

Viking Analytics: Gamma Band Update 9/25/2023

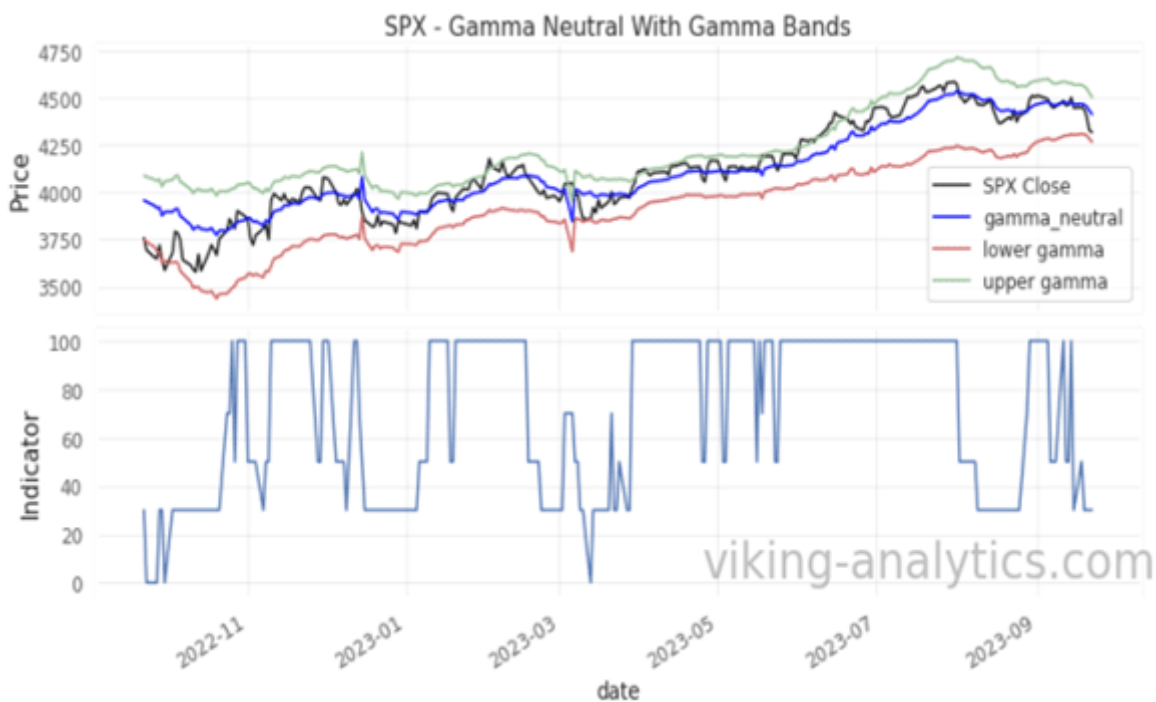
We share the Weekly Gamma Bands Update by Viking Analytics. The report uses options gamma to help you better manage risk and your equity allocations.

Gamma Bands

The S&P 500 (SPX) closed on the lows for the second straight week, and 130 points lower in a bearish week that included a pause in rate hikes from the Fed. The Gamma Band model fell continued with a 30% allocation. Technical signals remain bullish/favorable, while fundamental factors are bearish/neutral.

Gamma Band model will move back to a higher allocation if the market closes above the gamma flip level, currently near 4,415. This model will fall to a 0% allocation if SPX closes below the lower gamma level currently near 4,266.

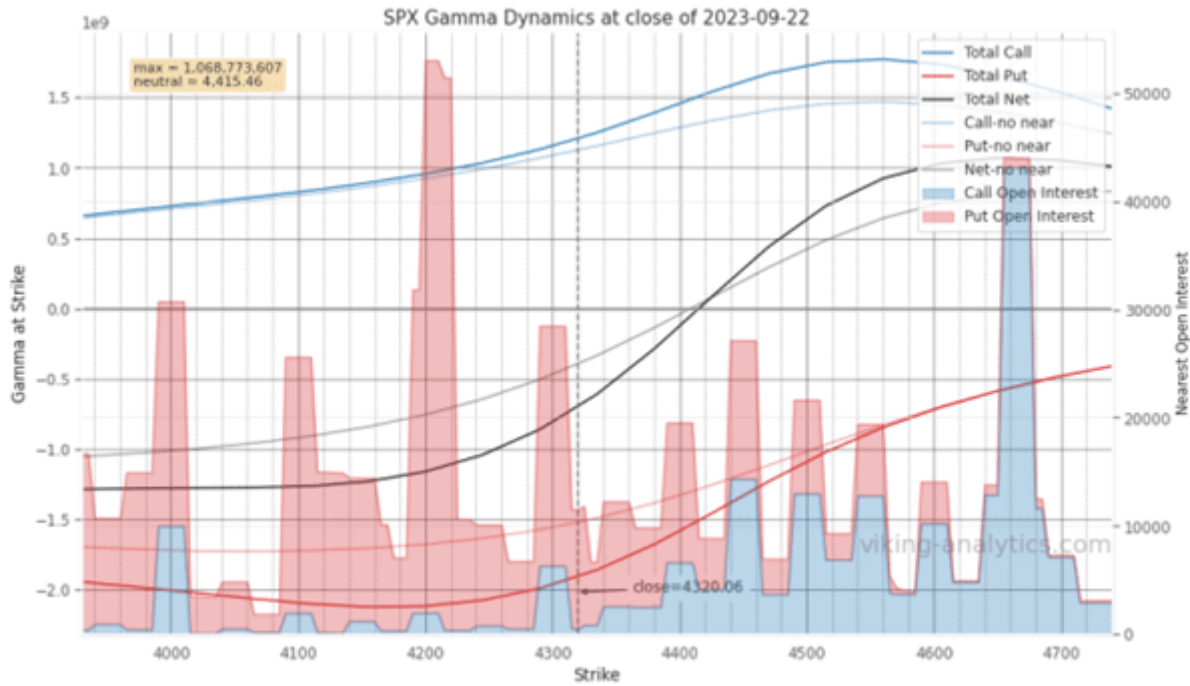
The chart below shows how price (in black) relates to the gamma flip (in blue) and the lower gamma level (in red). The gamma flip level often serves as a support and resistance level.



The Gamma Band model can be viewed as a trend following model that shows the effectiveness of tracking various levels of market gamma. When the daily price closes below Gamma Flip, the model will reduce exposure to avoid price volatility and sell-off risk. There is also an allocation adjustment on the trend slope of the gamma flip line.

Gamma Dynamics

Next Friday's end of quarter option expiration includes the now-famous end of quarter structural collar from JP Morgan. Not surprisingly, put gamma bottoms near 4,200 which is near the put leg of JPM's collar, which is at 4215. We could see amplified moves where dips get sold and rallies get bought due to the large open interest in expiring puts.



Market Navigator Signals

Our Market Navigator Report encapsulates data from the broader market and the economy to provide a near-term outlook for stocks. Fundamentally, the market remains cautious due to credit concerns and the inverted yield curve. From a technical perspective, the market maintains all bullish signals.

Indicator Name	Indicator Class	Current State
Overnight	Technical	
Safe Sector	Technical	
Open Interest Put Call Ratio	Technical	
Market Titan	Technical	
Credit Market Support	Fundamental	
US Treasury Curve	Fundamental	

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