What is the Probability Calculator?

The probability calculator is a tool that allows you to determine the probability of an underlying index or equity trading above, below, or between preselected Price Targets on a specified expiration date.

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The Probability Plot is a horizontally oriented distribution curve that displays your selected Price Target(s), along with probabilities for a selected time frame.

Adjust the Price Target(s), Target Date, and Historical Volatility (HV) parameters to match your forecast and the calculator returns the probability of the price closing above, below, and between your Price Target(s) on your specified date.

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Enter the Price Target(s) for an underlying security to determine the probabilities of that security hitting those Price Target(s). Enter strike price(s) to determine the probabilities of a successful option strategy.

You can enter either one or two Price Targets. If you enter one Price Target (a direction-biased trade) the probabilities of the underlying security closing above and below this price, on the target date, will be displayed.

If you enter two Price Targets, the probabilities of the underlying security closing above the upper target and below the lower target (direction-indifferent trades) and between the two targets (direction-neutral trades) will be displayed for your chosen Target Date.

Price Targets can also be adjusted from the chart by selecting and moving the target line.

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The Target Date is used to calculate the probability that the underlying security will close above, below and between the Price Target(s) at the specified time.

You may enter the date you expect the underlying security to hit your target, the date you plan on exiting the trade, or the expiration date of the option you are trading.

The Target Date can be adjusted by manually entering a date, selecting a date from the calendar control, or by selecting and moving the Target Date line on the chart.
Volatility

Historical Volatility is a measurement of how much past prices deviated from their average over a period of time. The farther the closing prices stray from their average, the more volatile the security.

You can choose the securities 30, 60, 90 or 180 day Historical Volatility from the HV Volatility drop down or you can manually enter your own volatility forecast.

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The Standard Deviation dropdown allows you to select and plot probability cones that represent 1, 2, and 3 standard deviations.

1 Standard Deviation will plot a single probability cone that represents the price range the underlying is expected to close at, on the respective date, 68.2% of the time.

2 Standard Deviations will add a second probability cone that represents the price range the underlying is expected to close at, on the respective date, 95.4% of the time.

3 Standard Deviations adds a third probability cone that represents the price range the underlying is expected to close at, on the respective date, 99.6% of the time.
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