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## **Cross Asset Volatility**

#### Machine Learning Based Trade Recommendations

- The CARV model has initiated short vol positions in SPX and GBP, and increased a long vol position in KS200. Meanwhile, it has decreased the previous long vol position on Brent, and removed the long/short vol positions on Brent, XAU and JPY (Figure 1).
- According to our VarSwap model, in addition to our previously recommended pair on NDX/SPX, we find buying 1Y ATM var on DAX vs. selling EFA to be also attractive (Figure 5-7). The carry appears attractive (see Figure below) and the DAX volatility will likely to be sustained given macro backdrop.
- From **RV** model (Figure 9), our recommended trade on short EMB vs. long LQD 3M ATM vol has gained ~2 vega MTM since inception (2/28). For this week, we recommend to take the profit and switch to **long 3M ATM vol on EMB and short vol on HYG**. This is a trade we recommended on mid-Feb and took off after one week, with a gain of 2.5 vega.
- Implied vol started to wobble last week at the gamma end of vol curves on still high implied vols and contained realized. Whether that dynamic has legs is anybody's question. Our FX gamma trading models are for the 2<sup>nd</sup> week materially short vol. Recall that during the COVID-19 risk off in 2020, the signal's read-through was a few weeks early. Within USD/G10 (Figure 3), NOK, SEK vols are the richest suggesting a possible material downside pressure, but being in the eye of the storm and amid lack of visibility on the regional developments, we think that, if any, the vega tenors, e.g., 6M, may be easier to handle. Directionally same but a more conservative play would be via short JPY vol vs long AUD vol RV, which aims to harvest ~2vol of spread between the implied and realized vol.

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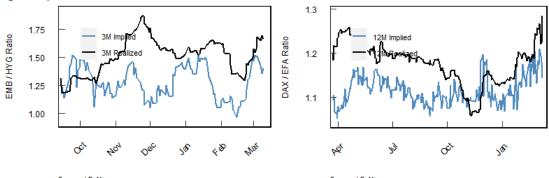
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Figure: Implied vs. Realized Ratio EMB vs. HYG and DAX vs. EFA



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#### Cross Asset Relative Value Model (CARV)<sup>1</sup>

Figure 1: Implied vs. EWMA Volatility (%) of the 5 Cheapest/Richest 1M ATM Vol (ordered from cheapest to richest)

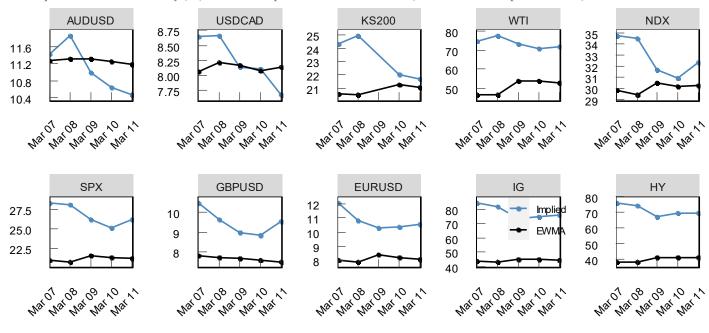
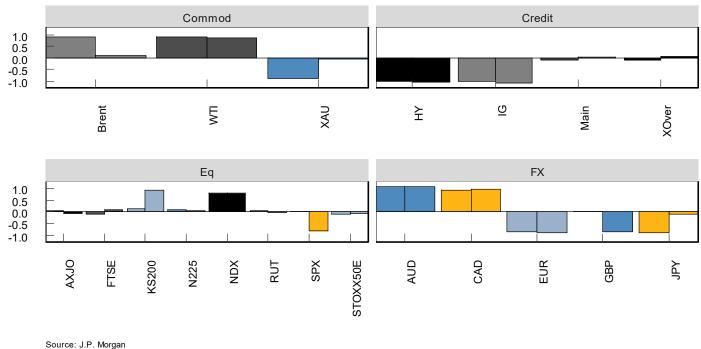


Figure 2: Previous Week and Current Optimal Vol Portfolio Weights



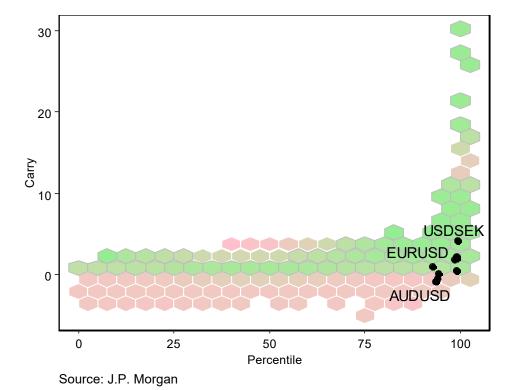
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Big Data and AI Strategies From Relative Value Signals to Optimal Portfolio Weights, 5 Feb 2020.

### **G10 FX 1M Volatility**<sup>2</sup>

Figure 3: G10 Dollar Pair FX 3M Volatility Ranking 2022-03-11

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	Ссу	3M ATM Implied Vol	IV Percentile(1 yr)	<b>Short Vol Carry</b>	Short Vol SVM Predicted Hit Ratio	Direction		
1	SEK	17.11	0.99	4.16	0.96	Rich		
2	NOK	14.75	0.98	1.85	0.91	Rich		
3	GBP	9.56	0.99	1.97	0.88	Rich		
4	JPY	7.12	0.93	0.95	0.87	Rich		
5	EUR	10.58	0.99	2.21	0.85	Rich		
6	CHF	7.67	0.99	0.46	0.73	Rich		
7	NZD	10.56	0.94	0.16	0.45	Cheap		
8	CAD	7.67	0.94	-0.50	0.13	Cheap		
9	AUD	10.46	0.93	-0.84	0.08	Cheap		

Source: J.P. Morgan



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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Big Data and AI Strategies: Enhancing FX volatility trading with machine learning, 13 Aug 2018

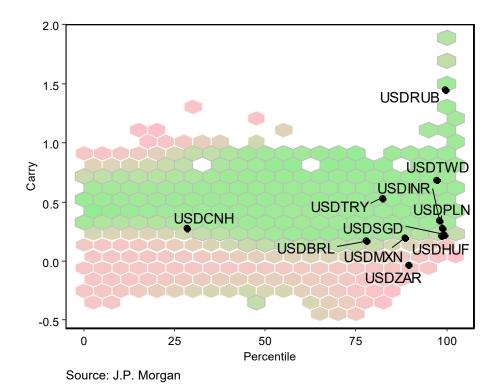
### **EM FX 1M Volatility**<sup>3</sup>

Figure 4: EM Dollar Pair FX 3M Volatility Ranking 2022-03-11

	Ссу	3M ATM Implied Vol	IV Percentile(1 yr)	Short Vol Carry	Short Vol SVM Predicted Hit Ratio	Direction
1	TRY	38.36	0.82	0.53	0.96	Rich
2	TWD	6.09	0.97	0.68	0.95	Rich
3	RUB	121.18	1.00	1.45	0.94	Rich
4	INR	7.38	0.98	0.34	0.93	Rich
5	PLN	21.03	0.99	0.28	0.80	Rich
6	BRL	17.62	0.78	0.17	0.78	Rich
7	CNH	3.65	0.28	0.27	0.71	Rich
8	MXN	13.72	0.88	0.20	0.68	Rich
9	SGD	5.05	0.99	0.22	0.56	Rich
10	HUF	21.38	0.98	0.21	0.54	Rich
11	ZAR	16.37	0.90	-0.03	0.05	Cheap

Source: J.P. Morgan.

Note: Log Carry = Log(IV/EMA), Carry = IV - EMA (see original report for details)



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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Big Data and AI Strategies: Machine Learning to the rescue in cracking the tough EM FX volatility trading cookie, 13 Sep 2018

### **Equity Index 1Y Variance Swaps Relative Value<sup>4</sup>**

Figure 5: Top 10 Decompression/Compression Variance Pairs 2022-03-11

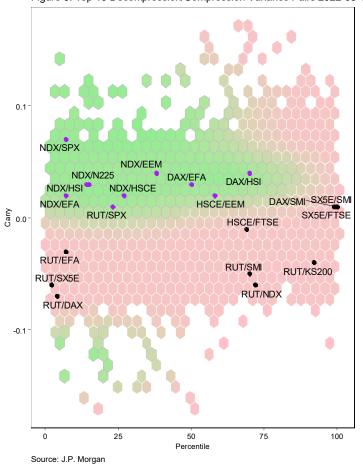


Figure 6: Top 10 Variance Pairs for Decompression

	Long	Short	Carry	IV Percentile(1 Year)	Predicted Hit Ratio
1	NDX	SPX	0.07	7	0.99
2	NDX	N225	0.03	15	0.98
3	NDX	HSCE	0.02	27	0.98
4	DAX	EFA	0.03	50	0.98
5	NDX	HSI	0.03	14	0.97
6	RUT	SPX	0.01	23	0.95
7	NDX	EFA	0.02	7	0.93
8	NDX	EEM	0.04	38	0.92
9	DAX	HSI	0.04	70	0.91
10	HSCE	EEM	0.02	58	0.90

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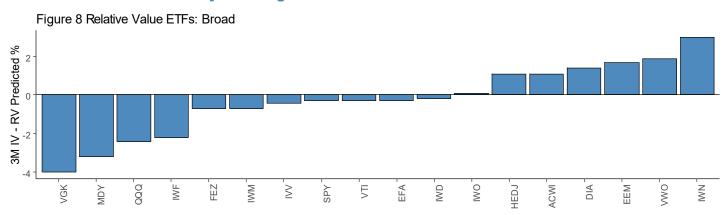
Figure 7: Top 10 Variance Pairs for Compression

	Long	Short	Carry	IV Percentile(1 Year)	Predicted Hit Ratio
1	HSCE	FTSE	-0.01	69	0.05
2	RUT	EFA	-0.03	7	0.04
3	RUT	NDX	-0.06	72	0.04
4	RUT	SMI	-0.05	70	0.04
5	RUT	DAX	-0.07	4	0.03
6	RUT	SX5E	-0.06	2	0.03
7	RUT	KS200	-0.04	92	0.03
8	DAX	SMI	0.01	99	0.03
9	SX5E	SMI	0.01	100	0.02
10	SX5E	FTSE	0.01	100	0.02

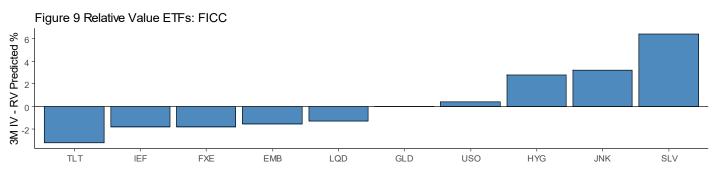
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Global Equity Derivatives: A simple machine learning approach to variance pairs trading, 24 July 2018 Big Data and AI Strategies: Attractive long/short variance pairs in a machine learning framework, 15 Aug 2018

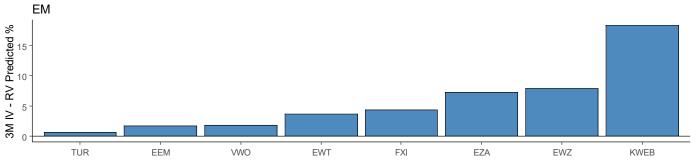
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### ETF Relative Value Volatility Rankings<sup>5</sup>









 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 5}$  Global Equity Derivatives: US ETF relative value volatility model, 27 Mar 2018  $^{\rm 6}$ 



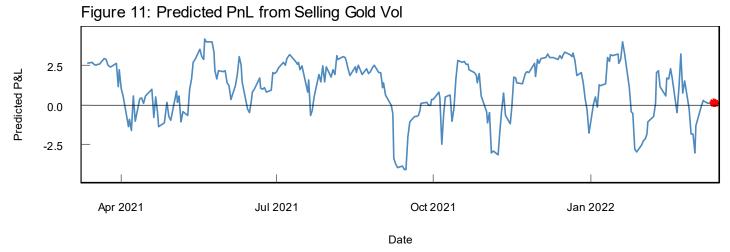
### Predicted P&L from Selling Gold Vol<sup>6</sup>

Figure 10: Gold Vol Recommendations

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	<b>Last Close Date</b>	Expected P&L from Selling 1M Vol	Recommendation					
1	2022-03-07	-0.08	Buy					
2	2022-03-08	0.25	Sell					
3	2022-03-09	0.22	Sell					
4	2022-03-10	0.17	Sell					
5	2022-03-11	0.11	Sell					

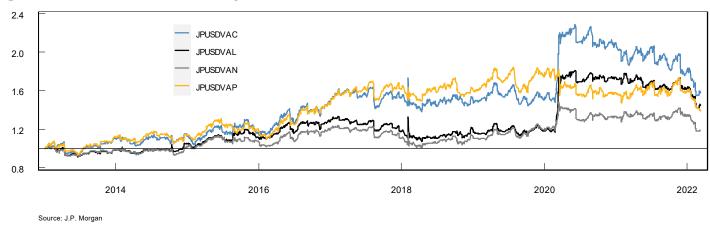
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<sup>\*</sup>Go long volatility when expected Vol selling P&L is negative



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Big Data and AI Strategies: Machine learning approach to trading gold volatility, 19 Oct 2018

Figure 12: VIX Term Structure Dynamic Allocation Chart<sup>7</sup>



Source: J.P. Morgan

Figure 13: VIX Term Structure Dynamic Allocation Table

Bias Ticker	Short JPUSDVAP	Neutral JPUSDVAN	Long JPUSDVAL	Unconstrained JPUSDVAC
UX1	20%	20%	5%	19%
UX2	-20%	-20%	-20%	-17%
UX3	3%	-9%	19%	0%
UX4	-20%	9%	9%	0%
UX5	-0%	-0%	-0%	-0%
Net	-17%	0%	13%	3%

 $<sup>^7</sup>$  Big Data and AI Strategies: Dynamic VIX Term Structure Allocation Strategy, 12 Apr 2019  $^8$ 

### FX Volatility Surface Relative Value<sup>8</sup>

### 1 Month Holding Period

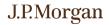
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**Negative Numbers** => Positive **PnL** from going **Short** the option.

Figure 14: Vol Surface PnL Predictions in Basis Points 2022-03-11

	ссу	3Mp25	3Ms50	3Mc25	6Mp25	6Ms50	6Mc25	12Mp25	12Ms50	12Mc25
1	AUD-USD	1	13	13	8	19	15	17	26	19
2	USD-CAD	-8	-15	-17	-8	-12	-17	-11	-13	-19
3	USD-CHF	-21	-21	-19	-25	-25	-21	-27	-32	-23
4	EUR-USD	-19	-17	-6	-14	-16	-6	-14	-16	-8
5	GBP-USD	-11	-8	-7	-12	-12	-9	-13	-15	-10
6	USD-JPY	-21	-28	-25	-24	-32	-27	-19	-26	-23
7	USD-NOK	15	19	6	18	16	10	16	11	12
8	NZD-USD	-1	13	15	3	15	14	10	14	14
9	USD-SEK	10	8	0	12	19	12	18	27	19

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Big Data and AI Strategies: Relative Value Trading on FX Volatility Surfaces, 02 July 2019



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**Put Sale**: Investors who sell put options will own the underlying asset if the asset's price falls below the strike price of the put option. Investors, therefore, will be exposed to any decline in the underlying asset's price below the strike potentially to zero, and they will not participate in any price appreciation in the underlying asset if the option expires unexercised.

Call Sale: Investors who sell uncovered call options have exposure on the upside that is theoretically unlimited.

Call Overwrite or Buywrite: Investors who sell call options against a long position in the underlying asset give up any appreciation in the underlying asset's price above the strike price of the call option, and they remain exposed to the downside of the underlying asset in the return for the receipt of the option premium.

**Booster**: In a sell-off, the maximum realized downside potential of a double-up booster is the net premium paid. In a rally, option losses are potentially unlimited as the investor is net short a call. When overlaid onto a long position in the underlying asset, upside losses are capped (as for a covered call), but downside losses are not.

**Collar**: Locks in the amount that can be realized at maturity to a range defined by the put and call strike. If the collar is not costless, investors risk losing 100% of the premium paid. Since investors are selling a call option, they give up any price appreciation in the underlying asset above the strike price of the call option.

**Call Purchase**: Options are a decaying asset, and investors risk losing 100% of the premium paid if the underlying asset's price is below the strike price of the call option.

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**Straddle or Strangle**: The seller of a straddle or strangle is exposed to increases in the underlying asset's price above the call strike and declines in the underlying asset's price below the put strike. Since exposure on the upside is theoretically unlimited, investors who also own the underlying asset would have limited losses should the underlying asset rally. Covered writers are exposed to declines in the underlying asset position as well as any additional exposure should the underlying asset decline below the strike price of the put option. Having sold a covered call option, the investor gives up all appreciation in the underlying asset above the strike price of the call option.

**Put Spread**: The buyer of a put spread risks losing 100% of the premium paid. The buyer of higher-ratio put spread has unlimited downside below the lower strike (down to zero), dependent on the number of lower-struck puts sold. The maximum gain is limited to the spread between the two put strikes, when the underlying is at the lower strike. Investors who own the underlying asset will have downside protection between the higher-strike put and the lower-strike put. However, should the underlying asset's price fall below the strike price of the lower-strike put, investors regain exposure to the underlying asset, and this exposure is multiplied by the number of puts sold.

**Call Spread**: The buyer risks losing 100% of the premium paid. The gain is limited to the spread between the two strike prices. The seller of a call spread risks losing an amount equal to the spread between the two call strikes less the net premium received. By selling a covered call spread, the investor remains exposed to the downside of the underlying asset and gives up the spread between the two call strikes should the underlying asset rally.

**Butterfly Spread**: A butterfly spread consists of two spreads established simultaneously – one a bull spread and the other a bear spread. The resulting position is neutral, that is, the investor will profit if the underlying is stable. Butterfly spreads are established at a net debit. The maximum profit will occur at the middle strike price; the maximum loss is the net debit.

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