

# McDonald's Sets Up for Trend Move to New Highs

### TRADE SNAPSHOT

TICKER	MCD						
SECURITY	McDonald's Corp.						
SECTOR	Consumer – Restaurants – QSR						
CURRENT PRICE	\$185.33 Long						
LONG/SHORT							
TARGET	\$200						
STOP	\$178						
TIMEFRAME	2 Months						

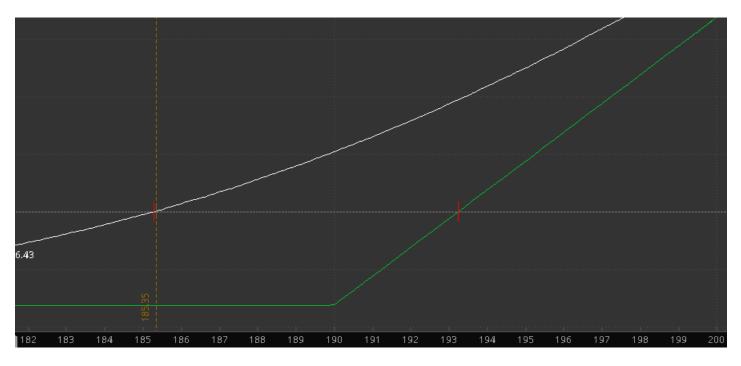
Trading Strategy: Long the MCD May \$190 Calls \$3.25 or Better

Net Debit/Credit: Debit of \$3.25

Profitability Zone: MCD Shares Above \$193.25 on May OpEx

Greeks: Delta 39; Gamma 3; Vega 29; Theta -4

**Options Volatility / Trade Simulator View:** 





**Technical Analysis:** MCD shares forming a weekly bull pennant with weekly RSI successfully testing and holding the 50 RSI level and now MACD looking for a bull crossover.



**Fundamental Analysis:** The \$142.65B quick-service restaurant trades 21X Earnings, 6.8X Sales and 16X EBITDA with a 2.5% dividend yield. MCD's outlook is a bit deceptive as it is in a transition moving to a more asset-light model. It is coming off another strong quarter with +4.4% global comps. MCD continues to roll out new initiatives to drive better traffic, tickets and profitability. A tighter labor market with rising wages is one headwind MCD is facing. Analysts have an average target of \$198 on shares with short interest low at 0.8% of the float. MSCO upgraded shares in November with a \$210 target noting the "McDonald's of the Future" and highlighting benefits of modernization efforts. Stephens upgraded to Overweight on 2-19 with a \$200 target seeing the core US business accelerating and recently lowered expectations provides room for upside surprises throughout 2019. Hedge Fund ownership rose 2.2% in Q4 filings.

## **Options Activity:**

Date \Xi	Description T	Volume <del>–</del>	<u>Open.Int</u> =	Price =	%Change =	Delta =	impi Vol \Xi	Prob.ITM =	Premium Paic \Xi	Symbol
3/7/2019	MCD 100 17 MAY 19 180 PUT	1,247	414	\$4.65	3.33%	-0.43	16.95%	46.69%	\$585,620	.MCD190517P180
3/7/2019	MCD 100 17 MAY 19 175 PUT	1,280	911	\$3.01	3.79%	-0.31	18.12%	33.62%	\$387,960	.MCD190517P175
3/4/2019	MCD 100 (Weeklys) 5 APR 19 190 CALL	14,739	80	\$0.87	-17.14%	0.18	16.31%	16.48%	\$1,267,554	.MCD190405C190
3/4/2019	MCD 100 17 MAY 19 180 CALL	1,536	396	\$7.50	-17.58%	0.55	19.95%	51.67%	\$1,152,000	.MCD190517C180
3/4/2019	MCD 100 18 APR 19 185 CALL	1,962	2,387	\$2.95	-28.05%	0.39	16.66%	37.01%	\$572,904	.MCD190418C185
3/4/2019	MCD 100 17 MAY 19 185 CALL	1,093	1,160	\$5.00	-17.63%	0.45	18.71%	41.55%	\$546,500	.MCD190517C185
3/4/2019	MCD 100 (Weeklys) 5 APR 19 195 CALL	17,097	1	\$0.26	-7.14%	0.07	17.06%	6.04%	\$512,910	.MCD190405C195
2/27/2019	MCD 100 18 APR 19 195 CALL	6,158	1,227	\$0.58	-4.92%	0.12	13.84%	11.06%	\$375,638	.MCD190418C195
2/22/2019	MCD 100 (Weeklys) 5 APR 19 180 PUT	641	2	\$2.75	-6.14%	-1		100.00%	\$176,275	.MCD190405P180
2/19/2019	MCD 100 17 MAY 19 185 CALL	775	7	\$4.15	18.57%	0.4	17.16%	36.71%	\$321,625	.MCD190517C185
2/15/2019	MCD 100 15 MAR 19 180 CALL	1,402	3,149	\$2.07	75.42%	0.42	13.67%	41.05%	\$290,214	.MCD190315C180
2/14/2019	MCD 100 15 MAR 19 175 CALL	1,072	1,091	\$3.48	54.67%	0.55	13.98%	53.82%	\$359,120	.MCD190315C175
1/9/2019	MCD 100 21 JUN 19 200 CALL	1,423	1,481	\$2.53	-8.99%	0.21	18.39%	17.99%	\$372,826	.MCD190621C200

Potential Catalysts: Earnings 4-29-19

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