

A Tale of Two Markets – 01/29/2026

Macro Views



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A two-track market has emerged where stocks have continued to rally on improving breadth and earnings, and safe-haven demand remains insatiable with gold surging to \$5,200 and the US dollar hitting four-year lows. The surge in gold and breakdown in the dollar suggest the market is pricing in significant risk beneath the surface. Traders should watch the S&P 6,950 support level closely; a hold keeps the bullish trend intact, but a failure there could quickly validate the macro anxiety currently signaled by the gold/dollar divergence. As expected, the Fed held steady on interest rates, which could also be a potential headwind for equities.

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Trade Idea



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Delta Air Lines (DAL) has delivered one of the strongest turnarounds in the airline sector, yet recent price action suggests that investors are still struggling to reconcile near-term noise with an improved outlook. After a multi-month rally, DAL has pulled back, offering an attractive risk-reward entry for adding bullish exposure. To express a bullish view while generating income at a defined support level, I'm selling the February 64 put at a \$1.73 credit.

DAL @ \$65.27

SELL 1 FEB 20TH 64 PUT AT \$1.73

01.29.2026

CREDIT \$1.73 * 100 = \$173

\$1.73 * 100 = MAX GAIN OF \$173

DAL SHORT PUT

(\$64 – \$1.73) * 100 = MAX RISK OF \$6,227

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Intel's (INTC) rally over the past year has been a controversial one, yet the recent pullback may be delivering a far more constructive opportunity. After surging on renewed confidence in Intel's product roadmap, the stock has retraced back. Rather than signaling exhaustion, this earnings-driven reset appears to reflect short-term supply constraints colliding with a longer-term technological inflection point. With Panther Lake validating Intel's long-awaited process turnaround, the risk-reward is increasingly skewed back to the upside. To express a bullish view with defined risk, I'm selling the March 48/43 put vertical for a credit of \$2.10.

INTC @ \$48.43	BUY 1 MAR 20 TH 43 PUT AT \$1.65
	SELL 1 MAR 20 TH 48 PUT AT \$3.75
01.29.2026	CREDIT (\$3.75 – \$1.65) * 100 = \$2.10
	(\$3.75 – \$1.65) * 100 = MAX GAIN OF \$210
INTC BULL PUT SPREAD	
	(\$48 – \$43 – \$2.10) * 100 = MAX RISK OF \$290

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Tony's Lookback



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We sold the Affirm (AFRM) February 72/86 call spread for a credit of \$4.10 last week, and it's now trading at \$1.70. I think this is a good time to close out the trade and take the profits, then continue to capture upside potential on this thesis by rolling it.

AFRM

01.22.2026

\$71.66

BUY 1 FEB 20TH 86 CALL AT \$2.10

SELL 1 FEB 20TH 72 CALL AT \$6.20

NET CREDIT = \$410

AFRM BEAR CALL SPREAD



AFRM

01.29.2026

\$62.93

SELL 1 FEB 20TH 86 CALL AT \$0.62

BUY 1 FEB 20TH 72 CALL AT \$2.32

CURRENT NET DEBIT = \$170

GAIN IF CLOSED = \$240

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Rolling the AFRM option trade out to the March 13 63/77 call spread.

AFRM @ \$62.93	BUY 1 MAR 13 TH 77 CALL AT \$2.40
	SELL 1 MAR 13 TH 63 CALL AT \$7.10
01.29.2026	CREDIT $(\$7.10 - \$2.40) * 100 = \$470$
COMBINED MAX GAIN = \$710	$(\$7.10 - \$2.40) * 100 = \text{MAX GAIN OF } \470
COMBINED MAX RISK = \$690	$(\$77 - \$63 - \$4.70) * 100 = \text{MAX RISK OF } \930

AFRM BEAR CALL SPREAD

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