

Trade Alert - (GLD) – BUY

**BUY the SPDR Gold Shares (GLD) April 2025 \$230-\$240
vertical BULL CALL debit spread at \$9.00 or best**

Opening Trade

3-11-2025

Expiration date: April 17, 2025

Portfolio weighting: 10%

Number of Contracts = 12 contracts

Gold has recently reaffirmed its status as a flight to safety asset class when safety is suddenly commanding a big premium. This is all happening against a backdrop of global wars, but also a rapidly derogating US Economy.

The Atlanta Fed said that the US GDP shrank by -2.4% in Q1, meaning we are already well on our way into recession. The Atlanta Fed always has the most

extreme forecasts. The latest reading from the Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank's GDP Now model, which is considered the central bank's primary tool for measuring growth in real-time, indicated July 1 that real gross domestic product shrank by 2.1% on a seasonally adjusted annual rate in Q2.

It is all very gold-positive.

If you can't do options, buy the stock. **My long-term target for (GLD) is \$500, up nearly a double from today's \$262.**

Therefore, I am buying the **SPDR Gold Shares (GLD) April 2025 \$230-\$240 vertical BULL CALL debit spread at \$9.00 or best.**

Don't pay more than \$9.40, or you will be chasing.

DO NOT USE MARKET ORDERS UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.

If you live in a foreign time zone when the US stock market is closed, such as Australia, or don't want to spend all day in front of a screen, simply enter a spread of **Good-Until-Cancelled** orders overnight, like \$9.00, \$9.10, \$9.20, \$9.30, and \$9.40. You should get done on some or all of these.

The bull case for gold is simple. Falling interest rates mean less yield competition for gold, which yields nothing. China and Russia have been stockpiling gold for years to avoid international financial sanctions. The only way the Chinese can save right now is to buy gold.

A global gold shortage is developing with new mine costs rising. Gold also offers protection against rising US debt, which is expected to hit \$35 trillion shortly.

On top of all this, Chinese speculators have shifted their principal savings vehicle from real estate, which has crashed and has no future, to gold. This adds a large retail element that has never existed before.

SPDR Gold Shares (GLD) is a play on physical gold. They are shares in a corporation that owns 400-ounce gold bullion bars held by a London trust. It is far safer owning gold through the (GLD) than owning your own physical gold bars via a third-party custodian. If the custodian goes under, which is frequent, your gold is gone. With (GLD), your credit risk is with State Street, a highly rated firm with a strong balance sheet.

For details about SPDR Gold Shares (GLD), please visit their website at <https://www.spdrgoldshares.com>.

This is a bet that the (GLD) will not fall below \$240 by the April 17 option expiration in 27 trading days.

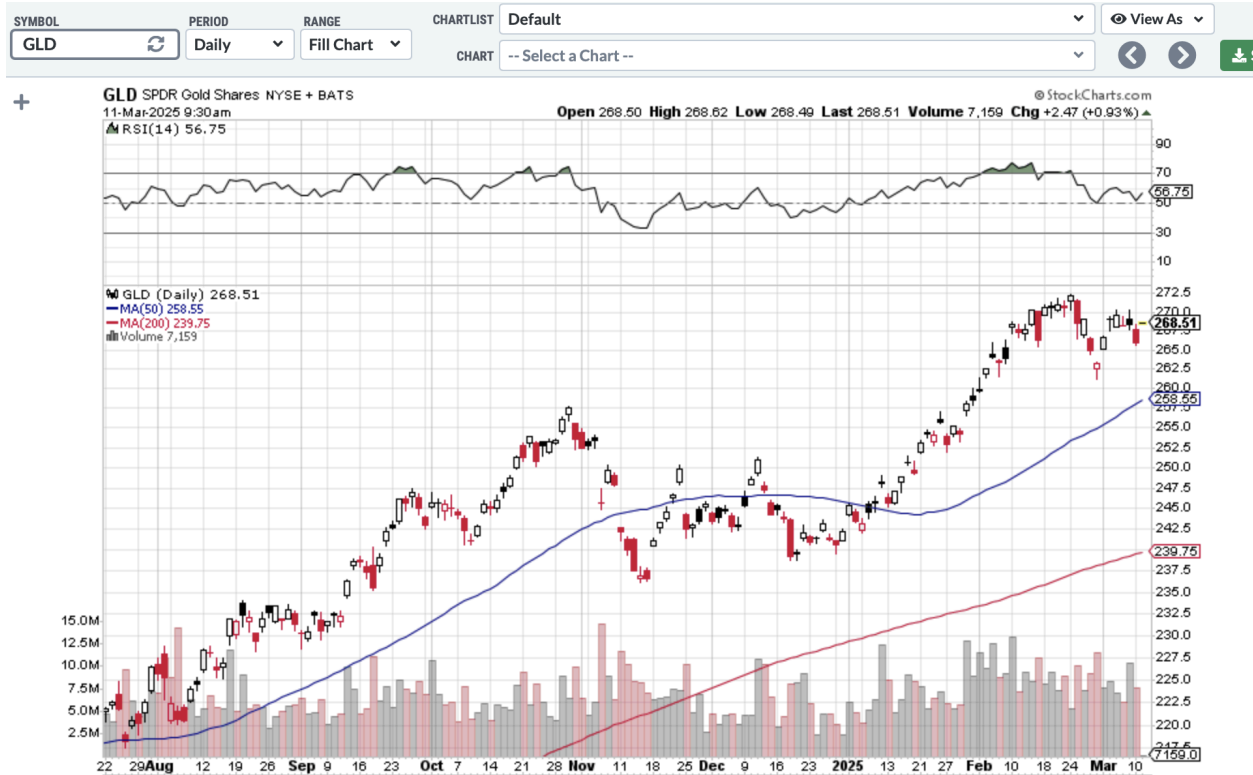
Here are the specific trades you need to execute this position:

Buy 12 April 2025 (GLD) \$230 calls at.....\$40.00
Sell short 12 April 2025 (GLD) \$240 calls at.....\$31.00
Net Cost:.....\$9.00

Potential Profit: \$10.00 - \$9.00 = \$1.00

(12 X 100 X \$1.00) = \$1,200 or 11.11% in 27 trading days.

The screenshot displays a trading platform interface for SPDR Gold Shares (GLD). The top navigation bar includes tabs for various financial instruments: GM, GS, IBKR, JPM, NVDA, SDS, SH, SPY, TLT, TSLA, GLD (selected), WMT, and a plus sign for more options. The main panel is divided into several sections. The 'Quote Panel' shows the current bid and ask prices for GLD, with a bid of 268.51 and an ask of 268.54. Below this, the 'Statistics' section provides key metrics for GLD, including Opt. Volume (4.56K), Put/Call Volume (0.14), Opt. Volume Change % (2.006%), Hist. Vol. Close % (14.023%), Opt. Implied Volatility % (15.7%), and Opt. I. The 'Buttons' section contains several action buttons: 'Add Underlying', 'Preview Order/Check Margin Impact', 'Close Strategy Positions', 'Close Position', 'Reverse Position', and 'View Account'. The 'Trading' section is active, showing a 'Strategy Builder' tab. This tab displays a 'Bull Spread' strategy with a 'Debit' of 9.00. The strategy details table shows a buy of 100 shares of GLD \$230 calls and a sell of 100 shares of GLD \$240 calls, both with a multiplier of 1. The strategy is marked as 'Consolidated'. A graph on the right illustrates the bull spread payoff. At the bottom, the 'Place order' section shows a quantity of 12, a day order type, and a limit price of 9.00. The 'Option Chains' section at the very bottom shows expiration dates: APR 04 '25 (24 DAYS), APR 11 '25 (31 DAYS), APR 17 '25 (37 DAYS), APR 25 '25 (45 DAYS), and a 'MORE' button.



To see how to enter this trade in your online platform, please look at the order ticket above, which I pulled off of **Interactive Brokers**.

If you are uncertain on how to execute an options spread, please watch my training video on **“How to Execute a Vertical Bull Call debit Spread”** by clicking here at

<https://www.madhedgefundtrader.com/ltt-vbcs/>

The best execution can be had by placing your bid for the entire spread in the middle market and waiting for the market to come to you. The difference between the bid and the offer on these deep in-the-money spread trades can be enormous.

Don't execute the legs individually or you will end up losing much of your profit. Spread pricing can be very volatile on expiration months farther out.

Keep in mind that these are ballpark prices at best. After the alerts go out, prices can be all over the map.

