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- Investment advisor focused on option strategies for client portfolios
- Option strategies seek to enhance yield through premium
- Provides Discretionary Managed Portfolios
- We work with.....
  - Individual accounts
  - Retirement accounts
  - Joint accounts
  - Corporate accounts
  - Trust accounts

# Market Update....Tech Boom

- US equity markets ending Q2 firmly in the green
- Nasdaq +33% YTD / SPX +11% YTD
- Tech mega caps are driving broader market rally in recent weeks
- End of rate hike cycle approaching
- Treasuries / Oil remain well below 1Y highs
- And the VIX is now at YTD lows...
- But we have a Fed meeting this week!

*(As of June 6, 2023)*

# VIX making new 12-month lows...beware

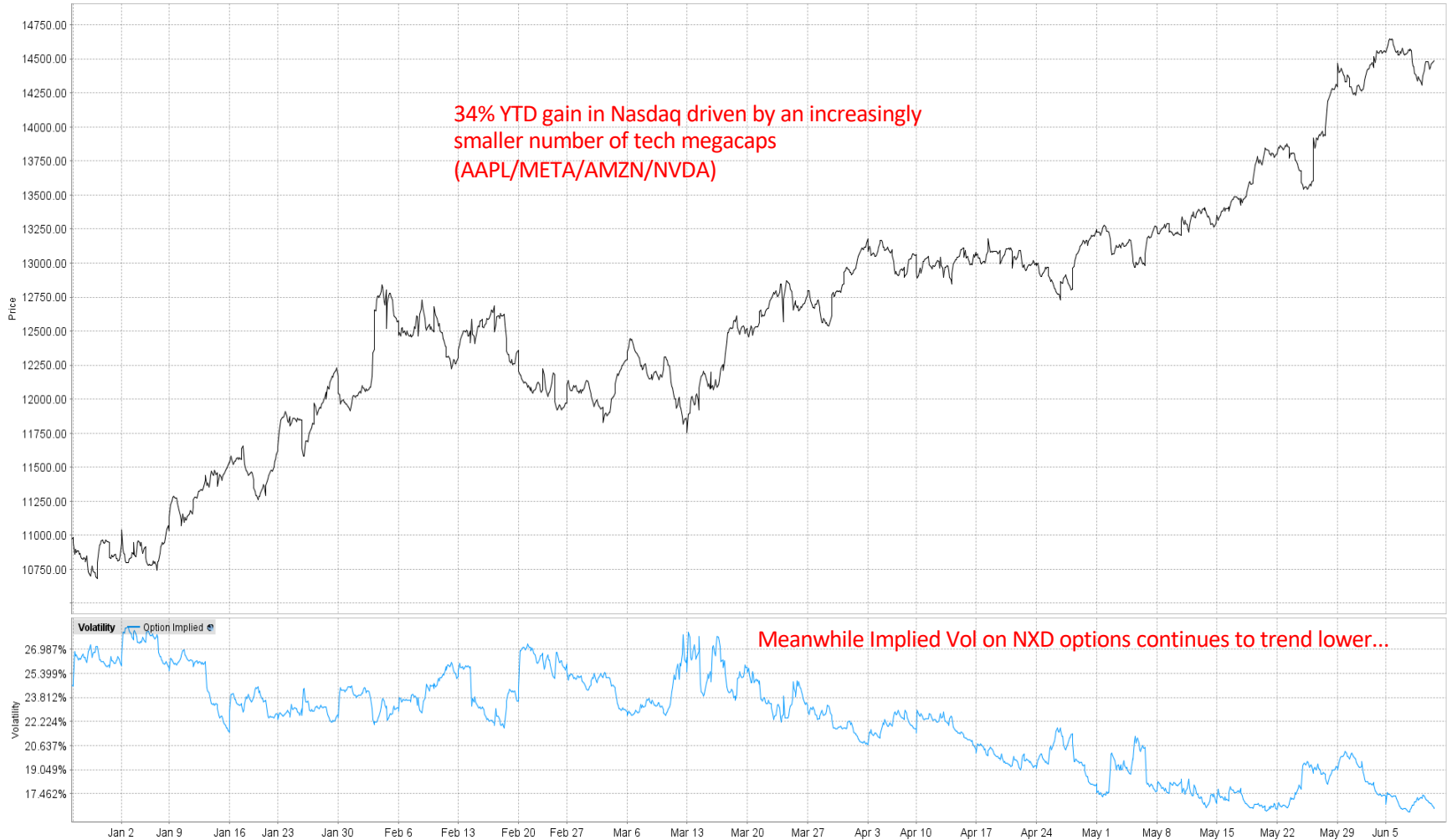
## CBOE VIX YTD



Source: CBOE

# Tech strength = Broad market strength

## Nasdaq 100 YTD



Source: CBOE



# Bumpy but positive action for SPX YTD

## S&P 500 YTD

2022's biggest losers are 2023's biggest gainers



Downside hedging of an equity portfolio is now at the cheapest levels in three years...

Source: CBOE

**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

# Scenario.....The Individual Investor

## \$1m portfolio

- You are nearing retirement or already retired, with no dependents
- Mostly invested in bonds and exposure to stocks, but dividend income is not sufficient for regular drawdowns
- **Capital preservation** in a retirement account is a priority
- But you are willing to look at **income-seeking** option strategies that do not require a rising market
- Focus on defined-risk / defined-return option strategies
- Exclude option strategies which carry unlimited risk profile

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# Questions to ask about option strategies:

- What are the objectives for the portfolio in 2023?
- How can option strategies achieve a “*net benefit*”?
- If seeking income with options, what risk/return profile is appropriate?
- If taking directional positioning with options, what strategies can we use?
- For hedging an equity position with options, how can we justify costs?
- Do we have sufficient knowledge of the various strategies available?

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# And what are the objectives for the portfolio for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2023?

Capital Growth?

Capital Preservation?

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

# Weekly Options Credit Spread Strategy

- Seeks to harvest premium to the portfolio using both put spread and call spread premium on underlying index
- Combine weeklies and traditional monthlies to harvest premium
- Weeklies setup can be as short as 7 days
- Use of weeklies and the traditional monthly in any given month
- Consider an outright hedge

# Risk Management

- Both maximum gain and maximum loss are defined
- Best case scenario is both legs of the credit spread expire OTM at zero
- Worst case scenario is for S&P 500 to fall below the lower strike at expiry (bull put spread) or above the higher strike (bear call spread)
- Adjustment points determined at the outset to avoid assignment
- Credit Spread Strategy can also be hedged to reduce directional exposure
- **This requires active management of the position...particularly in market corrections**



# Credit Spreads....

## Systematic vs Discretionary....

### Systematic

Creates an “auto-pilot”  
Options rolled at expiry each month  
Strike selection pre-defined  
Fixed time horizon  
Minimal variation in market timing  
Involves continuous market exposure  
Seeks to perform consistently in low volatility

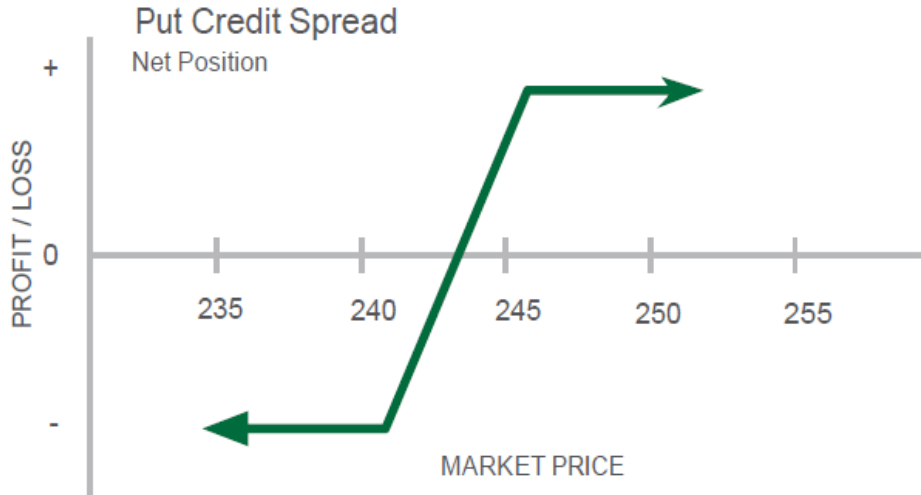
Avoid over-trading

### Discretionary/Opportunistic

Option Strategy / Market Bias can vary  
Positions rolled only when appropriate  
Strike selection may change each month  
Time horizon to vary based on market conditions  
Does not seek on-going exposure to volatility / market moves  
Seeks to benefit from extreme market moves

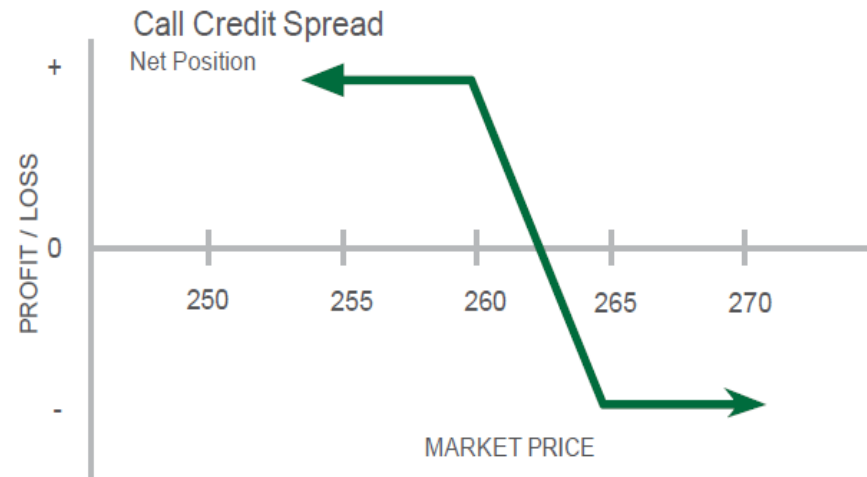
Avoid missing opportunities

# Credit Spread Strategy for income



Defined return

Defined risk



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Let's look at some real-time credit spreads in TWS platform...

# How we advise on the IBKR platform....

Advising on existing IBKR account

Divide account into two partitions

Create a new advisor-linked account

# Let's talk...

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