



Sector Leaders

Utility

Housing

Medical Devices

Stock Gainers

TVTX 16.5%

COLL 13.7%

RAIL 11.7%

RDNT 11.6%

BHG 8.9%

SONO 8.7%

Volatility Gainers

- PAYA
- CARA
- ROOT
- ORPH
- MVST
- SAVA

High Call Volume

- COUR
- AFL
- MAG
- VRRM
- SONO
- NOC

Bullish Options

- SNOW
- AMD
- AAPL
- AMGN
- BB
- TSLA
- NOC
- MAG
- AWK
- NEE
- TGT
- SAVA

Market Review: Stocks were lower overnight and into the US open with a number of headwinds continuing to concern global growth estimates including the Delta variant and accelerated Fed tapering schedule while the situation in Afghanistan is also starting to cause some market angst. In morning data the US Empire Manufacturing report came in much weaker than expected. Bonds and Gold were strong early with flight to safety flows as the VIX jumped 15%. Utilities were a leading group while Housing continued strength. Tech was weak across the board though Metals & Energy also traded sharply lower. Stocks bounced in the early afternoon though overall market breadth remained rather weak. We are in a pretty quiet period through Labor Day but have OpEx this week and FOMC Minutes along with tomorrow data for Retail Sales and Industrial Production.

S&P Chart:



Resistance	Support
4,450	4,370
4,500	4,315
4,600	4,225

Options Action Trends: Call flow was unusually active in Utility names in the early part of the session with **NEE, VST, AWK**. Large bull spreads in Energy leaders **FANG, PXD** adjusted to take an even longer-term view. CPNG

What's On Tap: Retail Sales, Industrial Production and NAHB Housing Markets. Earnings from **WMT**, **HD**, **SE**, **A**, **CREE**, **JKHY**, **GDS** and more.

Trade Tracker Portfolio Changes:

1) Spotlight: Long SLB January \$30 Calls at \$2

Sector Laggards

Solar

Metals

Energy

Stock Losers

CLVR -16%

OSCR -12.3%

ORMP -10.75%

OWLT -10.5%

ZIP -10.5% NVAX -10%

Volatility Losers

- TVTX
- AMRN
- SONO
- OTLY
- PSFE
- NIU

High Put Volume

- VOD
- DT
- CSX
- CPNG
- NDAQ
- EOSE

Bearish Options

- DRI
- MU
- DT
- DOYU
- INI
- LYB
- CPNG
- BA
- LYFT
- D
- BKE
- ACN





Large Call Buy Sees Fundamentals Bottoming at Large Cap HPC Leader

Ticker/Price: KMB (\$136.48)

Analysis:

Kimberly Clark (KMB) with a rare large options trade on 8/13 as 2000 January 2023 \$125 ITM calls opened for \$16.50 as a name with minimal open interest of note. KMB recently posted earnings on 7/23 and started the session sharply lower but closed with a big reversal candle. KMB has been putting in a large rounded weekly base since October and sits above VWAP off the August highs, a move above \$140 would trigger a base breakout with a measured move to \$152 while retracement levels of note at \$144 and \$148. The \$46B household & personal care goods company trades 18X Earnings, 2.42X Sales and 14X EBITDA with revenues seen rising 2-3% annually. KMB has faces commodity inflation and supply chain headwinds but has announced pricing to offset the impacts of inflation. KMB on its last earnings call noted plenty of green shoots including positive trends in KCP with momentum seen into 2H. The reaction in shares after the call indicates the likelihood that this was the bottom and it is time to be more constructive on shares. Analysts have an average target of \$140 with short interest low at 2% of the float. UBS started shares Neutral in June with a \$135 target with concerns on inflation and difficult comps.



Hawk's Perspective: KMB is not overly exciting with **PG** a much better company but offers a nice 3.34% yield with valuation cheap and the chart indicating a long-term bottom may be in place.





Large Bull Trades Adjust in Building Material Distributor in Robust Demand Environment

Ticker/Price: GMS (\$50.35)

Analysis:

GMS Inc. (GMS) with some large adjustment trades last week as 2000 October \$55 calls opened for \$590K and 5800 December \$55 calls opened for \$2.75M. GMS still has over 4000 October \$50 calls, 2400 October \$45 calls, and 3850 December \$50 calls in open interest as well with many of the large bullish trades opening in the March-April period. GMS shares have been trending higher all year at +65% YTD and look to have some room up to \$55 near-term. GMS is a distributor of specialty building products including wallboard, suspended ceilings systems, or ceilings, steel framing and other complementary building products with a network of 268 distribution centers across the United States and Canada. GMS looks to expand market share in its core products (wallboard, ceilings and steel framing) and grow complementary product lines (insulation, lumber, ready-mix joint compound, tools, fasteners and various other construction products). Wallboard demand is driven by a balanced mix of both residential and commercial new construction as well as repair and remodeling. GMS has a market cap \$2.14B and trades 10X Earnings, 6.6X EBITDA, and 17.3X FCF with revenues seen rising 18% this year and EBITDA climbing 42%. Analysts have an average target of \$55 and short interest is low at 2% of the float. Stephens upgraded to Overweight on 6/25 with a \$56 target noting early signs of commercial market recovery and strength in wallboard pricing. RBC upgraded to Outperform in June on robust residential demand and pricing continuing through 2022 while commercial recovery may add additional upside. Hedge Fund ownership jumped 15% last quarter.



Hawk's Perspective: GMS is an attractively valued stock with plenty of bullish fundamentals with the robust housing market, and see it continuing higher towards \$60-\$65 this year.





Bullish Call Buyers Target Gaming Services Leader Amid Transformation

Ticker/Price: SGMS (\$70.25)

Analysis:

Scientific Games (SGMS) sweep buyers January \$70 calls \$9.40 offer, aggressive orders, trading 860X and later 5,000 January \$85 calls bought for \$4.70 to \$5. SGMS has seen buyers recently in the January 2023 \$80 calls and October \$75 calls. Shares are flagging in a small range above its rising 8-EMA and just below recent highs at \$80.50. A breakout has a longer-term measured move to \$100. The \$6.93B company trades 31.37X earnings, 2.26X sales, and 18.75X FCF. SGMS outlined a potential strategic plan in June to divest their lottery and sports betting businesses, creating a path to delever and invest in the long-term future of both. The moves are part of a broader plan outlined in May to become more focused on content and growth in digital markets where they see significant potential. SGMS continues to evaluate their options for how to move forward and could IPO the businesses or look to combine with other players through a SPAC vehicle. Both businesses are also thriving with SGMS noting last week that they have seen strong returns from R&D into games like MONOPOLY and other properties as the North American market continues to bounce back strong and new product rollouts should continue to give them opportunity to drive share gains. Analysts have an average target for shares of \$69 with a Street High \$100 from Craig-Hallum. The firm was out raising estimates on 8/10 as they think SGMS transformation has been underappreciated. The analyst notes that both Lottery and its sports betting business are performing well, and he thinks there are several attractive options to monetize, streamline Scientific Games' corporate structure and significantly deleverage. Short interest is 7.25%. Hedge fund ownership rose 2% last quarter. Nantahala Capital a buyer of 1.1M shares and Bluefin Capital adding call options.



Hawk's Perspective: SGMS is setting up well for a continued move back towards recent highs and the story is very attractive with both the macro backdrop and clarity around their strategic actions drivers into year-end





Call Buyers See New Highs for US Solar Leader Ahead of Margin Inflection

Ticker/Price: FSLR (\$97)

Analysis:

First Solar (FSLR) buyers this morning of the December \$110 calls for \$4.40, 2000X, as shares bounce off the rising 8-EMA. FSLR has seen bullish put sales recently in the January 2023 options while the January \$85 and \$87.50 calls as well as the Sept. \$85 ITM calls bought in size since mid-June. Shares have rallied recently and starting to work out of a weekly base above \$95 with sights on the 52-week highs near \$112.50 from January. The measured move from this base targets \$125. The \$10.3B company trades 32X earnings, 3.5X sales, and 5.85X cash. FSLR is coming off of a strong quarter behind positive commentary about module demand and better pricing. FSLR also continues to move forward with plans to open new facilities in Ohio and India as they prepare to boost capacity over the next 3-5 years and extend their leadership in the space. FSLR has a solid backlog and preparing for growth opportunities Internationally while recent talk that the US and China could remain at an impasse over tariffs would be a positive for the company who has recently pushed Biden to keep the policy in place. Guggenheim starting at Buy on 8/3 ahead of a return to growth for the company with capacity expansion plans in place. The firm thinks FSLR should continue to benefit from supportive U.S. policy and the stock is attractively valued. Susquehanna upgrading to Positive on 8/2 as average selling prices for new bookings appear to be stabilizing due in part to an increase in c-Si panel prices and c-Si supply disruption concerns. The firm sees margin expansion starting in 2023. Short interest is 7.5%. Hedge fund ownership fell 9%.



Hawk's Perspective: FSLR sets up well to re-test the early 2021 high-volume node around \$105-\$110 and should continue to see supportive policy measures from Washington that can help it separate further from peers

Additional Options Flow

Market/ETFs

S&P (SPY) into morning weakness with buyers active for 4750 Sep. 24th (W) \$444 calls for around \$3M. **SPY** 30,000 Sep. 3rd (W) \$440/\$427 put spreads bought to open for \$1.64, likely hedge. **SPY** buyers for 46,000 Dec. 31st (Q) \$465 calls starting just after 2pm at \$6.53 to \$6.60

Nasdaq (QQQ) seeing a lot of morning put flow into weakness with 7500 September \$354 puts, 3900 September \$368 puts, and 2500 October \$356 puts bought. **QQQ** block of 33,500 Nov. \$310 puts bought \$3.68 to open as some August spreads adjust

Consumer Goods

Pepsi (PEP) with 2700 January \$170 calls selling to open down to \$1.67

Target (TGT) buyer of 4,750 September \$260 calls for \$8 as the Aug. calls bought on 7/20 adjust out ahead of earnings on 8-18

Hormel (HRL) buyers active for more than 1,125 January \$47.50 calls for \$1.70 to \$1.75, earnings on 9-2 and higher the last two

Goodyear Tire (GT) aggressive buyer here 2000 January \$18 calls \$1.10 offer

ConAgra (CAG) with 4000 March \$30 puts bought for \$1, tied to stock

Tyson Foods (TSN) with 2,500 June 2022 \$70 puts bought today for \$3.05, tied to stock

Hyzon Motors (HYZN) spread sells 10,000 October \$7.50 puts \$1.30 and buys 10,000 of the \$10 calls for \$0.85. The \$1.73B Co. makes hydrogen-powered trucks and buses

Consumer/Business Services

Wendy's (WEN) with 1700 September \$23 calls bought up to \$1.25, positive Barron's write up this weekend

Darden (DRI) weak early after the recent bearish flows and today seeing 3,500 August \$140 puts bought \$1.75/\$1.80

Williams Sonoma (WSM) spread this morning sells 500 Sept. \$180 calls to buy the \$155/\$135 put spread for a net \$3.50 into late Aug. earnings

Expedia (EXPE) buyers of 800 October \$150 calls for \$6.65/\$6.70, adjusting back the \$185 calls; **EXPE** also with 500 January 2023 \$150 calls bought for \$26.85 as the \$195 call adjust back

Match (MTCH) with 30,000 September \$115 puts sold to open down to \$1.02 this morning

eBay (EBAY) strong run lately and today seeing 2000 November \$75 puts bought for \$5.15 tied to stock. **EBAY** also with 1000 September 10th (W) \$70 ITM calls bought for \$5.50 to \$6.10

Carters (CRI) buyers of 1500 September \$110 calls for \$1.72 to \$2.20, some Aug. \$105 calls adjusting and nice multi-month base forming under recent highs; CRI had the Sept. \$110/\$120 call spread bought 1000X on Thursday

Leslie's (LESL) with 2275 October \$26 calls opening for \$1.15, the August \$30 short calls closing and rolling out and down

Viacom (VIAC) buyer 7500 December \$42.5/\$60 call spreads for \$1.81, M&A talk ongoing

FarFetch (FTCH) stock replacement sells 700 June \$35 puts for \$4.90

Uber (UBER) with 7500 November \$45 calls bought \$2.10 and spread vs. 10,000 of the \$55 calls as October spreads adjust

Lyft (LYFT) opening buy of 1000 June 2022 \$47.50 puts for \$6.90

Discovery (DISCA) buyers active into lows for nearly 5000 January 2023 \$45 calls \$2.40 to \$2.50, name with 150,000 of the \$30 calls bought in OI. **DISCA** buyer 1000 June 2022 \$27.50 calls ITM at \$5.20 offer

Bath & Body Works (BBWI) more than 6,200 weekly \$60/\$55 put spreads bought today, spot where 2500 bought on Friday into earnings 8-19

Capri (CPRI) buyers earlier of 3,400 weekly \$58.50 calls for \$0.99, follows the Sept. 10th (W) call buyers last week; **TPR** reporting earnings on 8-19

Disney (DIS) with 800 December \$170 calls opening for \$15 to \$15.30 into weakness today

Hilton (HLT) trading 6000 October \$125 calls with buyer flow, adjusting back \$130 calls

Expedia (EXPE) jumping off lows as 19,000 October \$150 calls opening \$7.05 with September adjusting

Wynn (WYNN) with 1000 January 2023 \$82.50 puts sold to open \$13.33

Unity (U) sale to open 1000 January \$110 puts for \$9

Doordash (DASH) coiled and buyers sending IV higher here 4000 August \$192.50 calls up to \$3.30

Imax (IMAX) jumps with 6000 Jan. 2023 \$20 calls bought up to \$2.30 looking to add to OI

Energy

Lyondell (LYB) buyer 1000 September \$100/\$90 put spreads

Pioneer Natural (PXD) large trade adjustments with 6000 January \$150 calls closing \$11.30 and 6000 May \$160/\$200 call spreads opening

Sun Run (RUN) buyers of 3000 September \$40 puts from \$1.30 to \$1.40 this morning, shares starting to roll under trend support from the May lows

Diamondback Energy (FANG) with 10,000 January 2023 \$80/\$110 call spreads bought for \$7.70, adjusting some January 2022 calls, similar to the trade in **PXD**

Baker Hughes (BKR) into day lows with 6000 January \$17 puts opening \$0.65 mid-market

Plug Power (PLUG) opening sale 5000 March \$22.5/\$17.5 put spreads for a \$1.88 credit, also Jan. 2023 \$42 calls sold 1500X in buy-writes

Financials

KeyCorp (KEY) opening sale of 2,500 March \$17 puts for \$0.80, stock replacement

Wells Fargo (WFC) with 4000 December \$45 puts sold to open \$1.80

Robinhood (HOOD) opening sale of 3,850 February \$100 calls for \$2.75

Goldman (GS) with 650 June 2022 \$370 calls opening for \$3.95M, look to be adjusting short \$340 puts.

Healthcare

Amgen (AMGN) seeing some unusual action with 1000 Aug. 27th (W) \$225 calls being bought \$6.05 to \$6.25 to open

J&J (JNJ) with 1375 January 2023 \$200 deep ITM puts opening near \$33.25

DexCom (DXCM) with 2,850 September \$440 puts sold to open this morning from \$3.80 to \$3.51 with shares pulling back to the rising 21-EMA

Cassava Sciences (SAVA) with 1000 August 27th (W) \$116 calls opening for \$12.05, adjusting back the \$120 calls bought 8/12. **SAVA** now also with 445 November \$10 calls bought \$39.40 to \$41

Arcturus Biopharma (ARCT) bullish flows today with 300 March \$75 calls bought for \$9.70 and separately seeing 250 December \$40 puts sold for \$7.50

Pfizer (PFE) OTM low Delta bull flow continues with 17,000 November \$60 calls bought this morning near \$0.43. **PFE** with 5000 March \$41 short puts opening \$1.21

Novartis (NVS) buyer for 2000 January \$100 calls \$2.10 to \$2.20 and stock pops to day highs

Tabula Rasa (TRHC) with buyers of the October \$40 calls for \$1.45 to \$1.75, stock replacements, over 1280X

TelaDoc (TDOC) June 2022 options active with the \$120 puts selling to open 1000X at \$12.10 to \$12

Horizon (HZNP) with 1,243 September \$115/\$95 strangles sold today for \$1.70

Centene (CNC) buyers of the January \$72.50 calls for \$1.70 to \$1.85, over 1320X

SeaGen (SGEN) unusual buy 600 December \$185 calls this afternoon \$3.50 to \$3.70. **SGEN** calls up over 1400X as buys come in way up at \$4.50 here

Industrials

Northrop (NOC) buyers of the September \$395 calls for \$0.60/\$0.65, 4000X, with the potential for more geopolitical uncertainty after the events in Afghanistan this weekend

Tesla (TSLA) with 3000 Sep. 3rd (W) \$690 calls opening as August adjust out

TransDigm (TDG) opening seller 1500 September \$550 puts \$3.50 in the aftermarket Aerospace parts leader

Romeo Power (RMO) buyer of 2000 February \$7 calls for \$1.20 into weakness, reports tonight

Virgin Galactic (SPCE) block of 1600 September \$26 puts sold to open \$2.53. **SPCE** buyers of 3000 October \$24 ITM calls today \$4.33

Waste Mgmt. (WM) with 1000 October \$145 puts sold to open from \$2.10 to \$2.05 today

Boeing (BA) buyers of 1600 September 2022 \$160 OTM puts at the \$7.40 offer

Delta (DAL) seller of 1000 March \$40 puts for \$4.70 to open today, some Aug. short puts adjusting

DR Horton (DHI) with 17,000 next week \$104 calls being bought to open

United Air (UAL) stock buyer sells 3500 March 2022 \$55 calls for \$3.25 and also sells the \$30 puts for \$1.25, willing to be called away or add to the position

Otis (OTIS) with 4000 Dec. \$90 short calls adjusting to \$95 as part of a buy-write

GXO Logistics (GXO) recent spinoff from XPO Logistics with 425 October \$80 calls bought today for \$5.30 to \$5.70

Materials

US Steel (X) buyer of 1400 September 3rd (W) \$26.5 calls for \$2.21, adjusting higher the \$25 calls

Mosaic (MOS) with 2000 September 10th (W) \$34 calls bought for \$0.70

MAG Silver (MAG) basing nicely and spreads are selling 1000 January 2023 \$10 puts to buy the \$20/\$35 call spreads

Freeport (FCX) buyer of 4000 September 2022 \$40/\$50 call spreads for \$2.82. **FCX** buy-write sold 3000 November \$44 calls for \$1.16

Kraton (KRA) buyers of 500 January \$35 calls up to \$8.70 today, spread with the \$55 calls sold for \$1.25. **KRA** reportedly exploring a sale, reports a few weeks back

Tech and Telecom

Dynatrace (DT) with 2000 September \$60 puts opening for \$1.57, adjusting the Aug. puts from 7/26

LAM (LRCX) with 4000 weekly \$600 calls bought up to \$5+ this morning ahead of the AMAT report on 8-19

Snowflake (SNOW) opened red and hot action from last week continues right off the open with 2000 August \$290 calls bought up to \$7.10

Apple (AAPL) nearly 20,000 Aug. 27th (W) \$152.50 calls bought \$0.80+ in opening 10 minutes

Blackberry (BB) buyers here 3000 March \$17 calls \$1.02

TE Connectivity (TEL) buyers of 1000 October \$155 calls this morning for \$4.10 to \$4.60, strong name sitting near new highs

Coursera (COUR) with 4000 September \$40 calls opening \$2 as the August \$40 calls adjust

Fire-Eye (FEYE) with 2,000 June \$17 puts sold to open this morning for \$2.20

Atlassian (TEAM) bouncing off lows as 1800 September \$350 calls are bought \$6.30 to \$7.70

Salesforce (CRM) seeing 1060 Sep. 24th (W) \$250 calls open this morning into weakness from around \$900K, captures earnings later this month

Digital Turbine (APPS) with 800 March \$45 puts sold to open for \$6.40 into weakness today

Micron (MU) appears another 5000 September 2022 \$60 puts selling to open near \$5.95

Facebook (FB) with 2000 February \$350 short puts opening \$25.30 as January \$330/\$290 bull put spreads adjust

Applied Materials (AMAT) nearly 1500 Sep. 3rd (W) \$131 puts sold to open ITM \$4.90 into earnings this week with shares near support

Okta (OKTA) with 1000 January 2023 \$250 calls opening \$41.05

Joyy (YY) with 1000 January \$60 calls sold to open for \$2.35. YY also with 3000 January \$22.50 OTM puts bought for \$0.90/\$0.95

CrowdStrike (CRWD) buyer of 2,500 September \$200 puts for \$3.05, tied to stock

Snap (SNAP) into weakness a buyer of the August \$71/\$75 call spread, 16,000X for \$1.10, may be adjusting back in strikes

C3 AI (AI) with 2,200 September \$55 calls sold to open for \$1.71, adjusting some Aug. \$75 short calls Western Digital (WDC) with 2600 September \$57 puts bought \$1.31 to \$1.38 to open into the morning lows Alibaba (BABA) with 900 September 2022 \$165 puts sold to open for \$21.20 in stock replacements Xilinx (XLNX) with 1750 January \$180/\$120 strangles sold for \$13.90 Apple (AAPL) this afternoon with 10,000 March 2022 \$140 puts sold to open near \$8.20 average Accenture (ACN) buyer 600 February \$325 puts for \$19.25, recent reports of a data breach Bill.com (BILL) with 1500 September \$200 calls opening \$14.67 as \$210 calls adjust back Comtech (CMTL) block of 1000 December 2022 \$35 calls sold \$3.20 to open in a buy-write Maxim (MXIM) with 1200 September \$100/\$90 bull risk reversals opening today for \$3.25, awaiting approval of their deal with Analog Devices (ADI)

Telecom/Utility

American Water (AWK) buyers of 1,500 September \$180 calls for \$4.10 to \$4.30 with shares out of a small flag to new highs

NextEra Energy (NEE) rising strong again with 1000 January \$87.50 calls bought \$4.50 to \$4.70. NEE also with buyers 2000 June 2022 \$90 calls \$4 to \$4.10. **NEE** 1000 March \$90 calls bought \$3 now as well

PG&E (PCG) buyer 2500 March \$10 calls \$1.08 to \$1.10 after the morning upgrade

Dominion (D) buyer of 1000 January 2023 \$67.50 puts \$4.20

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