

TRADE ALERT - BUY

Buy the S&P 500 (SPY) *June 18, 2026* \$755-\$760
in-the-money vertical bear put debit spread at \$4.50 or best

Opening Trade

5-5-2026

expiration date: June 18, 2026

Portfolio weighting: 10% weighting

Number of Contracts = 25 contracts

If there was ever a time to “Sell in May and go away,” it is now.

Interest rates are breaking out to the upside to year highs. Inflation is soaring at 1% a month. The “**four-week**” Iran War is proving to be an endless one and is heating up once again.

The **high-end** target for the S&P 500 for the end of 2026 is \$760. I am therefore

willing to bet that we will not climb above \$755 in the next 25 trading days. Markets are now wildly **overextended**, and a “sell on the earnings” news correction is imminent.

If you are new **to** this game, I would start out with a single contract and watch how it plays out.

If this position turns the wrong way, please stop out quickly. Highly leveraged trades like this one can pile up losses very quickly.

I never like to waste a crisis, and news today that Iran fired drones at a UAE tanker attempting to pass through the Straits of Hormuz sent crude prices up a ballistic \$9 to \$107. While I believe that crude will eventually hit \$200 a barrel, it's not going to do it by June 18.

One of my many conclusions from my recent trip to the Persian Gulf is that all sides are lying about the extent of damage done to the oil infrastructure. It is much worse than anyone pretends.

A huge air bubble is about to hit the global energy supply system. I am already seeing gas lines in San Francisco. That portends much higher oil prices for much longer. It's likely that our “**four-week**” war will last through at least the end of 2026.

Keep in mind that brokers can arbitrarily increase their margin requirements at 1:00 PM EST on the Friday expiration day and hit you with an out-of-the-blue margin call, so keep your positions small.

Therefore, I am buying the **S&P 500 (SPY) *June 2026* \$755-\$760 in-the-money vertical bear put debit spread at \$4.50 or best.**

Don't pay more than \$4.75 or you'll be chasing.

DO NOT USE MARKET ORDERS UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.

Simply enter your limit order, wait five minutes, and if you don't get done, cancel your order and increase your bid by five cents with a second order.

If you don't want to sit in front of a screen all day or live in a foreign time zone when the US stock market is closed, such as Australia, or don't want to sit in front

of a screen all day, simply enter a spread of **Good-Until-Cancelled** orders overnight, like \$4.50, \$4.55, \$4.60, \$4.65, and \$4.70. You should get done on some or all of these.

This is a bet that (SPY) will not rise above \$755 by the June 18 option expiration in 25 trading days.

To learn more about the S&P 500 Index ETF, please visit their website by [clicking here](#).

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

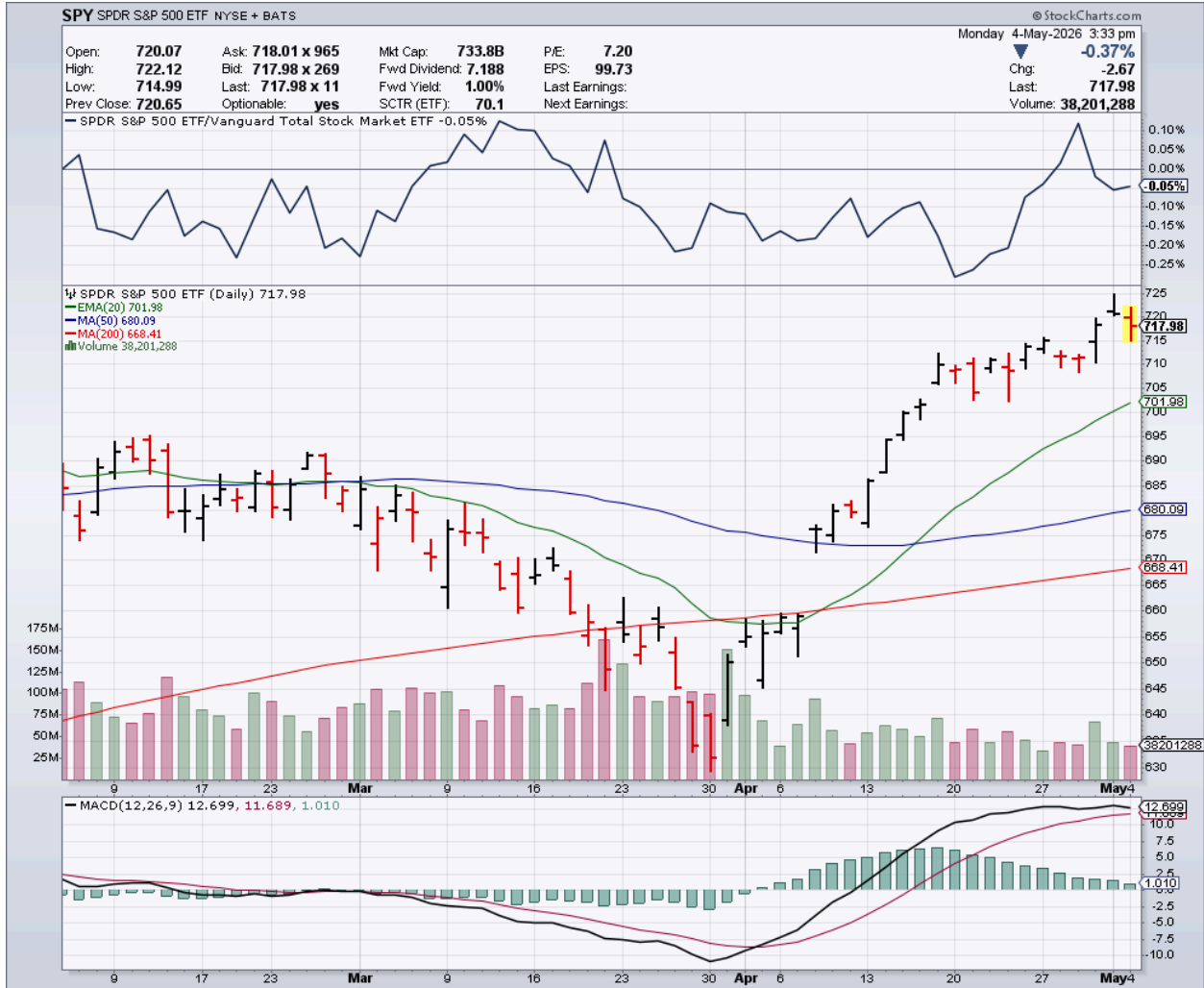
Buy 25 June 18, 2026 (SPY) \$760 puts at \$43.00
Sell short 25 June 18, 2026 (SPY) \$755 puts at..... \$38.50
Net cost:..... \$4.50

Potential Profit: \$5.00 - \$4.50 = \$0.50

(25 X 100 X \$0.50) = \$1,250 or 11.11% in 25 trading days

Quote Panel
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Statistics
Financial Instrument Opt. Volume Pt/Cll Vlm Opt. Vlm Ch... Hst. Vl. Cls % IV Last IV Change Pt/Cll Intrst IV Close Hist. Vol. %
SPY 9.56M 1.29 86.529% 16.056% 14.9% 1.052 2.27 13.855% 16.056%
Buttons
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Strategies B/A: 10 1.78 7.45 12 Debit Reverse Add Stock Make Delta Neutral Bear Spread
Action Ratio LastTrdDay Strike Type Mltplr Trdng Clss Exch
Buy 1 JUN 18 '26 760 Put 100 SPY SMART
Sell 1 JUN 18 '26 755 Put 100 SPY SMART

25 DAY LMT 4.50 D SMART Transmit



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

If you are uncertain on how to execute an options spread, please watch my training video on “*How to Execute a Vertical Bear Put Spread*” by clicking here at <http://members.madhedgefundtrader.com/ltt-vbpds/>

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 goes out, prices can be all over the map.

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