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Hi Jeffrey,

There hasn't been much I've really liked recently.
Here are four trades - 3 I like right now and 1 for now or soon.

1) BUY 10y BTPS @ 3.16% - This is a 3-6mth 'buy the rumour sell the fact' tactical trade to position for ECB QE (now)

The ECB is preparing both itself and markets for QE - Its senior board members have stepped up public comments over the past 48hrs. This is the clearest sign so far QE could happen and why I am writing to you now.

Ideally ECB wants to buy ABS from small to medium sized European companies but the outstanding available is relatively small so it will likely buy Eurozone Government Bonds. The spread between Italian BTPs and German Bunds has tightened significantly past 18months but old metrics of value make no sense in Europe because they rely on history when there was no QE.

While It's hard to get excited about 10y BTPs yielding 3.16% (164bp over 10Y German Bunds) I'd still have 5-10mm 10y BTPs in my portfolio both for the duration and spread compression potential. I prefer 10y over 5y because the recent nearly parallel spread compression has left 5s10s steep relative to 0-5s..

3 reasons i like this trade:

- i) macro investors view ECB QE as a second bite at the cherry. Everyone I talk to wants European risk assets having seen QE in the US.
- ii) ECB QE is probably still 3-6mths away which will keep credit bid. This will be a buy the rumour sell the fact trade
- iii) Credit has been bulletproof during the recent risk selloff because a) ECB QE expectations, b) G3 rate hikes are being pushed into the future while cash has nowhere else to go. This price action is telling - as and when equities recover i think credit continues to tighten

Yields of 10Y Italy, 10y Germany and the Yield Spread



2) Tactically position for higher EURUSD - 2 week view (now)

BUY EUR50mm 2week expiry 1.40 strike European Style EURUSD Calls @ 6bp (EUR30,000)

This is a low cost contrarian short term tactical call. Most investors myself included are bullish USD in the medium term (see trade 3)

but in the very short term I see EURUSD higher because:

- i) Despite ECB preparing the markets for QE, the price action of EURUSD (broadly unchanged) has been quite bullish compared to what one would expect
- ii) Speculators don't appear long EURUSD to us. Majority are short or flat.
- iii) implied volatility is 5.25% (offer for 2week options) which is very very low historically. So this is a penny option, highly convex, pain trade bet against other speculators betting on QE

If my view is wrong 6bp is lost. If i'm right i'd plan to exit in a week making 4-6x

Scenario Analysis - Premium in bp of EUR notional

EURUSD call option prices	
Spot	1.382

Spot	At exp	1w	2w
1.42	141	142	145
1.41	71	76	84
1.4	0	24	37
1.39	0	4	11
1.382	0	1	4

<< 4bp is mid mkt, offer is 6bp

3) Position for a Stronger Dollar - 1year view (now or soon)

Buy 1y expiry European style digital binary option on EURUSD struck 5% below spot @ 21% of payout (which i think is too cheap)

Current strike (spot - 5%) would be 1.3120

At expiry if EURUSD has fallen by more than 5% from current levels the option payout is EUR1mm. Upfront premium is EUR210k.

The option is liquid and can be unwound at any time.

- i) Yellen has done a poor job of communicating the Fed's thinking but its increasingly clear the Fed will brake later than usual
- ii) Betting on higher US interest rates *in the rates market* isn't cost effective because the forward curve is already pricing in higher rates
- iii) The Dollar hasn't appreciated yet because short rates in the US haven't risen meaningfully
- iv) THE KEY POINT - FX volatility is very low in currency pairs like EURUSD where central bank policy on each side is increasingly diverging. The low vol makes this bet inexpensive to put on.
- v) Because FX vol is so low betting now or soon with a one year time horizon costs very little. id rather be early than late here
- vi) i prefer 1y expiry because this trade could take 6-12mths to play out

1Y EURUSD VOL: Low - but then again most most vols are
What I like about EURUSD is that central bank policy on each side is diverging



This Table shows mid-market premiums (in % of notional) as spot and time change.

EURUSD binary option prices Spot: 1.382

Spot		At exp	1m	2m	3m	6m	9m	12m
± X%	Abs Spot							
5.0	1.451	0	0	0	1	3	6	8
2.5	1.416	0	0	1	2	6	10	12
0.0	1.382	0	1	3	6	12	16	19.5
-2.5	1.347	0	7	13	18	25	28	30
-5.0	1.313	100	48	48	47	46	45	45
-7.5	1.278	100	95	88	82	71	66	62
-10.0	1.244	100	100	99	96	88	82	77

19.5 is mid (offer is 21)

4) Scale into £4mm Nationwide (UK Building Society) 6.875% perpetual which yields 6.4% in GBP and is likely to be called in 5years

European Bank AT1 Hybrid Bonds (aka CoCo's) have rallied significantly. We were unable to get the BBVA issue at the right

levels.

A very similar bond which has rallied 30bp less than the BBVA is the Nationwide (UK Building Society) 6.875% perpetual which currently yields 6.4% and is likely to be called in 5years time. It has a tier1 capital trigger of 7% and current tier1 capital ratio is 13% which is fair margin.

The Nationwide one i'm suggesting today is rated Fitch/S&P BB+, its parent is Fitch/S&P rated single-A
The BBVA bond we tried to buy earlier is rated Fitch BB-, its parent is S&P rated BBB-

I suggest scaling £2mm at 6.5% and £2mm at 6.75%. Transaction cost is 6bp from mid.

Yield to call of Nationwide 6.875% perpetual ISIN XS1043181269



Tazia for any execution, Q&A to me.

Best,
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