The Volatility Watch

A Weekly Commentary On The Volatility Marketplace

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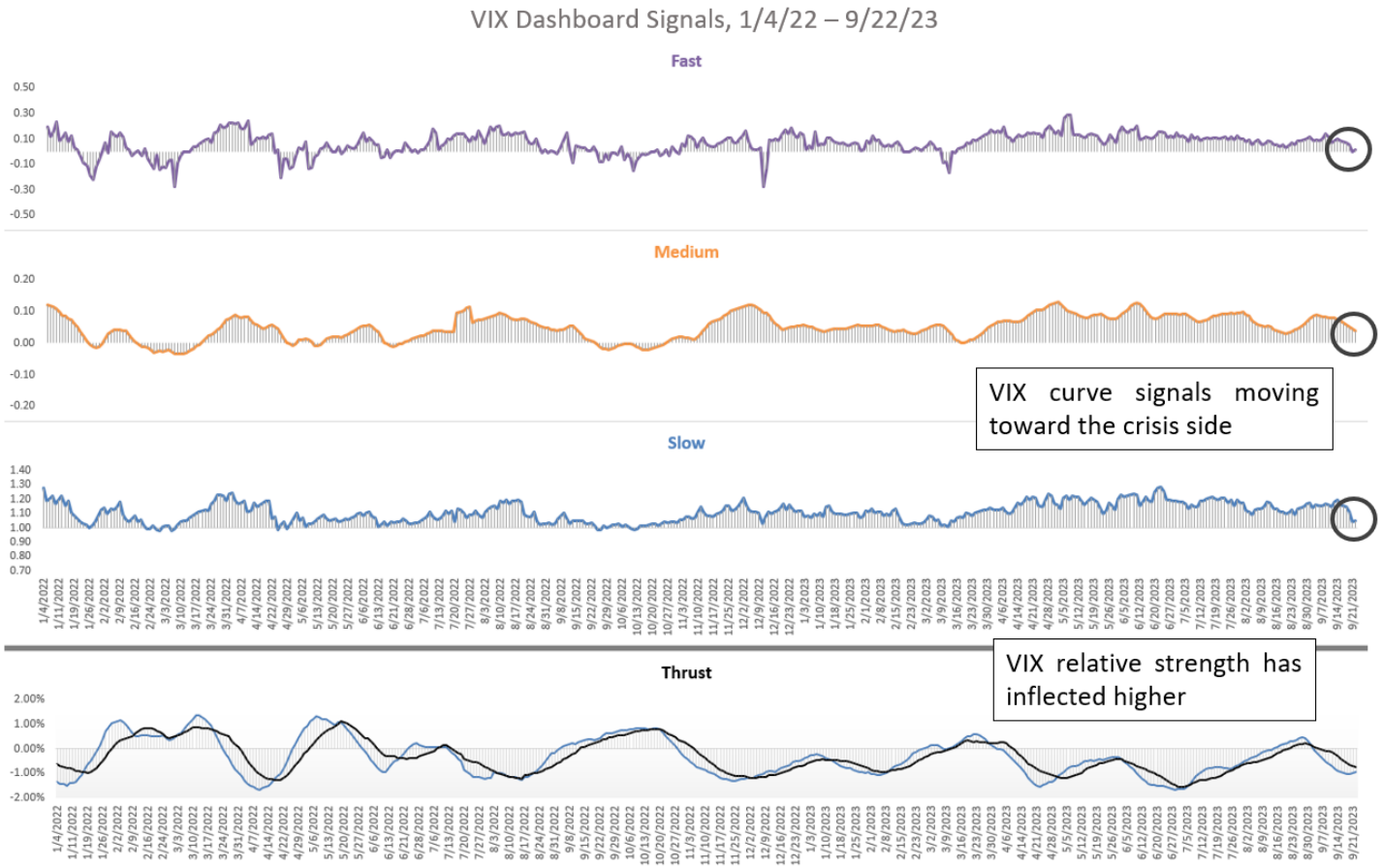
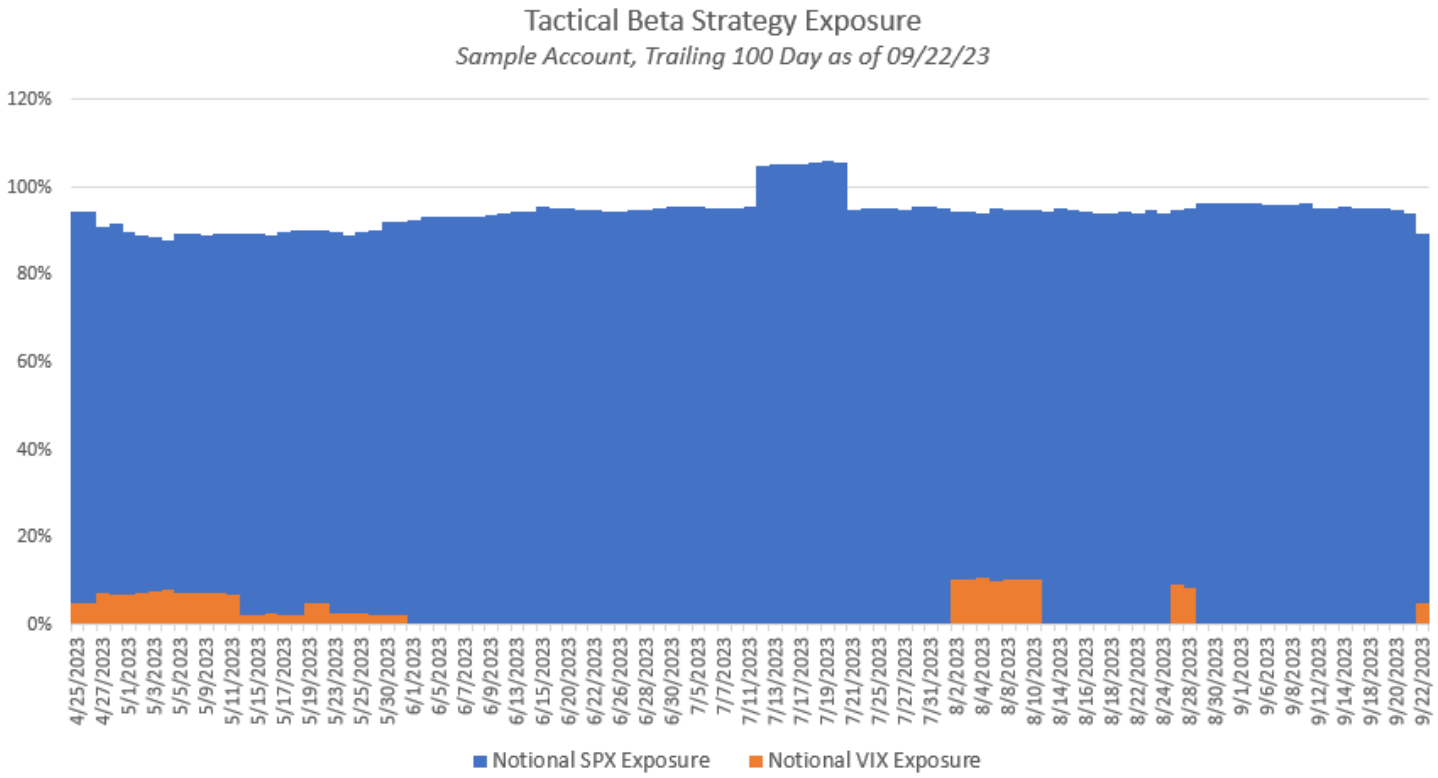
For Week Ending 9/22/2023:

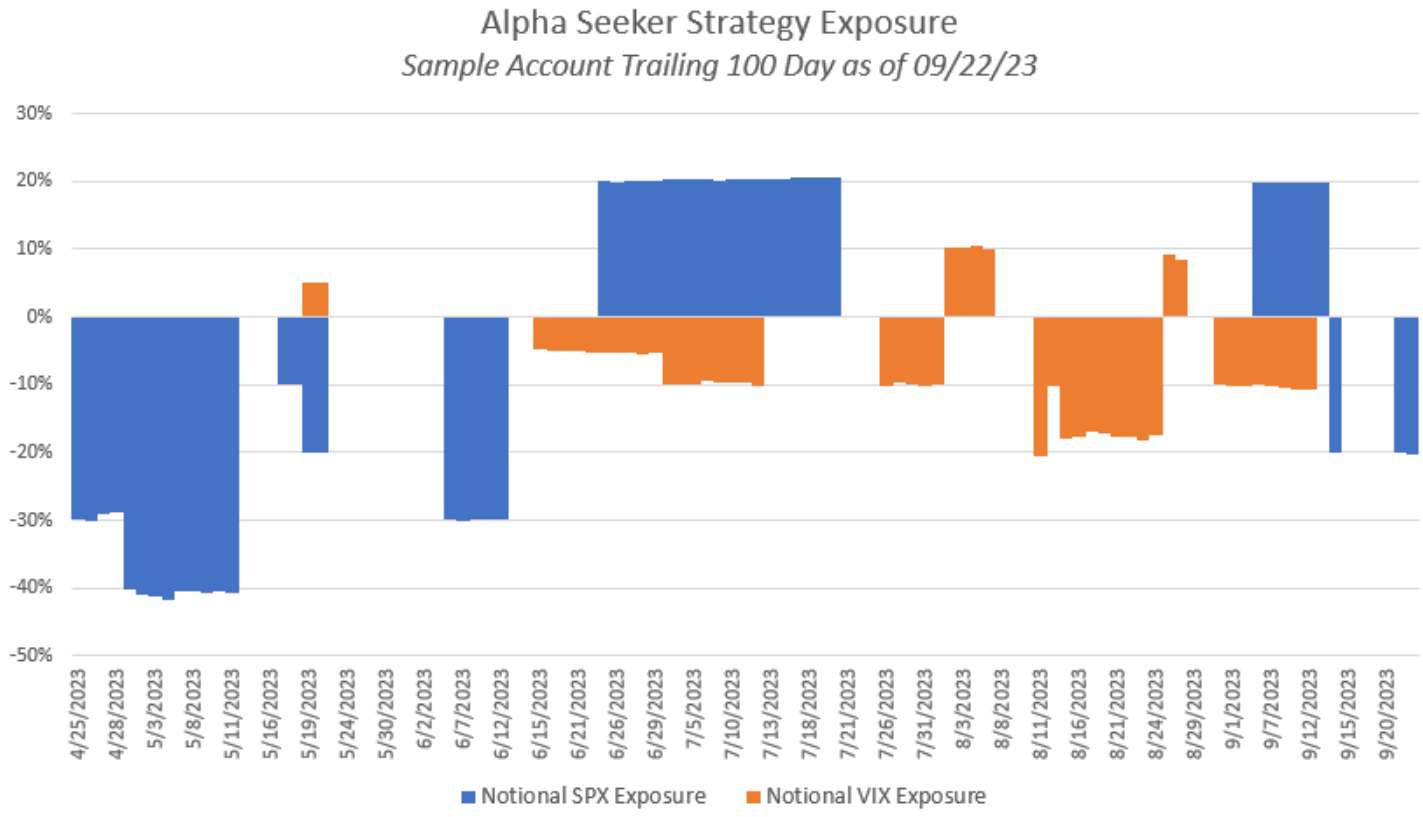
Surging interest rates sent the S&P 500 back below 4400 last week while the VIX jumped sharply, though to relatively unremarkable levels below 18 and with VIX curve signals showing only initial indications of rising preference for near-term protection. Notably, last week's turbulence did see an inflection higher in VIX relative strength ("thrust" indicator) that, though still early, is one prerequisite for a market crisis.



The Tactical Beta strategy made initial defensive maneuvers by lowering S&P 500 to exposure to 90%, adding an initial 5% VIX position and in portfolios using covered calls, by selling Sep 26 SPY $437 calls.*



The Alpha Seeker strategy moved to the negative beta side with a 20% short S&P 500 exposure on Thursday.**



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