# Boost Dividend Yields 

By
Selling Options
On
Dividend Stocks

## Call \& Put Options

Call Option: Contract giving an investor the right, but not the obligation, to buy an asset at a specified price within a specific time period

Put Option: Contract giving the owner the right, but not the obligation, to sell a specified amount of an underlying security at a specified price within a enorifiod timo

## Contract Terms

# Strike Price: Price at which a put call or option can be exercised 

Expiration: Last date on which the holder of the option may exercise it

Each options "contract" cover 100 shares of underlying stock

## The Black-Scholes Option Pricing Formula

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\begin{gathered}
c=S N\left(d_{J}\right)-X e^{-r T} N\left(d_{2}\right) \\
p=X e^{-r T} N\left(-d_{2}\right)-S N\left(-d_{I}\right)_{p} \\
d_{J}=\frac{\ln (S / X)+\left(r+\sigma^{2} / 2\right) T}{\sigma \sqrt{T}} \\
d_{2}=\frac{\ln (S X)+(r-\sigma / 2) T}{\sigma \sqrt{T}}=d_{I}-\sigma \sqrt{T}
\end{gathered}
$$

$S$ = Stock price.
$X=$ Strike price of option.
$r=$ Risk-free interest rate.
$T=$ Time to expiration in years.
$0=$ Volatility of the relative price change of the underlying stock price.
$N(x)=$ The cumulative normal distribution function.

1. Intrinsic value: Amount in/out of the money

## Primary

Components
of Options
Prices

## 2. Time value: Days until expiration

3. Volatility value: Higher volatility, higher premium

## Selling Calls

- Good way to earn income from stocks when they trade in a range
- Reduces cost basis, do it again and again
- Earn money today for giving upside potential above strike price
- Surrender upside, so make it worth your while ( $15 \%$ annualized minimum)
- Total return is the objective
- Dividends juice returns


## Selling Puts

- You agree to buy a stock at a certain price in the future in exchange for pocketing cash today
- Do it on stocks you wouldn't mind owning
- Use charts and fundamentals
- Ideally you sell them on a down day
- Need to tie up cash/margin
- Must deal in multiples of 100 shares
- Be mindful of trading costs


## P/L Diagram - Put Write



Loss
Short Put

## P/L Diagram - Covered Call



## Think In Terms Of Annualized Return

## The return you would earn in a 12-month period

## RAW RETURN = PREMIUM / MONEY AT RISK

## RAW RETURN X (365/NUMBER OF DAYS) = ANNUALIZED RETURN

$3 \%$ for 45 days is $+24 \%$ annualized
$2.5 \%$ for 45 days is $+20 \%$ annualized

## Hanesbrands (HBI)

HANESBRANDS INC COM (HBI: NYSE)

| $17.19-0.04(-0.23 \%)$ |  | Bid: 17.02 |  | Ask: 17.25 | Vol: 4,815,965 | BUY | SELL |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 10/5/18 4:03:00 PM ET |  |
| Symbol Q | Chain |  | Strikes ? | Near? |  | $\square$ ADJusted options |  |
| HBI | Calls \& Puts | $\checkmark$ | 7 V | - 17.19 | GO |  |  |

EXAMPLE: IEM, SPY

| $<$ | Oct 19 '18 |  | Nov 16 '18 |  | Jan 18 '19 |  |  |  | Apr 18 '19w |  |  | Jan 17 '20 |  | All Months |  |  |
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| CALLS |  |  |  |  |  |  | OCT 19'18 |  |  | PUTS |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Trade | Quote | Open Interest | Volume | Net Change | Last | Bid | Ask | Strike Price | Bid | Ask | Last | Net Change | Volume | Open Interest | Quote | Trade |
| Trade | Details | 4 | 0 | 0.00 | 4.78 | 2.90 | 3.30 | 14.00 | 0.00 | 0.05 | 0.03 | 0.00 | 0 | 53 | Details | Trade |
| Trade | Details | 200 | 0 | 0.00 | 3.81 | 2.00 | 2.30 | 15.00 | 0.00 | 0.05 | 0.02 | 0.00 | 0 | 1,346 | Details | Trade |
| Trade | Details | 91 | 8 | -0.05 | 1.30 | 1.15 | 1.35 | 16.00 | 0.05 | 0.10 | 0.05 | -0.01 | 50 | 3,054 | Details | Trade |
| Trade | Details | 969 | 94 | -0.01 | 0.50 | 0.50 | 0.55 | 17.00 | 0.25 | 0.35 | 0.28 | 0.03 | 4 | 1,742 | Details | Trade |
| Trade | Details | 2,665 | 56 | -0.03 | 0.10 | 0.10 | 0.15 | 18.00 | 0.85 | 1.00 | 0.91 | 0.18 | 26 | 1,998 | Details | Trade |
| Trade | Details | 2,010 | 2 | -0.02 | 0.02 | 0.00 | 0.05 | 19.00 | 1.75 | 1.90 | 1.90 | 0.20 | 1 | 641 | Details | Trade |
| Trade | Details | 1,432 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.00 | 0.05 | 20.00 | 2.70 | 3.10 | 2.80 | 1.20 | 25 | 897 | Details | Trade |
| Closing Price : October 05, 2018 4:03:00 PM EDT $\square$ In-the-money ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## HBI October 19 Expiration Series

CALLS

| Open nterest | Volume | Net Change | Last | Bid | Ask | Strike <br> Price | Bid | Ask | Last | Net Change | Volume | Open Interes |
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| 4 | 0 | 0.00 | 4.78 | 2.90 | 3.30 | 14.00 | 0.00 | 0.05 | 0.03 | 0.00 | 0 | 53 |
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| 91 | 8 | -0.05 | 1.30 | 1.15 | 1.35 | 16.00 | 0.05 | 0.10 | 0.05 | -0.01 | 50 | 3,054 |
| 969 | 94 | -0.01 | 0.50 | 0.50 | 0.55 | 17.00 | 0.25 | 0.35 | 0.28 | 0.03 | 4 | 1,742 |
| 2,665 | 56 | -0.03 | 0.10 | 0.10 | 0.15 | 18.00 | 0.85 | 1.00 | 0.91 | 0.18 | 26 | 1,998 |
| 2,010 | 2 | -0.02 | 0.02 | 0.00 | 0.05 | 19.00 | 1.75 | 1.90 | 1.90 | 0.20 | 1 | 641 |

# $\$ 17.00-\$ 0.30=\$ 16.70$ 

## \$0.30/\$16.70 = 1.8\%

## 14 days

$1.8 \% \times(365 / 14)=46.9 \%$ annualized


John Dobosz
full bio»


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Active Trades

# Writing Weekly Puts On Activision Blizzard For Three-Week Trade 

## Forbes Premium Income Report

OCTOBER 5, 2018 - Video game publisher Activision Blizzard (ATVI) has treated us well on two previous put writes, and with the stock trading lower Friday morning, it is setting up for another potentially successful trade. We will be writing weekly puts at the $\$ 78.50$ strike price that expire on October 26 . The company reports earnings in early November. Please email me (jdobosz@forbes.com) at any time with questions about trades, past positions, or how to use this service. -- J.D.

TODAY'S TRADE

CONSERVATIVE:
Activision Blizzard (ATVI) - Put Write
Sell 1 ATVI \$78.50 October 26 Put @ \$2.00 or higher

ATVI Activision Elizzard Inc. Nasdaq GS QStockCharts.com
5 -0ct2018
Open 80.25 High 81.00 Low 78.66 Close 79.59 Volume 5.3 M Chg - $0.77(-0.96 \%)$


Activision Blizzard, Inc. (ATVI) Last: 79.10, Change: -1.259 (-1.57\%), Volume: 1.55 M
Put volume: 5,610 . Call volume: 5,484 - Put:Call Ratio: 1.02

## October 26, 2018 (21 days until expiration)

| 78.50 STRIKE PUT |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| $\begin{gathered} \text { Bid } \\ 2.00 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Ask } \\ 2.05 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Bid/Ask Size } \\ 43 \times 6 \end{gathered}$ | Implied Volatility 32\% |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Last } \\ & 1.68 \end{aligned}$ | Volume 19 | Open Interest 22 |  |
| ATVI 12-Month Stock Chart |  |  |  | Current Odds Put Expires Worthless: |  |  |  | 56\% |
| \$85.0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| \$80.0 |  |  | 15 | A \$1 ATVI Move Could Change Odds: |  |  |  | 7\% |
| \$75.0 |  |  |  | ATVI Trades Above Strike By: |  |  |  | 0.78\% |
| \$65.0 |  |  |  | ATVI Last Trade: |  |  |  | 79.10 |
| \$80.0 |  |  |  | ATVI Current Dividend Yield: |  |  |  | 0.43\% |
| 555.0 |  |  |  | Cost Basis If Put: |  |  |  | 76.50 |
| 109 | 27n8 |  | 10/4/8 | Inferred Dividend Yield At Cost Basis: |  |  |  | 0.44\% |
| - atvistock -78.50 strive |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tickerteoh.com Oat 5, 2018 |  |  |  | YieldBoosf" At Bi (Total / Annualized |  | 2.55\% / 44.28\% |  |  |

# $\$ 78.50-\$ 2.00=\$ 76.50$ 

## \$2.00/\$76.50 = 2.6\%

## 21 days

$1.8 \% \times(365 / 21)=31.2 \%$ annualized

## LAS VEGAS SANDS CORP COM Lvs: NYSE

Consumer Cyclicals: Hotels \& Entertainment Services

| Snapshot | Charts | News | Options | Analyst Research | Fundamentals | Earnings | Insider Activity |
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On 7/24/18, LVS announced a regular quarterly cash dividend of $\$ 0.75$ per share, payable on $9 / 27 / 18$ to shareholders, with an ex-dividend date of $9 / 18 / 18$.

| Last Price | Today's Change | Bid (Size) | Ask (Size) | Day's Range | Volume | Trade |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 61.40 | $+0.90(+1.49 \%)$ | $61.39 \times 1,600$ | $61.40 \times 1,100$ | $59.82-61.46$ | $5,159,571$ | BUY | SELL |

NYSE Real Time Quote Last Trade as of 3:44 PM ET 9/12/18

| Open | $\mathbf{5 9 . 9 2}$ | Market Cap | $\mathbf{4 7 . 7 ~ B}$ |  |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | :--- | ---: |
| Previous Close | $\mathbf{6 0 . 5 0}$ | Shares Outstanding | $\mathbf{7 8 8 . 0} \mathbf{~ M}$ |  |
| 52 - Week Range | $\mathbf{5 9 . 1 1 - 8 1 . 4 4 9}$ <br> $9 / 11 / 18-6 / 18 / 18$ | Beta | $\mathbf{1 . 0}$ |  |
| Avg Volume (10 days) | $\mathbf{5 , 3 6 1 , 5 2 1}$ | Dividend Yield | $\mathbf{4 . 9 6 \%}$ |  |
| P/E (Trailing 12 mo.) © | $\mathbf{1 4 . 6 4 x}$ | Quarterly Dividend | $\mathbf{0 . 7 5}$ |  |
| EPS (Trailing 12 mo.) © | $\mathbf{4 . 1 3 1}$ |  | Ex-Dividend Date | $\mathbf{9 / 1 8 / 1 8}$ |
| Next Earnings Date | $\mathbf{1 0 / 2 3 / 1 8}$ |  | Dividend Payable Date | $\mathbf{9 / 2 7 / 1 8}$ |

Extended Hours Quote and Chart: Show | Hid

| $61.3778+0.8778$ (+1.45\%) |  | Bid: 61.37 |  |  | : 61.38 |  | 5,192,908 | BUY | SELL |
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| 9/12/18 3:45:00 PM ET |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Symbol Q | Chain |  | Strikes ? |  | Near? |  |  | $\square$ ADJUSTED OPTIONS |  |
| LVS | Calls \& Puts | $\checkmark$ | 7 |  | 61.3778 | GO |  |  |  |

EXAMPLE: IBM SPY

| $\leqslant$ | Sep 21 '18 |  | Sep 28 '18w |  | Oct 5 '18w |  |  |  | Oct 12 '18w |  |  | Oct 19 '18 |  | All Months |  |  |
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| CALLS |  |  |  |  |  |  | OCT 19 '18 |  |  | PUTS |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Trade | Quote | Open Interest | Volume | Net Change | Last | Bid | Ask | Strike Price | Bid | Ask | Last | Net Change | Volume | Open Interest | Quote | Trade |
| Trade | Details | 505 | 1 | -0.28 | 5.45 | 4.25 | 7.65 | 55.00 | 0.42 | 0.45 | 0.46 | -0.13 | 17 | 627 | Details | Trade |
| Trade | Details | 29 | 25 | -0.35 | 3.30 | 4.15 | 4.45 | 57.50 | 0.85 | 0.87 | 0.94 | -0.24 | 36 | 403 | Details | Trade |
| Trade | Details | 2,460 | 43 | 0.42 | 2.46 | 2.43 | 2.48 | 60.00 | 1.62 | 1.67 | 1.68 | -0.43 | 103 | 3,337 | Details | Trade |
| Trade | Details | 698 | 140 | 0.24 | 1.21 | 1.20 | 1.24 | 62.50 | 2.86 | 3.05 | 3.30 | -0.33 | 22 | 2,449 | Details | Trade |
| Trade | Details | 1,390 | 36 | 0.09 | 0.50 | 0.50 | 0.54 | 65.00 | 4.60 | 4.90 | 4.97 | -0.50 | 15 | 2,608 | Details | Trade |
| Trade | Details | 5,261 | 32 | 0.02 | 0.16 | 0.19 | 0.21 | 67.50 | 6.70 | 7.40 | 7.06 | -0.65 | 1 | 2,189 | Details | Trade |


| Open Interest | Volume | Net Change | Last | Bid | Ask | Strike Price | Bid | Ask | Last | Net Change | Volume | Open Interest |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 505 | 1 | -0.28 | 5.45 | 4.25 | 7.65 | 55.00 | 0.42 | 0.45 | 0.46 | -0.13 | 17 | 627 |
| 29 | 25 | -0.35 | 3.30 | Sell LVS Oct 19 ' 18 \$62.50 Call |  |  |  |  |  | -0.24 | 36 | 403 |
| 2,460 | 43 | 0.42 | 2.46 |  |  |  |  |  |  | -0.43 | 103 | 3,337 |
| 698 | 140 | 0.24 | 1.21 | 1.20 | 1.24 | 62.50 | 2.86 | 3.05 | 3.30 | -0.33 | 22 | 2,449 |
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Buy 100 LVS and Sell Open 1 LVS Oct 19 ' $18 \$ 62.50$ Call at $\mathbf{\$ 6 0 . 2 0}$ Net Debit

# If assigned before dividend, earn $\$ 230$ on $\$ 6,020$ at risk, <br> $3.82 \%$ over 6 days 232\% annualized 

If assigned at expiration, earn $\$ 305$ on $\$ 6,020$ at risk,

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5.1 \% \text { over } 37 \text { days }
$$ 50\% annualized

## Buy Write

## Roll Out The Barrel: Molson Coors Buy Write Taps Fat Premium And Possible Dividend

## Forbes Premium Income Report

AUGUST 21, 2018 - Today's conservative recommendation is a buy write on shares of beer giant Molson Coors Brewing (TAP). The company has an ex-dividend date for a $\$ 0.41$ per share payout coming up next Thursday, August 30. We will either pocket this dividend, or get assigned in eight days or fewer, which would be no reason at all for crying in our beer. Please email me (jdobosz@forbes.com) at any time with questions about trades, past positions, or how to use this service. -- J.D.

TODAY'S TRADE

CONSERVATIVE:
Molson Coors Brewing (TAP) - Buy Write
Buy 100 TAP, Sell 1 September 28 \$69 Call
Execute for Net Debit of $\mathbf{\$ 6 7 . 1 5}$ or lower

September 28, 2018 (38 days until expiration)


## Ex-Dividend Date Tomorrow Makes Walgreens Buy Write Attractive

## Forbes Premium Income Report

AUGUST 16, 2018 - Today's conservative recommendation is a buy write on another drugstore chain, this time Walgreens Boots Alliance (WBA). What makes this trade timely is the ex-dividend date tomorrow for a payout of $\$ 0.44$ per share. If you want that dividend, you'll need to do this trade before today's close. Please email me (jdobosz@forbes.com) at any time with questions about trades, past positions or how to use this service. $-J . D$.

TODAY'S TRADE

## CONSERVATIVE:

Walgreens Boots Alliance (WBA) - Buy Write
Buy 100 WBA, Sell to Open 1 September $21 \$ 70$ Call
Execute for Net Debit of $\$ \mathbf{6 8 . 3 0}$ or lower

## September 21, 2018 ( 36 days until expiration)



## Kennametal Buy Write Grinds Out Dividend And Generous Call Premium

## Forbes Premium Income Report

AUGUST 14, 2018 - Today's conservative recommendation is a buy write on shares of Kennametal (KMT), a supplier of tools and machinery for industrial and infrastructure companies. Kennametal has an ex-dividend date tomorrow, August 15, for a payout of $\$ 0.20$ per share. Doing this buy write today puts you in line to grab that dividend. Please email me (jdobosz@forbes.com) at any time with questions about trades, past positions or how to use this service. - J.D.

TODAY'S TRADE

CONSERVATIVE:
Kennametal (KMT) - Buy Write
Buy 100 KMT, Sell to Open 1 October 19 \$40 Call
Execute for Net Debit of $\mathbf{\$ 3 7 . 8 0}$ or lower

October 19, 2018 ( 66 days until expiration)

### 40.00 STRIKE CALL



## Writing (Selling) Puts

## Selling Short-Term Puts On Six Flags <br> Forbes Premium Income Report

AUGUST 1, 2018 - Today's aggressive trade is a two-week put write on shares of amusement park operator Six Flags (SIX). If we are assigned the stock at expiration on August 17 , we will be able to wet our beak with a dividend of $\$ 0.78$ per share coming up at the end of the month. Please email me (jdobosz@forbes.com) at any time with questions about trades, past positions, or how to use this service. -- J.D.

## TODAY'S TRADE

## AGGRESSIVE:

Six Flags (SIX) - Put Write
Sell 1 SIX $\$ 62.50$ August 17 Put @ $\$ 1.00$ or higher

Six Flags Entertainment Corp (SIX) Last: 63.12, Change: -1.83 ( $-2.82 \%$ ), Volume: 929,403
Put volume: 95 - Call volume: 291 - Put:Call Ratio: 0.33
August 17, 2018 (16 days until expiration)

### 62.50 STRIKE PUT




| Current Odds Put Expires Worthless: | $58 \%$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| A \$1 SIX Move Could Change Odds: | $13 \%$ |
| SIX Trades Above Strike By: | $0.98 \%$ |
| SIX Last Trade: | 63.12 |
| SIX Current Dividend Yield: | $4.94 \%$ |
| Cost Basis If Put: | 61.55 |
| Inferred Dividend Yield At Cost Basis: $5.07 \%$ <br> YieldBoost <br> (Total / Annualized) $1.52 \%$ | $34.67 \%$ |

Odds Of Expiring Worthless History:


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## Booking Early Profit On Six Flags Put Write, Launching Into Buy Write With Eye On Dividend

## Forbes Premium Income Report

AUGUST 7, 2017 - Today's conservative trade is a buy write on shares of amusement and water park operator Six Flags Entertainment (SIX), designed to capture a dividend at the end of August, as well as some capital gains. If you sold puts on Six Flags six days ago on August 1, my recommendation is to buy to close those puts to lock in an early profit that produces $85 \%$ of the possible return you could achieve if you stayed in the trade until expiration in 10 days.

Please email me (jdobosz@forbes.com) at any time with questions about trades, past positions, or how to use this service. -- J.D.

TODAY'S TRADE

CONSERVATIVE:
Six Flags Entertainment (SIX) - Buy Write
Buy 100 SIX, Sell 1 September 21 \$67.50 Call
Execute for Net Debit of $\$ 64.95$ or lower

Sox Flags Entertainment Corp (S|X) Last: 66.02 , Change: $+0.38(0.55 \%$ ), Volume: 221,001 Put volume: 101 . Call volume: 220 . Put:Call Retio: 0.46

September 21, 2018 (45 days until expiration)

### 67.50 STRIKE CALL



| Current Odds Call Expires Worthless: | $60 \%$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| A \$1 SIX Move Could Change Odds: | $7 \%$ |
| SIX Trades Below Strike By: | $2.24 \%$ |
| SIX Last Trade: | 66.02 |
| SIX Current Dividend Yield: | $4.73 \%$ |
| Total Return If Called: | $+3.98 \%$ |
| Inferred Dividend Yield At Exit Price: $4.55 \%$ <br> YieldBoost  <br> Total / Annualized) Bid: $1.74 \%$ | $14.13 \%$ |




## Playing Games With One-Month Put Write On Activision

## Forbes Premium Income Report

AUGUST 23, 2018 - I need to drive to JFK airport to catch a 4:15 flight to San Francisco this afternoon, so the aggressive trade for today will be coming to you tomorrow morning. It will still be early in San Francisco when the market gets rolling in New York, so I'll get up early and have a fresh pick for your review. In the meantime, the conservative trade today is a put write on video game publisher Activision Blizzard, a veritable growth stock that has thrived on multiple gaming platforms over the past four decades. Please email me (jdobosz@forbes.com) at any time with questions about trades, past positions, or how to use this service. -- J.D.

## TODAY'S TRADE

## CONSERVATIVE:

Activision Blizzard (ATVI) - Put Write
Sell 1 ATVI \$70 September 21 Put @ \$1.60 or higher

September 21, 2018 (29 days until expiration)


## Accept Gifts When Offered



John Dobosz

# If You Like Earning 56\% Of Potential Profit In One Day, Buy To Close Activision Puts Today 

Forbes Premium Income Report

HOTLINE - AUGUST 24, 2018: ACTIVISION BLIZZARD (ATVI)

This service is not designed for day trading and earning lightning quick profits, but with shares of video game maker Activision Blizzard trading almost as high as $\$ 74$ per share, the $\$ 70$ September 21 puts that we sold on Thursday for $\$ 1.60$ can now be bought for $\$ 0.70$. That would give us a profit on one contract of $\$ 90$, for one day of work. My recommendation is buy to close, using a limit price of $\$ 0.70$ or lower. You could put in a low-ball order and try to make a few more bucks but for me it seems that when the market gives you gifts like these, you shouldn't refuse. What if the stock falls back and even pierces $\$ 70$ in a few weeks? If that happens, you'd probably be pining for this modest but immediate profit.

## Big Lots Put Write Earns Us Rich Premium

## Forbes Premium Income Report

JULY 5,2018 - Today's aggressive trade is a put write on shares of discount retailer Big Lots (BIG). The next earnings report is due out August 24, and there is no exdividend date until mid-September, so we have a window to sell some puts that expire on August 17. Please email me (jdobosz@forbes.com) at any time with questions about trades, past positions, or how to use this service. -- J.D.

## TODAY'S TRADE

## AGGRESSIVE:

Big Lots (BIG) - Put Write
Sell 1 BIG \$40 August 17 Put @ $\$ 1.60$ or higher

Big Lots, Inc. (BIG) Last: 40.55, Change: $-0.23(-0.56 \%)$, Volume: 954.933
Put volume: 495 - Call volume: 6,707 - Put:Call Ratio: 0.07
August 17, 2018 (43 days until expiration)


## Cashing In Big Lots Put Write Profits Three Weeks Early

## Forbes Premium Income Report

## HOTLINE: JULY 25, 2018 - BIG LOTS (BIG)

Less than three weeks ago on July 5, we sold one contract of $\$ 40$ puts on discount retailer Big Lots (BIG), earning $\$ 1.60$ per option. Today, because shares of Big Lots have rallied higher, we can close out this position by buying these puts at $\$ 0.35$, and that's what I recommend doing. If you are short the August $17 \$ 40 \mathrm{BIG}$ puts, put in a buy to close order for one contract. Use a limit price of $\$ 0.35$. If your order is filled, you will earn a profit $\$ 125$ on $\$ 3,840$ at risk, over a 20 -day period. That's good for a return of $3.26 \%$, or $59.4 \%$ annualized.

## Taking Another Bite At The Big Lots Apple

## Forbes Premium Income Report

JULY 27, 2018 - Although criminals return to the scene of a crime, we are not criminals, and it was no crime to make money writing puts on discount retailer Big Lots (BIG). Nonetheless, we are turning to Big Lots and writing puts again for today's aggressive trade. Earnings are due out on August 24 , and the puts we are writing expire on August 17. Please email me (jdobosz (6)forbes.com) at any time with questions about trades, past positions, or how to use this service. -- J.D.

## TODAY'S TRADE

## AGGRESSIVE:

Big Lots (BIG) - Put Write
Sell 1 BIG $\$ 42.50$ August 17 Put @ $\$ 1.10$ or higher

## Locking In Paper Profits By Closing Out Domtar Put Write Two Weeks Early

## Forbes Premium Income Report

## SEPTEMBER 10, 2018 - HOTLINE: DOMTAR (UFS)

Back on August 2, we sold one contract of $\$ 47.50$ September 21 puts on pulp and paper products maker Domtar (UFS) for $\$ 1.05$. Today we can buy to close this short put position for a nickel or less, and that's my recommendation. By risking $\$ 4,645$, we earned $\$ 100$, or $2.15 \%$. Over 39 days, the annualized return is $20.1 \%$.


Big Lots, Inc. (BIG) Last: 42.56, Change: -1.48 ( $-3.38 \%$ ), Volume: $\mathbf{2 5 0 , 3 0 2}$
Put volume: 381 . Call volume: 241 . Put:Call Ratio: 1.58

## August 17, 2018 (21 days until expiration)



# Booking Put-Write Profits Early As Big Lots Comes Through For Us Again 

## Forbes Premium Income Report

## HOTLINE - AUGUST 9, 2018: BIG LOTS (BIG)

On July 25, we closed out a put write on discount retailer Big Lots (BIG) early and took our profits after shares surged. Two days later, on July 27 , we sold more puts on Big Lots, earning $\$ 1.10$ for selling one contract of the $\$ 42.50$ August 17 puts. That was when BIG was trading at $\$ 42.56$. Today shares of BIG trade near $\$ 47.50$ and we can close out the position for $\$ 0.05$ or lower, and that's what I recommend doing.

If you are short the $\$ 42.50$ August 17 BIG puts, put in a buy to close order for one contract and use a limit price of $\$ \mathbf{0 . 0 5}$. If you do this, you will have earned $\$ 105$ on $\$ 4,140$ at risk, or $2.54 \%$ over a 13-day period. On an annualized basis, that's $71.2 \%$.

## What, Me Worry?



## What could go wrong?

## Stock price tanks:

If you've sold calls, buy to close and sell new calls at lower strike prices if you can buy them at $75 \%$ or more below the price at which you sold them.

If you've sold puts, buy to close when underlying stock price drops $10 \%$ below potential cost basis (strike price minus put premium).

## When The Stock Jumps

If you've sold calls, you could buy to close the short calls at a loss, but then sell additional calls at a higher strike price

If you've sold puts, and if you can buy to close the position 75\% or more below the price you received for the puts, buy them and look for new opportunities, maybe a buy write on the underlying stock

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