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# Nasdaq-100® Derby: Leaders and Laggards of 2025

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# NDX® Drawdowns (10Y Lookback)

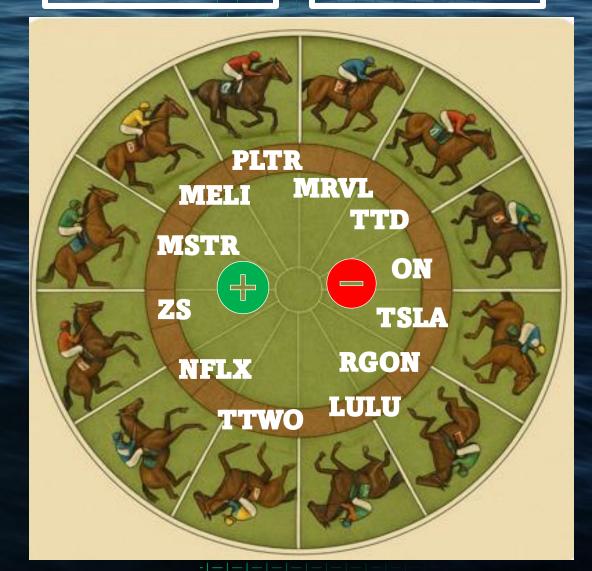


## 2025 So Far

- NDX® -4.2% YTD\*
  - 56 gainers (+11.02% avg)
  - 45 losers (-13.24% avg)
- Sector Leaders:
  - Utilities +16.94%
  - Materials +8.49%
  - Consumer Staples +4.34%
- Sector Laggards:
  - Energy -12.86%
  - Consumer Discretionary -10.22%
  - Information Technology -5.98%



Laggards

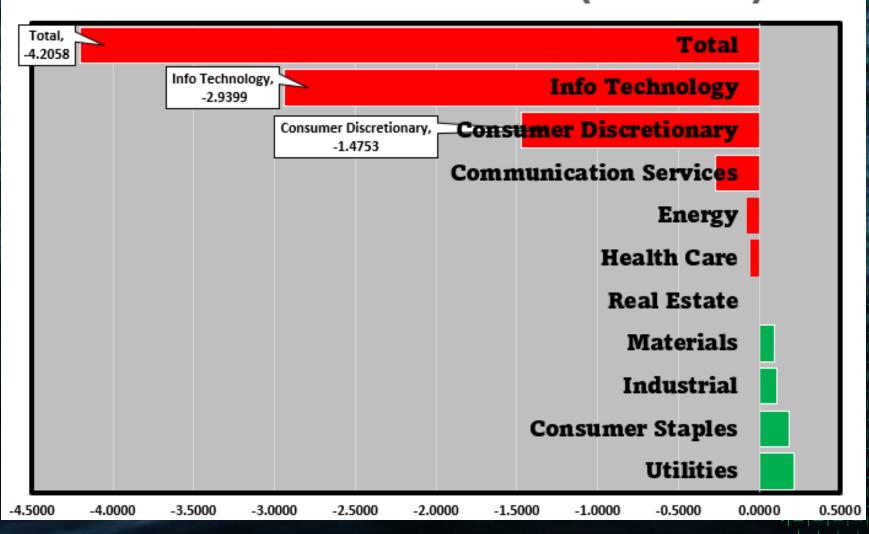




## Sector Push & Pull

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## NDX Contribution to Return (2025 YTD)







### **Brief History**

## 2024 Review

- NDX® +26.13% Full Year:
  - 71 gainers
  - 31 losers
- Sector Leaders:
  - Information Technology + +27.88%
  - Communication Services +41.66%
  - Consumer Discretionary +34.93%
- Sector Laggards:
  - Health Care -1.76%
  - Materials -9.35%
  - Real Estate -18.08%

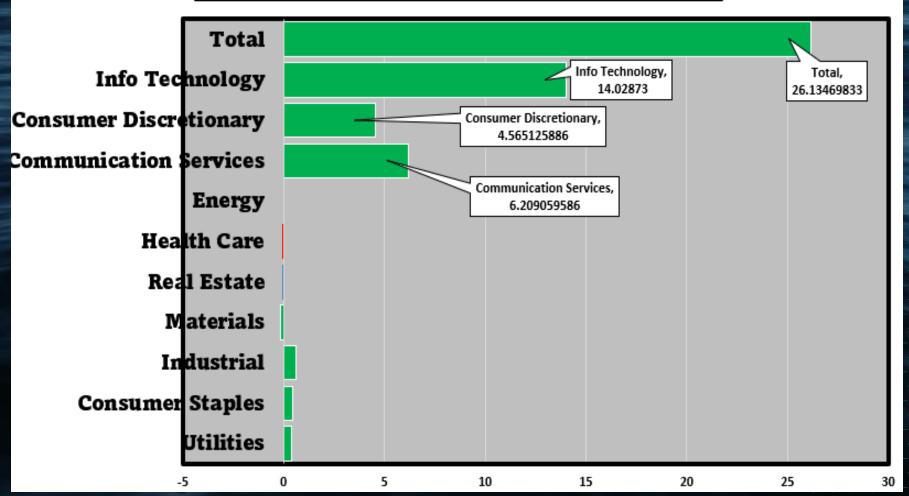
- GICS vs. ICB View
  - Broke out Communication Services
  - NDX = Ex-Financials
- Sector Contribution:
  - Information Technology + +13.84%
  - Communication Services +6.21%
  - Consumer Discretionary +4.57%
- Sector Contribution:
  - Health Care -0.003%
  - Materials -0.16%
  - Real Estate -0.05%



## 2024 Full Year Sector Push & Pull

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## NDX Contribution to Return (2024)





### **Brief History**

# 2024 Leaders & Laggards

- NDX® Leaders (2024)
  - NVDA +171.25%
  - AVGO +110.43%
  - CEG +99.73%
  - MVRL +83.78%
  - NFLX +83.07%
  - TTD +63.33%
  - TSLA +62.53%

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- NDX® Laggards (2024)
  - MRNA -60.19%
  - INTC -59.55%
  - SMCI -58.79%
  - WBA -55.61%
  - DLTR -53.16%
  - SIRI -50.13%
  - MDB -43.05%

Interesting to note how many of 2024's constituent leaders are bottom performers YTD in 2025.

## 2022 Leaders & Laggards

- NDX<sup>®</sup> Sector "Leaders" (2022)
  - Utilities +15%
  - Energy +3.54%
  - Real Estate +0.16%
  - No other + sectors

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- NDX<sup>®</sup> "Leaders" (2022)
  - T-Mobile
  - Amgen
  - Gilead
  - PepsiCo
  - Vertex Pharma
  - PDD Holdings
  - O'Reilly Auto

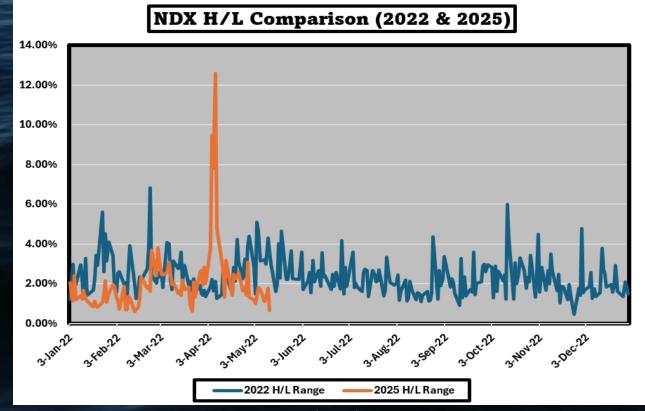
The aggregate contribution to return (CTR) for + sectors in 2022 = +13 basis points Compared to AMZN 2022 CTR = -358 basis points



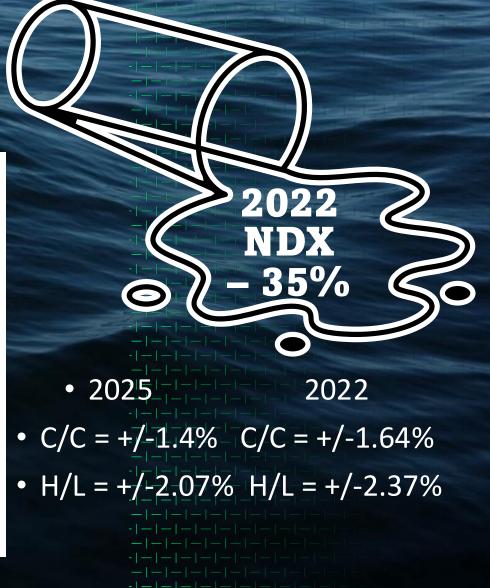
### Glass Half Empty

## 2025 vs. 2022: Compare/Contrast

- If Utilities Lead... Do Markets Fall?
  - Similar Macro Vol (C/C & Intraday)
  - Different Inflation/Rates backdrop



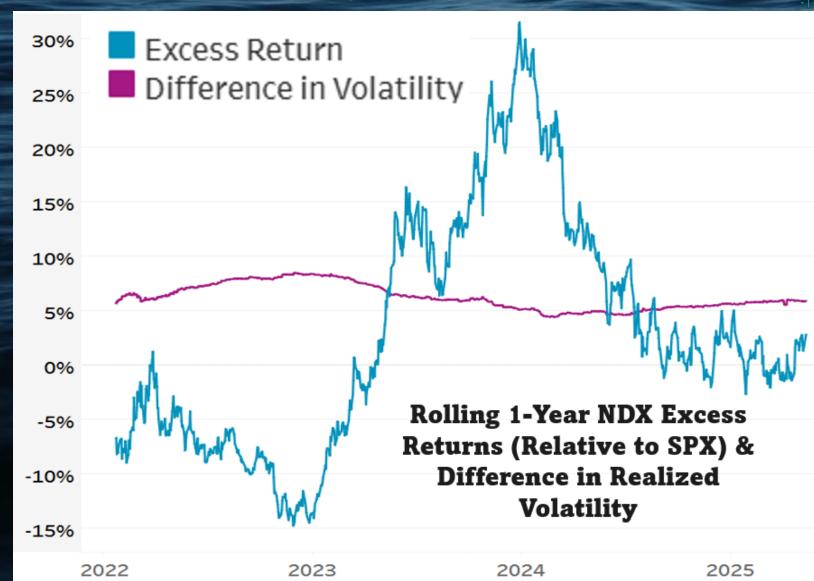
Source: Nasdag Index Options



Glass Half Full

## 2025 vs. 2022: Compare/Contrast

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## **Annual Volatility**

**SI**/

2020	36.60%	34.69%
2021	18.57%	13.11%
2022	32.52%	24.19%
2023	18.08%	13.08%
2024	18.25%	12.67%
2025	33.83%	27.37%

#### **Practical Application**

# Long & Short of High Vol Period

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Source: LiveVol Pro

^NDX	NDX(AM) May16 20,100.00 C	46	71.60 PHLX	MultLegFir	68.50 x 73.00
^NDX	NDX(AM) Dec19 15,000.00 P	46	806.40 PHLX	MultLegFlr	803.40 x 815.50

- April 9, 2025:
  - NDX® = 17,337
  - VXN ~41
  - 57% of NDX® volumes in expiring options (on date)
  - Interesting positioning using longer-dated options



- Buyer of May 16 20,100 C:
  - ~12 Delta
  - Paid 71.60
- Seller of Dec 19 15,000 P:
  - ~18 Delta
  - Collects 806.40
- Absent other exposure ~30 delta long exposure, collecting \$734.8/spread; short vega

#### **Practical Application**

## Long & Short of High Vol Period

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Source: LiveVol Pro

5 weeks later: NDX® = 21,300 VXN = 22 May 16 20,100 C worth ~1,200 points
Dec 19 15,000 P worth ~159 points

- Position Capitalizes on:
  - Short vega expression
  - Directional exposure
  - Time decay

- High Class Decision:
  - May C cash settles
  - No underlying exposure
  - ~\$120,000 more into account\*
  - Collected ~\$80,640 at execution
  - Residual P worth ~\$15,900

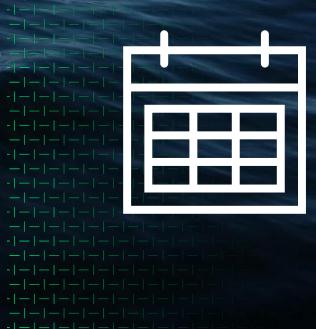
#### **Practical Application**

## **Learning Opportunity**

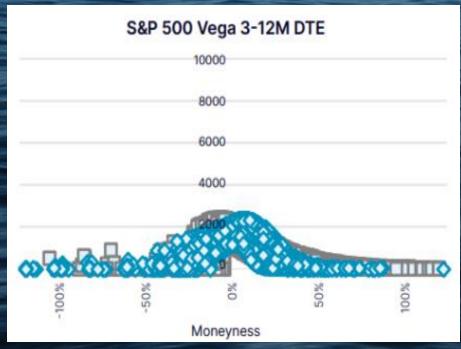
- The increased availability of expiries has led to volume boom in near term options:
  - Potential to monetize quickly
  - Liquid, relatively low premiums
- Interesting opportunities can exist further out in time where vega/volatility plays a more significant role:
  - The small delta puts in example had ~70 vega at execution

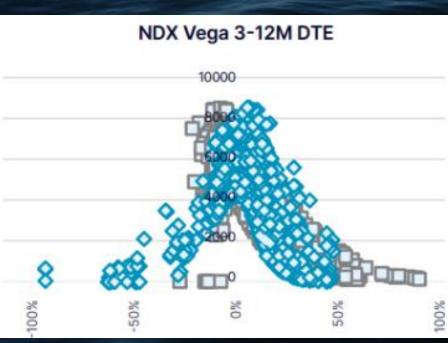
- NDX index options® have significantly > vega exposure than similar Index options:
  - High notional value
  - Slightly higher baseline IV







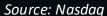


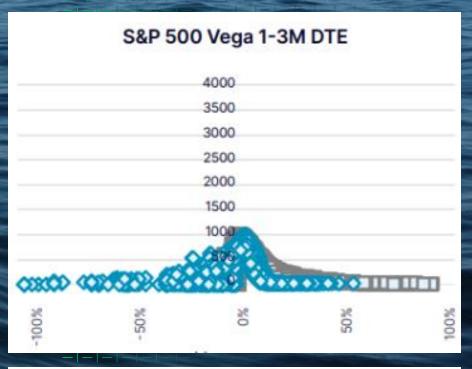


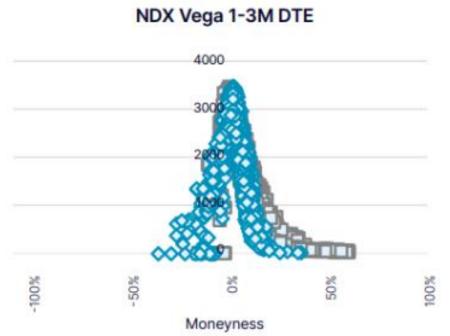
# Vega Exposure NDX® & SPX

Executed options trades from December 2024









#### **Year End Protection**

# Hypothetical Portfolio Protection

- May 15, 2025
  - NDX Index = 21,300
  - VXN ~22 (relatively low)
  - Long Dated Put Butterfly
  - Defined Risk/Reward in event markets move back towards lows into year end.



Buyer of Dec 19<sup>th</sup> 18,500 p

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- Paid 506.5 (x1)
- Seller of Dec 19<sup>th</sup> 17,000 P
  - Collects 310 (x2)
- Buyer of Dec 19<sup>th</sup> 15,500 p
  - Paid 190.5 (x1)
- Long Dec 19<sup>th</sup> 1,500 pt wide put fly for ~78 pts.
  - Max risk = \$7800 + frictional
  - Max Value = \$150,000
  - Vs. ~\$7800 Fly cost
  - Risk/Reward Ratio: ~19:1
  - Same expression in XND ~1:100<sup>th</sup> Risk and reward reduced

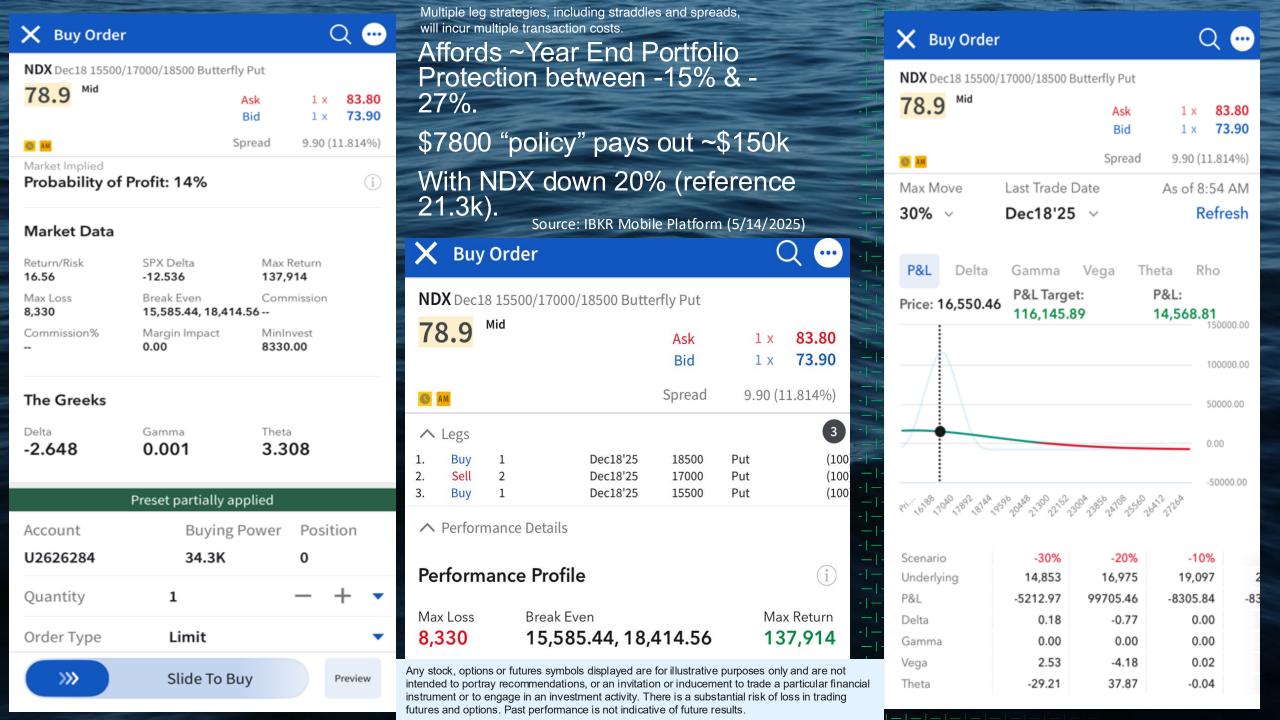






Multiple leg strategies, including straddles and spreads, will incur multiple transaction costs.







#### RETURNS OVER THE LAST 40 YEARS

The Nasdaq 100 has averaged 13.7% annual returns since 1985



Source: Nasdag Index Research