

# Nasdaq's 2008 Shopping Spree

- February**      What: Closes \$3.7 billion acquisition of Sweden's OMX  
Why: Become a player in European stock and derivatives trading
- March**          What: Launches Nasdaq Options Market  
Why: Entrée into options trading
- July**             What: Closes \$652 million acquisition of Philadelphia Stock Exchange  
Why: Become a player in U.S. options trading — PHLX has 15.5% share
- August**         What: Closes \$61 million acquisition of Boston Stock Exchange  
Why: Gain a third stock exchange license; enter into clearing (since abandoned)
- September**    What: Launches Nasdaq OMX Europe, a London-based MTF  
Why: Take advantage of MiFID to expand in Europe
- December**      What: Purchase 80% of International Derivatives Clearing Group  
Why: A bet that large dealers will be forced to centrally clear interest rate swaps
- What: Buys 20% stake in Agora-X, ECN for trading of OTC commodities  
Why: Get feet wet in commodities trading