

# PRACTITIONERS' INSIGHTS: FUTURES AND OPTIONS IN INDIAN MARKETS

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# Futures and Options in Indian Markets

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### Use Options to hedge your Equity Portfolio in a Bear Market

- All investments in the markets are vulnerable to different types of risks
- No one knows for sure if or when there could be a major crash coming
- All we can do is reduce risk with portfolio Hedging & diversification
- We will discuss more about how we can hedge our portfolio using Options







#### What if you hedged your BajFinance holding in March?

- BajFinance CMP = 4500 on 2nd March 2020
- Strike 4500 PE @ 130 Lot Size 250

On March Expiry,

Baj Finance CMP 2793

Price of 4500 PE 1750

Loss in portfolio = 250\*(2793-4500)=-426750

Gain from put option = 250\*(1750-130)=405000

Net Loss = - 21750



#### **4500 PE Chart of Bajaj Finance**



## **REAL LIFE EXAMPLES**





#### Payoff of Long Position



Underlying Price

#### Payoff with Put option



### Stats

Strategy Positions	[	RESET
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+1x 25MAR2021 5500PE -₹206.05 (0)	Ľ	🔵 ti
Prob. of Profit		38.12%
Max. Profit	₹	Undefined
Max. Loss	₹ -84,562	(-68.06%)
Max. RR Ratio		NA
Breakevens		5839.0
Total PNL	₹ -862.	5 (-0.69%)
Net Credit		₹0
Estimated Margin/Premium	₹	+124,251



#### Pros & Cons

Pros:

- Your profit in the hedge in unlimited
- Your loss is limited (What you can lose maximum is the premium you have paid)

Cons:

- Most of the times the put option will expire worthless
- Buying only a Deep OTM put option will not protect your portfolio from a small correction

#### **Covered Call strategy to generate additional income**

- A covered call strategy means selling out of money (OTM) call options against a long equity portfolio.
- This strategy is generally used in individual stocks
- Example :
- If the stock price rises above the strike price, losses on the option position can be offset with the gains in the equity position



#### Payoff of Long Position



#### **Payoff Chart**



### Stats

Strategy Positions	RESET
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+1x 25MAR2021 FUTURES - ₹ 656.65 (-68.75)	🖍 😑 ti
Prob. of Profit	55.35%
Max. Profit	₹ +78,581 (26.84%)
Max. Loss	₹ Undefined
Max. RR Ratio	NA
Breakevens	643.0
Total PNL	₹ -68.75 (-0.02%)
Net Credit	₹ +18,975
Estimated Margin/Premium	₹ +292,785



#### Pros & Cons

Pros:

- Helps you generate regular income
- Can make money in 3 movement (Bearish, Sideways, Marginal rise)

Cons

- Caps your profits
- Losses in the downward moves in the underlying stock price are only limited by the amount of premium received

### Stats



#### **Modified method**











#### Cash secured put

- Cash secured puts are used when you have the intention to buy the stock at a price lower then the current price of the stock

- Example:

Currently, ICICIBANK is trading at 660 and you have the view that ICICIBANK will not fall below 600 or want to buy ICICIBANK below 600 then you can sell the ICICIBANK 600 PE @ 10rs



#### Payoff



#### **Stats**









#### Pros & Cons

Pros:

- You can earn from the premium even if you do not purchase the security
- You can buy the security at a price lower than the CMP

Cons:

- Max profit is limited in this even if the stock rises significantly

#### How to use a future Contract as a Hedge

- Suppose you have bought 250 shares of Reliance at 1800. So, Total investment will be 250\*1800=Rs 4,50,000
- You have bought would mean you are long on the security
- Now, due to any reason you expect some volatility or some down move in your holding. So, you simply initiate a short Future of Reliance in order to protect your loss in the downside.
- If you have a stock portfolio and want to hedge using futures, first thing you have to do is calculate the Beta of your portfolio.

#### How to calculate no: of lots to short in Nifty

- Calculate Portfolio Beta
- Calculate hedge value (Portfolio Beta \* Portfolio value)
- Contract value [ Currently Nifty future is at 15300 and lot size is 75 = Rs 1147500 ]
- No: of lots = Hedge value/Contract value
- Example:

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Portfolio Value = Rs 50,00,000
Portfolio Beta = 1.3
Hedge Value = Rs 65,00,000
No: of lots = Hedge value/Contract value = 65,00,000/1147500 = 5.66 lots
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