

Calamos Alternatives Snapshot

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WEEKLY HEADLINES

Individual Stocks Are Making Big Moves and Investors Don't Seem to Care

Double-digit swings in stocks are increasingly common—driving what Morgan Stanley says is single stock dispersion well ahead of the average of the last 14 years. And yet, investors are taking them in stride even when market caps are moving as much as \$100 billion.

A few comments on the environment in a [post last week](#) by the Seeking Alpha news editor:

- “As the retail money chases winners, algos kick in, creating a snowball effect on intraday moves.”
- Even beyond the meme stocks, call-buying is at historic highs (see chart bottom right) and concentrated in large cap growth.
- Huge swings in the cryptocurrency space may be contributing to an increased comfort level with jumps or tumbles of 10%.
- Things are happening faster. “The post-pandemic recovery is already looking more like a mid- to late-period economic cycle.”
- Extra-loose policies are causing the cycle to “age prematurely,” according to a Leuthold Group quote.

Economic Releases vs. Consensus (week of 11/15)

Retail Sales October: +1.7% vs. 1.5%

Housing Starts October: 1.52M vs. 1.57M

Building Permits October: 1.65M vs. 1.64M

Economic Releases this Week

PMI Composite (11/23)

Personal Income (11/24)

PCE Index (11/24)

MORNINGSTAR WEEKLY EST. NET FLOWS (\$MIL)¹

As of 11/10/21	Last Week	2 Wks Ago	3 Wks Ago	4 Wks Ago	Weekly Streak	YTD Flows
Derivative Income	368	361	283	343	74	11,229
Equity Mkt Neutral	312	8	18	71	4	1,089
Commodities Broad	296	224	(40)	235	2	11,597
Real Estate	231	1,122	270	119	4	12,124
Infrastructure	231	28	178	51	4	4,645
Options Trading	222	326	100	542	57	12,131
Nontraditional Bond	220	353	9	283	46	18,197
Relative Value Arb	176	152	135	150	91	5,761
Energy LPs	105	(20)	95	42	1	(1,334)
Event Driven	45	56	49	9	12	3,883
Macro Trading	36	24	43	22	4	1,039
Multistrategy	34	39	109	157	33	4,242
Convertibles	29	41	47	32	4	1,543
Systematic Trend	21	59	40	15	5	891
Long-Short Equity	17	59	64	55	22	2,037

BROAD INDEX PERFORMANCE¹

	1 week	MTD	QTD	YTD
S&P 500	0.36	2.12	9.27	26.67
Russell 3000	-0.10	1.82	8.70	25.00
Russell 2000	-2.83	2.08	6.42	19.63
Russell 1000	0.09	1.80	8.86	25.40
Russell Mid Cap	-1.31	1.03	7.03	23.27
MSCI EM	-1.25	0.40	1.41	0.40
MSCI ACWI	-0.22	1.40	6.60	18.85
MSCI World	-0.08	1.53	7.30	21.72
MSCI EAFE	-0.78	0.51	3.00	12.06
ICE BofA Global Cv Index	-1.17	0.18	1.96	5.53
ICE BofA All US Cv (VXA0)	-1.35	-0.29	3.28	9.87
ICE BofA US HY Master II	-0.37	-0.03	-0.21	4.45
Bloomberg US Corporate	-0.03	-0.13	0.12	-1.15
Bloomberg US Govt/Credit	0.10	0.03	0.07	-1.86
Bloomberg US Agg Bond	0.09	-0.02	-0.05	-1.60

COMMODITIES²

	11.19.21	11.12.21	12.31.20	11.19.20
Gold	1850	1850	1891	1868
Oil	80.9	82.0	47.5	41.6
Gasoline	3.40	3.41	2.24	2.11
Bitcoin	58,188	65,714	29,027	17,804

MARKET PULSE¹

MONTH-TO-DATE			As of	YEAR-TO-DATE		
VALUE	CORE	GROWTH	11/19/2021	VALUE	CORE	GROWTH
-0.37	1.80	3.75	LARGE	21.58	25.40	28.85
1.16	1.03	0.79	MID	25.99	23.27	18.22
2.50	2.08	1.67	SMALL	30.80	19.63	9.44

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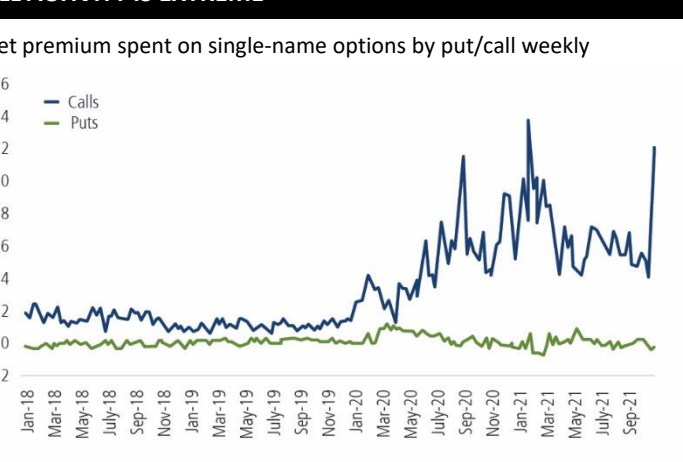
MORNINGSTAR ALTERNATIVE CATEGORIES¹

	1 week	MTD	QTD	YTD
Real Estate	0.40	1.74	8.63	31.80
Options Trading	0.35	0.80	3.66	10.37
Long-Short Equity	0.33	1.67	4.29	12.11
Equity Market Neutral	0.25	1.00	1.24	4.10
Derivative Income	0.07	0.82	4.71	15.59
Multistrategy	0.06	0.58	1.49	6.77
Event Driven	-0.07	-0.04	0.45	4.33
Relative Value Arbitrage	-0.11	0.13	0.79	3.38
Macro Trading	-0.19	0.45	1.87	5.39
Systematic Trend	-0.26	-0.45	2.02	7.78
Nontraditional Bond	-0.26	-0.01	-0.10	1.62
Convertibles	-0.39	0.66	3.71	7.60
Infrastructure	-0.49	-0.43	4.33	11.91
Commodities Broad Basket	-0.70	-0.41	3.28	31.75
Energy Limited Partnership	-1.94	-1.05	4.94	40.70

BOND RATES²

	11.19.21	11.12.21	12.31.20	11.19.20
Effective Fed Funds Rate	0.08	0.08	0.09	0.09
2-Year Treasury	0.52	0.51	0.12	0.18
10-Year Treasury	1.59	1.56	0.93	0.86
ICE BofA US Corp. AAA	2.04	1.97	1.56	1.58

CALL ACTIVITY IS EXTREME



Source: Seeking Alpha, Morgan Stanley QDS, OCC.

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The **Nontraditional Bond** category contains funds that pursue strategies divergent in one or more ways from conventional practice in the broader bond-fund universe. **Multistrategy** portfolios offer investors exposure to two or more alternative investment strategies, as defined by Morningstar's alternative category classifications, through either a single-manager or multi-manager approach. **Macro Trading** strategies, using either systematic or discretionary methods, look for investment opportunities by studying such factors as the global economy, government policies, interest rates, inflation, and market trends. **Systematic Trend** funds primarily trade liquid global futures, options, swaps, and foreign exchange contracts, both listed and over-the-counter. **Commodities Broad-basket portfolios** can invest in a diversified basket of commodity goods including but not limited to grains, minerals, metals, livestock, cotton, oils, sugar, coffee, and cocoa. **Commodities Precious Metals** can invest in precious metals such as gold, silver, platinum, and palladium. **Energy Limited Partnership** strategies invest a significant amount of their portfolio in energy master limited partnerships, also known as MLPs. **Relative Value Arbitrage** strategies seek out pricing discrepancies between pairs or combinations of securities regardless of asset class. **Equity Market Neutral** strategies attempt to profit from long and short stock selection decisions while minimizing systematic risk created by exposure to factors such as overall equity market beta, sectors, market-cap ranges, investment styles, or countries. **Event-driven** strategies attempt to profit when security prices change in response to certain corporate actions, such as bankruptcies, mergers and acquisitions, emergence from bankruptcy, shifts in corporate strategy, and other atypical events. **Real Estate** portfolios invest primarily in real estate investment trusts of various types. REITs are companies that develop and manage real estate properties. **Convertible-bond portfolios** are designed to offer some of the capital-appreciation potential of stock portfolios while also supplying some of the safety and yield of bond portfolios. **Options trading** strategies use a variety of options trades, including put writing, options spreads, options-based hedged equity, and collar strategies, among others. **Derivative Income** strategies primarily use an options overlay to generate income while maintaining significant exposure to equity market risk. **Long-Short Equity** funds hold sizeable stakes in both long and short positions in equities, exchange traded funds, and related derivatives. **Infrastructure equity funds** invest more than 60% of their assets in stocks of companies engaged in infrastructure activities. Industries considered to be part of the infrastructure sector include: oil & gas midstream; waste management; airports; integrated shipping; railroads; shipping & ports; trucking; engineering & construction; infrastructure operations; and the utilities sector.

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