

# Derivatives Strategy

From our Research Desk



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### **Nifty Outlook:**

The index has been navigating on the upside to scale newer ATH levels post taking the support near the 50-Day EMA. However; FII activity has been on a slightly muted note since the sell off that was witnessed during the end of January series. In cash segment, the bias continues to remain bearish as FII's have been selling consistently. However, in the index futures front, they have been unwinding the short positions as their bias has become neutral. On 24<sup>th</sup> February; 4,681 long contracts were unwinded compared to the liquidation of 2,292 short contracts in index futures. The long/short ratio has improved from the lows of 22% to 44%; indicating unwinding of short positions. However, on the index options front, the bias has been dynamic in nature as FII's have now unwinded significant put shorts at higher levels and at the same time have unwinded more call longs; when combined together indicates a bearish outlook. To conclude, the data is still neutral from FII's point of view now. Option data is indicating further momentum is likely to continue as long as the index does not close below 22,000 levels.

### **Weekly Expiry Point of View:**

Option chain data for this weekly/monthly expiry is indicating a trading range of 22,000-22,500 zones. On the call side, 22,500 is the strike with highest OI. Majority of call writing was witnessed at this level; indicating resistance. On the put side, 22,000 is the strike with highest OI. As per the data, net call-put writing is indicating a bearish stance from the FII's. They have unwinded put shorts at higher levels and have added more put longs; resulting in bearish bias from the FII's. Further momentum action is likely to continue if the index does not breach 22,000 levels. Advisable to buy on dips.

#### Strategy:

The sentiment on Nifty is neutral. However the strategy can be deployed via theta scalping.

Nifty Theta Scalping Strategy:

SELL 1 LOT PUT NIFTY 29FEB2024 21,850 @ 34 | SELL 1 LOT CALL NIFTY 29FEB2024 22,550 @ 29

Target – COMBINED PREMIUM OF 33 | Stop Loss – COMBINED PREMIUM OF 90

Nifty Weekly Series	Strike	OI (Lakh)
Max Call OI	23,000	2.52
IVIAX CAII OI	22,500	1.31
Addition in OI Calls	23,100	0.63
	22,300	0.58
Max Put OI	21,000	1.52
	22,000	1.48
Addition in OI Put	21,200	0.30
	22,200	0.29

Nifty Monthly Series	Strike	OI (Lakh)
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IVIAX CAII OI	22,500	1.31
Addition in OI Calls	23,100	0.63
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Net Change in Index Futures (Contracts)			
Date	FII	Pro	
23-02-2024	-37,058	-4,091	
22-02-2024	-34,669	-1,975	
21-02-2024	-47,430	8,097	
20-02-2024	-54,814	19,406	
19-02-2024	-63,809	22,752	

Sentiment Indicator					
Particulars	23-Feb	22-Feb	21-Feb	20-Feb	
Nifty Premium/ (Discount)	16.15	25.80	15.10	20.25	
PCR	1.02	1.19	0.85	1.24	
A/D Ratio	0.66	2.33	0.29	1.22	
VIX	14.97	15.19	15.92	16.07	

Net Index Options Long (Call - Put = Contracts)			
Date	FII	Pro	
23-02-2024	-157,598	-73,468	
22-02-2024	-163,719	-42,540	
21-02-2024	-88,751	14,086	
20-02-2024	-327,274	-135,963	
19-02-2024	-185,240	-232,712	

Net Index Options short (Call - Put = Contracts)			
Date	FII	Pro	
23-02-2024	32,529	178,814	
22-02-2024	-41,429	42,725	
21-02-2024	8,766	14,086	
20-02-2024	-182,814	-662,618	
19-02-2024	-63,067	-372,262	





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Institutional activity in cash segment Net Value (In crores)			
Date	Fils	DIIs	
23-02-2024	1,276.09	176,68	
22-02-2024	-1,410.05	1,823.68	
21-02-2024	284.66	-411.57	
20-02-2024	-1,335.51	1,491.33	

Index Long Short Ratio		
FII	Pro	
44%	48%	

Top 3 Long Buildups				
Particulars	LTP	% Price Change	Open interest (Lakh)	% OI Change
ASTRAL	2,079.35	5.6%	40.98	27.71%
INDHOTEL	594	2.76%	185.94	14.24%
ABCAPITAL	187.35	1.24%	700.97	8.47%

Top 3 Short Buildups				
Particulars	LTP	% Price Change	Open interest (Lakh)	% OI Change
CANBK	580.6	-0.33%	548.2	19.47%
OFSS	7,904.35	-0.42%	10.27	11.89%
INDIACEM	245.15	-1.63%	2145.7	6.91%





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