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Host Profile (Gareth Ryan)



- Founded IUR Capital Ltd in 2007, IUR Capital LLC in 2010
- IUR Capital is an investment advisor for institutional and retail investors
- Focused in exchange-traded option strategies

Market Update



- SPX +13% YTD / Nasdaq +7% YTD
- Russell 2000 continues to see upside...+13% YTD
- First half of 2021 saw new highs for equity indexes
- VIX continues it's downward trend, but with some blips
- Retail, banks, airlines all now significantly higher YTD
- Surge in commodities reflective of the recovery in global demand
- What's on the horizon that could negatively impact risk sentiment?

Volatility post-Covid



- The March market meltdown saw historic moves in cross-asset volatility
- High volatility = High option pricing
- Covid "volatility premium" continued to evaporate throughout Q4
- Implied volatility tells us what the options market is implying in terms of market moves
- Opportunities within both long volatility and short volatility option strategies in 2021...

Question of the day....



Should we be a BUYER or SELLER of volatility at current levels?

Answers please in the Q&A Panel

Buying Puts = Buying Volatility

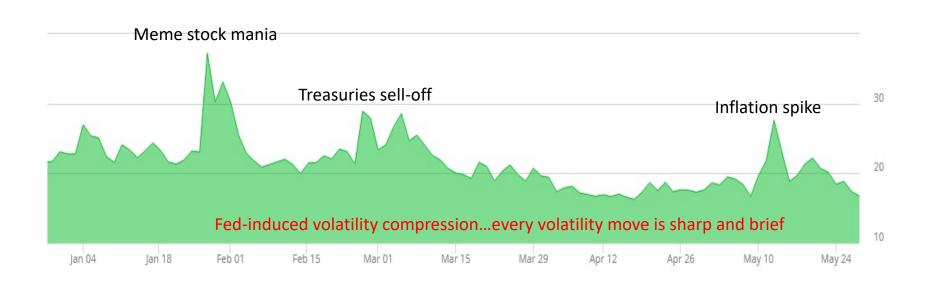
Selling Puts = Selling Volatility

The VIX tells its own story about *implied* market moves...



CBOE Volatility Index

Intraday 5D 1M 3M 6M YTD 1Y 5Y All



Source: CBOE

Tech outperformance throughout 2020 is **IURCAPITAL** now underperformance in 2021...



Intraday 5D 1M 3M 6M YTD 1Y 5Y All



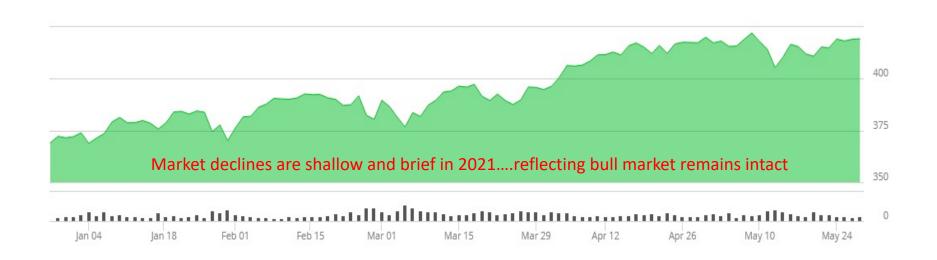
Source: CBOE

SPDR S&P 500 ETF continues to see upside in 1H 2021...but with some blips





Intraday 5D 1M 3M 6M YTD 1Y 5Y All



Source: CBOE

Scenario: \$500k retirement account

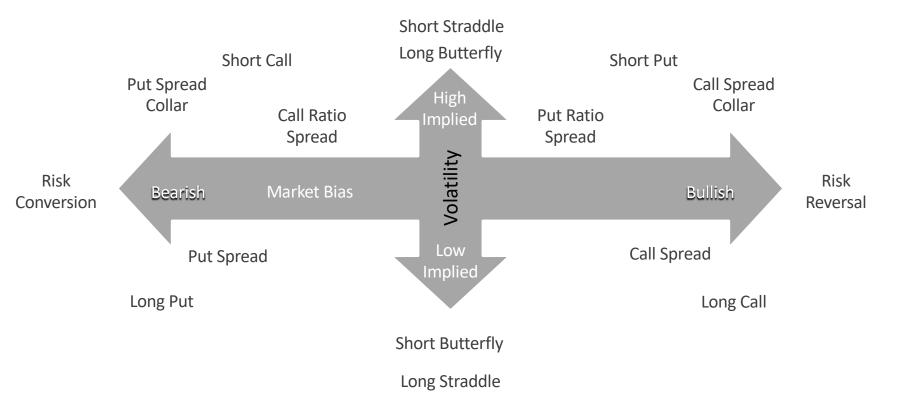


- You are nearing retirement or already retired, with no dependents
- Your income has dropped, but you are wary that you will still have living costs for you and your spouse
- Mostly invested in bonds with a small element of stocks, but your dividend income is not sufficient for regular drawdowns
- Capital preservation in a retirement account is a priority
- But you are willing to look at an income strategy using options that does not require a rising market
- You want to achieve regular premium even if the market remains flat

It begins with the right strategy...



Strategy Suite
Income-seeking / Directional / Hedging



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Income-seeking strategies... an overview



Objective	To generate regular premium to portfolio / generate income		
Setup	Selling of put / call options for premium on underlying security Carries inherent market exposure		
Covered Call	Credit Spread	Iron Condor / Iron Butterfly	
When it works:	Moderately trending market Sideways market		
Risks:	Sharp market moves with no hedge Realized volatility is higher than implied volatility		

Use of index/index ETF products as underlying vehicles



Ticker	Instrument	Style	Settlement
SPY	SPDR S&P 500 ETF	American	Physical
SPX	Credit Spread	European	Cash
IWM	Russell 2000 Index ETF	American	Physical
RUT	Russell 2000 Index	European	Cash
QQQ	Invesco QQQ Trust	American	Physical

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^{*}Note that SPY / IWM ETF products have quarterly dividends.

Using SPDR ETF options as a vehicle for income



- Vertical Spreads
- Creates defined-risk, defined-reward scenario
- Buy one option, sell another
- Same underlying
- Same expiration
- <u>Different</u> strike prices
- Established as a credit spread (premium received on opening transaction)

SPDR ® S&P 500 Credit Spread Strategy



- Seeks to harvest premium on a continuous basis to the portfolio using both put spread and call spread premium on SPY ETF.
- Makes use of short-dated and long-dated options
- Seeks to outperform the underlying benchmark index net of fees.
- Can be used on any equity index or index ETF.

2021 approach for retirement accounts



- Combine weeklies and traditional monthlies to harvest premium
- Weeklies setup could be as short as 14 days
- Use of at least 2 weeklies and the traditional monthly in any given month
- Consider an outright hedge

Making option-based strategies work in a retirement account.....



Look at Market Conditions

What strikes should you use?

What underlying security?

What about time horizon?

Let's talk...



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