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Jeffrey – see crude oil trading commentary below.

Implied vols are up significantly.

Mar15 WTI vol (which expires in Feb15) up to 53.70% (up 5.9%). More info below.

Brazil 5y CDS closed at 211 / 215. When you entered the trade it was 201/205. The 10bps widening with a spread DV01 of approximately 4.5k should lead to approximately +5k PnL on the position.

My CDS trader sees this as a bear reversal. Oil failed to hold, pushing most EM names wider with Brazil underperforming. This was positive to your position.

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OIL

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A Picture is worth 1000 words about the action since yesterday in crude. We rallied 14% from yesterday's lows (a massive topout) and then sold off 10% from today's highs. There was some bearish news today in the morning; the OPEC report was bearish as it reduced the call on its own crude to 28.8 for 2015 and H1 especially down to 27.8. Also, Iraqi Feb exports are planned to be a record high (up by 600kbd) according to "sources". Also, YPF apparently had a 9% output growth in 2014. However, the market shrugged this bearish news off initially as we rallied massively and broke 51\$ in WTI and 52\$ in BRE. Nothing specific happened to cause the selloff after, and overall it seems that the market is violent and it seems like a good time to be on the sidelines; on a normal day the above news would have caused a selloff, but the fact that we rallied 4\$ and then sold off is classic indication of an extremely short market. Perhaps the rally was somehow related to the wild FX moves as Macro clients had gotten very short, and perhaps stopping out of losing fx positions caused them to take profit on profitable positions as well? Apart from flat price, one interesting thing was the arb today, which sold off aggressively after reports that 10M bbls of WAF crude are heading for storage in the USGC. This happened faster than I would have expected... Perhaps it is time to sell H/M boxes now...

OIL VOLS

Vols skyrocketed in cal15 today as we had tremendous intraday moves. Gamma was bid even during the morning upswing, and only got more bid as we came off. We saw interest in buying WTI put spreads in cal=5. There was some interest to sell variance swaps in mar-may 2015 at some point in the day, but not much seemed to go through as people got spooked by the continuing rally. Interestingly, cal16 was much more tame, w z6 vols up only .55 and .35 in wti and bre respectively. Again there has been no producer flow to note of...M5/Z5 is almost at +10% in WTI, pretty amazing!

			WTI (/change)		BRE (/change)
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H15			53.70% +5.90%	=	51.30% +6.20%
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M15			46.00% +3.90%	=	=2.35% +3.75%
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Z15			36.30% +2.15%		34.25% +1.80%
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Z16			27.55% +0.55%	=	26.90% +0.35%
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