

MARKET RECAP REPORT 4/9/2021

Sector Leaders

Financials

Tech

Consumer Disc.

Stock Gainers

FUBO 13.5%

ASO 9.35%

DASH 7.85%

LDI 7.35%

COMM 6.5%

AMRS 6.5%

Volatility Gainers

- GSX
- COTY
- CRON
- ACB
- SPCE
- IHRT

High Call Volume

- COMM
- VIPS
- FGEN
- PLBY
- CS
- LEVI

Bullish Options

- X
- VIPS
- GPS
- AON
- CHWY
- FIVE
- DQ
- RBLX
- CERN
- TPR
- CPRI
- ALGN

Market Review: Stocks were modestly higher into the open holding onto gains overnight with Tech cooling off a bit. Inflation was back in focus with China PPI coming in hot and in the US the data came in at 1% vs. estimates of 0.5%, which is concerning for markets although the Fed has reiterated it is temporary. Wholesale inventories were up 0.6% in February, slightly ahead of estimates. Tech was weak early with yields climbing again back above 1.675% but it faded a bit back into the afternoon. Mega-caps led again with Apple and Amazon climbing strong. The S&P briefly fell back into Thursday's range early and then bounced back strong to re-test the overnight highs around 4,104 with cumulative TICK strong all day and on pace for the tenth green close of the last twelve. Some concerns with RSI breaching 70 for the first time since August.

S&P Chart:



Resistance	Support
4,130	4,000
4,385	3,880
4,400	3,830

Options Action Trends: We saw bullish flow into many strong retail apparel stocks today including **ANF, TPR, CPRI** and **GPS.**

What's On Tap: A busy week ahead with focus on China economic data, US CPI, Fed's Powell and Clarida speaking, Biden meeting with Japan's PM, and earnings kicks off. Banks dominate the early slate with GS, JPM, WFC, BAC, C, BLK and more. Other notables include DAL, PEP, TSM, UNH, AA, JBHT, and PPG.

Trade Tracker Portfolio Changes:

1) Spotlight: Long ETSY May \$220/\$250 Call Spreads at \$7 – No Fill

Sector Laggards

Communications

Staples

Energy

Stock Losers

GSX -12.5%

GME -9%

ABCL -9%

BEAM -8%

DNMR -8% YALA -8%

Volatility Losers

- RIG
- EARS
- AFMD
- AMRN
- LOVEWDFC

High Put Volume

- INDA
- PRCH
- вох
- MDY
- OUST
- SLM
- WGO
- CS
- PRCH
- EBIX
- UPST
- ON

Bearish Options

- PRCH
- MAR
- WGO
- OXY
- PAAS
- KWEB





Bulls Position for Upwork Investor Day

Ticker/Price: UPWK (\$48.70)

Analysis:

Upwork (UPWK) closed strong on 4/8 after the June \$55 calls saw buyers in the morning at \$3.20 and also late in the afternoon up to \$3.70 with 4500X trading on the day and followed a buyer of 1000 on 4/6. UPWK is a growth name that held up well basing along its rising 21-week moving average for five weeks and this week emerging out of that pattern and clearing its 55-day moving average, and weekly RSI held above 50 the entire move. Shares can make a run to new highs out of this pattern. UPWK has grown into the world's largest work marketplace by GSV and seeing record adoption Their offering gives large companies more flexibility, accelerates time to market on projects, and allows them to invest in highly specialized labor.as more businesses look to remote work solutions. UPWK continues to execute well on platform upgrades and expanding SEM on mobile and better international reach positions them for continued records on the client adds side in 2021. UPWK will be a key winner in the revolution of the global labor market as freelancing gains more share of the market. UPWK has a strong moat with its data algorithms and machine learning power offering a valuable service. It has opportunities to grow its client base significantly, grow spend from existing clients, expand into new categories, and focus on the large opportunity in Enterprise. The \$5.5B company is trading 12.7X EV/Sales with revenues seen growing 20-25% each of the next three years and profitability set to ramp with EBITDA seen reaching \$220M in 2025 from \$17M in 2021. UPWK will report earnings 5-4 and will host an Investor Day in mid-June. Analysts have an average target of \$68 and short interest at 7.4% of the float has risen 55% Q/Q. Citi on 2/25 raised its target to \$75 on better margin guidance. MKM raised its target to \$69 after a quarter of record new client additions, accelerating spend retention and strong take rates.

Hawk Vision:



Hawk's Perspective: UPWK was a top pick into 2021 and love the chart here, sets up very well for a momentum move to new highs.





Unusual Call Buying in Mercury Systems into DoD Budget, Potential M&A

Ticker/Price: MRCY (\$76.85)

Analysis:

Mercury Systems (MRCY) with unusual size trading on 4/8 as 3000 May \$75 calls were bought to open \$3.80 to \$3.80 with IV30 rising 12% and follows an unusual buy of 450 October \$75 calls on 4/7. MRCY has spent the last two years in a choppy \$64 to \$89 trading range, and this week shares breaking back above all key moving averages including a break through the 200-day moving average on 4/8. MRCY weekly RSI is breaking back over 50 and MACD nearing a bull crossover. Mercury Systems, Inc. is a leading technology company serving the aerospace and defense industry, positioned at the intersection of high-tech and defense. Its products and solutions are deployed in more than 300 programs with over 25 different defense prime contractors and commercial aviation customers. MRCY technologies and capabilities include secure embedded processing modules and subsystems, mission computers, secure and rugged rack-mount servers, safety-critical avionics, radio frequency ("RF") components, multi-function assemblies, subsystems and custom microelectronics. MRCY estimates its addressable market at \$40B split between C4I and Sensor & Effector Mission Systems. MRCY has a \$4.2B market cap and is trading 27.5X Earnings, 5X Sales and 21X EBITDA with revenues seen rising 17.5% each of the next two years after delivering impressive growth the last few years with revenues near \$800M in 2020 from \$408.6M in 2017. MRCY is in rare territory with EBITDA margins above 20%, a 5-year revenue CAGR above 10%, and LTM revenue growth above 20%, only 29 companies of 1255 in the \$1B-\$7B market cap hit those targets. MRCY has a long history of utilizing M&A and makes no secret it has the financial strength to capitalize on more opportunities. MRCY is capturing more content on programs and platforms due to increased outsourcing by Defense customers at the subsystem level. Another positive tailwind is the government focusing on creating a domestic supply chain for secure and trusted advanced microelectronics. MRCY has a robust business pipeline and has record backlog. Analysts have an average target of \$97 and short interest is 1.8% of the float. Goldman out positive on 3/26 noting investor confusion with the backlog, and see valuation attractive to peers considering its historical premium and strong growth seen over the next few years. Baird out with a Fresh Pick on 3/10 and \$100 target expecting a strong 2H and sees the FY22 DoD budget in early May a potential catalyst.

Hawk Vision:



Hawk's Perspective: MRCY is a wonderful company and the best Defense small cap to own, one I have owned in the past and bought back into earlier this week.





Cameco Call Buyers Target Washington Push Towards Clean Energy Solutions

Ticker/Price: CCJ (\$17.65)

Analysis:

Cameco (CCJ) some sizable positioning in the name all week with buyers of more than 15,000 May \$21 calls, 14,000 May \$19 calls, 20,000 June \$20 calls, and over 3,000 September \$30 calls bought on 4/5 alone. CCJ still has size open interest in the June \$25 calls and July \$25 calls from late March while 15,000 September \$25/\$35 call spreads were bought on 3/29. Shares have rallied recently and forming a nice bull flag under \$19 and new highs with a measured move to \$23-\$24. The rising 50-day MA has been supportive on the run higher. The \$6.6B company trades 160X earnings, 4.5X sales, and 8.8X cash with a small yield. CCJ is a leader in uranium mining and production and benefitting from a global push towards clean energy with nuclear power key to sustainably reaching both electrification and decarbonization targets. CCJ expects capacity needs to jump nearly 3X over the next four years to accommodate demand from both China and the US alone while pricing should improve from trough levels hit in 2020. Supply will also remain contrained with Kazatomprom committing to keeping their largest mines closed as they look to reduce overall global supply through 2022. Analysts have an average target for shares of \$20 with Street High \$23. GLJ Research is Buy rated and notes that CCJ produces over half the world's uranium and the next few years could lead to uranium demand surprising to the upside as the world tries to reduce carbon emissions providing a nice tailwind for the company. Short interest is around 3%. Hedge fund ownership rose around 2% in Q4, Pointstate Capital a buyer of nearly 3M shares.

Hawk Vision:



Hawk's Perspective: CCJ sets up well under \$18/\$19 and name that can catch a nice run if it gets going and should be an active year in 2021 with the new administration clearly focused on pushing clean energy resources forward





Expedia Bulls Position for Further Upside as 'Reopening' Trade Accelerates

Ticker/Price: EXPE (\$174)

Analysis:

Expedia (EXPE) size buyers this week in the May \$175 calls, over 4,500 bought on 4/7 up to \$10, a nearly \$5M purchase and follows buyers in the October \$185 calls as well this week. EXPE has been popular with put sales recently including the November \$170, July \$165, and July \$155 strikes. Shares are consolidating in a narrow range under \$180 with a breakout move and continuation targeting \$205. The \$24.2B company trades 29.8X earnings, 4.66X sales, and 7X cash. The company sees 38.5% revenue growth in FY22 and 19% in FY23. EXPE is poised for a strong rebound period as travel demand surges and their home rental business remains undervalued relative to other alternative accommodation names like Airbnb (ABNB). VRBO is not a category leader but it's becoming a strong driver during COVID as an attractive alternative to hotels and EXPE expects it to continue to grow steadily in 2021. Analysts have an average target for shares of \$143 and a Street High \$211. Gordon Haskett a Buy rating in late March citing room for both multiple expansion and upward EBITDA revisions for Expedia due to pent-up travel demand along with its a higher-margin business post Covid. "Expedia's dual accommodation platforms appeal to consumers seeking an array of accommodation types, which eliminates the need for consumers to search elsewhere." Short interest is 8.8%. Hedge fund ownership rose 9% in Q4, D1 Capital adding another 2.8M shares while Melvin Capital adding another 1.69M shares and now their top holding.

Hawk Vision:



Hawk's Perspective: EXPE is positioned well for the reopening / travel surge that is expected this year and above \$178 can make a nice run above recent highs

Confidence Ranking: \$\$

Additional Options Flow

Market/ETFs

Volatility Index (VIX) with 220,000 July \$25/\$40 call spreads bought on 4/8 as the VIX touched new lows

China Internet (KWEB) with 7500 April \$76 puts bought \$1.70

Russia (RSX) spread buys 15,000 May \$24 calls \$1.60 to \$1.65 and sells 20,000 of the \$18 puts \$0.10 to \$0.03

Consumer Goods

Winnebago (WGO) with July \$70/\$60 put spreads opening 2250X at \$3

Newell Brands (NWL) buyers of 1000 May \$27 calls for \$1.25, adjusting some April calls up and out in the strong name

Pepsi (PEP) buyer of 1500 September \$135 calls \$10.13

Peloton (PTON) with 3,000 June \$110 synthetic long spreads opening today as the April position rolls

Harley (HOG) buyers of 5000 June \$45 calls for \$2.50 and 5,000 of the \$50 calls for \$1.10, adjusting out of some May bullish positions and near a big weekly breakout

Callaway (ELY) buyer of 2,700 August \$32/\$35 call spreads for \$0.60

Kroger (KR) buyers today of 2,700 July \$40 calls up to \$1.15 to open

Tempur Sealy (TPX) spread here buys 4,000 January \$40 calls up to \$5 and sells 2,000 of the \$45 calls and 2,000 of the \$50 calls for \$2.50 and \$1.45 respectively while also selling 2,000 \$35/\$30 bull put spreads

Consumer/Business Services

The Gap (GPS) buyers of 2,000 May \$30 calls for \$2.69 to \$2.83, near a breakout above the March peak. **GPS** the Sept. \$32 calls now also bought 2000X for \$4.20 to \$4.25

VIPShop (VIPS) with 2000 August \$34 calls bought \$2.75 as well as the 10,000 April 30th (W) \$34.50 calls. **VIPS** August \$33 calls now also active 2500X with buyers at \$3.50

Love-Sac (LOVE) with 1500 April \$65 calls opening \$7.60 as 1000 of the \$55 adjust

Marriott (MAR) with 1000 July \$145/\$120 put spreads opening

Chewy (CHWY) with 3,000 May \$90 calls bought today up to \$2.95 and spread a sale of the \$70 puts for \$1.28

Five Below (FIVE) buyer 300 June \$200 calls \$14.70 offer

Penn (PENN) with 1000 May \$105 puts being sold to open, trading versus the \$95 puts in potential spreads, or adjustment

I Heart Media (IHRT) with 4,000 May \$20 calls bought for \$0.70 with 2,000 May \$17.50 puts sold for \$0.95

Booking (BKNG) with 175 May \$2,400 calls bought around \$120 today, adjusting the April \$2,300 calls up and out

Abercrombie & Fitch (ANF) with 5000 April \$39.50 calls bought here for \$0.80

Vail (MTN) with 400 July \$290 puts being sold to open today down to \$12.50, some recent May call spreads active too

Tapestry (TPR) buyers of 4,000 May 7th (W) \$45 calls for \$2.30 to \$2.65, another nice retail/apparel setup near recent highs and earnings on 5-6

Bumble (BMBL) with 1000 January \$70 calls sold to open this morning for \$10

Draft Kings (DKNG) buyer of 10,000 May \$70/\$50 bull risk reversals today for \$1.69, similar to the recent 10,000 May \$70/\$55 risk reversals bought

Capri (CPRI) with 3000 April \$53.50/\$57.50 call spreads bought to open as the \$51/\$54 spreads adjust higher

PLBY Group (PLBY) with 1000 May \$22.50 calls bought for \$5 as some April calls close and adjust higher

Shift Tech (SFT) with 1000 December \$10 puts sold to open for \$3.40, narrow base forming over the last two weeks

Discovery (DISCA) today with 1000 June \$42.50 puts sold to open for \$4.30

McDonalds (MCD) stock replacement buys 2000 Sept. \$210 ITM calls for \$23.15 to \$23.25, over \$4.5M

Las Vegas Sands (LVS) moving higher here with 5000 January \$65 calls bought for \$7 to \$7.15

Fox (FOXA) buyers of 1,500 October \$39 callls today for \$3.30 to open, continue to see bullish flow with the recent talk of M&A

Signet (SIG) with 950 May \$35 ITM calls bought today for \$24.60 to \$25.75

Energy

Dago New Energy (DQ) with 1000 July \$75 calls bought today between \$8.40 and \$8.70

Occidental (OXY) buyer 1000 November \$23 puts \$3.45 offer

Continental (CLR) buyer of 2,000 May 14th (W) \$28.50 calls bought today for \$1.18, basing above its 50-day like many energy names

Financials

Itau Unibanco (ITUB) buyer of near 2,000 January 2023 \$2.5 ITM calls for \$2.37

Square (SQ) spreads selling 3000 May \$320 calls to buy \$240/\$210 put spreads, likely protecting stock after the run this week

BGC Partners (BGCP) with 6000 June \$6 calls bought as April \$5 adjust

Bank of America (BAC) with 1,500 September \$40 calls bought today between \$2.85 and \$3

Bill.com (BILL) spread today sells 2,000 May \$120 puts to buy the \$175/\$200 call spread for \$1.90 debit

Citi (C) with 2,100 September \$75 puts bought today for \$7.75

Root (ROOT) buyers into the mid-day low of 1700 December \$15 calls for \$3.15 and 1700 December \$17.50 calls for \$2.65

MasterCard (MA) buyer of 2,500 June \$380 calls for \$16.10 to open this afternoon, adjusting higher some June \$350 calls

Morgan Stanley (MS) with afternoon buyers of more than 5,000 April 23rd (W) \$80 calls from \$2.05 to \$2.15 into earnings next week

Healthcare

Intellia (NTLA) with 400 July \$60 puts sold to buy the \$90/\$125 call spread for a net \$1.15 credit

Cerner (CERN) stock replacements buying 3000 September \$82.5 calls \$1.20 to \$1.25

Fibrogen (FGEN) with 2,000 June / July \$22.50 call calendar spreads bought today for \$1.35

Arena Pharma (ARNA) trader closing 750 April \$70 puts from 3/3 and buying 1,500 May \$65 puts for \$3.35 today

Humana (HUM) stock replacement today is buying 150 January 2023 \$410 calls for \$59.50

Align Tech (ALGN) with 500 May \$600 calls bought this afternoon for \$28.90 to \$30.50, working out of a multi-week range and just below new highs into earnings on 4-28

Joint Corp (JYNT) buyer of 500 July \$50/\$40 put spreads for \$3.75, a \$705M owner/operator of chiropractic clinics

Waters (WAT) strong this afternoon with 450 April \$300 calls bought \$5.50 to \$6.30, strong name lately

Rapt Therapeutics (RAPT) buyer of the May \$25/\$35 call spread for \$2.90, 1500X

Industrials

Embraer (ERJ) with 4500 May \$10 puts sold to open \$0.41

Atlas Air (AAWW) with 400 January \$57.50 puts sold to open for \$6.70

Union Pacific (UNP) with 2000 April 30th (W) \$225/\$240 call spreads bought today for \$3.23, adjusting out of some April calls, targeting earnings on 4-22

Materials

US Steel (X) with 2000 May \$23 calls bought \$2.32 early with inflation numbers, Goldman started at Neutral this morning

Cliffs (CLF) seller 2000 July \$16 puts to open \$1.64

Pan American Silver (PAAS) with 1200 July \$31 puts bought \$2.02

CF Industries (CF) more bullish flow today with 1000 January \$50 calls bought for \$4

DuPont (DD) buyers of 600 October \$77.50 puts for \$7.35

Tech and Telecom

NXP Semi (NXPI) with 500 January \$200 puts sold to open this morning for \$23.15

Acacia Research (ACTG) with 2,500 May \$7.50 puts sold to open this morning for \$1.35 to \$1.30

Intel (INTC) buyer 1600 October \$60 puts \$2.92 offer

Apple (AAPL) buyer here 700 June 2023 \$170 calls \$12.95 offer

Lyft (LYFT) buy-write with 5000 October \$70 calls sold \$5.10. **LYFT** large spread buys 4550 January \$40 calls \$23.40 and also buys 8500 January \$35 puts \$1.39

MicroStrategy (MSTR) with 400 April 30th (W) \$880 calls bought for \$17.60 to \$19 this morning, very coiled name with earnings on 4-27; has been tied to bitcoin over the last year and **BTCUSD** trading in a narrow range since mid-March and poised for a breakout above \$60,000

ON Semi (ON) with 9,100 January \$22 puts sold to open today for \$0.35

DocuSign (DOCU) with 1000 January 2023 \$210 puts sold to open this afternoon for \$42, stock replacement

Upland Software (UPLD) with 1,700 May \$45 puts sold to open this morning for \$2.15 into weakness

Salesforce (CRM) with 1,850 January 2023 \$360 calls sold today for \$7.50 in a buy-write

Palantir (PLTR) over 3,000 November \$19 puts sold to open today for \$2.10

Coupang (CPNG) with buyers of 1650 November \$45 puts for \$6.70

Uber (UBER) with 8000 April 30th (W) \$60 calls bought for \$0.94 to \$0.95

American Tower (AMT) with 2,000 April 23rd (W) \$242.50 calls bought for \$2.00 to \$2.05 today, adjusting some April calls

Micron (MU) buyers of 500 June 2022 \$100 calls this afternoon for \$15.40 to \$15.50

Quotient (QUOT) with 1000 August \$15 calls bought this afternoon for \$3.20, nice setup sitting right at a breakout

Anaplan (PLAN) with buyers this afternoon of the May \$62.5/\$55 bull risk reversal for \$0.45, over 1500X

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