Options involve risk and are not suitable for all investors. Please read <u>Characteristics and Risks of Standardized Options</u> before deciding to invest.

#### Earn \$100 a month in Dividends.

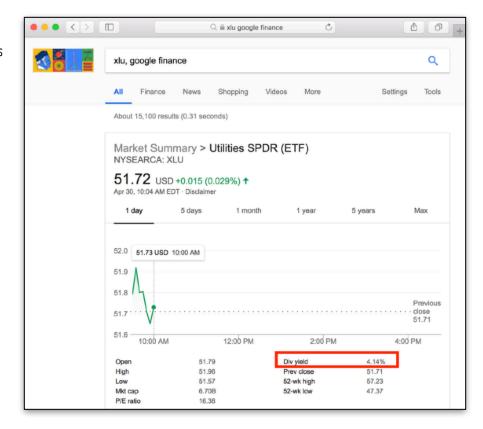
Let's say you have a \$52 stock, such as XLU, as you want to make approximately \$100 a month with dividends. How many shares would you need to get \$100/month in dividend income?

Stock Value: \$52

**Desired Dividend Income:** \$100/Month

First find the dividend yield. I like to *search Google for this information* (goo.gl/NigKPt). On the right, you can see that the **dividend yield for XLU is 4.14%**.

Use the formulas to calculate the number of shares that you'll need in order to calculate your desired amount.



Shares Required = (12 Months x Desired Month Dividend Received) / (Share price x Yield)

 $= (12 \times 100 \text{ a month})/(\$52 \text{ stock Price } \times 4.14\%)$ 

=557

#### So you'll need 557 shares in order to achieve \$100 a month in dividend income.

Keep in mind that you still have risk – the stock could drop below the dividend amount that you receive. But dividends do offer one way of reducing costs basis.

I also like to increase my theoretical "income" per month by selling calls against the position. In theory you can double or triple the amount that you earn. With 557 shares, you can sell as little as 1 or as many as 5 calls against your shares and be *covered*.

See last week's Cherry Picks (goo.gl/V1aptm) for more information on how to maximize your theoretical return on capital on your covered calls.

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# **Market Statistics**

#### **Large Moves in Popular ETFs and Stocks**

**DIA** Dow

**EEM** Emerging Index Fund

**EFA** MSCI EAFE **EWZ** Brazil

FEZ Euro Stoxx 50
FXI China Large Cap
GDX Gold Miners

**GDXJ** Junior Gold Miners

**GLD** Gold

IWM Russell 2000 ETFKRE Regional BankingOIH Oil ServicesQQQ Nasdaq 100

SLV Silver S&P 500

**TLT** 20+ Year Treasury Bond ETF

XBI BiotechXLB Materials

**XLE** Energy Select Sector

XLF Financial
XLI Industrial
XLK Tech

**XLP** Consumer Staples

**XLU** Utilities

**XME** Metals and Mining

**XOP** Oil & Gas Exploration & Product

**XRT** Retail

1 Month Returns of Popular ETFs

OIH	XOP	XLE	XRT	XBI	KRE	QQQ	FEZ	IWM
17.3%	15.8%	12.4%	6.1%	5.6%	5.3%	4.9%	4.9%	4.7%
XME	XLK	SPY	XLB	XLU	DIA	EFA	XLF	FXI
4.3%	3.8%	3.8%	3.5%	3.4%	3.3%	3.3%	2.8%	2.5%
GDX	GDXJ	XLI	EEM	XLP	SLV	GLD	TLT	EWZ
0.7%	0.5%	0.2%	-0.1%	-0.8%	-1.5%	-2.1%	-2.2%	-2.8%

#### 1 Month Returns of Dow Stocks

CVX	MRK	UNH	AXP	CSCO	NKE
13.2%	12.3%	10.6%	9.5%	9.2%	8.6%
INTC	HD	GE	MSFT	V	VZ
8.6%	8.2%	8.2%	8.1%	7.8%	7.6%
XOM	PFE	MCD	BA	WMT	DWDP
6.6%	5.6%	5.2%	4.8%	4.5%	3.6%
JNJ	DIS	KO	JPM	CAT	AAPL
3.2%	2.5%	1.7%	1.6%	0.3%	-0.1%
TRV	UTX	IBM	GS	PG	MMM
-1.6%	-1.6%	-2.2%	-2.8%	-6.1%	-7.5%

#### 1 Month Returns of Futures

/ZW	/CL	/NQ	/RTY	/ES	/ZC	/YM
14.5%	7.9%	4.8%	4.6%	3.9%	3.9%	3.5%
/ZS	/NG	/6C	/ZT	/ZF	/6A	/ZN
2.4%	1.8%	0.7%	-0.3%	-1.0%	-1.4%	-1.4%
/SI	/6E	/ZB	/6B	/GC	/UB	/6J
-1.7%	-2.0%	-2.2%	-2.2%	-2.3%	-2.4%	-3.4%



# Trade Focus

	Trade	What I'm Thinking	Statistics
THE GENERAL	Call Ratio Spread in AAPL Buy 1x 172.5 Call in May4 Sell 2x 175 Call in May4 Total credit is \$0.10	Apple earnings are Tuesday after the close (see <a href="https://goo.gl/c2HRvm">https://goo.gl/c2HRvm</a> for more upcoming dates).	No downside risk for this earnings trade. \$6 expected movement. For this position the breakeven point is \$12 away from the current stock price.
BEEF	Short Strangle in TWTR Short 27 Put in June Short 34 Call in June Total credit received is \$1.62	With a high overall implied volatility I'm collecting a nice credit on this trade. I'll look to manage at roughly 50% of the initial credit received.	63% theoretical probability of profit of making at least \$0.01 on this trade by expiration.
DR. DATA	Short Puts in SLV Short 15.5 Put in June Short 15 Put in August Total credit received is \$0.77	I've had a overall long bias in silver for a few years. When the stock hits 16 I'll sell a call to offset deltas.	Total buying power required is \$580.
JAMES	Put Calendar in TLT Short Jun 119 Put in June Long JUL 119 Put in July Total debit is \$0.53	IV Rank is relatively low at 12. Making this a theoretically ideal time to place this trade.	Stats are difficult to establish at entry. But generally the success at expiration is 50 to 60%.
JOSH	Short Strangle in INTC Short 47 Put in June. Short 55 Call in June. Total credit received is \$1.34	IV Rank is high at 63%. And since it has already had earnings, I don't have to worry about that. This trade is slightly delta neutral.	67% theoretical probability of profit of making at least \$0.01 on this trade by expiration.



# **Upcoming Earnings**



#### **Cherry Picks Earnings Edition.**

Since we're still in "earnings season", I'm going to send you to the most recent **Cherry Picks Earnings Edition** – if you didn't get it, you can download it here: https://goo.gl/c2HRvm

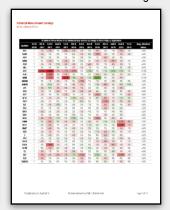
It is broken down into two sections. **Part 1** provides the upcoming earnings calendar – useful if you are looking to place short-term trades that take advantage of the historical *crush in implied volatility that usually occurs around earnings*.

**Part 2** provides the past movement of the stocks around earnings up to the Friday expiration. Wanna know what happened during the last few quarters after the stock released earnings? See this section.

**Part 1**: Upcoming Earnings



Part 2: Historical Earnings





### **Shows From the Research Team The Past Few Days:**

Date	Segment	Title	Link
Mon, Apr 30	Market Measures	Gold & Stocks: Positive or Negative Correlation?	<u>LINK</u>
Mon, Apr 30	The Skinny on Options: Abstract Applications	Convexity Risk: Part 1 - Bonds	LINK
Mon, Apr 30	Best Practices	Step by Step Pairs Trading	LINK
Fri, Apr 27	Market Measures	Profit Margins in Options Trading	LINK
Fri, Apr 27	Options Jive	Option Profitability	LINK
Fri, Apr 27	Closing the Gap - Futures Edition	Energy Equivalents	<u>LINK</u>
Thu, Apr 26	Market Measures	First Quarter Implications	<u>LINK</u>
Thu, Apr 26	Options Jive	How Earnings Affect Stock Indexes	<u>LINK</u>
Thu, Apr 26	Trades From the Research Team LIVE	Trades From the Research Team LIVE	<u>LINK</u>
Wed, Apr 25	Market Measures	Digging Out of a Hole	<u>LINK</u>
Wed, Apr 25	Options Jive	Is There a Trade? Week of April 23rd	<u>LINK</u>
Wed, Apr 25	Options Jive	What is tastytrade Trading?	<u>LINK</u>
Tue, Apr 24	Market Measures	Losses Relative to Buying Power: Varying Deltas	<u>LINK</u>
Tue, Apr 24	Options Jive	A Case for Having No Opinion	<u>LINK</u>
Tue, Apr 24	tasty BITES	Trading Sector ETFs	<u>LINK</u>
Mon, Apr 23	Market Measures	Low IV Strategies in Bonds	<u>LINK</u>
Mon, Apr 23	The Skinny on Options: Abstract Applications	Theta's Non-Linearity	<u>LINK</u>
Mon, Apr 23	Best Practices	Trade-Off	LINK
Fri, Apr 20	Market Measures	Yield Curve Madness	LINK
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Tue, Apr 17	tasty BITES	Drawdowns	<u>LINK</u>
Mon, Apr 16	Market Measures	Diversification Options for All Environments	LINK
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# **Current Market Outlook**

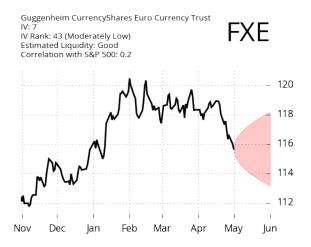


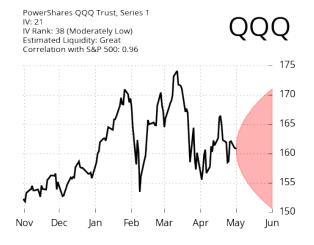
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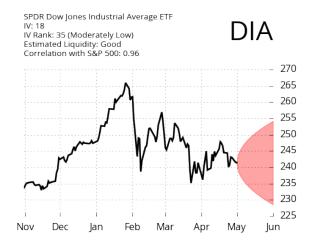










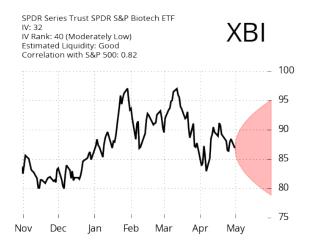


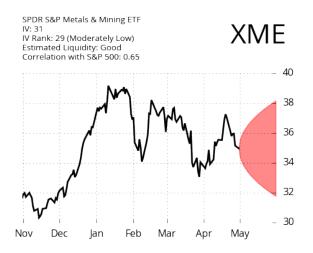


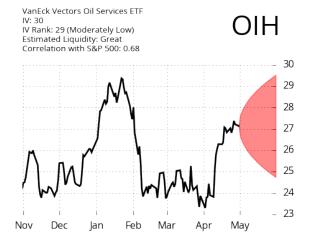
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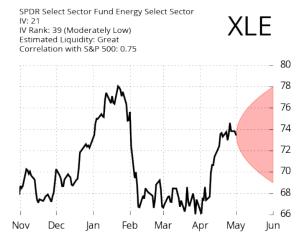
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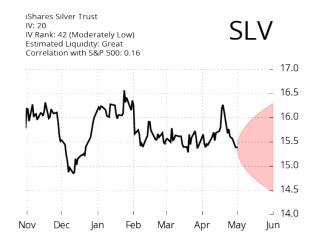








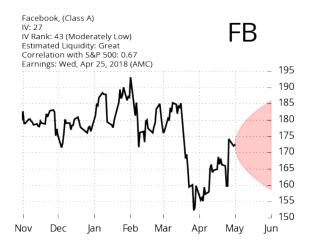


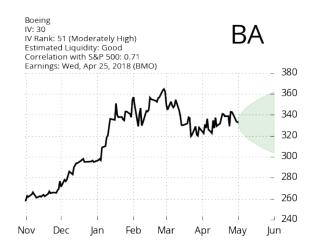


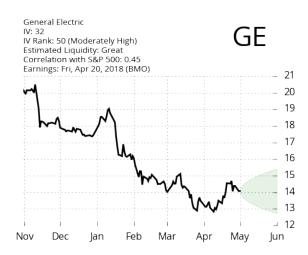


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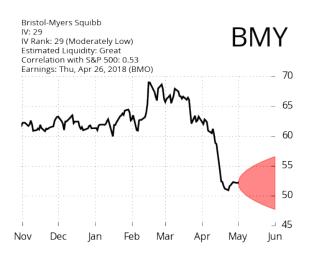
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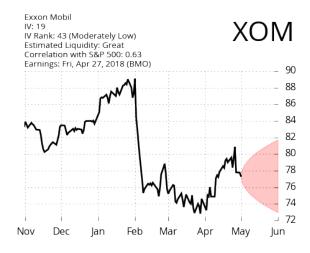












## **Reading this Report**

**Expected Range Cone.** The colored cone represents a 30-day expected theoretical price range that is calculated from the options' implied volatilities. If the implied volatility is relatively high, then the market is expecting a larger price change in the underlying stock or ETF. From this we can derive the market's 1 standard deviation theoretical expectation of where prices might be in the future. In other words, the market is expecting, with a 68% theoretical probability, that prices will fall within the boundary of the cone at the end of 30 days.

**Cone Color.** The color of the cone is significant. The darker the color, the more "extreme" the implied volatility (IV) which is represented by implied volatility rank (IV Rank). This information can help you decide on a trading strategy.

# IV Rank near 100% IV Rank near 0%

## **Glossary**

**IV.** Implied Volatility is the estimated volatility of a security's price derived from its option price; the higher the IV, the more expensive the option and therefore the larger the expected price move. IV is an annualized number of volatility, e.g. a IV of 27 means the option's market is pricing in an annualized price range, either plus or minus, of 27%.

**IV Rank.** IV by itself doesn't tell us if if the volatility is high or low - but IV Rank does. An IV Rank of 70 means that the IV is 70% between its low and high IV over the past year. The higher the IV Rank, the higher the security's IV is compared to its past year. We provide six levels to make evaluating easier:

• Extremely High: IV Rank between 90 and 100

• High: IV Rank between 75 and 90

Moderately High: IV Rank between 50 and 75
 Moderately Low: IV Rank between 25 and 50

• Low: IV Rank between 10 and 25

• Extremely Low: IV Rank between 0 and 10

**Option Liquidity.** At tastytrade we have our own theoretical measure of option liquidity, Poor, Moderate, Good, or Great. It examines the options' bid/ask spread, open interest, and the number of strikes with non-zero bids.

**Correlation with S&P 500.** Correlation is a statistical measure of how strong a relationship two securities have with one another. A correlation of -1 means the stocks are perfectly negatively correlated (they move in opposite directions), while a correlation of +1 means the stocks are perfectly positively correlated (they move in the same direction). A correlation of 0 means there exist little relationship.

**Earnings.** The earnings date of the security. In practice we tend to see stocks have a larger amount of implied volatility (IV) nearer to earnings as the market is pricing in the fear of the upcoming earnings announcement. In parenthesis, is BTO or AMC; "Before the Open" or "After Market Closes", respectively. Upcoming earnings dates do sometimes change.

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