

# MARKET RECAP REPORT 9/24/2020

### **Sector Leaders**

**Gold Miners** 

Semi's

Housing

#### **Stock Gainers**

**OMI 54%** 

**EXAS 25%** 

MEI 9.7%

CVLG 9.5%

JEF 9%

**ACEL 9.2%** 

**ANDE 7%** 

# **Volatility Gainers**

- NKLA
- FMCI
- HL
- OMI
- MYOV
- SSP

# **High Call Volume**

- OMI
- SKX
- GLNG
- ATEN
- ONEM
- STNG

### **Bullish Options**

- UPWK
- QCOM
- DOCU
- NVDA
- NTR
- BAC
- LULU
- DIS
- CPRI
- SFIX
- SKX

Market Review: Stocks were unable to show much bounce overnight and indicated a lower open following a sharp sell-off Wednesday as the rising USD remains a concern for markets and the path of least resistance for markets remains lower without any real incremental positive developments all month. It was a choppy morning session with the S&P futures touching the bottom of its falling wedge pattern and attempting to bounce while the Fed's Powell headlines crossed the wires. Tech showed early relative strength, specifically Semiconductors, while Housing and Defense also outperformed. Energy continued to lag while Biotech and Retail were big underperformers as well. Breadth started to improve into midday and continued into the early afternoon with markets reaching day highs and breadth strengthening further until giving way and rolling over late. Markets will look to close the week with some follow-through tomorrow, Durable Goods Orders on tap and then quarter-end next week a key and the fiscal stimulus stalemate still in focus for markets.

### S&P Chart:



Resistance	Support	
3,330	3,225	
3,425	3,100	
3,470	3,050	

**Options Action Trends:** We saw some early bull flows in Semiconductor names **NVDA, AMD, QCOM**. Apparel was another area of bullish interest with **CPRI, SKX, LULU, SFIX**. Bearish trades focus on Energy upstream and midstream names.

What's On Tap: Durable Goods Orders and Fed Speakers.

### **Trade Tracker Portfolio Changes:**

1) Spotlight: Long MRVL November \$39 Calls at \$2

## **Sector Laggards**

Retail

**Energy** 

**Aerospace** 

# **Stock Losers**

**DGLY -25%** 

RAD -17%

ESCA -14.5%

**KMX-12%** 

**PEIX -12%** 

**NKLA -10%** 

MYOV -9.5%

# **Volatility Losers**

- DGLY
- TGTX
- CODX
- ILK
- BB
- MPC

# **High Put Volume**

- MPLX
- GLNG
- UCTT
- CAL
- KMX
- HES

### **Bearish Options**

- DKNG
- TME
- OXY
- J
- MPLX
- MU
- ET
- HES
- PDD
- LGND
- NYCB





# **Charter Seen as Top Performer Through Mid-2021**

Ticker/Price: CHTR (\$616)

# **Analysis:**

Charter Communications (CHTR) a long-time favorite and best-in-class name seeing bullish activity over the past week with December \$670/\$590 bull risk reversals opening on 9/23 at a small net credit for 700X and December \$660/\$740 call spreads bought to open on 9/22. This follows the June 2021 \$760/\$920 call spread that opened 7500X on 9/16. CHTR also saw 1200 January \$780 calls bought on 8/26 and overall seen bullish activity. Shares started to come out of a range this week to new highs but sit back on its rising 21 MA after the market sell-off, an extended name, but also a strong bull trend. The \$129B provider of cable & internet services trades 10.8X FY21 EBITDA estimates, 32.4X Earnings, and 22.2X FCF. CHTR forecasts see steady 7-10% EBITDA growth the next few years. CHTR continues to add customers and stabilize ARPU growth as it integrates the acquisitions of Time Warner Cable and Bright House. CHTR continues to win business through a better product and service and is at 52% homes passed penetration, an opportunity in another 24M homes. CHTR's EBITDA margins trail scaled peers by 300 to 600 basis points and has room to close that gap over time, though it is growing faster which has high costs and feels it is maximizing ROI. It notes the key to structurally higher margins in higher penetration of homes passed and sees broadband as the product that drives the move. CHTR spoke at the Goldman Comunnacopia Conference last week noting its strategy remains "We want to drive penetration and get the favorable economics that increased penetration gets on a fixed infrastructure. So as our penetration goes up, our average cost to serve each customer goes down and every customer becomes more valuable on the increment. And so we're all about creating customers. And we continue to invest in the network. Fortunately, for us, we just came off a big infrastructure investment to take us to 1 gig everywhere, and so we have lots of capacity in the network." It thinks it is 50% penetrated in broadband and notes the boost from a continued decline in satellite TV businesses. Analysts have an average target of \$640 and short interest elevated at 6% of the float. Pivotal raised its target to \$800 on 9/11 citing strong customer and data trends. It thinks the market underestimates the value of the growth opportunities driven by best-in-class offerings. Argus moved its target up to \$700 citing its internet service is vital in the WFH environment. JPM took its target to \$725 after the latest quarter noting the strong results and broadband additions ahead of expectations. Hedge Fund ownership rose 11.8% in Q2 filings, notable top holders include Altarock, Jackson Square, Egerton, Veritas, and Third Point.

### **Hawk Vision:**



**Hawk's Perspective: CHTR** is a best-in-class name to own and rarely gives much of a dip to buy, a 55 day MA test would be a gift.





# **Bulls See Capri Moving Higher into 2021**

Ticker/Price: CPRI (\$19.15)

# **Analysis:**

Capri Holdings (CPRI) with buyers active today in May \$25 calls with 3700X trading \$2.84 to \$2.91, bullish positioning while peer Tapestry (TPR) has seen a lot of call activity recently as well. CPRI May \$25 calls saw 1000 open on 9/22 and an 8/17 opening sale of 10,000 January \$15 puts a large recent trade. CPRI shares are pulling back to its rising 21 MA this week after a strong run this month with shares briefly clearing the 200 day moving average and now pulling back under with a 38.2% retracement. The \$3.15B maker of luxury apparel and footwear trades 7X Earnings, 0.67X Sales and 5.5X FCF. Capri Holdings has a portfolio of three iconic, founder-led fashion luxury houses, and is poised to return to growth in FY22. CPRI presented at the Goldman Retail Conference on 9/10 and showed the improving trends of sales through August. It has a goal of \$7B in revenues from \$3.6B in 2021 with Michael Kors, Jimmy Choo and Versace brands. Analysts have an average target of \$19.50 with short interest at 8.8% of the float, down 25% Q/Q. MSCO upgraded to Overweight this week with a \$29 target noting a faster than expected recovery in sales and raised forecasts as well as seeing potential for Versace margin expansion and sales growth. Deutsche Bank with a \$25 target in July citing better results in Q2 with gross margin expansion at the two largest brands and better trends in digital sales. Hedge Fund ownership fell 11% in Q2 fillings, Eminence Capital a top holder.

#### **Hawk Vision:**



**Hawk's Perspective: CPRI** always feels undervalued and has three iconic brands while valuation is extremely cheap. It could be a nice recovery story the next year or two.





# **Disney Sell-Off Brings in Option Bulls**

Ticker/Price: DIS (\$122.50)

# **Analysis:**

Disney (DIS) bullish flows again today with buyers of 2,500 October \$124 calls up to \$3.35 and follows the October \$132 calls bought over 13,500X earlier this week in spreads with the \$118 puts sold 6,500X. DIS had a size buyer of 1,600 December \$115 calls on 9/21 for more than \$2.2M and the November \$120 calls with 4,000X bought on 9/15 for \$5.88M while the June 2021 calls with accumulation in early September. Shares are back at the \$122 level where it broke out postearnings and also sitting around the 50/200-day bull cross level from early September. A reversal day here and move back above the 8-day near \$125 sets up for a run back to the post-earnings highs at \$135 and a measured move to \$150. The \$225B company trades 46.2X earnings, 3.2X sales, and 9.75X cash with strong top and bottom-line growth, especially for a megacap. DIS is coming off of a mixed quarter where Parks and other experiences revenues were hit hard by COVID but their CFO was at the BAML conference on 9/10 noting that they're seeing consumers come back without hesitancy even with the limited capacity and expect longer-term to re-open cruises with solid underlying booking demand. Streaming and their Disney+ momentum continues to be the primary driver for the company and likely the focal point of their upcoming Analyst Day which is expected in October. The platform is giving them a unique leverage point during COVID as they can more nimbly shift theatrical assets like Mulan to DTC. Their original content is also driving significant sub growth and the Mandalorian 2 in late October a potential boost to the quarter. DIS is expected to roll out more content debuts at their Analyst Day including Marvel branded shows as well as discuss Star, their International version of Hulu. Analysts have an average target for shares of \$131.50 and Deutsche Bank a Street High \$163 PT on 9/8 with their upgrade to Outperform. The firm thinks DIS is succeeding in the "land grab phase" of direct-to-consumer and has the most clear path to successfully transitioning its general entertainment programming and content production businesses into a globally scaled, vertically integrated streaming entertainment leader. They see a lot of ways to monetize the growing D+ user base. Short interest is 1.2%. Hedge fund ownership rose 4.75% in Q2, Third Point an interesting holder with 5.5M shares and adding size last quarter.

#### **Hawk Vision:**



**Hawk's Perspective: DIS** looks good at the 200-day though could slip a bit more to fill that gap from earnings, but overall a likely recovery candidate with strong upside coming from streaming.





# **Z-Scaler Bull Positions Accumulate**

**Ticker/Price:** ZS (\$135.50)

# **Analysis:**

Z-Scaler (ZS) with more than 545 May \$120 puts sold to open today from \$15.90 to \$15.45 and follows smaller, high-dollar sales in the May \$110 and May \$100 puts in the last week. ZS has also seen put sale across the September 2021 and January 2022 puts in size while call buyers active at the October 30th (W) \$135 strike and the November \$125 and \$135 calls in July. Shares are setting up well with a small base above the 55-MA and strong overall trend since March with a run above \$140 setting up for a re-test of new highs. The \$17.44B company trades 12.7X cash and 41.6X EV/sales, rich on valuation but benefitting from a sizable shift in demand due to the pandemic and executing better, especially around margins. ZS posted 55% billings growth in Q4 and they continue to see momentum in their cloud deals driven by an expanded sales staff where they've stepped up investments since early 2020. The company continues to see a big long-term opportunity in cloud security with a \$20B TAM and secular tailwinds from cloud, mobility, and IoT which all have seen increased importance with the more disparate work-force. They see a growing importance around IaaS and public cloud as the next big driver for them as well. The company was at the Deutsche Bank tech conference earlier this month and noted that they've got a number of new products set for debut including services around Cloud Security Posture Management and Cloud Access Security Brokers which will give them further upsell potential around their core ZIA and ZPA platforms. Analysts have an average target for shares of \$125 and Loop Capital a Street High \$170 noting on 9/10 that the market is coming to Zscaler and the company's increased sales capacity positions it to take advantage of this positive demand trend. Needham with a \$165 PT as they think ZS has the means to increase sales capacity in FY21 at a pace higher than revenue growth even as it expands its margins. Short interest is 6% and down from around 11.5% in January 2019. Hedge fund ownership rose 13% in Q2, ARK Investment adding to their position.

#### **Hawk Vision:**



Hawk's Perspective: ZS consistently sees bull flow and has a strong trend basing, so it is a name I like though CRWD has been the favorite growth cloud security name and QLYS for a better value for growth name. There is likely plenty of room for multiple winners in this group and a break above \$140 for ZS can spark a rally.

# **Additional Options Flow**

## Market/ETFs

Biotech (XBI) with 2000 Oct. 30th (W) \$112/\$105 bull risk reversals opening

Silver (SLV) with 10,000 June 30th (Q) \$22.50 calls sold to open down to \$2.50, also seeing Gold (GLD) October \$175 calls with opening sales 25,000X

**S&P (SPY)** large buy of 5000 Oct. 19th (W) \$317 puts this morning near \$7.

Gold Miner (GDX) leading strength today with USD pulling back and 3000 January 2022 \$43 puts sold to open ITM \$10.20

Energy (XLE) bouncing with commodities on USD weakness and 2900 June 30th (Q) \$30 puts being sold to open near \$4.50 today

**Russell (IWM)** November \$137/\$123 put spreads opened 10,300X this morning as well as a buyer 2000 Nov. \$144 puts \$7.52. **IWM** Dec. \$148 straddles being sold to open this afternoon

NASDAQ (QQQ) large trade sold 5000 December \$238 puts to open for \$8.40, also 1500 Jan. 2023 \$350 max-strike calls bought \$15.50 to \$16.50

Volatility (VXX) opening buyer 3600 November \$36 calls \$2.49/\$2.50

Russia (RSX) buyer 4800 February \$22 calls to open \$1.12

# **Consumer Discretionary/Services**

**Lululemon (LULU)** buyers of 1,000 October 9th (W) \$310 calls for \$11.50 to \$13, announced buyback resumptions this week and finding support at the 38.2% retracement of the rally from the March lows

AutoZone (AZO) with 800 November \$1,090/\$1,080 bull put spreads opening this morning

Wynn (WYNN) aggressive buys 1800 October \$83 far OTM calls \$1.30+ this morning

Carnival (CCL) buyer 1000 January 2023 \$20 calls \$4.70 to \$5

MarineMax (HZO) the October \$22.50 puts sold to open for \$0.70 to \$0.63, 2000X, strong trends in boating data since the Spring and Wolfe positive earlier this week

Stitch-Fix (SFIX) with 3000 January 2021 \$25 puts sold to open \$3.80 to \$3.65 into earnings weakness

**Skechers (SKX)** the November \$37 calls bought for \$0.55 to \$0.65 to open into the lows, more than 3,725 trading so far with earnings in late October

Steven Madden (SHOO) the October \$20 puts sold to open 1000X for \$1.20

Match (MTCH) with 1100 October \$105 calls opening \$4.48 that look to be adjusting from \$110

Best Buy (BBY) the December \$95 puts sold to open 1000X for \$4.40 in a stock replacement

Las Vegas Sands (LVS) buyers opening 3,700 December \$47 calls for \$3.85 to \$4.10 and now big block of 15,000 bought for \$4.15 as the November \$50 calls adjust

**Burlington (BURL)** buyer 1000 November \$210 calls to open \$6.70, one of the better Retail stories. BURL shares hammering on lower Bollinger Band and VPOC today

Fox (FOXA) with 3000 October/January \$25 put calendar spreads opening \$1.40

TAL Education (TAL) buyer 2000 Oct. \$67.50 puts \$1.35 offer in a sweep. TAL also seeing 700 May \$55 puts sold to open \$3.80/\$3.70

Dick's Sporting (DKS) with 1200 next week \$56 calls bought \$1.10 to \$1.20

### **Consumer Goods**

**Logitech (LOGI)** stock and IV higher today with 1500 October \$80 calls bought up to \$1 and has 1,000 October \$75 calls in OI already

Yum Brands (YUM) the November \$85 puts sold to open 2,000X for \$2.80 as the weekly \$89 short puts opened last week close and adjust

**Mondelez (MDLZ)** stock replacements are buying 625 June \$47.50 calls for \$9.40 to \$9.50, shares putting in a reversal candle today just above the 50/200-day cross

Molson Coors (TAP) front-month IV jumpy this afternoon with 5,950 October OTM \$35 calls bought \$0.50 to \$0.65

### **Energy**

Occidental (OXY) the January \$10/\$6 put spread bought 2,500X5,000 for \$1.07 debit

GOLAR LNG (GLNG) buyer 1500 Dec. \$10 calls \$1.30 offer in sweeps to open

**Energy Transfer (ET)** also with 3000 January 2023 \$4 puts opening \$1.40 with 20,000 October \$5 puts opening earlier as the \$6 puts adjust

Hess Corp (HES) the October \$37/\$32.5 put spread bought 2500X as the \$42.50/\$37.50 spread adjusts lower

Scorpio (STNG) buyer 1000 April \$12 calls up to \$2.25 offer here

Halliburton (HAL) with 5500 October \$12.50 puts being sold to open near \$0.93

Marathon (MPC) with 700 January 2022 \$25 puts bought for \$5.15 tied to long stock

Valero (VLO) the March \$40 calls being bought 500X for \$7.75, adjusting some January \$65 calls back

**Diamondback Energy (FANG)** putting in a hammer reversal and a vote of confidence sells 1500 December \$30 puts to open down to \$4

Plains GP (PAGP) more call action today with buyers active 3000 November \$6 calls \$0.55 to \$0.60

### **Financials**

**Bank of America (BAC)** the October 30th (W) \$25 calls bought 5,000X for \$0.53 to \$0.54, positive comments today at the BAML Financials conference and earnings 10-14. **BAC** opening sale 2200 January 2023 \$20 puts for \$3.35

Wells Fargo (WFC) also with 2,500 October 30th (W) \$25 calls bought today, similar timeframe as BAC ahead of bank earnings

Marsh & McClennan (MMC) with 1000 November \$110/\$105 bull put spreads opening

AmEx (AXP) the October \$80 puts sold to open for \$0.52, down around 12% in the last eight sessions, a bit of an over-extended run

NCR Corp (NCR) with 700 January \$16 calls bought \$3.90 to \$4

Regency Centers (REG) the August \$25 puts being sold to open for \$1.10 today,1,000X

NY Community Bank (NYCB) IV rising into the lows as 3,000 January \$9 puts bought for \$1.40, monthly bear flag breaking down

PayPal (PYPL) with 2000 October \$192.5/\$165 bull risk reversals opening \$1.75 debit

Welltower (WELL) the October \$55/\$60 call spread bought 1250X with the \$50 puts sold at a net credit

### Healthcare

Alcon (ALC) with 500 October \$55 puts sold to open today for \$1.30

Invitae (NVTA) highs of the day with 850 March \$45 calls bought up to \$8.50, relative strength name since their deal for Archer

Horizon (HZNP) with 1000 October \$75 puts selling to open \$3.30 to \$3.50 range

Novocure (NVCR) the January \$97.50 calls opening 950X for \$15, the December \$90 short calls from 6/5 adjusting

GW Pharma (GWPH) opening seller of 2000 November \$125 calls down to \$1.70

Arcturus Therapeutics (ARCT) the October \$45 calls bought to open today 1,000X for \$2.05 to \$2.50

EXACT Sciences (EXAS) big mover up 23.5% today presenting at Cowen and a block of 750 January \$115 OTM calls opens for \$4.50

BioMarin (BMRN) seller of 500 April \$60 puts for \$3.70 in a stock replacement

Sage Therapeutics (SAGE) the December / February \$50 put calendar spread being bought 800X today for \$3.30, similar to the November / February \$50 put calendar spreads bought in August

Illumina (ILMN) with the November \$280/\$250 ratio put spreads opening 960X1920

Medical Properties (MPW) with 5000 November \$19 calls bought \$0.25/\$0.30 to open

Rite-Aid (RAD) with 2,000 November \$10 puts sold to open from \$1.03 to \$0.99 into weakness today, down over 15%

Neurocrine (NBIX) opening sale of 750 November \$80 puts for \$1.50 in a stock replacement

Gilead (GILD) buyer of 2,500 January 2022 \$40 puts for \$1.52 with stock

### <u>Industrials</u>

Old Dominion (ODFL) with near 500 November \$180/\$175 bull put spreads opening as well

ServiceMaster (SERV) opening seller of 2,000 November \$40 puts for \$3.50 to \$3.40 into session highs

**ZTO Express (ZTO)** opening sale 2500 January \$28 puts for \$1.70

**Boeing (BA)** the May \$110 puts sold to open 600X for \$10 today

Raytheon (RTX) big hammer reversal today and 8500 January \$60 calls opening \$4 in a stock replacement

Cubic (CUB) with 2500 November \$60/\$70 call spreads bought for \$2.50 with a bid for the company expected

Nio (NIO) buyer of 5000 May \$13 puts to open \$3.15

Fed-Ex (FDX) opening sale 250 January 2022 \$270 puts for \$60

### **Materials**

Sibayne Stillwater (SBSW) with 1000 January \$10 puts sold to open early for \$1.40

Nutrien (NTR) with 1800 Oct. 30th (W) \$40 calls being bought \$1.20 to open, a Fertilizer group seeing bullish flows recently

Air Products (APD) with 300 January 2022 \$330/\$250 bull put spreads opening

Eagle Materials (EXP) selling off with 800 October \$82.50 puts bought \$4.10

**VALE SA (VALE)** opening sellers 5000 March \$9 puts today \$0.65, sitting back on 200 MA. **VALE** 10,000 October \$10 calls bought \$0.93 to \$0.97

Alcoa (AA) buyers 1060 January 2022 \$12 calls \$2.59/\$2.60 offer as Metals rebound

Constellium (CSTM) buyer 3000 November \$8 calls \$0.75, adjusts the \$10 calls back and seen some recent Jan. call accumulation

**Albemarle (ALB)** seller of 600 March \$70 puts for \$5.10 in a stock replacement, weak after the TSLA battery day event but bouncing off the YTD VPOC

### **Tech and Telecom**

Upwork (UPWK) some recent relative strength seeing action in November \$17.50 calls early bought 1500X up to \$1.20

**DocuSign (DOCU)** with 3,000 of next week's \$230 calls being bought up to \$2.45 this morning and follows size adds to October calls yesterday

Tencent Music (TME) with 2000 November \$14 puts opening \$0.95 despite positive initiation at Needham

Qualcomm (QCOM) next week \$115 calls hot 3825X

**NVIDIA (NVDA)** strong morning and 1435 Oct. 30th (W) \$525 calls opening, look to be adjusting \$550 calls, captures an October Analyst Day

Micron (MU) buyers 6000 next week \$46 puts to open for 9-29 earnings

Ultra-Clean (UCTT) with 1000 November \$20 puts sold to open \$1.90

Pinduoduo (PDD) buyer 1300 November \$75 puts \$7.65

Pinterest (PINS) the September \$47 calls active for a second straight day at \$7.80 over 1500X

AutoDesk (ADSK) oversold name with unusual 375 April \$300 far OTM calls bought \$4.30 to \$4.50 to open today

Fire-Eye (FEYE) the March \$12 puts sold to open 1200X for \$1.46

Lumen (LUMN) with 5000 April \$9 puts being sold to open \$0.77 to \$0.80 adjusting from January \$5, the former CTL

Vipshops (VIPS) opening sale of 2,500 January 2022 \$17 puts for \$4.00 in a stock replacement

Qualcomm (QCOM) with 1150 April \$120 calls opening \$9.70 to \$9.90 in stock replacements

**Spotify (SPOT)** buyer 650 next week \$240/\$250 call spreads. **SPOT** aggressive buyer 1000 November \$280 OTM calls \$7.10 offer. **SPOT** also seeing higher \$ buyers in November \$250 and \$260 calls here

Roku (ROKU) with 800 January 2022 \$95 puts being bought for \$10.85 today with stock

Taiwan Semi (TSM) opening sale of 1000 April \$75 ITM calls for \$10.50

Alibaba (BABA) opening seller 500 January 2022 \$300 ITM puts for \$58.40. BABA 5000 November \$270 synthetic long opens for \$0.15 credit

Amazon (AMZN) July 2021 \$4300 calls seeing 690X trade today with buyers \$116 to \$124, over \$8M

Fortinet (FTNT) opening seller 350 January 2022 \$100 puts \$14.70 earlier

Snowflake (SNOW) nice long range today holding green but October IV drops here with 645 Oct. \$240 calls sold to open for \$15

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