The Volatility Watch

A Weekly Commentary On The Volatility Marketplace

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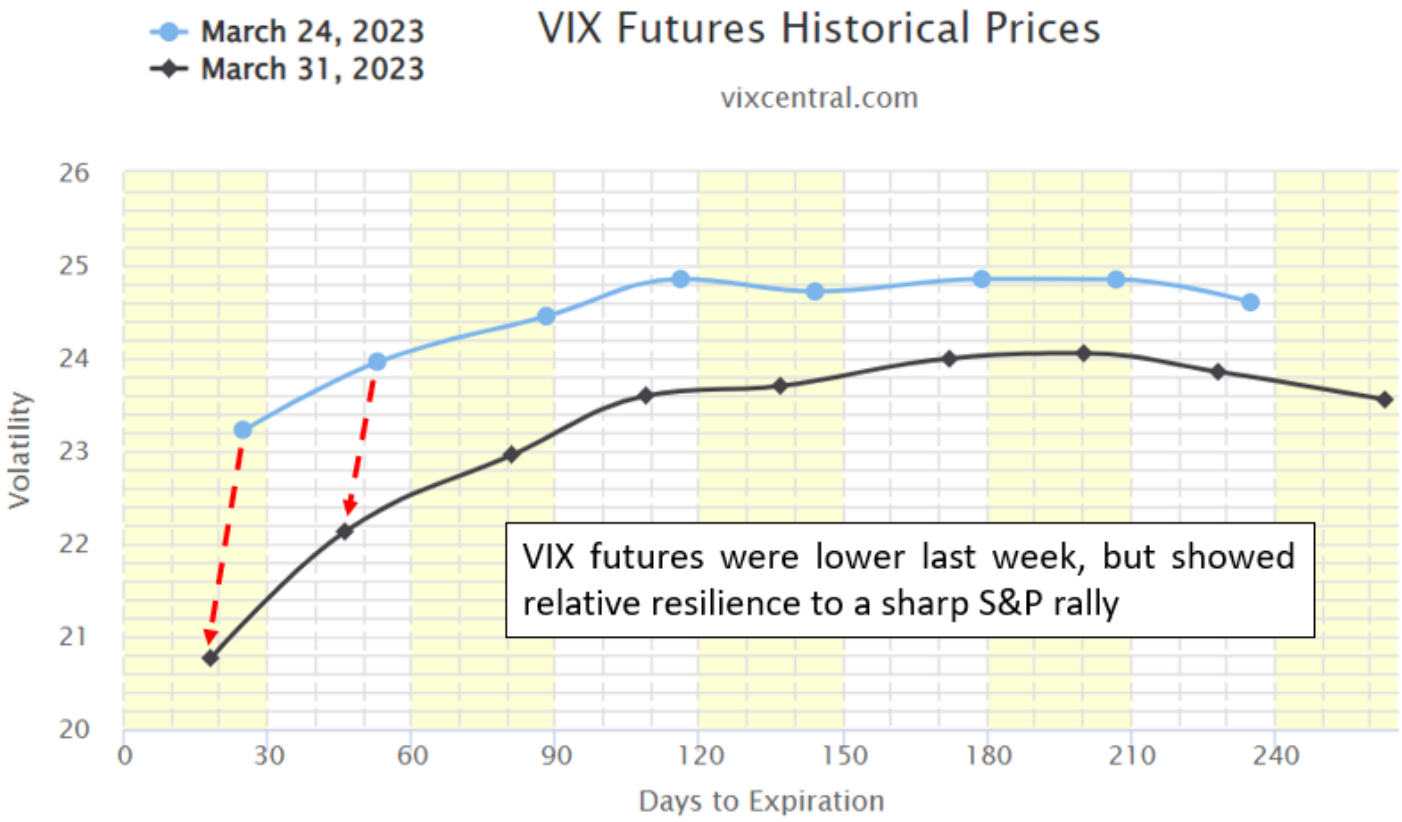
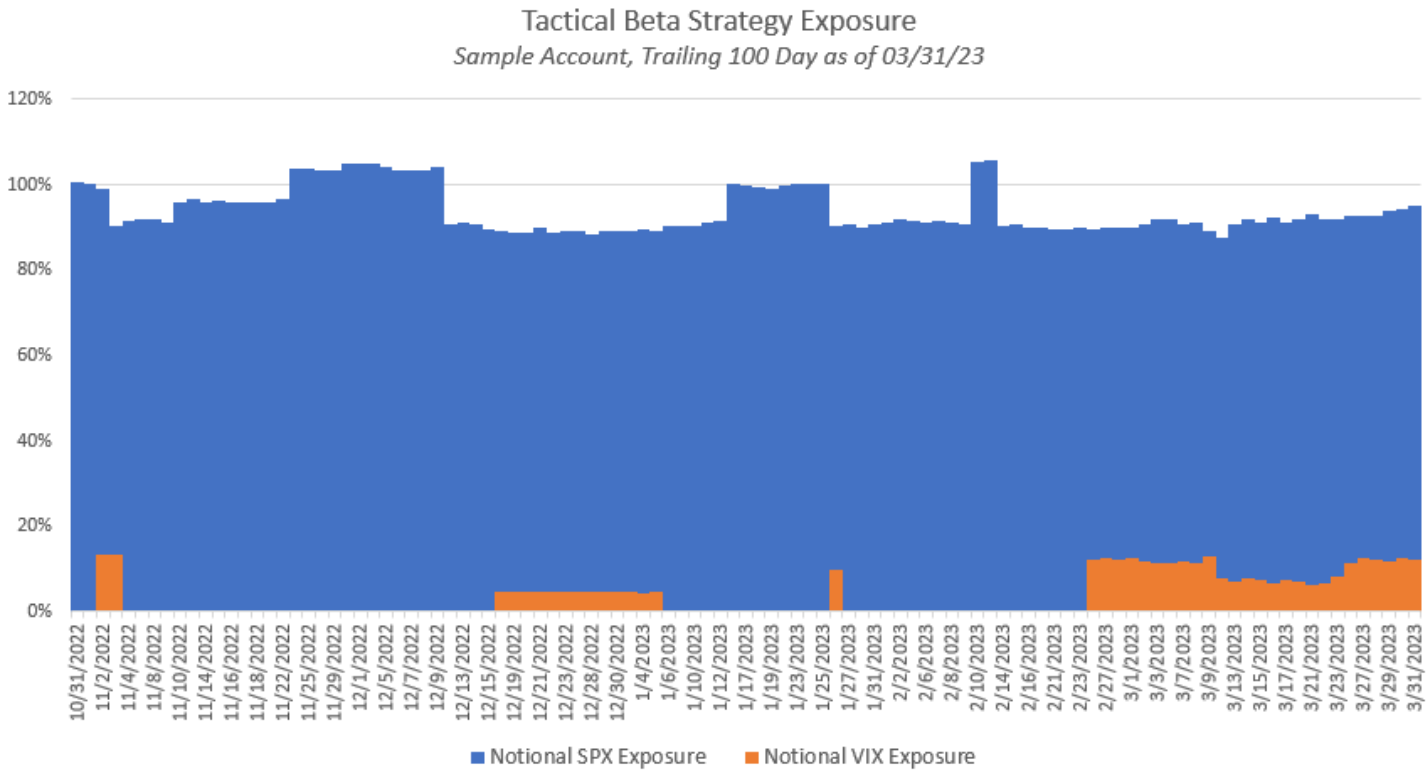
For Week Ending 3/31/2023:

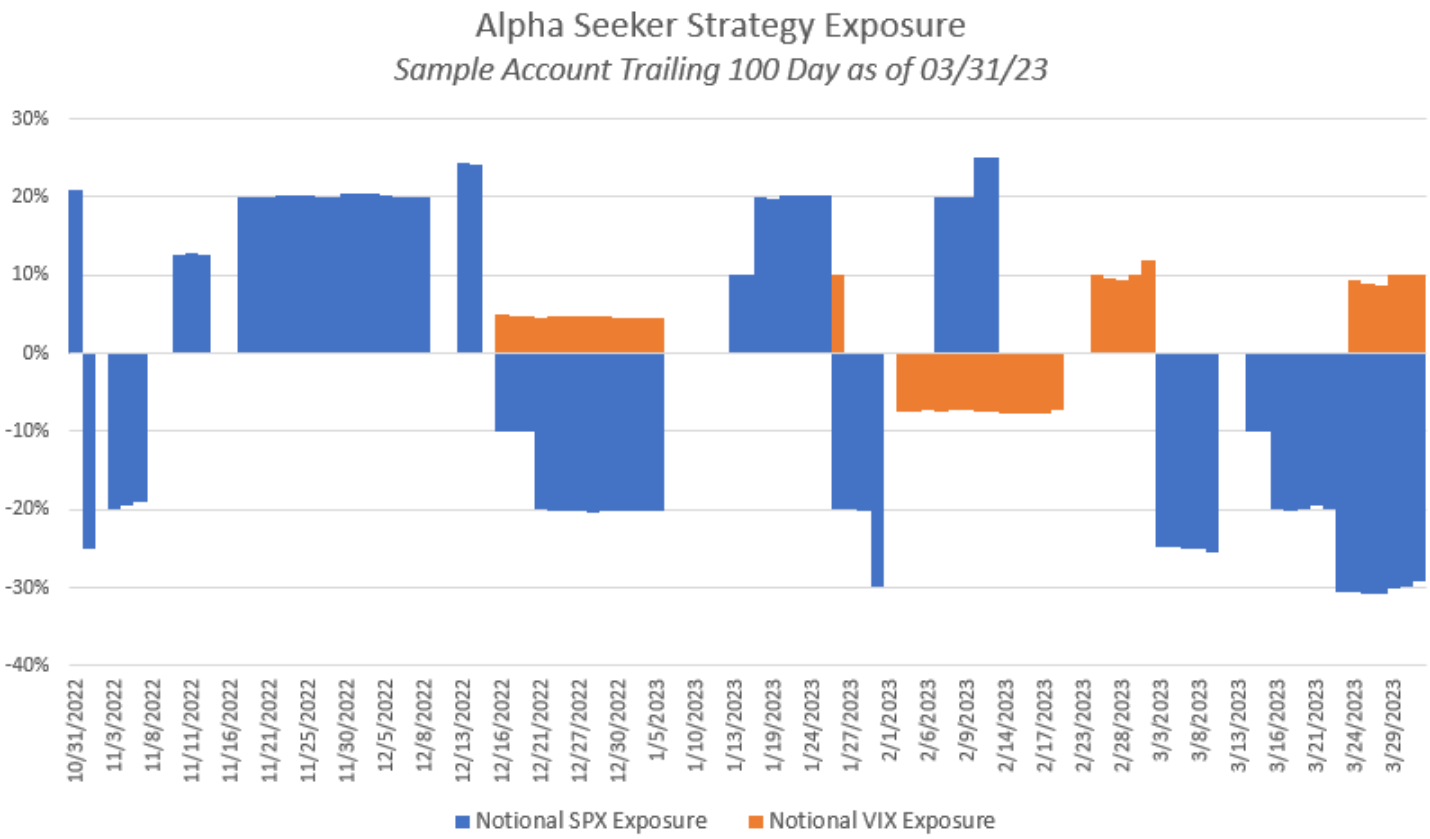
While regional banks (ticker KRE) continued to flounder, the S&P 500 rallied sharply into quarter-end last week as VIX futures showed relative resilience, indicative of an underlying bid for protection. This remains an emotional, jumpy market that merits caution.



Responding to the relative strength in VIX, the Tactical Beta strategy kept a defensive posture near 92% S&P and 12% VIX exposures.*



The Alpha Seeker strategy also maintained bearish positions, 30% short S&P with 10% long VIX.**



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