inc. Healthextras Inc.

CBOT Holdings Inc Healthways, Inc. CBRL Group Inc. CDW Corp

Central Illinois Light Co. Hologic Inc.

Central Illinois Public Service Co. Central Vermont Public Service Corp. Illinois Power Co.

CilCorp Inc.

Coast Distribution System Inc.

Cognos Inc. Comerica Inc.

Brown Shoe Co.

Commercial Federal Group

Cooper Companies Inc. Crescent Real Estate Equities Co.

Crown Media Holdings Inc.

Cytec Industries

Dana Corp

Danka Business Systems

Datascension Inc. **Doral Financial Corp**

Dow Chemical Co.

Energy Exploration Technologies Inc.

EOG Resources Inc.

Equifax Inc.

Ecolab Inc.

Equity One Inc.

2005 Fiscal Year (cont.)

Guitar Center Inc.

Hampton Roads Bancshares

Hercules Offshore, Inc. Hiland Partners LP

Idaho Power Co.

International Securities Exchange

Intersil Corp. Ivillage Inc.

J C Penney Co. Inc.

Jack in the Box, Inc. Keynote Systems Inc.

Keyspan Corp. Knoll Inc.

Laclede Group Inc. Liberty Global Inc. Lilly Eli & Co. Liz Claiborne Inc.

LTX Corp

Marriott International Inc.

Matthews International Corp

McGraw-Hill Companies Inc. Medimmune Inc.

Metlife Inc.

Middleby Group

2005 Fiscal Year (cont.) Myers Industries

National Fuel Gas Co

National Medical Health Card Systems

National Retail Properties Inc.

NVIDIA Corp.

Oakley Inc

ON Semiconductor Corp. Orbit International Corp

Pemco Aviation Group Inc. Pinnacle Foods Group Inc

PMC Sierra Inc.

Precision Auto Care Inc.

Procter & Gamble Co.

ProxyMed Inc.

QualComm Inc.

RCN Corp

Sabre Holdings Corp. SafeTek International Inc

Scientigo, Inc.

Searchlight Minerals Corp

SGS International, Inc.

Siricomm Inc.

Sivault Systems, Inc. Smith International Inc.

Socket Communications Inc.

Spark Network PLC

Staples Inc.

Starwood Hotel & Resorts Worldwide Inc.

SVB Financial Group

Sybron Dental Specialties Inc.

Systems Evolution, Inc

Teledyne Technologies

2005 Fiscal Year (cont.)

Tenet Healthcare Corp.

Tidelands Bancshares Inc.

Toll Brothers Inc.

Transatlantic Holdings Inc. Trimble Navigation Ltd.

Tyson Foods Inc.

U S Physical Therapy Inc.

Union Electric Co.

United Technologies Corp

Valley National Bancorp

Valmont Industries Inc.

Warner Music Group

WCI Communities Inc WellPoint Inc.

Westbank Corp

Westfield Financial Inc

Williams Scotsman International Inc.

Wisconsin Energy Corp

WMG Acquisition Corp

Zebra Technologies





(For Filings Through June 30, 2010)

2006	Fisca	l Yea

Access Plans USA, Inc.

Acunetx, Inc.

Advanced Micro Devices Inc.

ADVO Inc. Alcan Inc.

Alliance Fiber Optic Products Inc.

Ameriana Bancorp

Aon Corporation

Applebee's International, Inc

Argon St, Inc. Autobytel, Inc.

Bank of America Corp.

Berry Platics Holding Corp Best Buy Co Inc.

Big Lots Inc.

Bioscrip, Inc.
BNL Financial Corp
Boston Beer Co. Inc.

Bovie Medical Corp

Brand Energy & Infrastructure Services, Inc.

Bristol-Myers Squibb Company
Broadridge Financial Solutions. Inc.

Business Objects S.A.

Cabot Oil & Gas Corp. CapitalSource, Inc.

Central European Distribution Corp

Cerner Corp.

Chordiant Software Inc.

Cognex Corp.

Colony Resorts Acquisitions

Community Bankers Acquisition Corp.

2006 Fiscal Year (cont.)

CoreLogic
Corning Inc.

Corporate Executive Board Co.
Countrywide Financial Corp

Covance Inc.

CR Bard Inc.
CRC Health Corp

Crystal River Capital, Inc.
Cullen Frost Bankers Inc

Curis Inc.

D&E Communications Inc.
Davey Tree Expert Co.

Deere & Co.
Deltic Timber Corp.

Digital Music Group, Inc.
Dover Saddlery Inc
DSP Group Inc.
Federal Mogul Corp.
First Advantage Corp.
First Ipswich Bancorp /MA

Gabriel Technologies Corporation
Glenborough Realty Trust Inc.

Global Realty Development Corp

Grainger W W Inc.
Graphon Corp.
GTECH Holdings Corp.
Harland John H Co

Harleysville Savings Financial Corp.

HealthMarkets, Inc. Hiland Holdings GP, LP HSBC Finance Corp. HSBC USA Inc. 2006 Fiscal Year (cont.)

ICAD Inc IDEX Corp. Imperial Sugar Co

Indymac Bancorp Inc.
Innova Holdings

Intergrys Energy Group, Inc.

International Flavors & Fragrances Inc.

Intuit Inc

ITT Educations Services

Jabil Circuit Inc.

JetBlue Airways Corp. JohnsonDiversey Inc Kerr McGee Corp. Kforce Inc

Kitty Hawk Inc. Kyphon Inc.

Legend International Holdings Inc

Lifepoint Hospitals, Inc. Lincoln Bancorp /IN/ LSI Logic Corp. Makemusic Inc. Mannatech Inc.

Marshall & IIsley Corp.

Martin Marietta Materials Inc.

McAfee, Inc.
MCF Corp.
Media General Inc.
Medialink Worldwide Inc.
Monroe Bancorp

Municipal Mortgage & Equity LLC

Nashua Corp.

Monsanto Co.

2006 Fiscal Year (cont.)

National Mercantile Bancorp

Navteq Corp.

NB&T Financial Group Inc
Net 1 UEPS Technologies Inc.
New Century Financial Corp.

Newpage Corp.

Newpage Holding Corp

Nordstrom Inc

Northwest Natural Gas Co.

Novell Inc.

Old Second Bancorp Inc.
OmniComm Systems Inc.
Opinion Research Corp.
Outdoor Channel Holdings Inc
Payless Shoesource Inc

Petsmart Inc

Playboy Enterprises Inc. Possis Medical Inc.

Precis Inc.

Raytheon Company Regis Corp. Rent-A-Center Inc. Replidyne Inc

Republic Services Inc.
River Valley Bancorp
Rurban Financial Corp

Sealy Corp Senetek Plc Serologicals Corp Shoe Pavilion Inc Smart Balance

Smurfit Stone Container Corp.





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2006 Fiscal Year (cont.)

Sonic Foundry Inc.
Standard Drilling, Inc.
Standard Pacific Corp
Stein Mart Inc.

Strategic Hotels & Resorts, Inc.

Tech Data Corp Thomas Group Inc. Toys R US Inc

Trans-India Acquisition Corp

TVI Corp U S Gold Corp

United Western Bancorp, Inc.

V F Corp.

Viacom, Inc. Vital Signs Inc

Voyager Learning Co

Vyteris Holdings (Nevada), Inc.

VYYO Inc.

Wabash National Corp

Walt Disney Co.

Wausau Paper Corp.
W-H Energy Services Inc.
Wisconsin Electric Power Co
Wisconsin Public Service Corp.

WPS Resources Corp.

XTO Energy Inc.

2007 Fiscal Year

Activision Inc Acxiom Corp

Alabama Aircraft Industries, Inc Allied Nevada Gold Corp

American Oil & Gas, Inc

2007 Fiscal Year (cont.)

CarMax, Inc.
CHDT Corp

Cleantech Biofuels. Inc

CoroWare, Inc.

Danka Business Systems PLC

Derma Sciences Inc.

Eastern Insurance Holdings, Inc

EMTA Holdings Inc

Firearms Training Systems Inc.

First Investors Financial Services Group, Inc.

Fortified Holdings Corp Golden Resources Corp

Innova Robotics & Automation, Inc Innovative Software Technology, Inc

Insituform Technologies Inc.
Integrated Electrical Services Inc

Ireland, Inc Kelly Services Inc. Marshall Edwards Inc MF Global LTD

Mortgage Assistance Center Corp

Neogenomics Inc.

Orsus Xelent Technologies, Inc.
Shanghai Century Acquisition Corp
Stamford Industrial Group, Inc

StellarOne Corp.
Techprecision Corp
Topspin Medical, Inc
Vista Gold Corp

2008 Fiscal Year

Eldertrust Operating Limited Partnership

Genelink Inc.

Guidance Software, Inc.

China Medicine Corp

JMP Group, Inc.

Kesselring Holding Corp. Left Behind Games Inc.

Omrix Biopharmaceuticals, Inc.

Universal Biosensors Inc

Virtusa Corp.

WMG Acquisition Corp

2009 Fiscal Year

Addus Homecare Corp

Adobe Systems Inc

Afc Enterprises Inc

Altisource Portfolio Solutions S.A. American Defense Systems Inc

Amp Holding Inc.

China Advanced Construction Materials Group, Inc

Cycle Country Accessories Corp

Deer Valley Corp Enernoc Inc

Ferrellgas Finance Corp Flextronics International Ltd. Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc. Host Hotels & Resorts, Inc.

Jamba, Inc.

Jingwei International Ltd Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. Northstar Electronics Inc Oak Valley Bancorp Orchard Enterprises, Inc. 2009 Fiscal Year (cont.)

Pericom Semiconductor Corp

Quantum Fuel Systems Technologies Worldwide, Inc.

Realogy Corp

Retractable Technologies Inc

Shrink Nanotechnologies, Inc.

Sourcefire Inc

Sunstone Hotel Investors, Inc.

Urban Outfitters Inc.

2010 Fiscal Year

Altigen Communications Inc

Amerigas Partners Lp

Chattem Inc

First California Financial Group, Inc.

Jacksonville Bancorp Inc

Lime Energy Co.



