



3-D Research Note on XLF



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#	Date	Most Recent News	Stock's Reaction
1	25-Apr	American Express lead financial sector trading	positive
2	24-Apr	AXP reaffirmed guidance, beat by \$0.03,	positive
3	21-Apr	Bank of America missed by \$0.18; C reited Buy at Punk, Ziegel & Co	negative
4	18-Apr	C missed by \$0.07	negative
5	16-Apr	JPM beat by \$0.04	positive

OUR RECOMMENDATION: STRONG BUY

RECOMMENDED TRADING VEHICLE:

Bullish Debit Call Spread

Buy to Open XLFFX XLF Jun 24.0 Call IV 36.6 Delta .82

Sell to Open XLFFA XLF Jun 27.0 Call IV 29.8 Delta .53

Debit 2.20

Position Net Delta .29

Max Gain 0.80

Max Risk 2.20

Target Credit 2.50

3D CHECK LIST

BULLISH	FACTORS	BEARISH
	Technicals	
✓	daily MACD - Bullish	
	daily Stochastic Oscillator - overbought	✓
✓	ETF trend - bullish, forming ascending triangle	
✓	Support at 50-MA, 23.30-25.30	
	Resistance at 27.60	✓
✓	Key sector components sentiment - BAC, JPM, AIG, C, WFC	
	Fundamentals	
✓	Average P/E (9.92)	
✓	Average P/B (1.32)	
✓	Average P/S (1.79)	
	Market Play	
✓	Program trading buy orders at 26.20 after Apr 18	
✓	Implied volatility (31.50%) < Historical volatility (46.06%)	
✓	Stock adequately reacted on the latest positive news (see the chart above)	

COMMENTARY

Main sector components (BAC, JPM, AIG, C, WFC, WB, GS, AXP) paced the way higher. Fundamentally the stock is fairly valued. Technically XLF has a strong support at 50-MA, daily bullish MACD. Investors bet on the upturn and don't allow to drop any further. Unusually high open interest for Jun 27 Calls; Sep 27- 30 Calls. Significant trade volumes after Apr 24.

BULLISH PLAY

BUY STOCK

Stock Symbol	Last Stock Price	Recommended Entry Stock Price	Break-even	Sum Invested (per share)	Projected Stop Price	Max Loss (per share)	Max Profit (per share)	Exit Price (Target Price)	Target Profit (per share)	Target Return
XLF	26.95	26.00	26.00	26.00	24.20	1.80	Unlimited	28.00	2.00	7.7%

BUY CALL

Stock Symbol	Last Stock Price	Expiration Month	Strike Price	Option Symbol	Recommended Entry Stock Price	Entry Call Option Price	Break-even	Max Profit (per one contract)	Sum Invested (per one contract)	Exit Price (Target Price)	Target Profit (per one contract)	Target Return
XLF	26.95	Jun-08	24.00	.XLFFX	26.00	3.20	27.20	Unlimited	3.20	3.60	0.40	12.5%

BULLISH PUT SPREAD

Stock Symbol	Last Stock Price	Expiration Month	Lower Strike	Option Symbol	Higher Strike	Option Symbol	Recommended Entry Stock Price	Entry Credit	Break-even	Max Profit (per one contract)	Sum Invested (per one contract)	Exit Debit (Target Debit)	Target Profit (per one contract)	Target Return
XLF	26.95	Jun-08	24.00	.XLFRX	27.00	.XLFRA	26.00	0.95	26.05	0.95	2.05	0.30	0.65	31.7%

BULLISH CALL SPREAD

Stock Symbol	Last Stock Price	Expiration Month	Lower Strike	Option Symbol	Higher Strike	Option Symbol	Recommended Entry Stock Price	Entry Debit	Break-even	Max Profit (per one contract)	Sum Invested (per one contract)	Exit Credit (Target Credit)	Target Profit (per one contract)	Target Return
XLF	26.95	Jun-08	24.00	.XLFFX	27.00	.XLFFA	26.00	2.20	26.20	0.80	2.20	2.50	0.30	13.6%

SHORT GLOSSARY

Break-even. Point at which gains equal losses. This is the market price that a stock must reach for an option to avoid loss if exercised. For a call, the break-even equals the strike plus the premium paid.

Call option. The right, but not the obligation, to buy the stock at a predetermined price (also known as the strike) at any moment before the expiration date for a paying a premium.

Put Option - the right, but not the obligation, to sell stock at a predetermined price (also known as a strike) at any moment before the expiration date.

Expiration Date. The day when an option contract becomes void (the Saturday after the third Friday of the expiration)

In-the-Money Option. An option that has intrinsic value. A call (put) option is in-the-money if the strike is less (greater) than the current market price of the stock.

Intrinsic Value: The value of an option if it were to expire immediately with the underlying stock at its current price or the amount by which an option is in-the-money. For call options, this is the difference between the stock price and the striking price, if that difference is a positive number, or zero otherwise. For put options it is the difference between the striking price and the stock price, if that difference is positive, and zero otherwise.

Spread. A position with long and short options of the same type on the same underlying stock or index.

Time Value. Amount by which the current market price of an option exceeds its intrinsic value (the difference between the stock price and the strike). This additional value of an option is due to the volatility of the market and the time remaining until expiration.

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