



The Volatility Watch

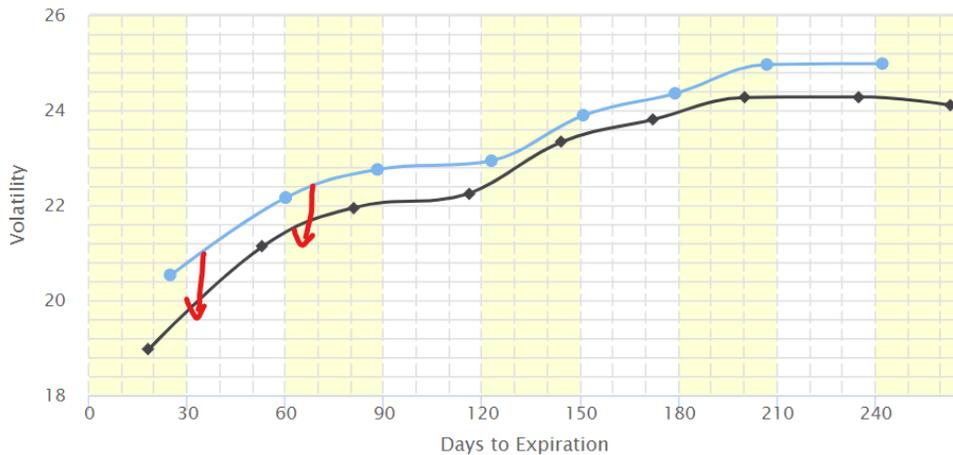
A Weekly Commentary On The Volatility Marketplace
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More new highs for U.S. equities last week and a parallel shift lower in the VIX futures term structure. The VIX curve remains very steep with relatively high prices for a quiet market near all-time highs, indicative of ongoing hedging demand despite the strength in U.S. equities. While it lasts, this is a constructive backdrop for equities. Conditions can always change quickly for the worse, but at these prices a preemptive hedge is a very expensive proposition.

VIX Futures Historical Prices

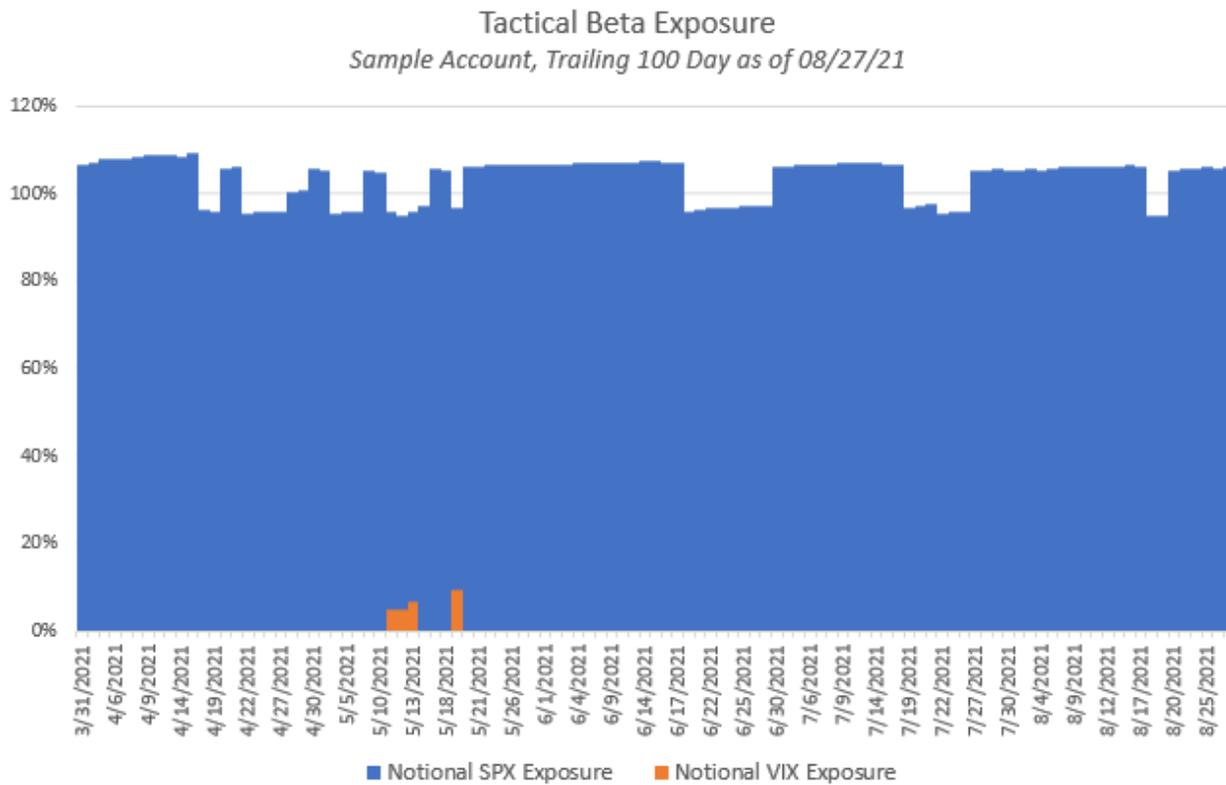
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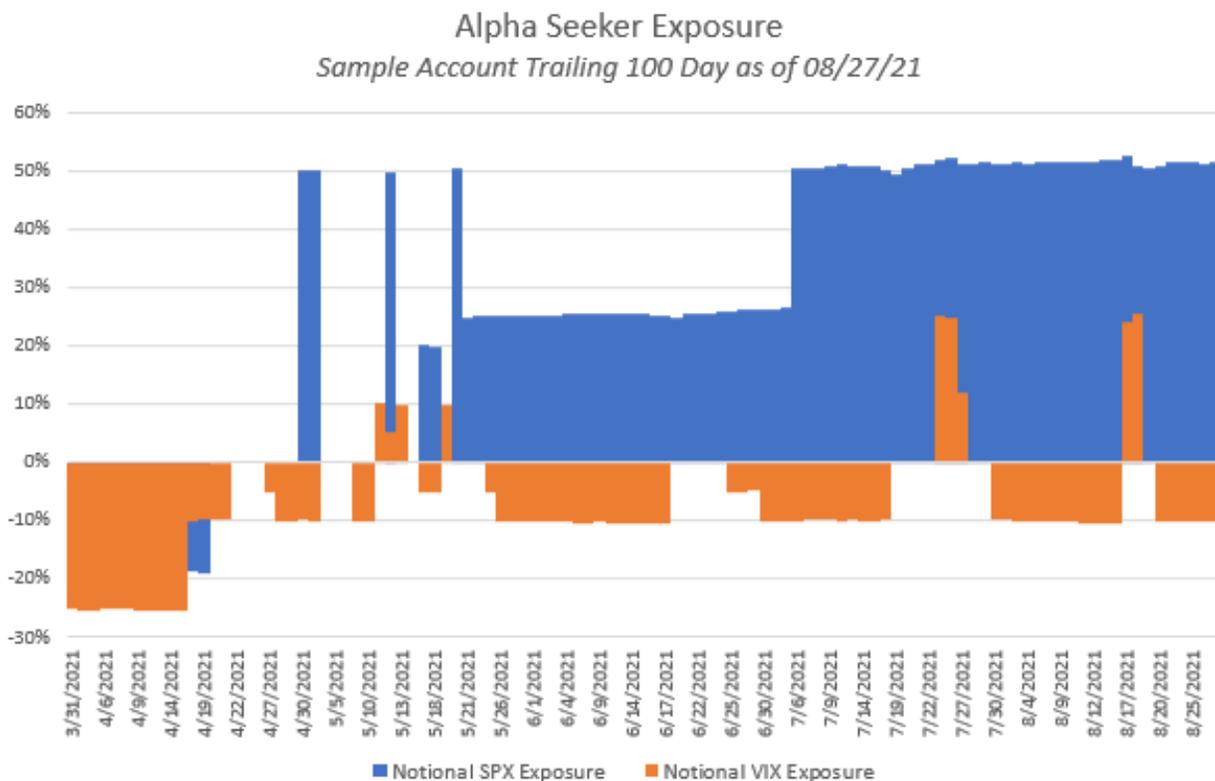
● August 20, 2021
◆ August 27, 2021

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The Tactical Beta Strategy remains at 105% long SPX, no VIX*



The Alpha Seeker™ Strategy remains long beta.**



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VIX is the ticker symbol for the Chicago Board Options Exchange (CBOE) Volatility Index, which shows the market's expectation of 30-day volatility. SPX is the Standard & Poor's 500 Index which is the market capitalization-weighted index of 500 leading companies in leading industries of the U.S. economy that does not include re-investment of dividends in the calculation of the index total return.