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**S&P 500**

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United, Delta in talks

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ATLANTA — UAL Corp.'s United Airlines and Delta Air Lines Inc. have been discussing a combination between

But Delta issued a statement denying "published reports that it had engaged in merger talk with United." The statement added, "There have been no talks with United regarding any type of consolidation transaction and there are no

viously received "feelers" from United about a possible merger.

Earlier Wednesday, Delta said in a statement that its board has established a special committee to work with management to review and analyze strategic

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The Doylestown law firm Cooley & Handy has filed a class-action lawsuit against major players in the tax software industry — Intuit Inc., H&R Block and Free File Alliance — seeking billions of dollars in damages.

Cooley & Handy filed the suit Monday in U.S. District Court jointly with the Philadelphia law firm Feldman, Shepherd, Wohlgelernter, Tanner & Weinstock.

The suit claims the tax software makers charged users illegal fees to electronically file their federal tax returns with the IRS.

They were able to do it because they had formed a “cartel” that forced the IRS into an agreement in which it promised not to create similar software, the suit alleges.

“This Agreement wrongfully ‘privatized’ the IRS’s quintessential government task of developing, receiving, collecting and processing tax returns, allowing cartel members to reap profits by charging taxpayers,” the suit states.

The lawsuit asks the court to prohibit tax software manufacturers from charging fees for electronic filing of tax returns and refund all fees previously collected.

Anyone who has used tax software manufactured by Intuit, H&R Block or Free File Alliance is automatically a member of the class and does not need to join the lawsuit to receive damages.