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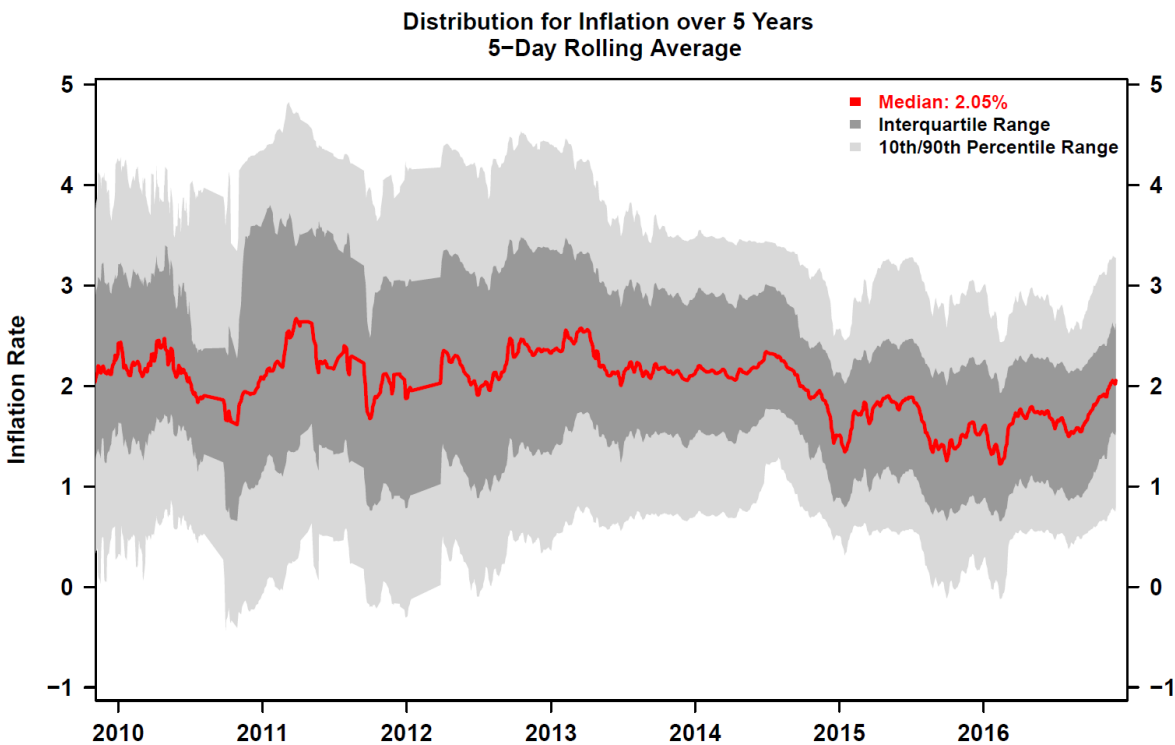
BANKING AND POLICY STUDIES

Minneapolis Options Report – December 2nd

Median inflation expectations rose for all inflation tenors over the two week period. MPD skew for the 3-month LIBOR tenor registered its largest increase in 12 months as median LIBOR expectations rose in unison. The S&P 500 gained 1% while the 20 banks and 11 insurance firms we follow outperformed the broader market, posting respective average returns of 2.7% and 1.2%. The dollar was stronger against the yen; the dollar catalogued its largest single-month gains against the yen in November. WTI crude jumped by 8%, and its MPD standard deviation fell by -3.6 percentage points following OPEC's announcement of supply reduction.

Inflation

Market-based inflation expectations derived from caps and floors on the CPI for 1- and 5-year periods increased over the 2-week period by 7.5 and 7 basis points to 2.15% and 2.09 %, respectively. This increase, continuing since September, is best observed in the 5-year tenor (see figure, below).



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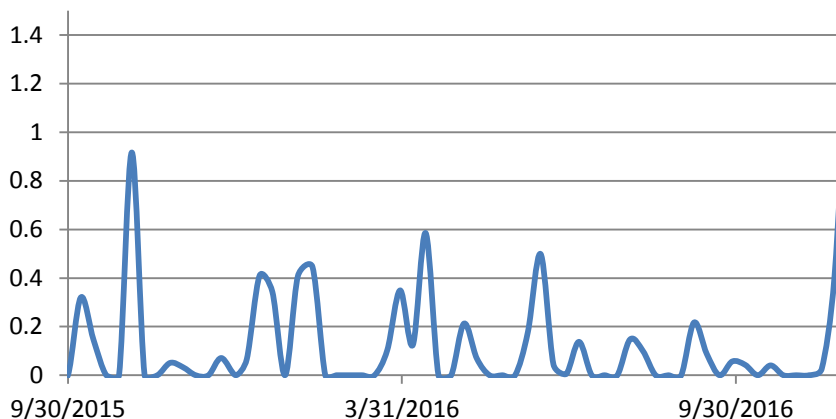
- The probability of low inflation, defined as the market probability of less than 1% inflation fell for the 1- and 5-year by a respective -1.5 and -1.8 percentage points.

Interest Rate

Spot prices for the Treasuries we follow declined over the two week period, and consequently yields rose. MPD standard deviations rose by a respective 0.17 and 0.26 percentage points for the 5- and 10-year Treasury and currently stand well above the 75th percentile historic ranges. The market probability of a large decline, defined for the 5-year as a -3% or more decline and the 10-year as a -5% or more decline, set new 1-year record as each increase by at least 1 percentage point.

The median expectation of 3m-LIBOR, 3 years out, increased by 13 basis points (bps) and currently stands at 1.7%, a new 12-month high. MPD skew for the 3-year points to investor bias towards higher future LIBOR rates. The increase in skew over the 2-week period represents the largest increase in 12 months (see plot, below).

Biweekly MPD Skew Increases for 3-month LIBOR (3-year Expiry)



Banks and Insurance Companies

The S&P 500 returned 1% over the past two weeks with average MPD standard deviation changes being flat. The 20 banking firms we follow posted a 2.7% return, outperforming the market. The 11 insurance companies we follow also outperformed the broader market, returning 1.2%.

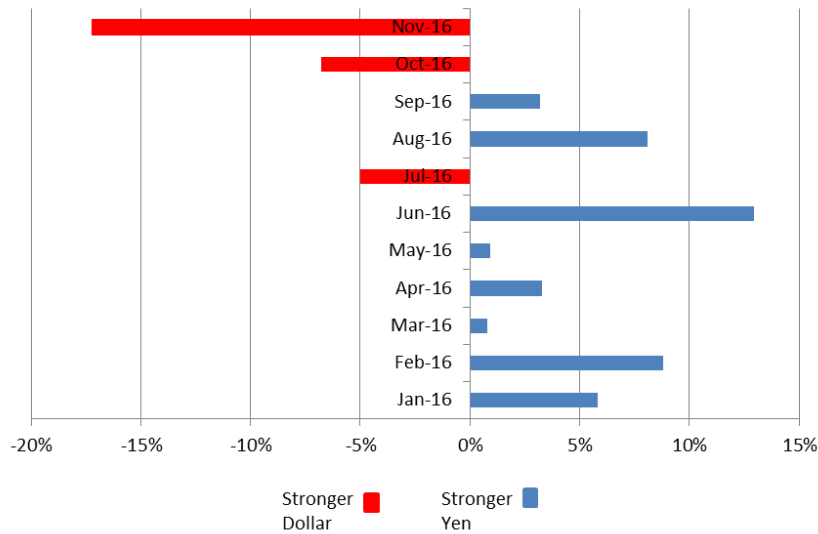
Additional details:

- Changes in MPD standard deviation for banks and insurance firms tracked the S&P 500 and were largely flat on average.

Other Markets

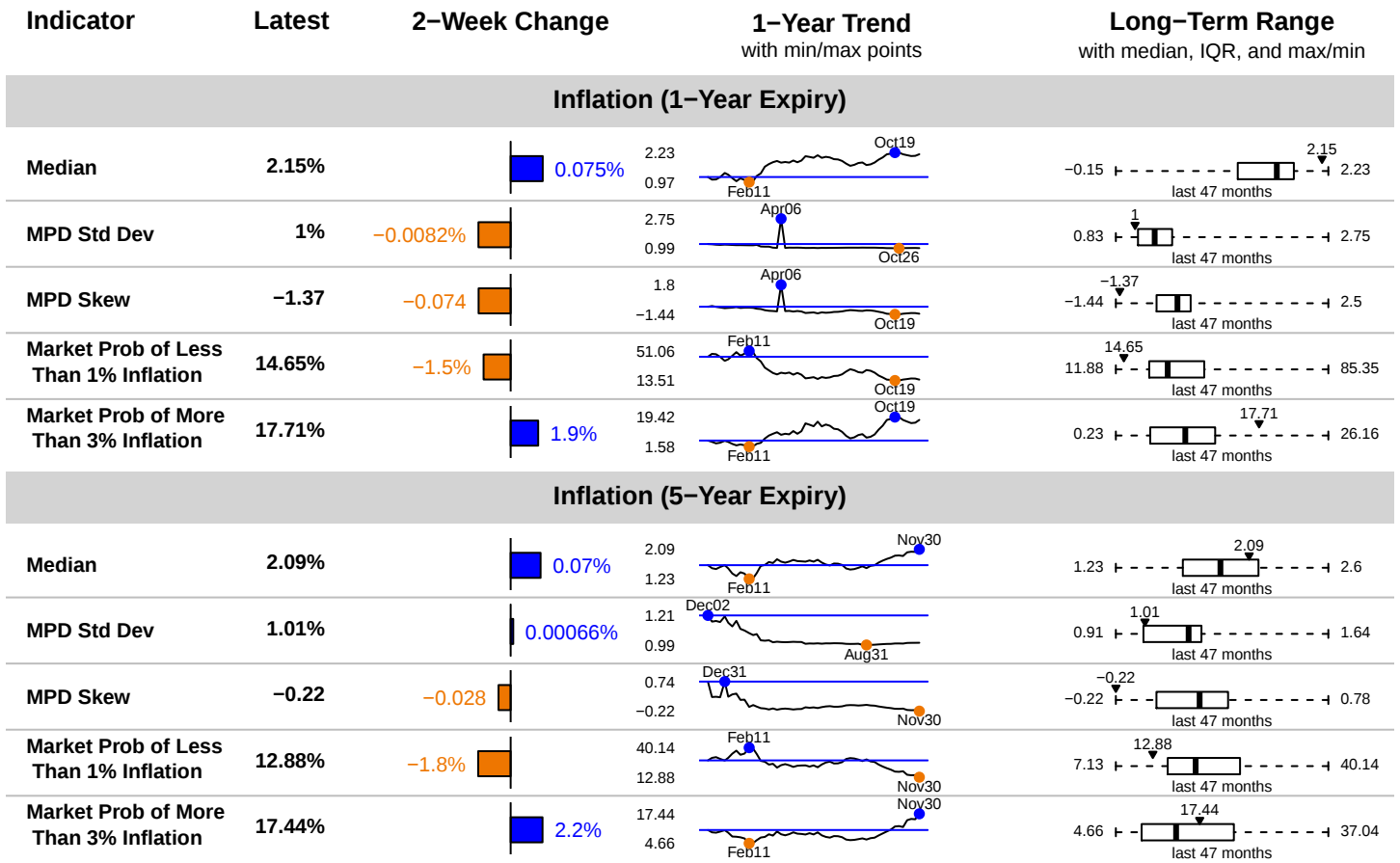
- The iShares US Real Estate Index outperformed the S&P 500, posting a 1.1% return. MPD standard deviation decreased by -0.4 percentage points.
- The dollar was stronger against the yen. MPD skew for the USD-Yen pair rose 1.9 percentage points to its highest point in 12 months. The drop in USD-Yen spots for the month of November, 2016 represents the largest decrease in 12 months (see plot, below)

Cumulative Monthly USD-Yen Price Changes



- Gold and silver posted declines of -4.3% and -3.2% over the two week period. Gold's MPD skew fell by -0.3 and suggests that bias exists towards lower gold prices in the future.
- WTI crude jumped by 8% on news that OPEC will begin reducing supply. Its MPD standard deviation decreased by -3.6 percentage points, indicating that investor uncertainty has fallen for the commodity.
- Agricultural crops posted mixed returns, with wheat falling by -3% and soybeans rising by 4.7%. MPD standard deviation of soybeans inched higher by 0.7 percentage points.
- Cattle posted a return of 2.9%; MPD standard deviation rose by 0.5 percentage points.

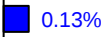
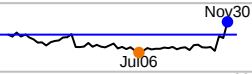
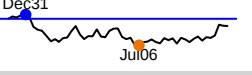
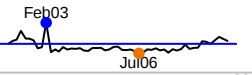
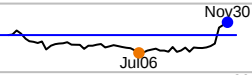
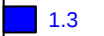
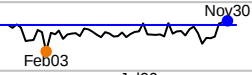
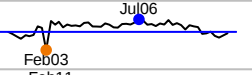
Inflation MPD Statistics as of November 30, 2016



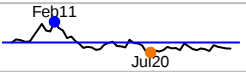
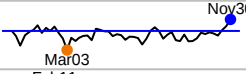
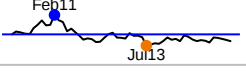
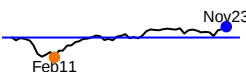
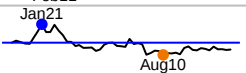
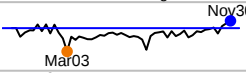
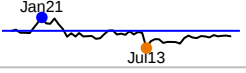
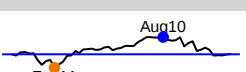
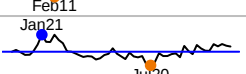
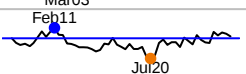
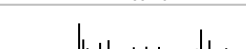
Medium-to-Long Bond Price MPD Statistics as of November 30, 2016

Indicator	Latest	2-Week Change	1-Year Trend with min/max points	Long-Term Range with median, IQR, and max/min
5 Year Treasury (3-Month Expiry)				
Spot	117.82	-0.6%	122.32 117.82	117.82 117.82
MPD Std Dev	1.95%	0.17%	1.96 1.3	1.3 1.95
MPD Skew	-0.53	-0.077	0.19 -0.53	-0.53 -0.54
Market Prob of -3% or More Decline	6.51%	1%	6.51 1.84	6.51 1.84
Volume	60788	32%	335039 0	60788 1678
10 Year Treasury (3-Month Expiry)				
Spot	124.52	-1%	133.67 124.52	124.52 122.97
MPD Std Dev	3.22%	0.26%	3.28 2.14	3.22 2.14
MPD Skew	-0.26	-0.037	0.21 -0.26	-0.26 -0.75
Market Prob of -5% or More Decline	6.45%	1.3%	6.45 1.54	6.45 1.54
Volume	176936	40%	1143418 0	176936 5226

Short Interest Rates MPD Statistics as of November 30, 2016

Indicator	Latest	2-Week Change	1-Year Trend with min/max points	Long-Term Range with median, IQR, and max/min
3 Month LIBOR (3-Year Expiry)				
Median	1.7%	 0.13%	1.7 0.77 	0.72 ---  1.85 last 47 months
MPD Std Dev	1.38%	 0.19%	1.38 0.98 	0.69 ---  2.17 last 47 months
MPD Skew	2.36	 1.3	2.36 0.58 	0.4 ---  7.06 last 47 months
Market Prob of Less Than 0.5% LIBOR	16.38%	 -1.1%	37.56 14.23 	9.79 ---  38.02 last 47 months
Market Prob of More Than 1% + Spot	36.6%	 -1.4%	50.06 13.93 	13.93 ---  67.85 last 47 months
3 Month LIBOR (5-Year Expiry)				
Median	1.37%	 -0.025%	2.16 0.83 	0.83 ---  2.99 last 45 months
MPD Std Dev	2.23%	 0.64%	2.23 1.31 	1.31 ---  2.85 last 45 months
MPD Skew	2.64	 1.3	2.64 0.2 	0.2 ---  3.88 last 45 months
Market Prob of Less Than 1% LIBOR	39.49%	 3.2%	56.28 19.19 	17.66 ---  56.28 last 45 months
Market Prob of More Than 2% + Spot	29.45%	 4.2%	42.02 0.2 	0.2 ---  60.53 last 45 months

Equity Index MPD Statistics as of November 30, 2016

Indicator	Latest	2-Week Change	1-Year Trend with min/max points		Long-Term Range with median, IQR, and max/min
S&P 500 (6-Month Expiry)					
Spot	2198.81	1%	2204.72 1851.86		1418.1 - - - - - 2198.81 last 47 months
MPD Std Dev	11.16%	-0.21%	17 10.31		8.87 - - - - - 17 last 47 months
MPD Skew	-1.16	0.2	-1.16 -1.74		-1.74 - - - - - -1.16 last 47 months
Market Prob of -20% or More Decline	5.88%	-0.57%	12.52 4.74		3.65 - - - - - 12.52 last 47 months
Volume	52248	-45%	203231 0		13428 - - - - - 52248 last 47 months
S&P 500 (12-Month Expiry)					
Spot	2198.81	1%	2204.72 1851.86		1418.1 - - - - - 2198.81 last 47 months
MPD Std Dev	17.48%	-0.084%	23.52 16.2		10.5 - - - - - 23.52 last 47 months
MPD Skew	-1.27	0.088	-1.27 -1.78		-1.78 - - - - - -1.27 last 47 months
Market Prob of -20% or More Decline	12.51%	-0.13%	17.37 9.5		5.51 - - - - - 17.37 last 47 months
Volume	43626	-3.7%	105728 0		4874 - - - - - 43626 last 47 months
iShares US Real Estate Index (3-Month Expiry)					
Spot	74.85	1.1%	84.23 67.26		61.63 - - - - - 74.85 last 47 months
MPD Std Dev	9.7%	-0.42%	11.7 6.52		4.77 - - - - - 11.83 last 47 months
MPD Skew	-0.85	0.035	-0.47 -1.36		-2.09 - - - - - -0.85 last 47 months
Market Prob of -10% or More Decline	15.44%	-1.5%	18.66 7.17		3.43 - - - - - 15.44 last 47 months
Volume	15535	250%	98246 0		32 - - - - - 15535 last 47 months

Exchange Rate MPD Statistics as of November 30, 2016

Indicator	Latest	2-Week Change	1-Year Trend with min/max points	Long-Term Range with median, IQR, and max/min
Dollar-Euro Futures (3-Month Expiry)				
Spot	1.06	-0.93%		
MPD Std Dev	8.76%	3%		
MPD Skew	-0.06	0.15		
Market Prob of -10% or More Decline	11.08%	6.6%		
Volume	80329	-2.5%		
Dollar-Pound Futures (3-Month Expiry)				
Spot	125.1	0.51%		
MPD Std Dev	5.58%	0.55%		
MPD Skew	-0.14	-0.035		
Market Prob of -10% or More Decline	3.85%	1%		
Volume	10879	-49%		
Dollar-Yen Futures (3-Month Expiry)				
Spot	87.53	-4.5%		
MPD Std Dev	8.22%	1.9%		
MPD Skew	0.07	-0.18		
Market Prob of -10% or More Decline	9.77%	4.8%		
Volume	33984	-20%		

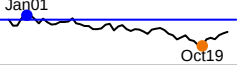
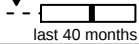
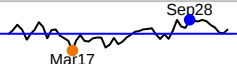
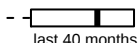
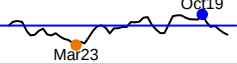
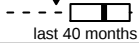
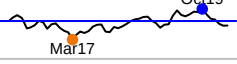
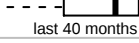
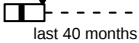
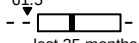
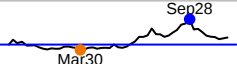
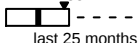
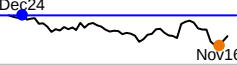
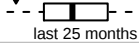
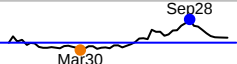
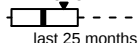
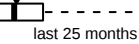
Metal and Energy Commodity MPD Statistics as of November 30, 2016

Indicator	Latest	2-Week Change	1-Year Trend with min/max points	Long-Term Range with median, IQR, and max/min
Gold (6-Month Expiry)				
Spot	1175.94	-4.3%	1374.09 1054.83 	1175.94 1054.83
MPD Std Dev	11.73%	0.54%	14.59 10.41 	11.73 9.39
MPD Skew	-0.39	-0.29	0.39 -0.39 	-0.39 -0.71
Market Prob of -20% or More Decline	5.4%	0.96%	8.69 2.99 	5.4 2.39
Volume	6258	-62%	28912 0 	6258 378
Silver (6-Month Expiry)				
Spot	16.53	-3.2%	20.58 13.82 	16.53 13.82
MPD Std Dev	18.16%	-0.38%	21.99 17.33 	18.16 13.16
MPD Skew	-0.08	-0.16	0.48 -0.31 	-0.08 -0.63
Market Prob of -20% or More Decline	14.01%	-0.84%	19.11 11.99 	14.01 6.54
Volume	1881	89%	10785 0 	1881 37
West Texas Intermediate Crude (6-Month Expiry)				
Spot	52.4	7.9%	53.56 32.5 	52.4 32.5
MPD Std Dev	25.32%	-3.6%	39.37 23.83 	25.32 10.25
MPD Skew	-0.57	-0.092	-0.25 -0.6 	-0.57 -0.81
Market Prob of -20% or More Decline	21.51%	-3.3%	31.89 19.9 	21.51 3.65
Volume	2173	-24%	121098 0 	2173 165

Agricultural Crop Commodity MPD Statistics as of November 30, 2016

Indicator	Latest	2-Week Change	1-Year Trend with min/max points		Long-Term Range with median, IQR, and max/min
Corn (6-Month Expiry)					
Spot	355.54	0.65%	439.62 315.44		315.44 - 355.54 - 724 last 47 months
MPD Std Dev	13.83%	-0.075%	22.76 12.41		12.41 - 13.83 - 22.76 last 47 months
MPD Skew	0.12	-0.0011	0.7 0.09		-0.19 - 0.12 - 0.7 last 47 months
Market Prob of -20% or More Decline	7.66%	-0.35%	21.96 4.96		4.96 - 7.66 - 21.96 last 47 months
Volume	7322	2.7%	315800 0		4050 - 7322 - 377209 last 47 months
Soybeans (6-Month Expiry)					
Spot	1048.47	4.7%	1159.12 868.87		864.89 - 1048.47 - 1456.5 last 47 months
MPD Std Dev	13.39%	0.66%	23.86 10.21		10.21 - 13.39 - 23.86 last 47 months
MPD Skew	0.1	-0.051	0.89 -0.16		-0.5 - 0.1 - 0.89 last 47 months
Market Prob of -20% or More Decline	7.14%	1%	17.39 2.96		2.96 - 7.14 - 17.39 last 47 months
Volume	14911	240%	80482 0		294 - 14911 - 240059 last 47 months
Wheat (6-Month Expiry)					
Spot	414.96	-2.9%	548.3 388.16		388.16 - 414.96 - 821.25 last 47 months
MPD Std Dev	15.45%	-0.099%	21.98 15.14		12.95 - 15.45 - 22.31 last 47 months
MPD Skew	0.46	-0.11	0.74 0.38		0.01 - 0.46 - 0.74 last 47 months
Market Prob of -20% or More Decline	9.7%	-0.15%	20.35 9.03		5.67 - 9.7 - 20.71 last 47 months
Volume	1587	79%	83594 0		179 - 1587 - 83594 last 47 months

Agricultural Livestock Commodity MPD Statistics as of November 30, 2016

Indicator	Latest	2-Week Change	1-Year Trend with min/max points	Long-Term Range with median, IQR, and max/min
Cattle (6-Month Expiry)				
Spot	111.75	 2.9%	127.78 98.31 	111.75 98.31 - 170.32  last 40 months
MPD Std Dev	13.49%	 0.52%	15.35 9.55 	13.49 3.6 - 15.35  last 40 months
MPD Skew	-0.64	 -0.13	-0.12 -0.9 	-0.64 -0.94 - -0.12  last 40 months
Market Prob of -5% or More Decline	30.9%	 -0.85%	38.78 24.21 	30.9 8.46 - 38.78  last 40 months
Volume	11214	 10%	18901 0 	11214 1263 - 33850  last 40 months
Hogs (6-Month Expiry)				
Spot	61.5	 -0.081%	81.22 51.28 	61.5 51.28 - 94.48  last 25 months
MPD Std Dev	17.55%	 -0.17%	24.26 13 	17.55 13 - 24.26  last 25 months
MPD Skew	-0.78	 0.21	-0.28 -0.99 	-0.78 -0.99 - 0.17  last 25 months
Market Prob of -20% or More Decline	13.13%	 -0.22%	21.98 7.18 	13.13 7.18 - 21.98  last 25 months
Volume	3050	 6.2%	10974 0 	3050 53 - 16073  last 25 months

Bank MPD Statistics as of November 30, 2016

Indicator	Latest	2-Week Change	1-Year Trend		Long-Term Range
with min/max points					
with median, IQR, and max/min					
MPD Standard Deviation (3-Month Expiry)					
American Express	11.48%				
Bank of America	14.07%	-0.87%			
BB&T	10.77%	-0.93%			
Barclays	15.28%	-0.67%			
Bank of NY Mellon	11.88%	-0.2%			
Citigroup	13.13%	-1.3%			
Capital One	14.05%	-0.089%			
Credit Suisse	17.12%				
Deutsche Bank	23%	-0.31%			
Fifth Third	14%				
Goldman Sachs	11.74%	-1.5%			
JP Morgan	11.07%	-1.3%			
Keycorp	14.75%	-0.17%			
Morgan Stanley	13.41%	-1.5%			
PNC Financial	11.14%	-0.84%			
Regions Financial	15.76%	-1.3%			
SunTrust	11.93%	-1.6%			
State Street	12.87%	-0.24%			
UBS	13.36%				
US Bancorp	9.22%	-0.79%			
Wells Fargo	10.85%	-1.6%			

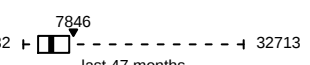
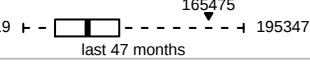
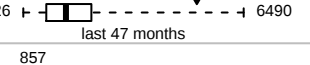
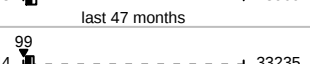
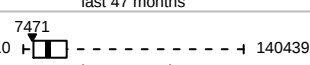
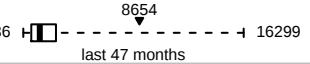
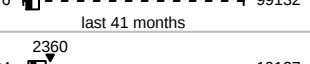
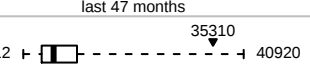
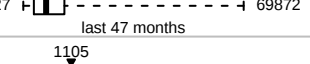
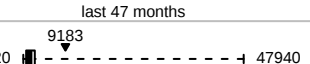
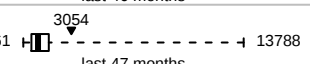
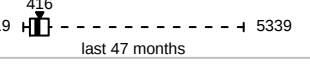
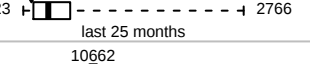
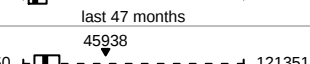
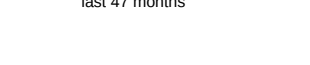
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Indicator	Latest	2-Week Change	1-Year Trend with min/max points	Long-Term Range with median, IQR, and max/min
MPD Skew (3-Month Expiry)				
American Express	-0.67	-0.0099		
Bank of America	-0.36	0.14		
BB&T	-1.21	0.28		
Barclays	-0.29	-0.31		
Bank of NY Mellon	-0.84	0.014		
Citigroup	-0.59	0.23		
Capital One	-0.6	0.21		
Credit Suisse	-0.03	0.046		
Deutsche Bank	-0.42	0.18		
Fifth Third	-0.42	0.34		
Goldman Sachs	-0.49	-0.049		
JP Morgan	-0.66	0.11		
Keycorp	-0.44	0.3		
Morgan Stanley	-0.48	0.054		
PNC Financial	-0.79	0.25		
Regions Financial	-0.33	0.082		
SunTrust	-0.51	0.24		
State Street	-0.87	0.053		
UBS	-0.04			
US Bancorp	-0.77	0.17		
Wells Fargo	-0.34	0.16		

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Indicator	Latest	2-Week Change	1-Year Trend with min/max points	Long-Term Range with median, IQR, and max/min
Market Probability of -20% or More Decline (3-Month Expiry)				
American Express	5.22%	0.88%		
Bank of America	8.35%	-1.3%		
BB&T	5.09%	-0.73%		
Barclays	10.68%	-0.53%		
Bank of NY Mellon	6.9%	0.6%		
Citigroup	7.58%	-1.4%		
Capital One	9.04%	-0.41%		
Credit Suisse	12.08%	-0.57%		
Deutsche Bank	14.02%	-1.7%		
Fifth Third	7.75%	-0.24%		
Goldman Sachs	5.31%	-1.4%		
JP Morgan	5.37%	-1.3%		
Keycorp	9.43%	-0.11%		
Morgan Stanley	7.18%	-1.1%		
PNC Financial	5.2%	-1.4%		
Regions Financial	10.89%	-1.6%		
SunTrust	5.69%	-1.9%		
State Street	7.47%	0.66%		
UBS	7.28%			
US Bancorp	3.4%	-0.99%		
Wells Fargo	4.39%	-1%		

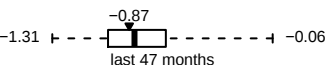
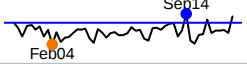
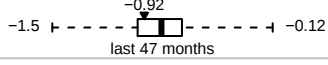
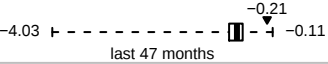
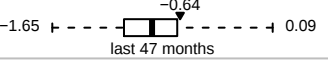
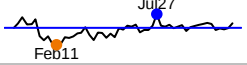
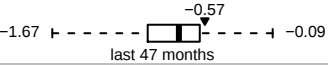
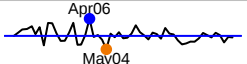
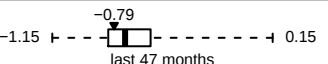
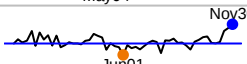
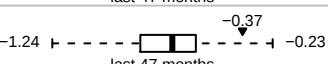
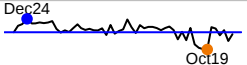
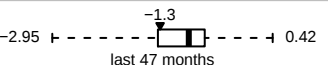
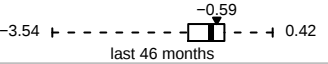
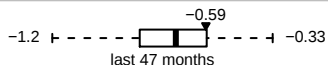
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Indicator	Latest	2-Week Change	1-Year Trend with min/max points	Long-Term Range with median, IQR, and max/min
Volume (3-Month Expiry)				
American Express	7846	59%	15162 0	532  32713 last 47 months
Bank of America	165475	40%	187673 0	7419  195347 last 47 months
BB&T	5138	230%	5986 0	126  6490 last 47 months
Barclays	857	-43%	18909 0	8  18909 last 47 months
Bank of NY Mellon	99	-91%	33235 0	44  33235 last 47 months
Citigroup	7471	-74%	90561 0	1810  140439 last 47 months
Capital One	8654	240%	9096 0	136  16299 last 47 months
Credit Suisse	800	-84%	31577 0	1  31577 last 47 months
Deutsche Bank	11042	-19%	99132 0	76  99132 last 41 months
Fifth Third	2360	170%	6123 0	24  19127 last 47 months
Goldman Sachs	35310	-14%	40920 0	612  40920 last 47 months
JP Morgan	5373	-79%	55464 0	951  132116 last 47 months
Keycorp	1325	-65%	5129 0	44  27404 last 47 months
Morgan Stanley	18236	-34%	32733 0	327  69872 last 47 months
PNC Financial	1105	-55%	4932 0	42  4932 last 47 months
Regions Financial	9183	-81%	47587 0	20  47940 last 46 months
SunTrust	3054	-28%	11023 0	61  13788 last 47 months
State Street	416	29%	2700 0	19  5339 last 47 months
UBS	124		2034 0	23  2766 last 25 months
US Bancorp	10662	-68%	33496 0	52  33496 last 47 months
Wells Fargo	45938	300%	80746 0	950  121351 last 47 months

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Indicator	Latest	2-Week Change	1-Year Trend with min/max points	Long-Term Range with median, IQR, and max/min
MPD Standard Deviation (3-Month Expiry)				
Aflac	9.33%	0.27%		
AIG	9.14%	-0.77%		
Allstate	8.8%	-0.29%		
Ameriprise	13.49%	-2.1%		
Chubb	8.2%	-0.66%		
Hartford Financial	11.69%	-0.17%		
Lincoln National	15.01%	-0.73%		
Met Life	14.11%	-0.57%		
Principal Financial	12.71%	3.7%		
Progressive	14.93%	3.9%		
Prudential	13.21%	-0.68%		

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Indicator	Latest	2-Week Change	1-Year Trend with min/max points	Long-Term Range with median, IQR, and max/min
MPD Skew (3-Month Expiry)				
Aflac	-0.87	-0.81 		
AIG	-0.4	0.36 		
Allstate	-0.92	-0.025 		
Ameriprise	-0.21	0.38 		
Chubb	-0.64	0.33 		
Hartford Financial	-0.57	0.27 		
Lincoln National	-0.79	0.12 		
Met Life	-0.37	0.19 		
Principal Financial	-1.3	-0.37 		
Progressive	-0.59	0.29 		
Prudential	-0.59	0.24 		

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Indicator	Latest	2-Week Change	1-Year Trend with min/max points	Long-Term Range with median, IQR, and max/min
Market Probability of -20% or More Decline (3-Month Expiry)				
Aflac	3.49%	1.6%		
AIG	2.42%	-0.87%		
Allstate	2.8%	-0.28%		
Ameriprise	9.1%	-3.3%		
Chubb	2.12%	-0.9%		
Hartford Financial	5.85%	-1.2%		
Lincoln National	9.59%	-0.87%		
Met Life	9.21%	-1.1%		
Principal Financial	6.76%	4.1%		
Progressive	10.64%	5%		
Prudential	7.96%	-1.5%		

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Indicator	Latest	2-Week Change	1-Year Trend with min/max points	Long-Term Range with median, IQR, and max/min
Volume (3-Month Expiry)				
Aflac	549	-28%	9135 0	549 68 22718 last 47 months
AIG	6127	-45%	44233 0	6127 110 103998 last 47 months
Allstate	1935	-46%	3608 0	1935 63 5708 last 47 months
Ameriprise	55	-97%	1973 0	55 5 1973 last 47 months
Chubb	883	75%	6138 0	883 3 9027 last 47 months
Hartford Financial	690	20%	2769 0	690 16 14934 last 47 months
Lincoln National	1000	-44%	4145 0	1000 51 8403 last 47 months
Met Life	5985	-64%	22250 0	5985 319 74100 last 47 months
Principal Financial	99	-89%	1102 0	99 2 1102 last 47 months
Progressive	66	57%	1798 0	66 0 3415 last 46 months
Prudential	1212	-13%	14512 0	1212 222 17185 last 47 months