## TRADING VERTICAL SPREADS

Today's Topics

- Quick review of vertical spreads
- Entering spread orders


## Presentation Outline

■ Vertical Spread Basics

- Bull \& Bear Spreads Defined
- Mechanics at Expiration
- Important Concepts of Option Prices
- Price Behavior of Vertical Spreads
- Entering Spread Orders


## Vertical Spreads

## Buy one option and sell another option

Same underlying
Same expiration dates
Different strike prices

## Bull Call Spread

Buy a lower strike and sell a higher strike
Buy $1 \quad 100$ Call 6.00
Sell $1 \quad 110$ Call $\quad \underline{2.50}$
Net Cost (3.50)
Also known as a "Debit Call Spread"

## Bull Call Spread - At Expiration

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Maximum profit $=$ Spread - Net Cost $\longleftarrow$
( $=10.00-3.50=6.50$ in this example)

## Bull Call Spread - At Expiration



Stock price below lower strike at expiration:
Both calls expire; result = no position, max loss

## Bull Call Spread - At Expiration



Stock price between strikes at expiration: Long call is exercised; short call expires; result = long stock (at strike + net cost)

## Bull Call Spread - At Expiration



Stock price above higher strike at expiration: Long call exercised; short call assigned; result = buy stock, sell stock, no position

## Bear Call Spread

Sell a lower strike and buy a higher strike Sell 1 100 Call 6.00 Buy 1 110 Call $\quad \underline{2.50}$ Net Credit 3.50


## Bear Put Spread

Buy a higher strike and sell a lower strike
Buy $1 \quad 100$ Put 5.00
Sell $1 \quad 90$ Put 2.00
Net Cost (3.00)


## Bull Put Spread

Sell a higher strike and buy a lower strike Sell 1 100 Put 5.00 Buy $1 \quad 90$ Put $\underline{2.00}$ Net Credit 3.00


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Option Prices - Important Concepts

## Option Pricing Concepts

Quiz
Days to Expiration
$44 \rightarrow 28$
XYZ Stock $99 \rightarrow 102$
XYZ 100 Call
$1.50 \rightarrow$ ??
Estimate the new price of the 100 Call

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Starting Assumptions
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## Option Pricing Concepts

## Quiz

Stock price rises 3
Days to Expiration
XYZ Stock

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44 \rightarrow 28
$$

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99 \rightarrow 102
$$

XYZ 100 Call

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1.50 \rightarrow \text { ?? }
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Quiz

## 16 days pass

Days to Expiration
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Quiz - Answer
Days to Expiration
XYZ Stock
XYZ 100 Call

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\begin{array}{clc}
44 & \rightarrow & 28 \\
99 & \rightarrow & 102 \\
1.50 & \rightarrow & 2.80
\end{array}
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## Option Pricing Concepts

Days to Expiration<br>$44 \rightarrow 28$<br>XYZ Stock<br>$99 \rightarrow 102$<br>XYZ 100 Call<br>$1.50 \rightarrow 2.80$

Concepts: Delta \& Time Decay

## Option Pricing Concepts

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| :--- | :---: | :--- | :---: |
| XYZ Stock | 99 | $\rightarrow$ | 102 |
| XYZ 100 Call | 1.50 | $\rightarrow$ | 2.80 |

Delta: option prices change less than stock prices

## Option Pricing Concepts

Days to Expiration
$44 \quad \rightarrow \quad 28$
XYZ Stock
XYZ 100 Call $99 \rightarrow 102$
$1.50 \rightarrow 2.80$
Time Decay: option prices decrease as time passes

## Option Pricing Concepts

Conclusions:
Option traders must know the delta of their options and have a specific time forecast.

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## Price Behavior of Spreads

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XYZ @ 88.9028 Days to Expiration
Buy 1 28-day 90 Call 3.50
Sell 1 28-day 95 Call $\underline{1.80}$
Net Debit (1.70)
What is the estimated profit in 21 days
(7 days to expiration) with XYZ at 94?

## Price Behavior of Spreads

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\begin{array}{lccc} 
& \text { Price } & \text { Delta } \\
\text { XYZ Stock } & 88.90 & \\
\text { 28-day } 90 \text { Call } & 3.50 & +0.48 \\
\text { 28-day } 95 \text { Call } & \underline{1.80} & \underline{-0.30} \\
& \text { Net } & 1.70 & +0.18
\end{array}
$$

## Price Behavior of Spreads

28 days 7 days $88.90 \quad 94.00$<br>$3.50 \rightarrow 4.60+30 \%$<br>95 Call $\quad \underline{1.80} \rightarrow \underline{1.60}-12 \%$<br>Spread Value $\quad 1.70 \rightarrow 3.00+75 \%$<br>90 Call: Profit = \$110 (30\%)

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Conclusions:
Lower cost (risk) than A-T-M options
Lower (limited) maximum profit
Less sensitive to time erosion
In some cases a higher \% profit

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\begin{array}{lll} 
& \underline{\text { Bid }} & \underline{\text { Ask }} \\
100 \text { Call } & 6.00-6.20 \\
110 \text { Call } & 2.50-2.70
\end{array}
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\end{array}
$$

"Natural Bid" 100 Call@ 6.00 110 Call@ 2.70 Spread @ 3.30

## Entering a Spread Order

> |  | Bid | Ask |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| 100 Call | 6.00 | 6.20 |
| 110 Call | 2.50 | 2.70 |

"Natural Offer" 100 Call @ 6.20 110 Call @ 2.50
Spread @ 3.70

## Entering a Spread Order

- First, determine the "natural" bid and offer.
- Second, decide if you can "do better" than the natural bid or offer.
- Third, enter a limit-price order for the spread.


## Entering a Spread Order

Case 1
Bid Ask
80 Call $3.10-3.30$
85 Call 1.60 - 1.70
You want to buy the 80-85 Call Spread.
Can you pay lower than the natural?

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\begin{array}{llll}
80 \text { Call } & 3.10-3.30 & 3.20 \\
85 \text { Call } & 1.60-1.70 & \underline{\mathbf{1 . 6 0}} \\
& & & \mathbf{1 . 6 0}
\end{array}
$$

"Natural bid" 1.40 - "Natural ask" 1.70
Maybe you can pay 1.60.

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Case 2
Bid Ask

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\begin{array}{ll}
40 \text { Call } & 2.00-2.05 \\
45 \text { Call } & 0.85-0.90
\end{array}
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You want to buy the 40-45 Call Spread.
Can you pay lower than the natural?

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Case 2

## Bid Ask

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\begin{array}{lll}
40 \text { Call } & 2.00-2.05 & \mathbf{2 . 0 5} \\
45 \text { Call } & 0.85-0.90 & \underline{\mathbf{0 . 8 5}} \\
& & \\
\mathbf{1 . 2 0}
\end{array}
$$

"Natural bid" 1.10 - "Natural ask" 1.20
1.20 is likely the best price.

## Entering a Spread Order

Conclusion:
Spread orders should be entered at a net price. Traders must consider the bid-ask spread of each option when calculating the net price of a spread.

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## OEX Chain



## Option Chain



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# INDEX OPTIONS <br> Introduction to "Trading the Market" 

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## Presentation Outline

> Motivation for Trading Index Options
> Unique Features of Index Options
> A Trading Exercise

## Why Trade Index Options?

Individual stocks have:
Company Risk
Sector Risk Market Risk

Index options enable you to trade "the market."

## Which Indexes Have Options?

- Many major market averages have options
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- Sector Indexes also have options
- GSTITM Internet Index
- Dow Jones ${ }^{\circledR}$ Equity REIT Index
- CBOE Oil Index ${ }^{\circledR}$ Options


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## Basic Strategy - Buy Call



## Basic Strategy - Buy Put



## Features of Index Options

1. $\$ 100$ Multiplier
2. Cash Settlement
3. Exercise Style
4. Settlement Method
5. Broad-Based vs. Narrow-Based

## \$100 Multiplier

The actual dollar cost of an index option is $\$ 100$ times the stated option price.
"OEX 600 Call @ 8.00"
Price of Option = $8 \times \$ 100=\$ 800$

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## Exercise Style - Two Types

American-Style Exercise
European-Style Exercise

## American-style Exercise

An option subject to American-Style Exercise can be exercised on any business day before the option's expiration date.

Exercise must also occur before your brokerage firm's daily exercise deadline.

Remember, options can be sold on any business day.

## European-style Exercise

An option subject to European-style Exercise can only be exercised at a specific time, which is generally the last day prior to the option's expiration date.

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## Price Behavior Prior to Expiration

- Today is September 15. The OEX Index is 500.
- The December OEX 500 Call is currently 20.
- Your forecast:

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What is your forecast for the price of the OEX December 500 Call?
There are two important concepts you must know.

## Concept \#1 - Delta

Most options do not change in price as much as the underlying changes in price.

Delta is an estimate of the rate of change in an option's price for a one unit change in the price of the underlying assuming all other factors are unchanged.

## Concept \#2 - Time Decay



Option prices generally do not decrease at the same rate that time passes to expiration.

## Price Behavior Prior to Expiration

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- OEX 500 Call $20 \rightarrow \underline{24.80}$


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Narrow-Based Index Options:
Trade the "Sectors You Know"

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