



Sector Leaders

Energy

Biotech

Software

Stock Gainers

EGHT 31%

TGTX 30%

UAN 20%

THC 17.5%

TTGT 15%

EIGR 15%

Volatility Gainers

- LPSN
- UTSI
- ADT
- TCS
- WIT
- CNDT

High Call Volume

- CNDT
- EGO
- ADT
- ALKS
- CCJ
- LEG
- EDIT

Bullish Options

- PLUG
- LEG
- SRNE
- TCS
- TWLO
- SWBI
- CRWD
- NET
- SYF
- SLB
- FSLY

**Market Review:** Stocks were a bit higher overnight but started to fade into the open as fiscal stimulus efforts remain at a standstill, COVID hospitalizations and deaths are setting records, and Brexit remains uncertain. The ECB announced a new round of stimulus, but less than the market was expecting. Jobless Claims spiked well above expectations while Inflation numbers were in-line with expectations. Stocks bounced off early weakness and breadth climbed through the morning. Energy was a leading performer with Oil climbing 4% while growth also showed major strength as Software, Solar, Internet and Biotech jumped. An early afternoon headline dampened optimism for a fiscal stimulus bill and markets dipped. It was another day of a big IPO with Airbnb after Doordash yesterday. S&P futures were unable to really punch back above the 1-week and 1-month VWAP levels. We get PPI and Consumer Sentiment tomorrow and December OpEx next week before a slow trade into the Holidays.

**S&P Chart:**



Resistance	Support
3,680	3,520
3,855	3,400
4,000	3,365

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**Options Action Trends:** Bullish call buys returned to high growth Tech early with **CRWD, TWLO, FSLY, NET, CRM** calls hot. Large opening put sales continued as a theme in China EV leaders **NIO, LI**.

**What's On Tap:** PPI and Consumer Sentiment.

**Trade Tracker Portfolio Changes:**

- 1) **Spotlight:** Long **UNP** February \$210 Calls \$8

Sector Laggards

Industrial

Transport

Banks

Stock Losers

AQB -17.5%

LEAF -15%

CMTL -13%

PTGX -12%

SNEX -11.6%

MTLS -10%

Volatility Losers

- CRIS
- TGTX
- PACB
- ASO
- CIEN
- RH

High Put Volume

- ADT
- BEKE
- RPRX
- NYT
- GOL
- AR

Bearish Options

- WEN
- ARGX
- EGHT
- ASO
- BIDU
- VALE
- CARG
- ADT
- XBI
- AR
- MLM
- ATUS



## FEATURED OPTIONS RADAR REPORT



### Dave and Busters Activist Play, Top Vaccine Recovery Name

**Ticker/Price:** PLAY (\$25.65)

#### Analysis:

**Dave and Buster (PLAY)** on 12/9 with a massive trade that put on 14,000 January 2022 \$25/\$17.5 bull risk reversals for a \$4.50 debit, and follows an opening sale of 14,000 January 2022 \$17.50 puts back on 11/16 while we have also seen 4500 January \$25 calls bought. PLAY shares are forming a tight weekly flag since the big jump on vaccine news in November and above \$27 can start to work on closing the COVID sell-off all the way back to \$40. The \$1.2B owns and operates entertainment dining venues centered on playing games and watching live sports. PLAY has also been an activist watch name with KKR gaining seats earlier this year pushing for operational changes and PLAY implemented a poison pill in March. CNBC reported in April that PLAY was in talks with private equity firms about a potential stake sale and could result in a buyout firm owning a significant stake. PLAY hit \$1.35B in revenues in 2020 and seen collapsing to \$490M in 2021 before recovering to \$1.4B by 2023. PLAY is likely a major beneficiary of a successful vaccine rollout with people anxious to get back to fun gatherings. PLAY is currently focused on reopening stores while also is implementing mobile kiosks and launching a stronger menu. It is also implementing a strategy for its Wow Walls that can make it a top spot for viewing live sports. Analyst have an average target of \$25 and short interest high at 28% of the float but down 38% Q/Q. Raymond James upped its target to \$35 on 12/2 as a top post-vaccine recovery play and while near-term results will remain volatile, sees normalizing 2021 trends. BMO upgraded to Outperform in October with a \$26 target seeing EBITDA getting back to pre-pandemic levels. Hedge Fund ownership jumped 46% in Q3 filings.

#### Hawk Vision:



**Hawk's Perspective:** PLAY has a nice set-up here and the upside/downside still looks positively skewed with potential for a buyout as well as the eventual recovery and likely to emerge with a more profitable model.

**Confidence Ranking:** \$\$



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### HR Block Calls Hot on Seasonality, Big 2021 Tax Season

**Ticker/Price:** HRB (\$15.70)

#### Analysis:

**H&R Block (HRB)** with nearly 2000 April \$17 calls trading this morning after 4000 opened yesterday and also a buyer of 2000 January 2022 \$20 calls on 12/9. HRB shares are slipping under its 200-day moving average today and testing a 61.8% Fibonacci retracement, weak price action looking for a reversal. The positioning for April is interesting considering it lines up with tax season, shares higher in April the last four years by over 11% on average. The \$3.15B

Company trades 6.8X Earnings and 10.7X FCF with a 6.35% yield. HRB is shifting more to digital/virtual in a transformational move. In September the CEO bought 25,150 shares just above \$15. The HRB bullish activity this week comes after it hosted an Investor Day earlier this week, so it appears it laid out its strategic vision well. Analysts have an average target of \$18.50 with short interest at 10.5% of the float. HRB shares have seen some selling on the Credit Karma deal causing competition as Square enters the tax prep business. Barrington sees a big FY21 as it will essentially be 1.5 tax seasons due to the pandemic push out. Hedge Fund ownership jumped nearly 15% in Q3 filings.

#### Hawk Vision:



**Hawk's Perspective:** HRB would be a buy and hold your nose type with this price-action, like to see it retake the 200-day MA but as it nears the insider buy level at \$15 the reward/risk shifts favorably.

**Confidence Ranking:** \$\$





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### Pioneer Natural Attracts Bullish Positioning for 2021

**Ticker/Price:** PXD (\$118)

#### Analysis:

**Pioneer Natural (PXD)** with another 2,000 March \$100 puts sold to open today down to \$4.80, spot where 2,000 sold yesterday around \$5, and also seeing 1,000 March \$130/\$110 bull risk reversals bought for a small debit. PXD has seen a lot of bull flow since early September and much of it now deep in-the-money with the rally in oil but does have 3,000 January \$100 calls in OI from June pricing around \$15 and close to what they were bought initially. Shares are trending well over the last two months and breaking out of a nine-month base this week above \$112.50 with a longer-term target of \$160/\$170. PXD is likely a bit over-heated in the short-term but a pullback to 1-year value at \$103/\$104 would be an optimal spot for a bounce. The \$17.38B company trades 9.5X EV/EBITDA, 2.25X sales, and 12.5X cash with a 2% yield, one of the better balance sheets in the space. PXD made a nice deal earlier this year for Parsley Energy (PE) which positions them well as one of the four largest firms in the area. CEO Scott Sheffield was at the Reuters Future of Oil conference in early December and noted the two entities are suited well for any pricing environment but he expects to return to pre-pandemic levels by 2022. PXD expects to generate around \$2B of synergies on a PV-10 basis over the next ten years while the combination of their major assets will help lower their reinvestment rate to 65%-75% from 70%-80%. PXD is also an interesting ESG play. The company outlined plans this year to shift most of their Permian production into low-emission strategies with a lower flare intensity, just 0.6% vs peers at 1.7%. They expect to make significant adjustments in the Jagged Peak legacy acreage in 2021 as well as utilize more effluent water which will reduce their dependency on freshwater sources. Analysts have an average target for shares of \$125. Piper raising their PT to \$132 earlier this week, positive on the group as Q3 broadly saw improvement on the operating and capital expense front, and more importantly, in the wake of important strides in the pandemic battle the focus is shifting toward the hope of the demand recovery in 2021. Short interest is 3.2% and consistent with the two-year range. Hedge fund ownership rose 5.5% in Q3.

#### Hawk Vision:



**Hawk's Perspective:** PXD a quality name and Energy sure has momentum, seems March popular across other names in the group too, recently writing **FANG** as well. The group broke out today on the Oil surge, best to wait now to set back up.

**Confidence Ranking:** \$\$



## FEATURED OPTIONS RADAR REPORT



### Schlumberger Calls Bought as Oil Prices Rise to Multi-Month Highs

**Ticker/Price:** SLB (\$23.65)

#### Analysis:

**Schlumberger (SLB)** buyer 5000 May \$30 calls \$1.17 to \$1.20 with shares breaking out of consolidation today and follows buyers in the March \$22.50 calls and sellers in the May \$22.50 puts recently. Shares are fairly over-extended given the recent rally but nice trend above the 8- and 20-day with support back at \$20.50 for a potential re-test. The longer-term volume gap has room back to \$32.50 and then \$40 from earlier this year. The \$30.62B company trades 11.5X EV/EBITDA, 1.16X sales, and 8X cash with a 2% yield. SLB is undergoing a massive restructuring and targeting \$1.5B in structural cost reductions with the vast majority realized by year-end 2020. They see themselves coming out of this recent dip a stronger overall organization and conditions set to improve further in Q4 and early next year given improving DUC well completions and drilling resumption in both the US and Canada. Their investments in tech and digital transformation are also starting to show strong results despite a lackluster environment as they improve overall operational performance and efficiency. Analysts have an average target for shares of \$21.50. MSCO positive on 10/19 noting that the company's restructuring is meaningfully improving profitability, but this is being somewhat masked by an extremely poor demand environment and should improve in 2021. Short interest is 1.33%. Hedge fund ownership rose 16% in Q3. Insiders active this year as well with the CEO buying \$450,000 in stock in September at \$17.95 and another director adding \$300,000 at \$19.50.

#### Hawk Vision:



**Hawk's Perspective:** SLB has made a nice run but still concerns as although prices are moving higher it does not necessarily mean drilling activity and the related services demand will rise just yet. The E&P names seem to have the better opportunities right now.

**Confidence Ranking:** \$\$

### Market/ETFs

**Biotech (XBI)** active put buying with 8000 January \$133 and 4350 February \$125 in morning trade

**Gold Miner (GDX)** opening sale 10,000 January 2022 \$29 puts for \$2.25

**Emerging Market (EEM)** buyer 5000 September \$50 puts \$3.80 offer

**Russell (IWM)** buyer 3000 Mar. 31st (Q) \$178/\$162 put spreads. **IWM** 3650 June \$215/\$165 collars with stock today

**S&P (SPY)** with 8500 January \$366/\$349 put spreads bought

**Gold (GLD)** spread sold 2750 February \$173 calls to buy the March \$164 puts

### Consumer & Business Discretionary/Services

**Container Store (TCS)** hot early flow with 2000 January \$12.50 calls bought \$0.67 to 41.10, IV30 already +25% and near nice range breakout

**Conduent (CNDT)** unusual volume today with over 6,000 January \$7.50 calls and 1250 July \$5 calls active with buyers, IV30 up 32%

**Levi's (LEVI)** opening buyers of 1,400 January \$19 calls for \$2.50 to \$2.65 with the positive Goldman note this morning

**Academy Sports (ASO)** fading after earnings and 1000 January \$17.50 puts bought \$2.55

**Expedia (EXPE)** buyers of 1,180 deep ITM November \$65 calls for \$69.85 to \$71.20 ahead of the **AirBnb (ABNB)** debut

**ADT Corp (ADT)** buyer 20,000 February \$10 puts \$2.05. **ADT** also 17,000 January \$9.30 calls with buyers \$0.45 to \$0.60

**Carnival (CCL)** with 1,500 January 2023 \$35 calls sold to buy the \$25 puts for a net \$4.57

**ActiVision (ATVI)** IV jumped with near-term bullish bets as 5000 December \$83 calls bought \$1.40 to \$1.55

**FarFetch (FTCH)** with 750 January 2022 \$50 puts sold to open for \$11.85 in a stock replacement

**Under Armour (UAA)** with 2,000 January 2022 \$17.50 calls sold for \$3.90 in a buy-write

**Wynn (WYNN)** buyer 1200 Dec. \$111/\$115 call spreads as weekly \$109 adjust

**Dish Network (DISH)** buyer of 1,000 OTM January 2022 \$20 puts for \$1.95 to \$2

### Consumer Goods

**Leggett & Platt (LEG)** buyers of the December \$40 calls for \$1.85 to \$2.10, over 2500X

**Peloton (PTON)** opening sale 1000 Jan. 22nd (W) \$120 calls for \$7.60

**Smith and Wesson (SWBI)** jumps with 4000 January \$15 calls bought \$1.30 to \$1.58

**SunOpta (STKL)** with the June \$10 calls bought for \$2.90 to \$3.10 to open today, over 1500X, strong run lately and out of a bull flag today

**Li Autos (LI)** the March \$33 ITM puts sold to open this morning 1270X for \$7 to \$6.75

**Nio (NIO)** big opening sale 2000 May \$36 puts today \$7.55

**Tesla (TSLA)** opening seller 10,000 January 2023 \$120 puts for \$8.20

### Energy

**Exxon Mobile (XOM)** with the April \$47.50/\$55 call spread bought 2,000X4,000 for \$0.62 debit, DE Shaw with an active stake and pushing for changes

**Occidental (OXY)** buyer 23,000 January \$22 calls \$1.62, closes 20K of the \$21 calls as the trend of adjusting continues

**Cheniere (LNG)** opening sale of 1000 March \$60 puts for \$4.10 to \$4 today

**Cabot Oil (COG)** buyer of 1,240 January 2023 \$13 ITM calls for \$6.20, follows similar ITM call buys in **EQT** this week

**WPX Energy (WPX)** still in consolidation range seeing buyers of 10,000 January \$8 calls today \$1.10 to \$1.15

**Marathon (MPC)** with 2,000 January 2023 \$35 puts sold to open for \$6 as some January 2022 positions roll out

**Northern Oil (NOG)** with 4,000 January \$11 calls sold to buy the \$9 puts into strength, paying \$0.35

**Diamondback (FANG)** with 1800 March \$55 calls sold to open for \$5.35

**Petrobras (PBR)** with 10,000 July \$11/\$7 put spreads sold to buy the \$13 calls for a net \$0.26 credit

### Financials

**Synchrony Financial (SYF)** buyer 2500 March \$33 calls \$2.45 in a stock replacement, follows upgrade this morning, flagging under recent highs

**Zillow (Z)** buyer of 1175 May \$100 deep ITM calls today \$30.45

**Wells Fargo (WFC)** with 1670 January 29th (W) \$29.50 calls bought for \$1.68 to \$1.78, rolling some December \$25 calls up and out. **WFC** with 6000 April \$27.50 puts sold \$1.90 to open

**MetLife (MET)** buyer 1000 January 2022 \$50 calls \$4.50, recent June call accumulation

**Deutsche Bank (DB)** with 1300 January 2023 \$12 puts sold to open near \$2.95 today

**Square (SQ)** block of 1750 January 2023 \$290 calls sold to open \$39.75

**Ambac (AMBC)** with 2,000 April \$20 calls bought for \$1.99, the February \$17.50 calls rolling

**Lemonade (LMND)** shares moving strong now up over 17.5% and 1,250 January \$100 calls being bought up to \$13.70, smaller lots

**Berkshire (BRK.B)** with 5000 March \$210 synthetic long positions opening as December adjust

### Healthcare

**Editas (EDIT)** wild run continues today up 20% and seeing 1300 December 31st (W) \$50 calls close and roll to buy the December \$75 calls for \$2.70, position that has rolled up twice this week

**Schrodinger (SDGR)** strong setup with shares flagging the last two weeks and today 700 December \$65 puts sold to open for \$2.70, top play on AI-driven drug discovery

**Repligen (RGEN)** with 475 May \$125 puts sold to open today for \$4.60 to \$4.50, strong trending name that has pulled back to the rising 55-day

**Teva (TEVA)** with 2000 June \$12/\$11 bull risk reversals opening

**Sarepta (SRPT)** calendar spread sold 1000 Jan. 8th (W) \$175 calls and bought January \$180 calls at \$5.45 debit. **SRPT** 585 February \$165/\$220 call spreads bought today

**Novocure (NVCR)** strong run lately and 500 June \$240 calls bought for \$10.60 to \$10.70 this morning as the December \$165 calls close and roll up and out into strength

**Omega Health (OHI)** opening buyers of 500 ITM January 2022 \$32 calls for \$7.80 to \$7.90, recently broke out of a wide range

**Targa Therapeutic (TGTX)** up 31.5% today, name with consistent bullish options positioning, Jan. 2022 \$30 puts being sold to open 1000X today

**BioMarin (BMRN)** spreads selling 3500 January \$70 puts and buying 2600 of the \$80/\$95 call spreads

**Profound Medical (PROF)** spread sells 750 July \$12.50 puts to buy the \$17.50/\$30 call spread 500X, adjusting some April spreads from 10/22

**Calithera Bio (CALA)** buyer of 1,500 January \$5/\$2.50 bull risk reversals for \$1.53 debit, small-cap bio that is flagging after clearing a downtrend. CALA expects Phase 3 data for their renal cell carcinoma treatment in late Q4

**Iovance (IOVA)** buyer 2000 January \$60 calls \$1.40 here, been a M&A talk name

**OptimizeRx (OPRX)** interesting buy of 500 June \$35 calls \$3.20 to \$3.40 today, exciting digital health growth name

### Industrials

**Union Pacific (UNP)** the February \$195/\$190 bull put spread opening 1300X for \$1.40

**Boeing (BA)** with 1000 December 31st (W) \$230 calls bought to open \$13.10 to \$13.30 this morning

**Jet Blue (JBLU)** opening seller 1400 January 2023 \$12 puts \$2.69

**Aecom (ACM)** buyer of 500 March \$52.50 calls for \$2.30 today, spread with 1000 of the \$60 calls with shares dipping back near the 50-MA

**General Motors (GM)** broke down under 21-MA today but afternoon buyer here 2000 January 22nd (W) \$44 calls \$2.02 to \$2.09

### Materials

**Eldorado (EGO)** buyers of 16,000 January \$16 calls up to \$0.30

**Freeport McMoRan (FCX)** with buyers of 2,450 May \$19 puts for \$1.05 to \$1.10. **FCX** also 2000 March \$27 calls sold to open today

**Alcoa (AA)** buyer 1000 March \$26 calls \$2.02 offer

**VALE SA (VALE)** with 3000 April \$19/\$16 bear risk reversals opening at \$0.88. **Vale SA (VALE)** with 25,000 March \$19 calls opening here as the \$18 start adjusting

**Lyondell (LYB)** with 750 June \$90 calls bought \$8.90 to \$9 in stock replacements, nice flag forming and trending well above the 21-day



**Martin Marietta (MLM)** with 500 April \$270/\$240 put spreads bought for \$12.40

**Scotts Miracle Gro (SMG)** looking for new highs here, buyer of 1000 Dec. \$180 calls for \$4 into the Hydrofarm IPO

### Tech and Telecom

**Google (GOOGL)** nearly \$6M in January \$1770 calls bought as the \$1750 adjust higher

**Twilio (TWLO)** December \$330 calls hot early with 1000X bought \$7 to \$7.70 as shares near a coiled range breakout, and a leading performer in 2020

**Cree (CREE)** more bull flow today as 700 January \$97.50 calls bought for \$6.20. **CREE** the December 31st (W) \$110 calls being bought now 2000X for \$1.40 to \$2.10

**Crowd-Strike (CRWD)** with 1,000 March \$200 calls bought today \$11.80 to \$12.10, top cyber security play for much of 2020. **CRWD** also with nearly \$3M buy of January 2023 \$180 calls for 545X

**Ebix (EBIX)** bull flag with unusual 1390 January \$35 calls bought early \$2.69 to \$3.30

**8x8 (EGHT)** buyer 1000 June \$25 puts \$2.60 offer into rally on CEO change

**Cloudflare (NET)** buyer 1300 Dec. 31st (W) \$90 calls for \$2. **NET** the December 31st (W) calls noted up to 5350X

**Baidu (BIDU)** buyer 1000 February \$155 puts to open for \$10.10 into highs

**Dynatrace (DT)** the July \$45/\$35 bull risk reversal bought 1000X for \$0.40

**Pinterest (PINS)** with 4000 May \$80 calls opening near \$10 as appears January \$60 adjusting out and up. **PINS** buyer 1500 Jan. 29th (W) \$68 calls at \$7.80, adjusts out of some Jan. \$47

**Wipro (WIT)** very unusual buying of 3000 June \$7.50 calls \$0.25 to \$0.45 offers to open

**Uber (UBER)** buyer 1900 June 2021 \$75 calls for \$2.50 offer

**Fastly (FSLY)** buyers of 5000 Dec. 31st (W) \$120 far OTM calls, similar to **NET** timeframe. **FSLY** 1700 March \$115 calls bought \$10.90 offer as well

**JD.com (JD)** with 3,000 June \$72.50 puts sold to open for \$5.55 today in a stock replacement, shares back at trend support

**Salesforce (CRM)** October \$240 size call buys here with 2500X and climbing at \$25+, follows size September \$240 call buys recently. **CRM** also a buyer of 1000 May \$240 calls \$16.10. **CRM** also 1100 September \$190 puts selling \$14.90 to open today

**Qualcomm (QCOM)** with 1500 April \$165 calls opening near \$10.30 that are adjusting January short calls, likely extending a buy-write

**Snowflake (SNOW)** held its 8-MA, buyer of 800 January \$520 calls today \$12 to \$12.40

**Advanced Micro (AMD)** buyer 3900 Dec. 31st (W) \$102 calls \$1.44 as Dec. \$106 calls are sold, also buyers of 4000 of the Dec.31st (W) \$103 calls

**Snap (SNAP)** stock replacement opens 3100 January \$49 synthetic long positions, clean break to new highs today with recent April upside call buys accumulating

**Taiwan Semi (TSM)** buyer 5000 January \$115 calls \$2.01 as 7000 Dec. \$110 adjust

**Dropbox (DBX)** the January 2023 \$10 ITM calls bought 1,400X for \$12.70 to \$12.80, still has some sizable April call open interest

**Perion (PERI)** keeps rising after guidance boost earlier this week and calls active every day since, 2000 Jan. \$12.50 bought \$1.70 to \$2 today

**Infinera (INFN)** running strong this afternoon after 3000 July \$10 calls bought \$1.45 aggressively to open

**SAP AG (SAP)** sweep buy 500 June \$135 calls \$6.40 to \$6.60, large gap to fill above

**DocuSign (DOCU)** with 500 June \$190 puts selling to open \$16.70

**MongoDb (MDB)** with 2,000 January 2023 \$120 puts sold to open for \$10, stock replacement

### Utility

**American Electric (AEP)** with 2,000 January 2022 \$100 calls sold for \$1.55 in a buy-write

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