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What Is a Calendar Spread?

Structure: An options spread where an option is sold at a strike in one expiration and an option at the same strike is purchased in a further out expiration.





Calendar Spread Concepts

- How does this strategy work?
- Distance between short and long expiration considerations
- Duration considerations
- Risk/Reward considerations
- Placing trade
- Risk management and adjustment
- Macro market considerations
- Significance of news events





Calendar Spread Greeks

Delta: Can be long or short delta, usually close to neutral delta

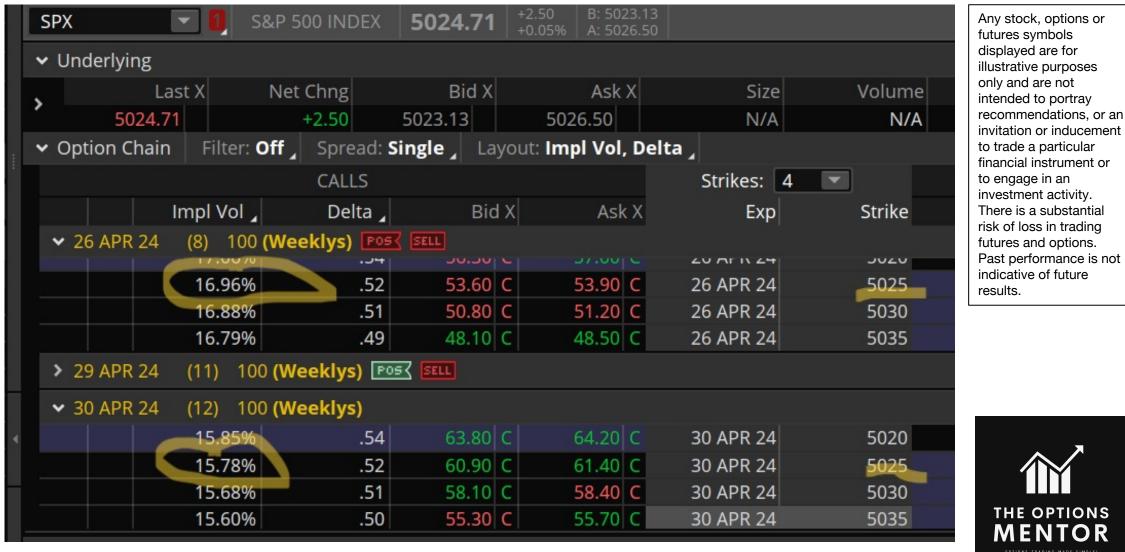
Vega: This spread is long vega (when purchased but not when sold) and changes in the implied volatility of your options during trade can greatly affect the profitability

Theta: This spread is long theta and income from theta is the primary profit





Every Strike Has Its Own IV



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Differing Widths Between Short and Long Expirations

• The greater the distance between the short and long expirations the higher the position Vega and Theta

- Since the long is purchased further out than the short, volatility effects are higher in this trade
- The greater the distance between the short and long, the faster the theta decay difference and the price is higher





Profit Goals & Risk

- Profit Goal: Our goal is 10% of the cost of the trade. Cost of the trade is the debit.
- Your Max risk is also the cost of the trade
- Average time in trade should be around 3 to 6 days
- When would we change our profit goal?





Significant News Events

OWhat News events are MOST important?

 \circ FOMC Announcements

- \circ Non-Farm Payrolls
- $\circ \, \text{Unemployment Claims}$
- \circ CPI,PPI and PCE
- \circ Earnings Releases
- \odot Fed Board Member Speaker Events
- \odot Other US Political and GEO Political Events.





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- Marketwatch.com/economy-politics/calendar:
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