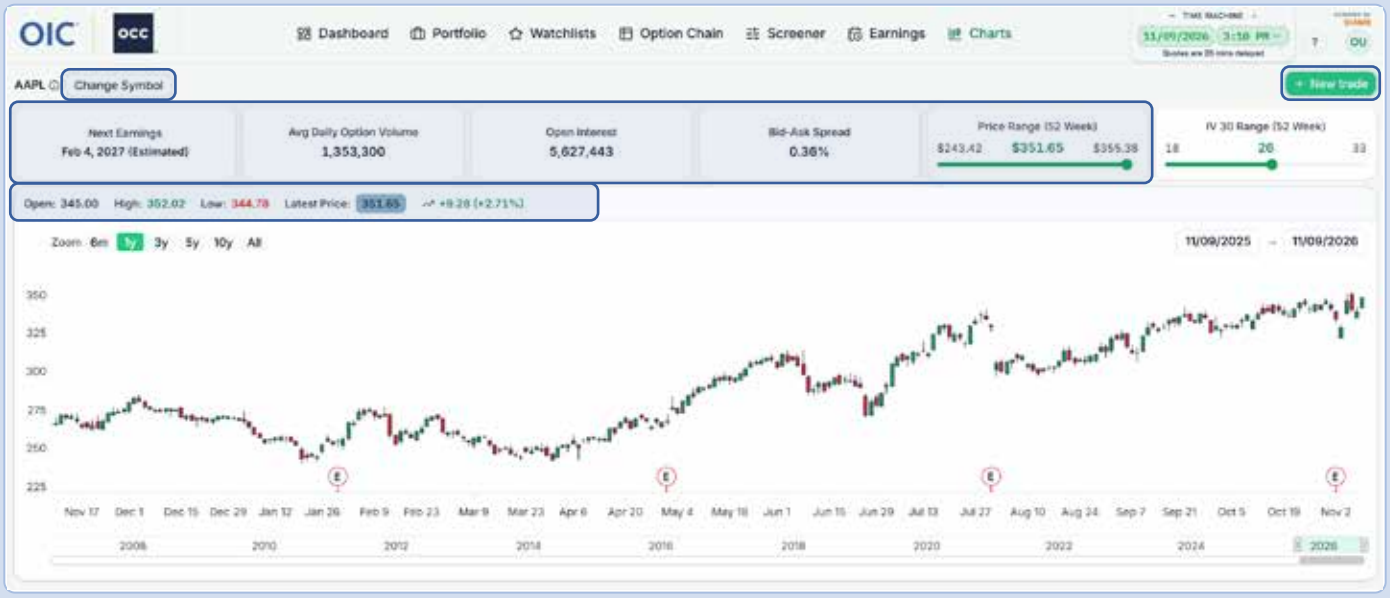
Charts

OIC Practice Pit: Virtual Options Trading Simulator

The Charts tab shows a stock's daily price history as a candlestick chart, with past earnings dates marked, so you can see how the stock has traded before you open a position on it.

Choosing a symbol



Click **Change Symbol** to load a different stock. Hover over the info icon next to the symbol to see the company name and sector.

Company summary and quote line

At the top, you'll see the next earnings date, average daily option volume, open interest and the bid-ask spread, along with the 52-week price range and IV 30 range. Just above the chart, the quote line shows the latest day's open, high, low and close, followed by the change from the previous close in dollars and percent. Green with an up arrow means the stock is up, and red with a down arrow means it's down.

Reading the chart



1. **Candlesticks:** Each candle represents one trading day. A green candle closed higher than it opened, and a red candle closed lower. The wicks show the day's high and low. Prices are split-adjusted, so history before a split lines up with today's prices.
2. **Earnings flags:** An **E** marker appears under each past earnings date. Hover over a flag to see the date.
3. **Today's candle:** If the current day's final data isn't available yet, the last candle is built from intraday quotes. Its tooltip shows "Intraday as of" and the time it reflects.
4. **Hover details:** Hover over any candle to see that day's open, high, low and close.

Adjusting your view



5. **Zoom buttons:** Choose **6m, 1y, 3y, 5y, 10y** or **All** to change how much history is shown. The chart opens on 1y.

6. **Date pickers:** Use the two date fields at the top right of the chart to set exact start and end dates.

7. **Navigator:** Drag the handles of the navigator under the chart, or use the scrollbar, to move or resize the visible window.

Placing a trade

Click **New trade** to open the New Position window with the symbol already selected. It's available when you're allowed to place trades for the Time Machine date you're on.

Things to keep in mind

- The chart follows the Time Machine. Set an earlier date and time to see the history exactly as it stood then, with nothing after that date.
- Look at the candles around each **E** flag to see how big the stock's earnings moves have been, then compare them with Earnings Analysis and the Option Chain's expected move.
- Switch to a longer range, such as 5y or 10y, to spot long-term support and resistance levels before choosing strikes.

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