



Sector Leaders

Clean Energy

Oil & Gas

Metals

Stock Gainers

- FLEX 10.3%
- CG 6.75%
- GLOB 6%
- EPAM 5%
- CSTL 5%
- SWAV 4.6%

Volatility Gainers

- BRCC
- ATC
- BBBY
- NRGV
- AXSM
- BIDU

High Call Volume

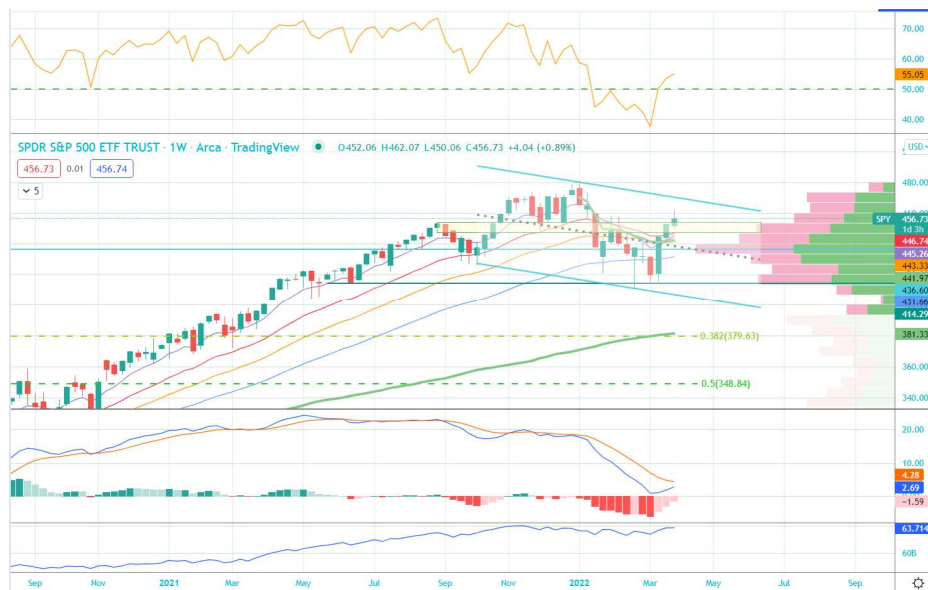
- BRBR
- BJRI
- SPTN
- SWCH
- HEAR
- ICLN

Bullish Options

- INMD
- AMD
- KNBE
- SHOP
- RCL
- WFC
- VTI
- OXY
- APA
- MGM
- PBF

**Market Review:** Stocks were quiet once again overnight with Crude Oil down 5% making the most news with a massive SPR release being considered. In the morning data reports, US Personal Spending for February sharply missed estimates while Income was in-line as was Inflation. It was another quiet early session with strength led by Energy/Metals but also Software, utility, Biotech, Med-Tech strength. Retail, Housing and Banks remained laggards. It was an extremely slow day for quarter-end as the S&P started to work back to the 8-MA and as hoped seeing a calm pullback from overbought conditions. It was a quarter that had a bit of everything and the market recently climbed that wall of worry as sentiment got extremely pessimistic but now have to look forward to earnings commentary, the aggressiveness of the Fed and pending economic slowdown. The Jobs Report and ISM Manufacturing to key reports on the schedule for tomorrow.

**S&P Chart:**



Resistance	Support
4600	4500
4650	4450
4735	4330

**Options Action Trends:** Action was very slow once again with no major trends in the activity outside of some more call buys in Oil names like **OXY, APA** and some bull flow in the cruise names.

**What's On Tap:** Jobs Report & ISM Manufacturing.

**Trade Tracker Portfolio Changes:**

- 1) No Changes

Sector Laggards

Retail

Housing

Banks

Stock Losers

- PATH -25%
- FUTU -9.7%
- PDD -7%
- BILI -7%
- PVH -7%
- GDS -7%

Volatility Losers

- PATH
- AMC
- RETA
- SST
- -
- -

High Put Volume

- IWN
- USFD
- NRG
- IGT
- TPX
- CC

Bearish Options

- TPX
- LOW
- CZR
- BIDU
- MRO
- JNJ
- FCX
- IGT
- AXSM
- XPO
- NET
- PRG



## FEATURED OPTIONS RADAR REPORT



### Significant Calls Accumulate in Digitized Payments Servicer

**Ticker/Price:** MQ (\$11.25)

**Marqeta (MQ)** has seen 19,000 April \$12.50 calls accumulate, 16,750 May \$12.50 calls accumulate, and 6000 September \$12.50 calls remain in open interest from buyers. MQ has a great multi-week bottoming pattern forming in a high value zone with RSI/Accumulation showing strength and above \$12 measures to \$15.50 while VWAP from the highs in October is near \$16.50. Marqeta is a modern card issuing business, enabling its clients to establish card programs with easy to use APIs for card management, case management, fraud monitoring, and other tools. Marqeta provides virtual, physical, and tokenized card products (credit, debit, and prepaid) and manages card fulfillment for its customers, to enable them to launch unique card programs that are tailored to their needs. Marqeta also provides virtual card services for *buy now pay later* (BNPL) players like Klarna, Affirm, and Afterpay, which require cards to be issued to process payments to merchants for installment payments. Marqeta currently has concentrated exposure to several marquee clients, like Square (Cash App and Seller), as well as Instacart, Doordash, Klarna, Affirm, Uber Eats, and Coinbase, among others. The digitization of global payments results in a large TAM, which should provide Marqeta with a long runway for growth as software/fintech companies increasingly leverage card programs to monetize users and as the company gains share from legacy providers that currently serve most traditional financial institutions. MQ announced a new partnership with Citi earlier this month on a global mobile wallet offering. MQ currently has a market cap of \$6.7B and trades 6.2X EV/Sales with revenues seen rising 37% in 2022 and 32% in 2023 though profitability remains far into the future. Analysts have an average target of \$16 with short interest at 7.2% of the float. Truist lowered its target to \$20 on 3/10 expecting floor valuations with its durable organic growth. KBW and Loop are both concerned with tough comps for its BNPL clients near-term. Mizuho noted a key overhand is the expiring Block (SQ) contract in 2024 so preemptively extending it could be a major catalyst.

### Hawk Vision:



**Hawk's Perspective:** MQ has a very attractive set-up for a breakout play and the May \$12.50 calls are cheap near \$1 to play for a move to at least \$15.

**Confidence Ranking:** \$\$



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### Unusual Calls Bought in Specialty Metals Play Levered to Aero Recovery

**Ticker/Price:** ATI (\$27.50)

**Allegheny Tech (ATI)** with consecutive days of unusual call activity with 1275 May \$25 calls bought on 3/29 and then on 3/30 the May \$27.50 calls traded 2885X for over \$620K premium. ATI also has 1,945 October \$37.5 far OTM calls in open interest from an unusual early March buyer. ATI shares are +73% YTD with the strength in metal prices and shares currently flagging on the daily just below a major 2018 resistance level and working out of a decade-long downtrend. ATI is a specialty materials company with Aerospace & Defense its largest market at 40% led by jet engines and also has a strong presence in the energy markets, including specialty energy, oil & gas and downstream processing. Typical aerospace applications for nickel-based alloys and superalloys and advanced metallic powders include jet engine discs, blades, vanes, rings, casings and shafts. Nickel-based alloys and superalloys remain extremely strong at high temperatures and resist degradation under extreme conditions. The next-generation jet engines use advanced nickel-based superalloys and metallic powder alloys due to increased fuel efficiency requirements that require hotter-burning engines. ATI also has some medical exposure with MRI wiring and specialty alloys for replacement knees, hips and other prosthetic devices. Its biocompatible nickel-titanium shape memory alloy is used for stents to support collapsed or clogged blood vessels. ATI has a \$3.5B market cap and trades 18.4X Earnings, 11.5X EBITDA and 5.1X Cash with revenues seen rising 9-11% annually the next few years while EBITDA seen rising 41% in 2022 after jumping 48% in 2021. ATI held an Investor Day in February highlighting its accelerating transformation eliminating low margin products and locking in cost structure benefits. ATI is positive on the recovery in engine demand seen back to 2019 levels by 2023. ATI is targeting EBITDA margins in the 18-20% range from current 9-10% by 2025. Analysts have an average target of \$30 with short interest elevated at 14% of the float. JPM raised its target to \$31 last month confident in the 2025 outlook. Cowen upgraded to Outperform in January on the improving outlook for Aerospace production.

#### Hawk Vision:



**Hawk's Perspective:** ATI is a unique investment with improving end-markets and a real nice outlook for margin expansion the next few years that should re-rate shares higher.

**Confidence Ranking:** \$\$



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### Put Sellers See Value in Mega-Cap Oil Name Expanding into Low-Carbon Solutions

Ticker/Price: XOM (\$83.75)

#### Analysis:

**Exxon (XOM)** with 1500 June \$87.50 puts sold to open for \$7.05 this morning, sizable trade in the name that is consolidating after a big run. XOM has seen recent sellers out as far as the June 2023 \$75 puts while the September \$80 calls and May \$97.50 calls active with buyers in mid-March. Shares are back above their 8-EMA this week and just below monthly value high at \$86 which could trigger a nice run out to \$95-\$100. The \$347B company trades 11.8X earnings, 1.25X sales, and 16.5X FCF with a 4.2% yield. XOM is benefitting from a much stronger energy market in 2022 while they've also improved the balance sheet, cut back on spending, and guided to better cash flow as they execute on productivity plans. XOM held an analyst day in March where they outlined ambitious plans to streamline their organization into upstream, product solutions and low-carbon solutions and targeting \$9B of annual cost reductions by 2023 as a result. XOM sees becoming a dominant player in the growing biofuels market while delivery carbon capture and hydrogen offerings. Analysts have an average target for shares of \$78 with a Street High \$107. MKM Partners positive on 3/7 citing the company's strong production outlook and modestly higher international natural gas prices that are partly offset by higher operating expenses. The firm thinks XOM should generate about \$40.2B of free cash flows in 2022. BMO raising estimates on 3/3 noting that XOM is well positioned to drive further operating cost and capital efficiency gains and has an industry-leading pipeline of projects that should propel further cash flow growth. Hedge fund ownership rose 5.5%.

#### Hawk Vision:



**Hawk's Perspective:** XOM is a high-quality name with a solid yield and setting up for another strong move that can easily run up to \$100 with the current macro tailwinds

**Confidence Ranking:** \$\$



## FEATURED OPTIONS RADAR REPORT



### Bulls Target Weakness in Leading Provider of Specialty Auto Parts

Ticker/Price: LKQ (\$45.85)

#### Analysis:

**LKQ (LKQ)** with 800 August \$47.50 puts sold to open for \$4.70 today, name that has 3000 August \$40 short puts in OI and buyers of the August \$50 calls near 2000X on 2/2. Shares have been weak recently but back at 38.2% Fibonacci retracement of a massive rally off the March 2020 lows. A rebound above \$48 has room to move back up to a big HVN from late 2021 near \$55. The \$13.2B company trades 11X earnings, 1X sales, and 12.3X FCF with a 2.15% yield. LKQ distributes replacement parts and components for repair and maintenance of vehicles. Their scope ranges from body and auto glass to salvage across engines, transmissions, and door assemblies. LKQ is about 55% North America and 45% Europe with wholesale collision and mechanical DIFM shops their primary vendors. They've been investing in expansion over the last couple years as they look to become a leader in the \$17B collision products market. They continue to see tailwinds from growth in diagnostics and calibration as well as specialty products as vehicles become more complex and the premium paid on hybrid parts versus ICE continues to widen. Analysts have an average target for shares of \$63.75 with a Street High \$70. Barrington recently lowering estimates to hold noting that many of the tailwinds that aided LKQ in 2021 will be gone in 2022 and its unclear how the company will manage some of the higher inflation and FX headwinds. CL King positive in February seeing mid-single digit growth this year. Hedge fund ownership fell 7% last quarter. ValueAct remains a top holder with 35M shares. Short interest is 2%.

#### Hawk Vision:



**Hawk's Perspective:** LKQ is forming a nice base and think the risk/reward is favorable in a high-quality name benefitting from broader secular tailwinds and self-help moves

**Confidence Ranking:** \$\$

## **Additional Options Flow**

### **Market/ETFs**

**Vanguard Total Stock (VTI)** with 2350 September \$197 puts sold to open \$4.50

**Russell Value (IWN)** with 5950 November \$150 puts bought this morning \$6.90 to \$7

**S&P (SPY)** spread sold 8000 Sep. 30th (Q) \$458 calls to buy the \$409 puts at a large net credit of \$12.55, may be protecting a long position

**Emerging Markets (EEM)** buyer 1500 Dec. 2023 \$45 calls for \$5.80

**Gold (GLD)** opening sale 1500 Jan. 2024 \$185 puts for \$18.70

**Nasdaq (QQQ)** buyer 5000 May 2nd (W) \$350 puts this afternoon \$5.22

### **Consumer Goods**

**PVH Corp (PVH)** seeing 2,500 April \$85 calls close and adjust into the \$80/\$90 call spread 2,500X5000 for \$2.15

**BellRing Brands (BRBR)** buyer of 2,500 April \$25/\$27.50 call spreads for \$0.55, eyeing a quick move back to the 200-MA

**Tempur Pedic (TPX)** with 2000 May \$25 puts opening early as April adjust following the guide lower

**ON (ONON)** with 2000 April \$22.50 calls opening \$3.60 as a stock replacement

**Gap (GPS)** with 3300 January \$15 calls sold to open \$1.85

**Tesla (TSLA)** plenty of offer sweep bear flow early with 4500 April \$1050 puts opening and 1100 of the \$1090 puts trading

**Philip Morris (PM)** stock replacements are selling 1000 January \$92.50 at-the-money puts for \$8.20

**Int'l Game (IGT)** buyer of 5,000 May \$24 puts for \$1.69 with the \$19 puts sold 6000X for \$0.45, adjusting some April puts

**Turtle Beach (HEAR)** buyer of 2,500 May \$23 calls for \$2.04 and spread with 4,000 of the \$30 calls sold for \$0.30 with the long-running activist fight with Donerail

**American Eagle (AEO)** opening sales of 1300 January \$17 calls for \$2.71 to \$2.70

**RH (RH)** with 300 January 2024 \$490 calls bought \$40 to \$41 this afternoon

**AB In Bev (BUD)** with 1,500 April \$62 puts bought up to \$2.55 from \$2.40 this afternoon

### **Consumer/Business Services**

**Macys (M)** opening sales of 5,000 May \$23 puts for \$1.16 this morning, follows bull flow in the name last week. **M** also with 3000 May \$25 calls sold for \$2 to open

**Lowe's (LOW)** buyer of 1300 April 8th (W) \$207.50/\$192.50 put spreads this morning

**BJs Restaurants (BJRI)** with 1500 May \$30 calls bought into the early highs for \$1.70 to \$1.80, narrow range looking to breakout

**Royal Caribbean (RCL)** buyer of 5000 June \$90 calls for \$4.30 as some April calls adjust out. **RCL** also seeing the May \$90 calls bought 2,500X for \$3.50

**MGM Resorts (MGM)** buyer of 1000 January 2024 \$40 calls for \$11.50 to \$11.80 today, seasonal setup from this morning's Blitz

**Chewy (CHWY)** stock replacement sells 2000 June \$40 puts to open for \$4.40

**Starbucks (SBUX)** with 2000 October \$105 calls sold for \$2.61 to open today

**PROG (PRG)** buyer of 5000 September \$30 puts for \$4.85 as April \$40 puts adjust

**Uber (UBER)** with 1650 October \$35 calls bought \$5.70 to \$5.75

**Academy Sports (ASO)** another 2,500 July \$41 calls bought today for \$3.80 as April calls continue to adjust out and up

**Big Lots (BIG)** seeing 1,500 April \$37.50 puts close and roll down to buy 2,250 April \$35 puts for \$1.50

**Kroger (KR)** buyer of 3000 July \$55 puts for \$2.75 and up here into the day's highs

**Carnival (CCL)** buyers of 3200 October \$20 puts at \$2.80 offer

**Airbnb (ABNB)** into lows with 1000 June \$165 puts sold \$11.30 in a stock replacement

**Expedia (EXPE)** stock replacements are opening nearly 1000 January 2024 \$230 calls up to \$35.50

### Energy

**Marathon Oil (MRO)** with 2,500 May \$23 puts bought for \$0.96 to open today

**PBF (PBF)** strong again seeing spreads selling 2000 June \$22 puts and buying the September \$35 calls

**Tellurian (TELL)** opening sales of 7000 January \$2.50 puts for \$0.35 this morning

**Apache (APA)** buyer of 1250 January \$55 calls for \$3.80 in a stock replacement. **APA** also with 2000 April 22nd (W) \$40 calls bought for \$3.75

**Occidental (OXY)** another 1450 July \$57.50 calls bought today for \$6.35

**EQT (EQT)** with 1000 May \$34 puts sold to open for \$2.40 today

**Schlumberger (SLB)** stock replacement buys 2000 August \$50 calls for \$1.99. **SLB** also with 4,000 September \$37.50 puts sold to open for \$2.90, stock replacement

**Renew Energy (RNW)** with 10,000 May \$9/\$7 strangles sold to open for \$0.60, strong move in shares since the size bullish April positioning

**Antero (AR)** buyer 2000 January \$25 puts for \$3.40 adjusting 3K of the \$30 puts

### Financials

**Wells Fargo (WFC)** with 20,000 April \$52 calls opening \$0.72 as the \$55 adjust

**Credit Suisse (CS)** opening sale 9090 June \$7 puts for \$0.25

**American Express (AXP)** with 1500 January 2024 \$220 calls sold to buy the \$150 puts at \$5.70 credit, possibly protective

**XP** spread today is selling the May \$33 calls and buying the \$27 puts, 1170X at no cost and tied to long stock

**Bank America (BAC)** with 1750 Sep. 2023 \$40 puts sold to open \$4.85/\$4.90

**Goldman Sachs (GS)** with 5000 May \$300 puts sold to open into weakness for \$4.75 to \$4.70

**Alliance Data (ADS)** stock replacement opens 1000 September \$60 calls for \$5.70

**New Residential (NRZ)** with 2400 August \$10 ITM calls bought \$1.21, strong push higher last few weeks

**Synchrony (SYF)** buyer 2900 May \$38 calls for \$0.90 into afternoon low

**Morgan Stanley (MS)** ugly breakdown with the Banks but 1000 January 2024 \$82.5 puts are sold to open \$11.30 this afternoon

### Healthcare

**In-Mode (INMD)** buyer 2000 April \$40 calls \$1.50 for short-term play and follows recent May calls

**J&J (JNJ)** with 1500 April 22nd (W) \$180 puts bought \$3.25

**Teva Pharma (TEVA)** buyers of 6000 September \$11 calls for \$0.55 as the \$14 strike adjusts back

**Edward's (EW)** aggressive buys of 1200 May \$130 calls \$2.10 offer, already has the size in May \$115/\$120 calls highlighted earlier this week

**Axsome (AXSM)** with 1500 May \$25 puts bought for \$2.85 today into recent strength

**AbbVie (ABBV)** buyers of 1300 November \$135 calls for \$30.78 today as the August \$130 calls adjust out from 3/17 buys

**Pfizer (PFE)** large buy-write sold 2000 Feb. 2023 \$55 calls for \$3.75

**Intuitive Surgical (ISRG)** buyers of 500 July \$280 puts for \$11 to \$11.10 this afternoon ahead of 4-21 earnings

**Humana (HUM)** buyer of 300 November \$450 calls for \$38 to open this afternoon, \$1.1M

### Industrials

**Generac (GNRC)** buyer of 400 January \$460 calls to open for \$10.10

**Fluor (FLR)** jumpy as 5000 May \$32.50 calls bought \$0.95 to open

**KB Home (KBH)** buyers today of 2000 October \$31 puts for \$3.20

### Materials

**ICL Group (ICL)** into the early dip seeing another 1000 September \$12.50 puts sold to open for \$1.90 today, same as yesterday

**Chemours (CC)** buyer of the May 6th (W) \$32/\$29 put spread for \$1.02 to open today, 1250X, targeting 5-2 earnings

**Freeport (FCX)** buyers active for 1,300 August \$42 puts for \$2.25 into the extended run higher

**Allegheny (ATI)** another large unusual trade as 1000 December \$30 calls open \$3.40

**Cliffs (CLF)** with 1775 October \$28 puts bought \$3.25 offer, one of the Metals names that seems to see more bear flow than the others

**CF Industries (CF)** stock replacements are selling 2000 June \$85 puts for \$3 down to \$2.85



**Arcelor (MT)** down 1.75% on lows seeing 6000 May \$36 calls bought to open \$0.77 to \$0.86

### Tech

**KnowBe4 (KNBE)** buyer of 1500 April \$20 ITM calls for \$3.30 in a stock replacement

**AMD (AMD)** large buy 3000 June 2023 \$150 calls \$12.95 as April adjust. **AMD** opening seller 1500 November \$85 puts for \$5.95

**Shopify (SHOP)** buyer of 1000 June \$875 calls to open for \$28

**Cisco (CSCO)** opening sellers 3300 October \$42.50 puts \$0.75 as it continues to show strength and tries to work out of a long base

**Twilio (TWLO)** with 300 September \$210 calls opening \$11.45

**Sea (SE)** stock replacement bought 700 August \$150 calls for \$8.55

**Amazon (AMZN)** with 1,100 July \$3,000 puts sold to open today for \$95.10 as the June short puts adjust out

**Pinduoduo (PDD)** opening sales of 3000 May \$30 puts for \$1.20 to \$1.15

**Cloudflare (NET)** sweep buyer 1000 January 2024 \$65 puts \$10.40 offer

**Sentinel One (S)** buyers of 1000 January 2024 \$25 OTM puts for \$3.90 today

**Nvidia (NVDA)** June IV rising since 10:50am with 9500 June \$350 calls active with buyers for over \$5.5M

**TI (TXN)** with 10,000 June \$160 puts sold to open for \$2.70

**Snap (SNAP)** buyers active today for 6,750 April \$39 calls up to \$0.80

**Limelight (LLNW)** jumpy with 1000 Jan. 2024 \$3 ITM calls bought for \$3

**Facebook (FB)** buyers of 2000 April 29th (W) \$200 puts for \$3.45 today, targeting earnings which should be around 4-27

**VMware (VMW)** spread sold 500 July \$105 puts to buy the \$120/\$130 call spreads

**Palantir (PLTR)** buyer 5000 November \$24 far OTM calls for \$0.49

**Fortinet (FTNT)** sweep buyer 330 January \$290 puts for \$26.10 offer

### Communications/Utilities

**NRG Energy (NRG)** with 5000 January \$28 puts bought for \$1.10 today, stock tied

**DISH Network (DISH)** with 1250 May \$30 calls bought \$3.20 to \$3.25 with some April ITM calls adjusting out

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