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An exotic option, or nonstandard option, is simply an option with some contractual difference from standard options.

> Exotic options solve particular business problems that an ordinary option do not.

They are often constructed by tweaking ordinary options in minor ways.

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