

Strategy: Long & Short Strangle

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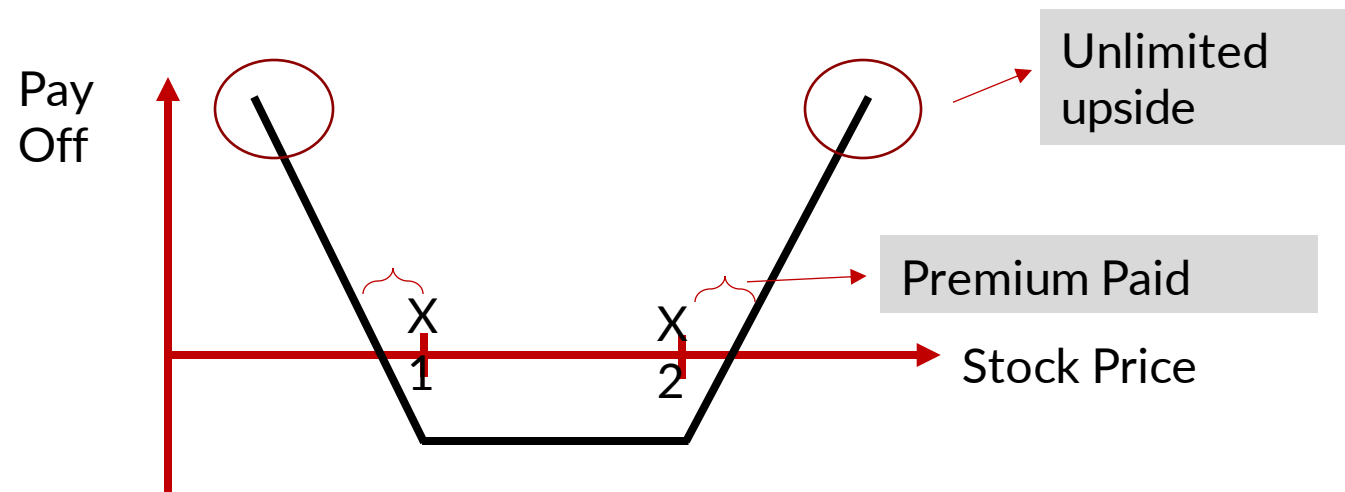
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What is It? Long Strangle

- It is via buying one OTM call and one OTM puts
- Limited downside with unlimited upside
- Strategy for **drastic swings!**

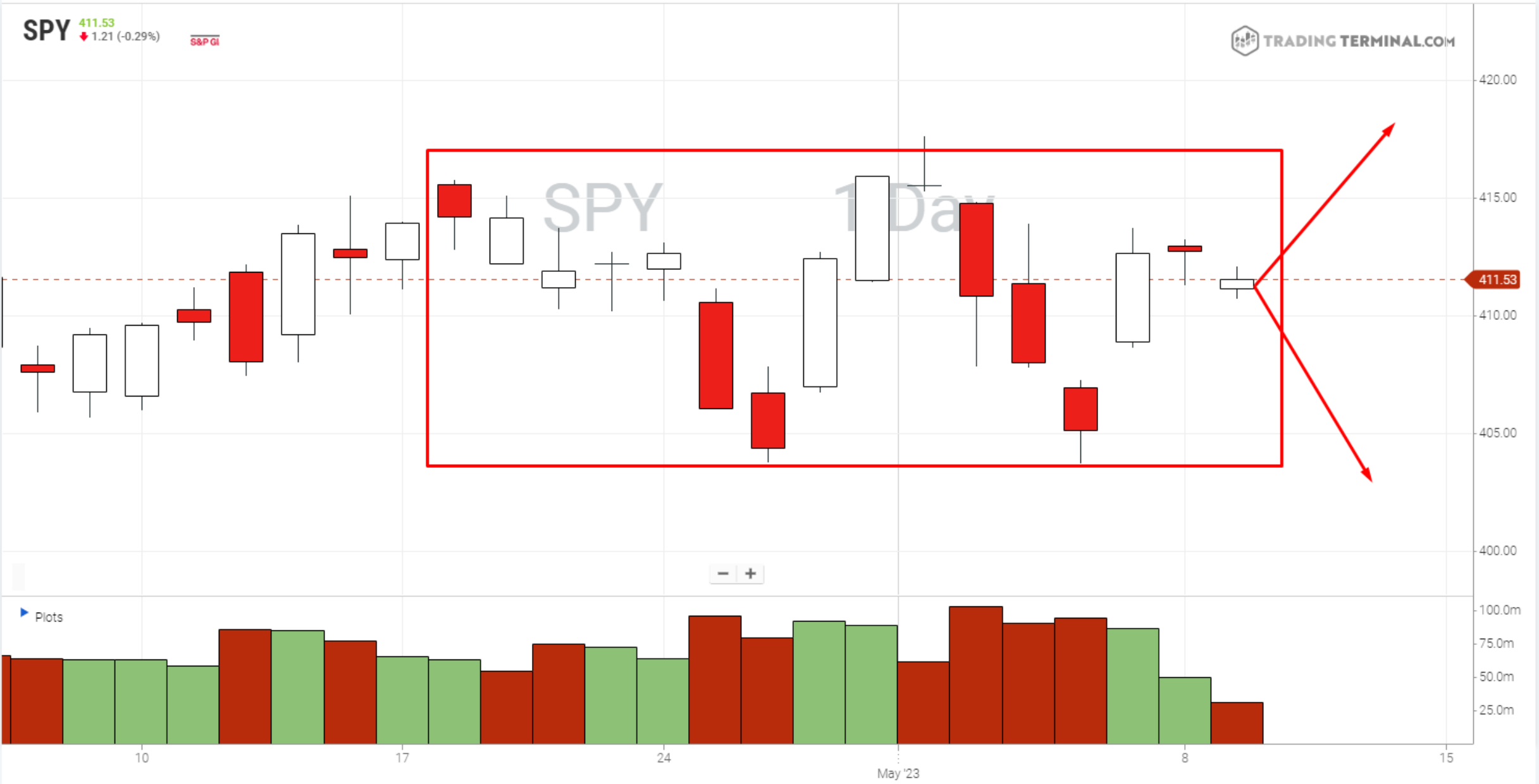


Where to Use It

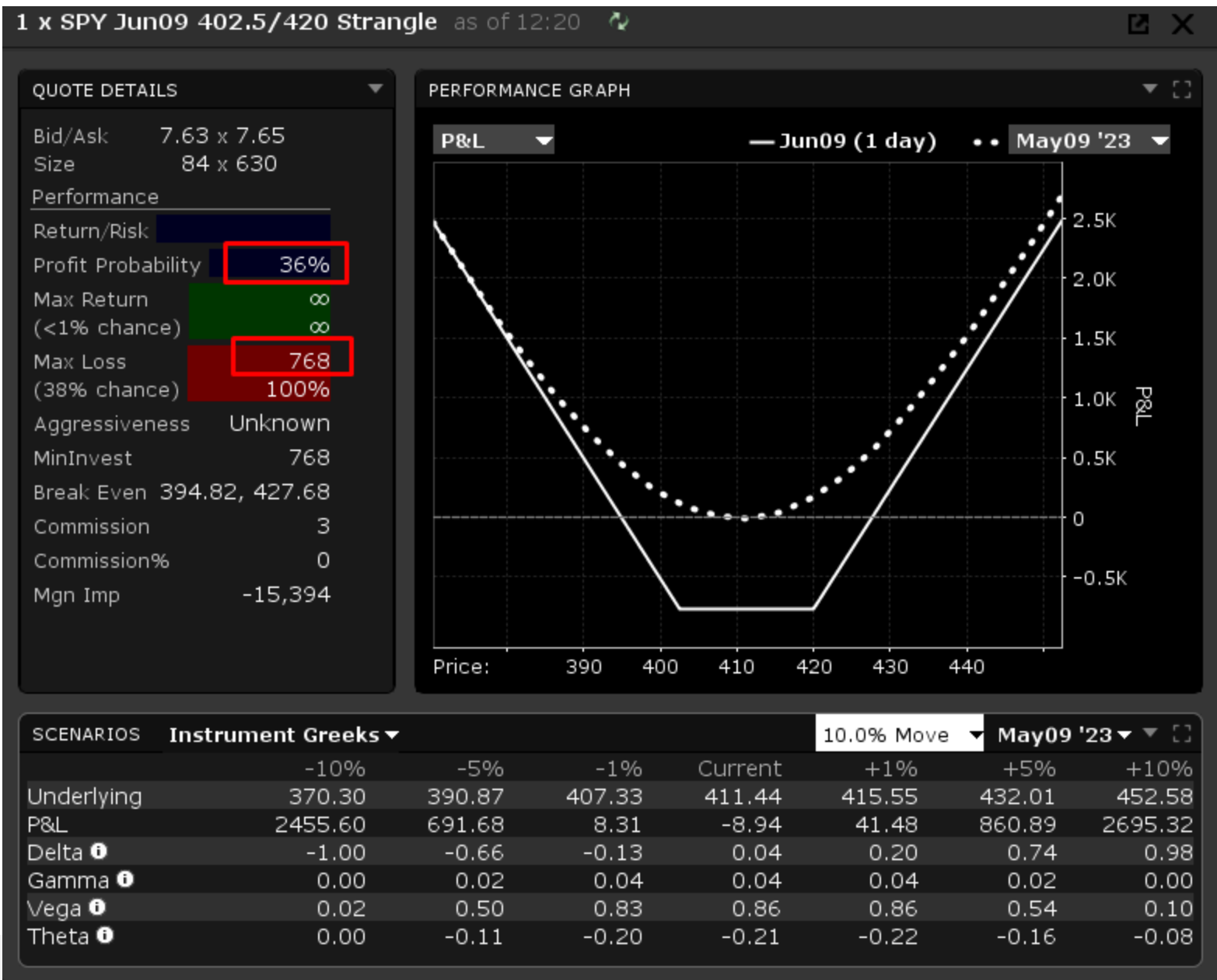
- When you expect fast moves, and breach of expected moves or EMs.
- These are neutral strategies that you would make money both ways, regardless of the direction.
- You are long volatility: so you expect to put these on when vol is low and is expected to rise.

Max Loss	Premium Spent *100
Max Upside	Unlimited
Breakeven Up	Call strike + total premium spent
Breakeven Down	Put Strike - premium spent

Example



Risk Profile



- Delta neutral*
- Long Vega
- Long Theta
- Long Gamma

Everyday that goes by, and the stock does not do anything, is a lost day.

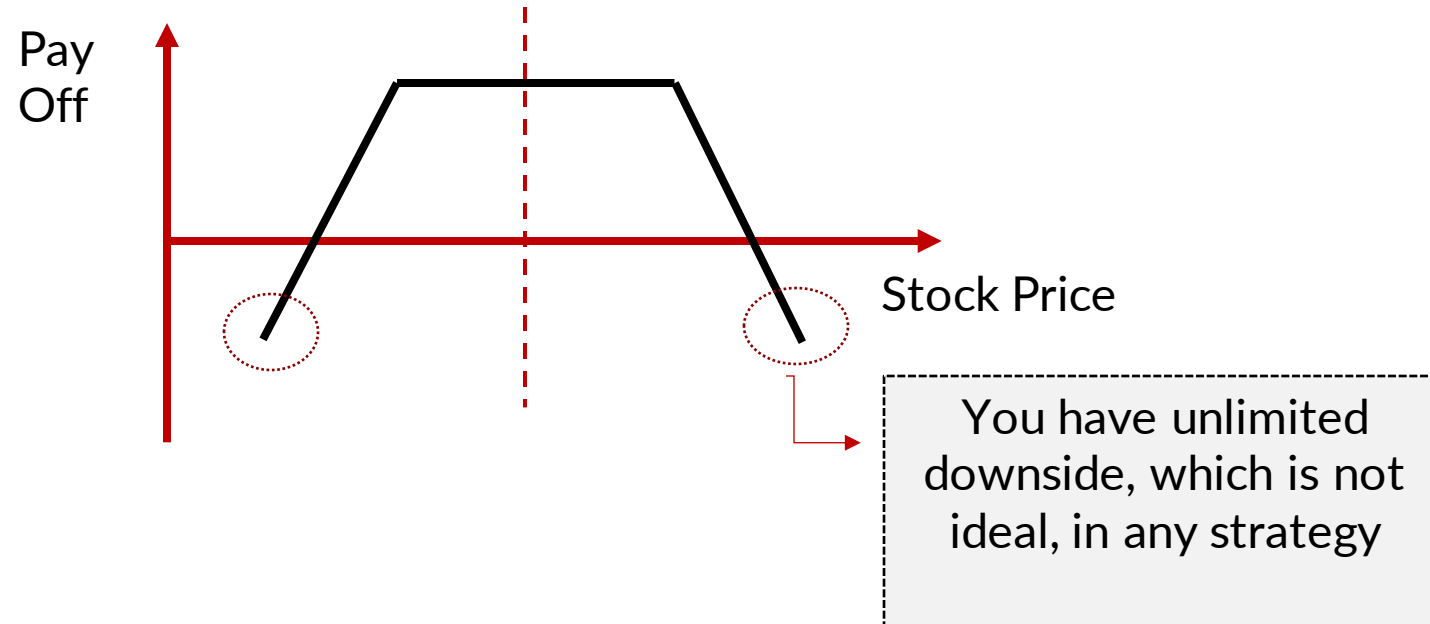
You need fast moves!

Pros & Cons

- Unlimited return, capped loss. Lower probability trades.
- Time sensitive.
- No assignment risk

What is It? Short Strangle

- It is via selling one OTM call and one OTM puts
- Limited upside with unlimited downside
- Strategy for **range bound market**.



Where to Use It

- When you expect **range bound market** and **declining volatility**.
- In this strategy, you want the stock to stay within the range. No breach of expected moves is expected.
- You are **short volatility**: so you expect to put these on when vol is **high** and is expected to **decline**.

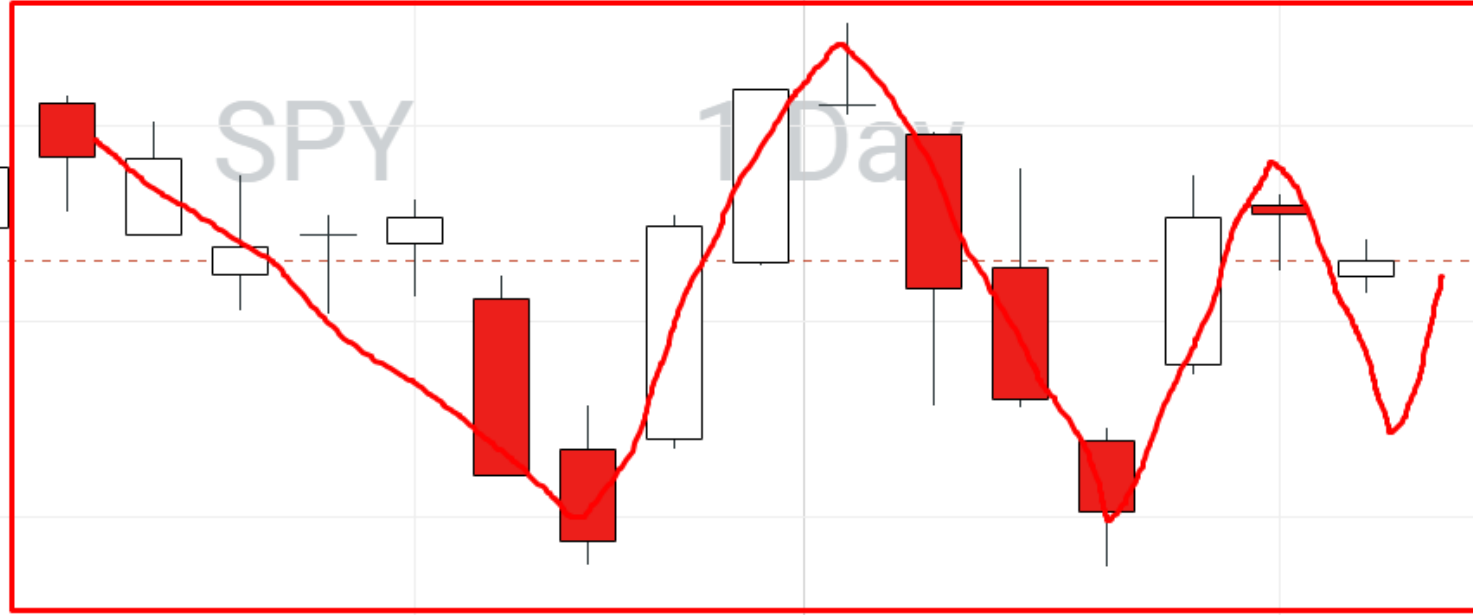
Max Loss	Unlimited
Max Upside	Total premium collected
Breakeven Up	OTM call strike price + total premium collected
Breakeven Down	OTM put strike - total premium collected

Example

SPY 411.52
↓ 1.22 (-0.30%)

S&P 500

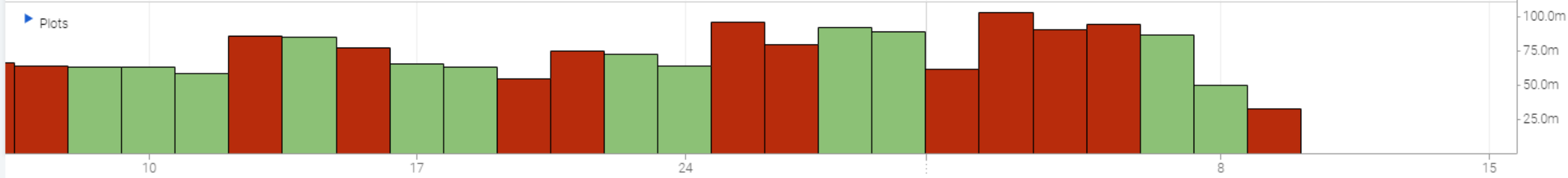
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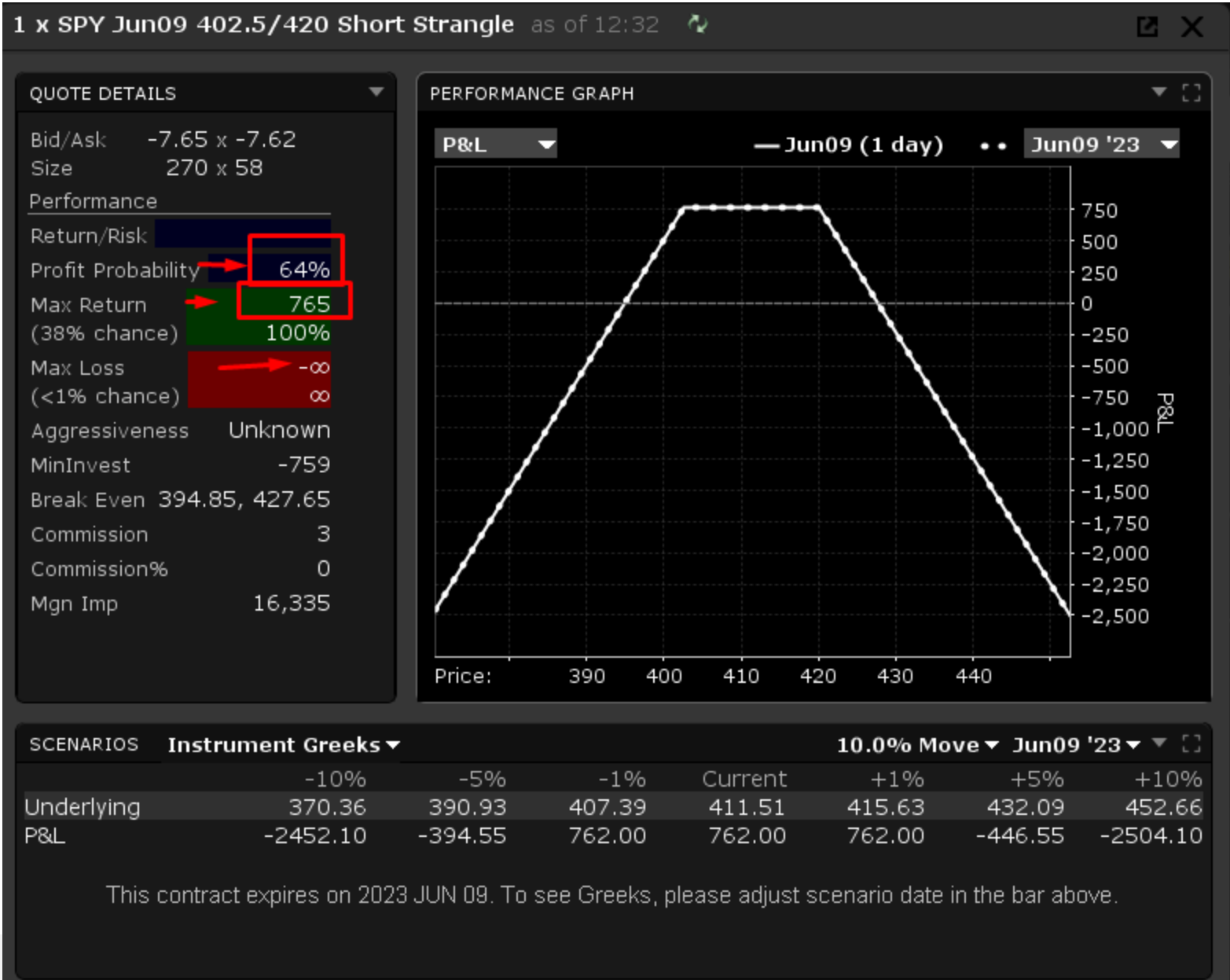
Example

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Plots



Risk Profile



- Delta neutral*
- Short Vega
- Short Theta
- Short Gamma

Everyday that goes by, and the stock does not do anything, is a good day.

You want the stock to be range bound.

Pros & Cons

- limited return, unlimited loss. **Higher probability** trades.
- Time is in your favor!
- High assignment risk