

-- 5 year average of 1M ATM implied volatility

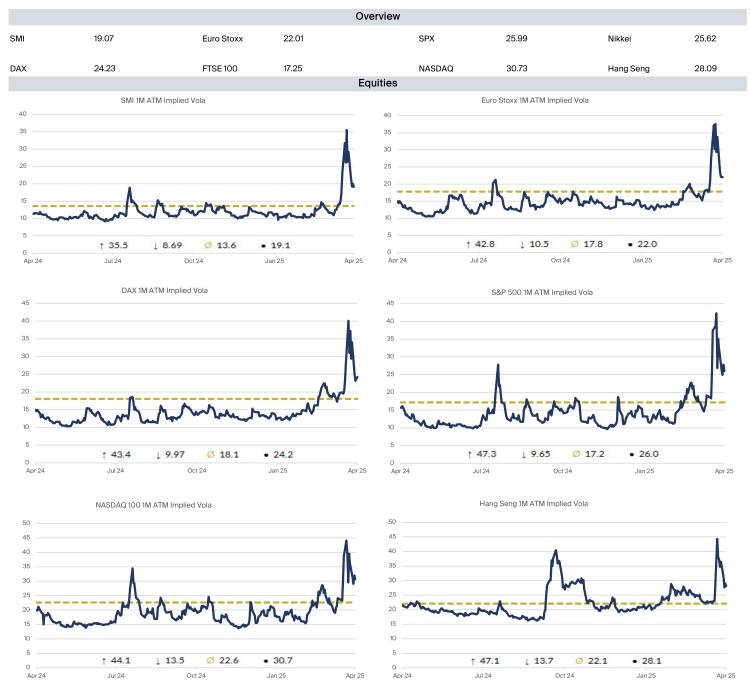
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## **Vola Headlines**

- Global financial markets experienced market turbulence in early April, driven by escalating tariffs, macroeconomic tensions, and mounting recession fears, which fueled heightened volatility and broad-based risk aversion across asset classes.
- The VIX skyrocketed from the low 20s to above 60 intraday during the first few trading days of April.
- · Implied volatility across G10 currencies has risen significantly and remains elevated above its 5-year historical mean.
- Implied volatility on 10-year US Treasuries remains elevated. In contrast, implied vols for EUR bonds, commodities and metals, except for gold (which is trading well above its 5-year average), are hovering at or even below their historical norms.

During the cross asset volatility spike, active market participants reduced hedges and long vega positions, exploiting the market setup for short-term, anti-cyclical trades. With elevated volatility, daily theta in these portfolios remains high. Classic capital-protected strategies have significantly outperformed long-only strategies.



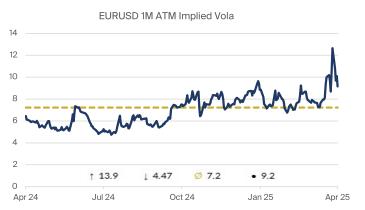
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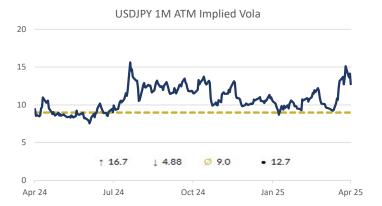


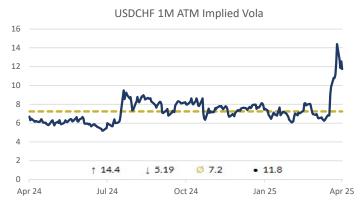


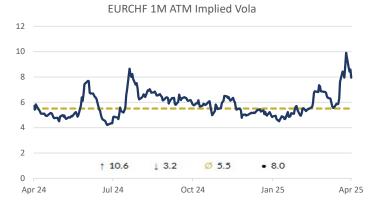


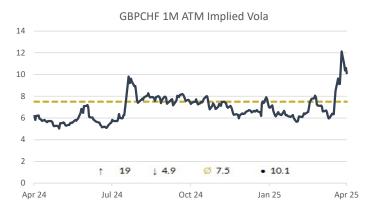












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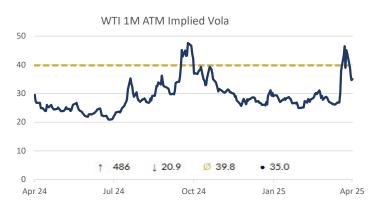
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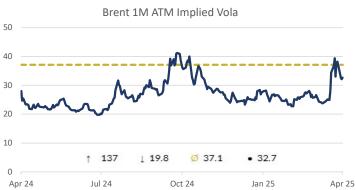
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US Treasury	7.09	Euro Bund	6.81					
WTI	34.96	Brent	32.67	1	Natural Gas	61.20	Corn	20.13
				Rates				

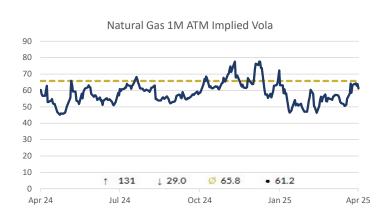




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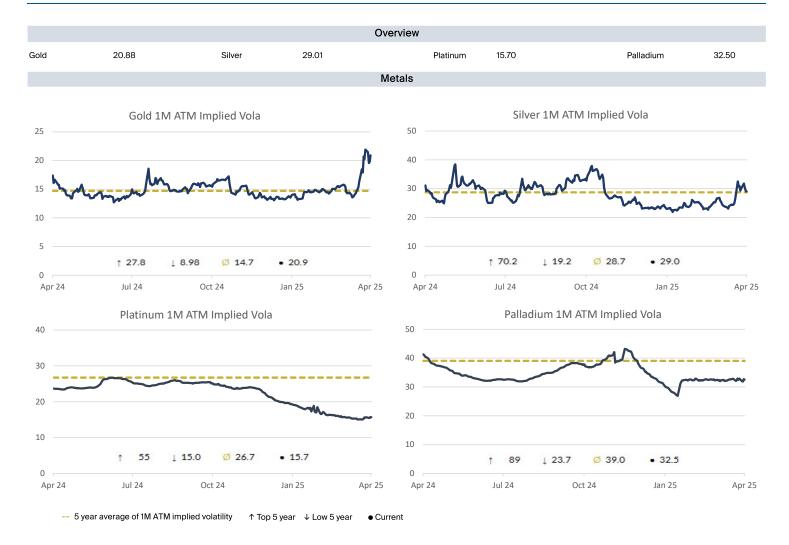


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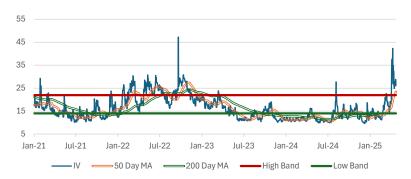
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## Mean-Reversion-Effect



The graph shows how implied volatility tends to revert to its long-term average over time, often illustrated using the 30 day ATM Implied Volatility of the S&P 500 with a moving average overlay.

#### Volatility spikes are short-lived

Implied volatility often surges during market stress but typically reverts back to its long-term average once uncertainty fades.

#### **Reversion Speed Varies**

The pace of mean reversion depends on the severity of the shock and market sentiment—some corrections are rapid, others more gradual.

Moving average as anchor

The long-term moving average acts as a gravity point, with IV generally oscillating around it—illustrating its mean-reverting behavior.

"Hedging is about mitigating risk so that we can profit from our prediction of volatility."

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