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IUR Capital Option Strategies for 2024

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Option Strategies for 2024

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Introduction to IUR....

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About IUR

IUR Capital LLC is an investment advisor formed in 2010 and IUR Capital Ltd is an investment advisor formed in 2007.

We focus on the use of exchange-traded option strategies for client portfolios, via discretionary managed accounts.

We seek to deploy option strategies that hedge market risk, provide premiumharvesting opportunities and allow portfolios to express a market bias.

We advise:

- Individual accounts
- Retirement accounts
- Joint accounts
- Corporate accounts
- Trust accounts

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"Volatility evolves....and as investors, so should we."

(Me. December 2023)

So...how was your 2023?

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- SPX +18% / Nasdaq 43% YTD
- 10Y Treasury Yields peaked near 5% in October
- Tech rally has driven broader index performance throughout this year
- VIX now back to pre-pandemic lows....are we getting complacent again?
- And it's Fed week!

Source: Bloomberg/IBKR (As of December 4th, 2023)

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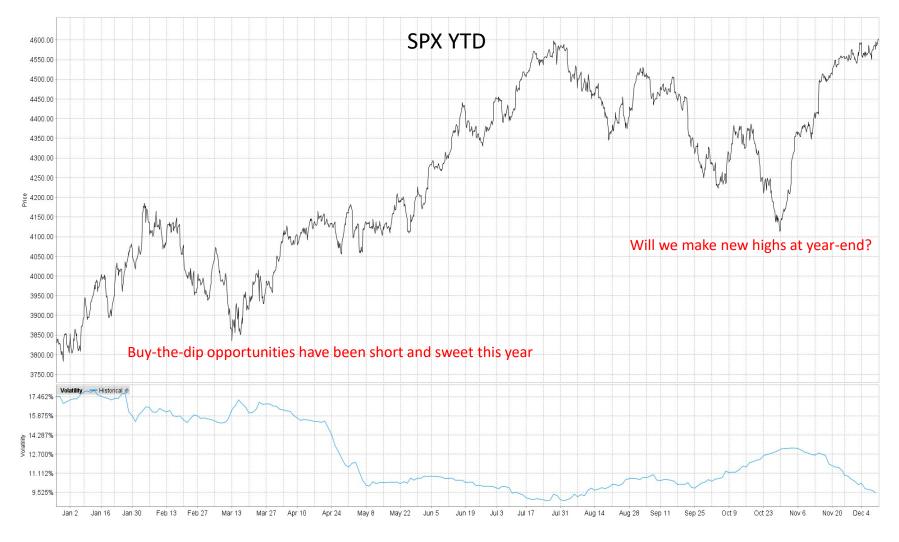
VIX now at pre-pandemic lows....can **IURCAPITAL** we still short volatility?



Source: IBKR TWS

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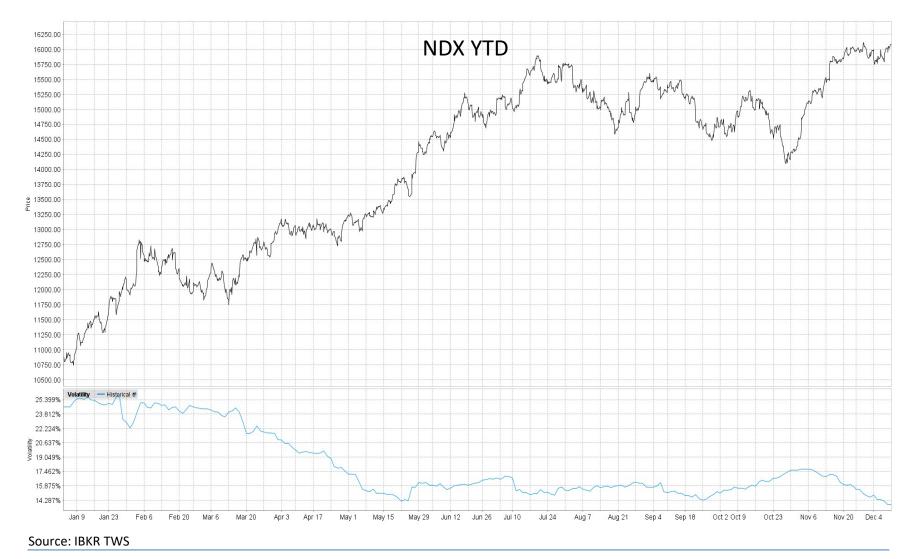
SPX YTD....it's been *mostly* a smooth **IURCAPITAL** ride



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NDX driving market sentiment....but **IURCAPITAL** will this persist in 2024?



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Flashback to our December 2022 webcast....

Bearish sentiment peaked in December 2022 for US equity markets, with the Nasdaq declining 10% in the month alone.

Followed by a sharp reversal in sentiment at beginning of 2023

- Stocks don't often fall two years in a row Red years are usually followed by green ones
- In fact, a down-year is almost three times as likely to be followed by an up-year as by another down year*



*Based on data series going back to 1928

And now the good news....

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What we need to watch in early 2024:









What are the portfolio objectives in **IURCAPITAL** 2024?

- 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 portfolio with options, how can we justify costs?
- Do we have sufficient knowledge of the various strategies available?

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Option Strategy Basket for 2024



Not all option strategies are included in the above table

Using index options as a vehicle for **IURCAPITAL** income

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

S&P 500 Index Credit Spread Strategy

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- Seeks to harvest premium on a continuous basis to the portfolio using both put spread and call spread premium S&P 500 index.
- Makes use of short-dated and long-dated options
- Can be used on any equity index or index ETF.

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2024 Approach

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Weekly Option Premium

- >14 day-time horizon, active rolling of weeklies each expiry
- Provides opportunity for two credits each calendar month
- Strike selection should carry >90% probability of retaining premium
- Market bias dependent on underlying security
- Bear call spread premium provides both option overlay and partial hedge
- Set a monthly credit target based on each underlying

Traditional Monthly Premium

- >30 day-time horizon, desire for larger credits over longer timeframe
- Strike selection should carry >80% probability of retaining premium
- Allows greater underlying volatility over longer horizon
- Considered more conservative given increased tolerance for price swings
- Market volatility may require reduction in weekly option positioning

Systematic vs Discretionary....

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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

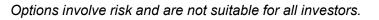
Strike selection may change each month

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

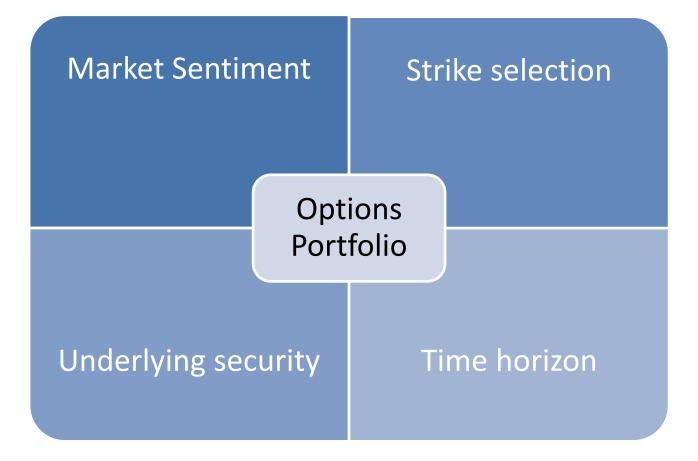
Avoid missing opportunities



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Now let's look at a potential premium-ladder for 2024....

Making option-based strategies work **IURCAPITAL** in a portfolio.....



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Advising on existing IBKR account

Divide account into two partitions

Create a new advisor-linked account

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Let's talk...

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