Vola Headlines

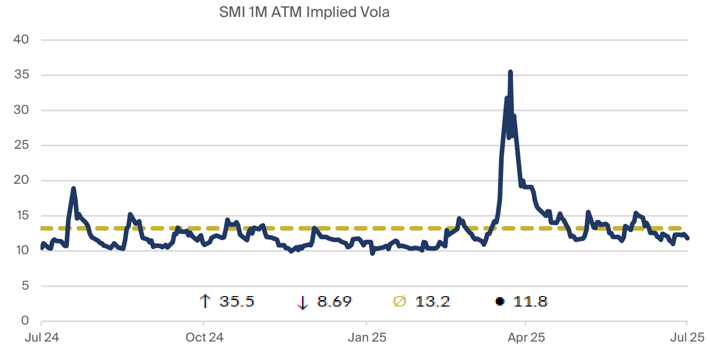
- Cross-asset volatility compressed for a third straight month in July, with every major benchmark now sitting below its 12-month mean as investors leaned back into the soft-landing narrative ahead of the late-July Fed meeting.
- Equity volatility led the pull-back: Volatility slid from the high-teens at end-June to an intramonth low near 16 on 9 July and repeatedly mean-reverted after brief spikes tied to Powell-ouster rumors and mixed earnings headlines, underscoring still-robust risk appetite.
- FX volatility was the outlier,widening Middle-East conflict, and speculation over Fed leadership triggered swings across G10 pairs.
- Rates volatility continued to decrease: moving to its lowest since early 2022.

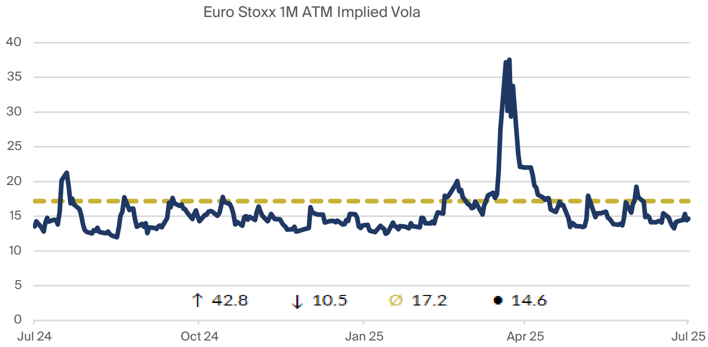
Low volatility environment offers opportunities to enhance portfolio protection, espacially ahead of the Fed decision and the looming August tariff deadline.

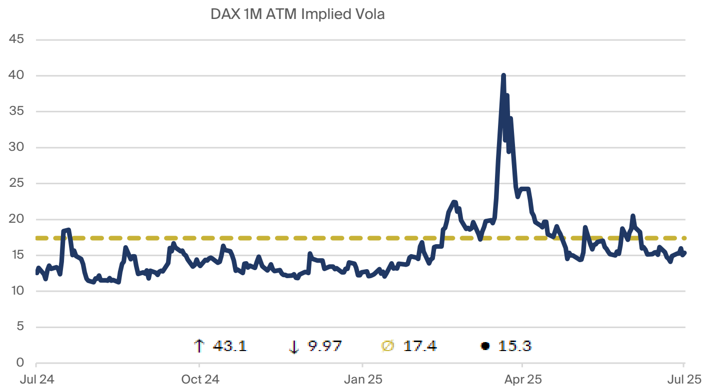
Overview

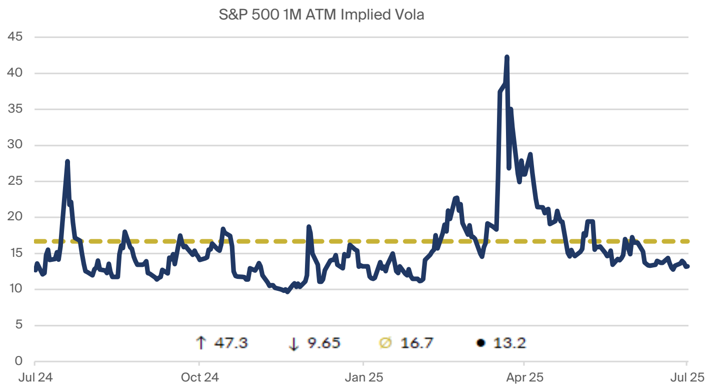
SMI	11.81	Euro Stoxx	14.62	SPX	13.22	Nikkei	19.34
DAX	15.35	FTSE 100	9.29	NASDAQ	15.96	Hang Seng	20.19

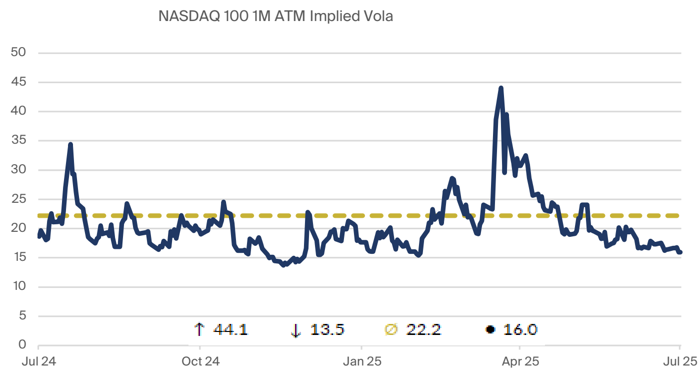
Equities

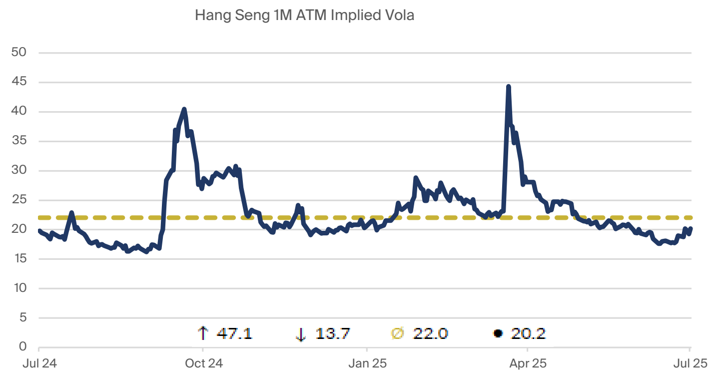












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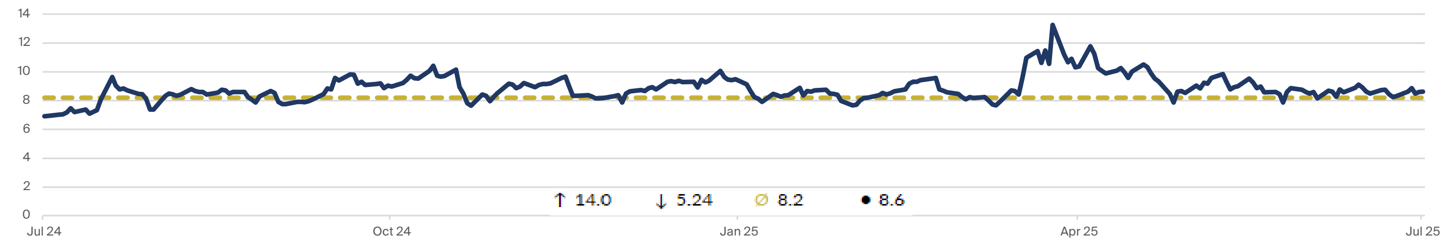
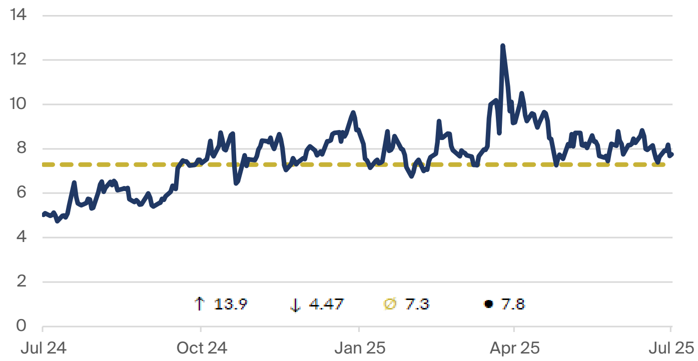
G10	8.63	USDJPY	10.73	EURGBP	5.03	USDCHF	7.91
EURUSD	7.75	EURCHF	4.46	GBPUSD	7.44	EURJPY	8.84

FX

JPM G10 FX Volatility 1M ATM Index



EURUSD 1M ATM Implied Vola



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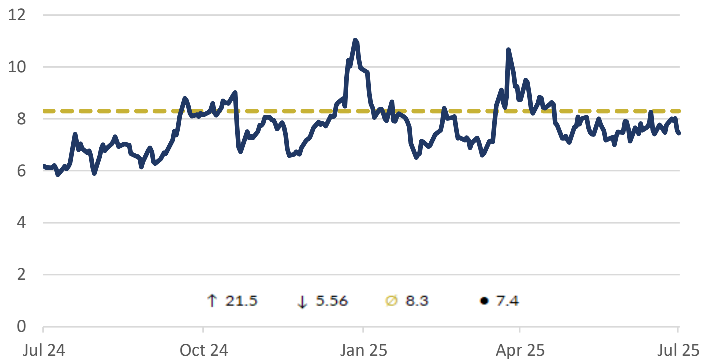

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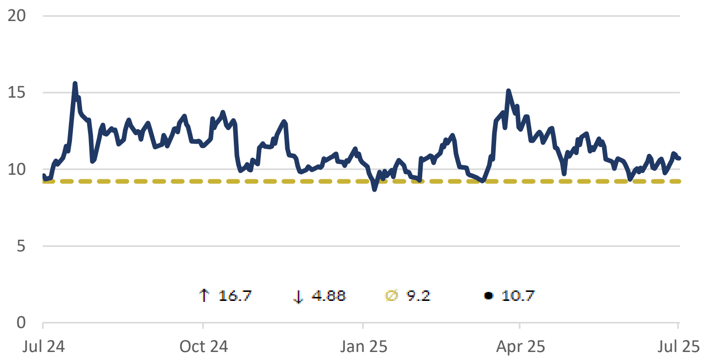

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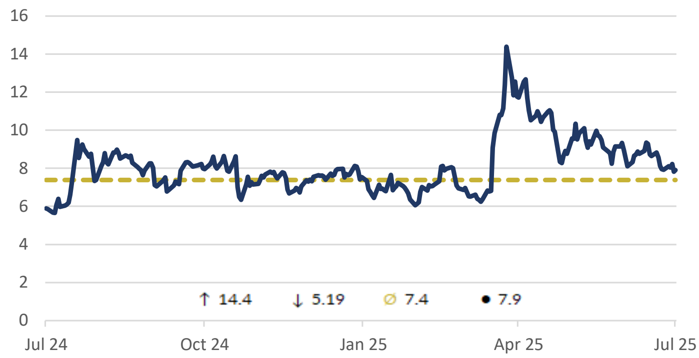

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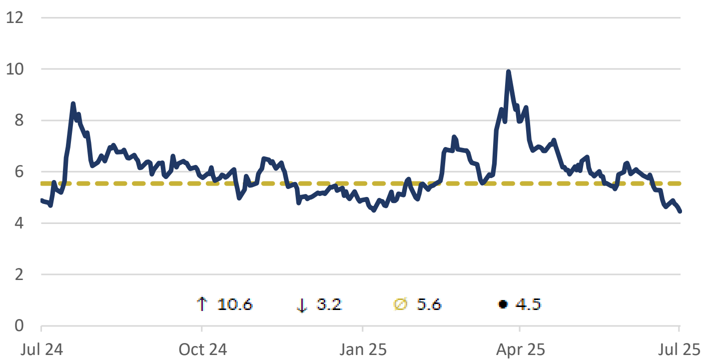

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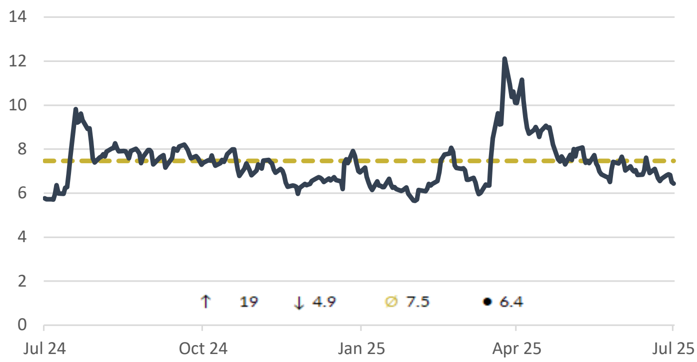

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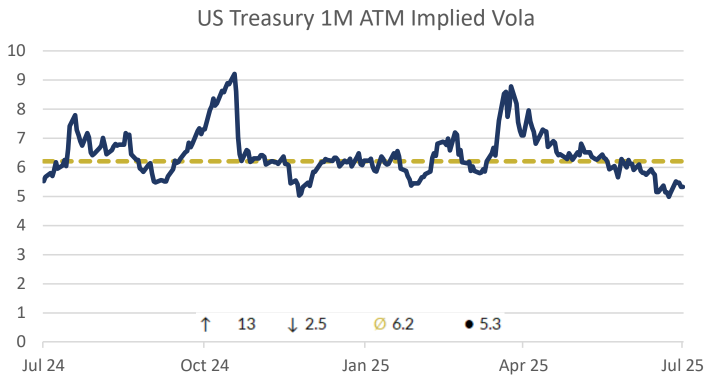
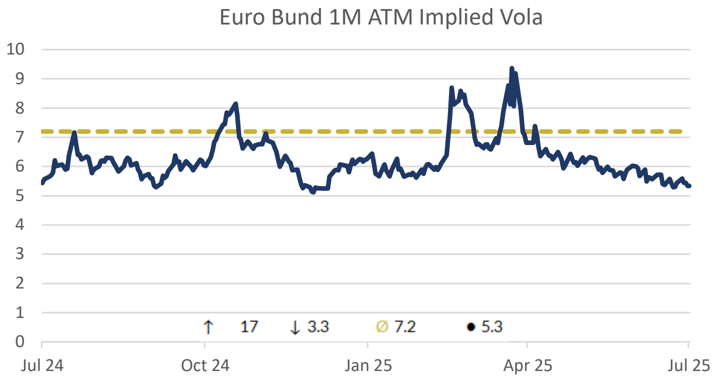
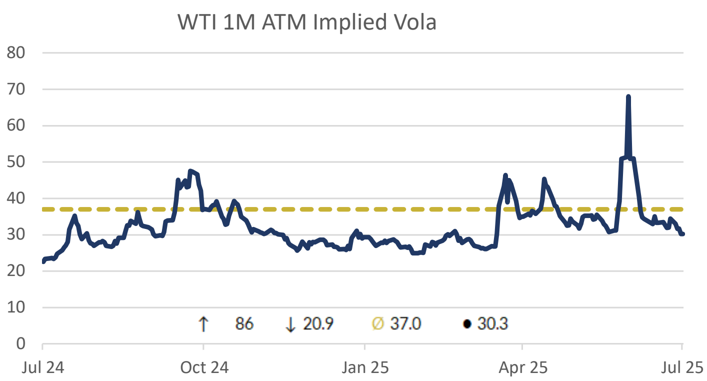
US Treasury	5.33	Euro Bund	5.34				
WTI	30.26	Brent	26.96	Natural Gas	54.49	Corn	21.00

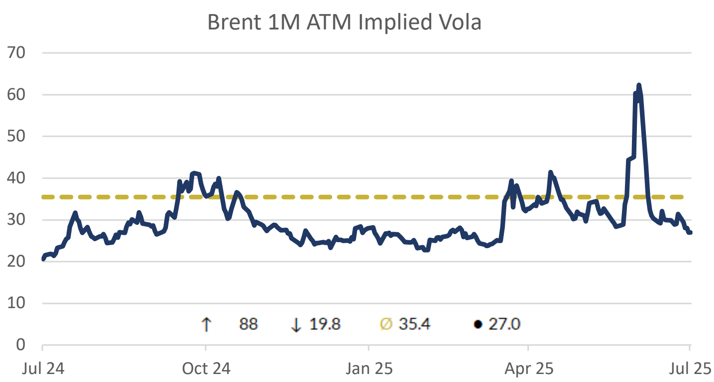
Rates

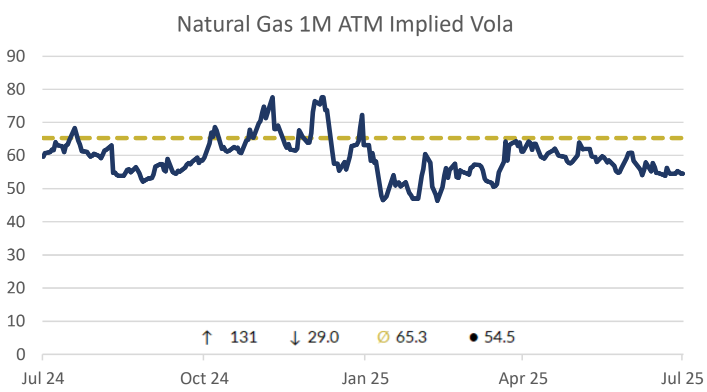


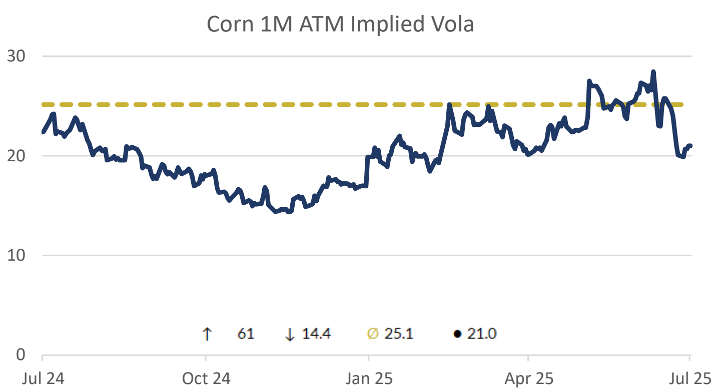


Commodities









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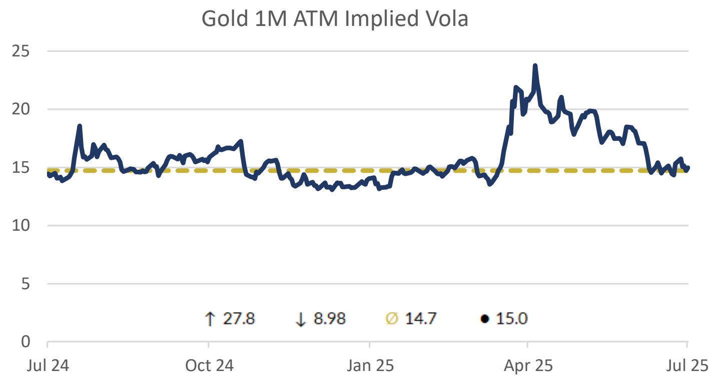
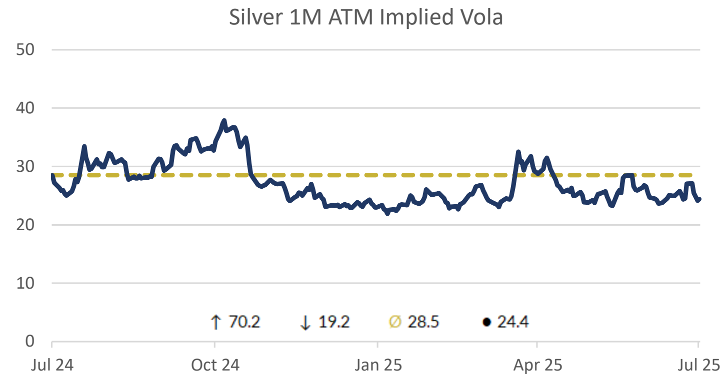
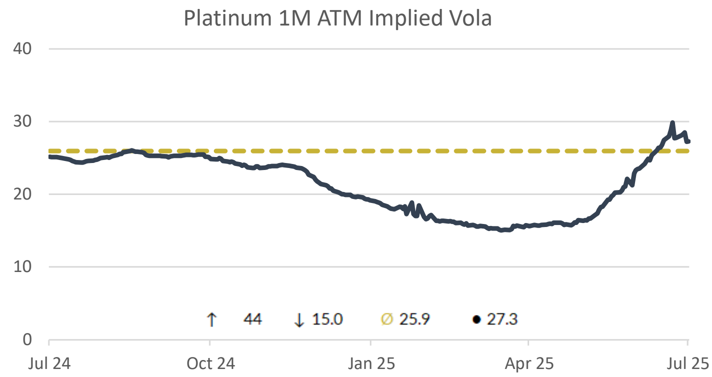
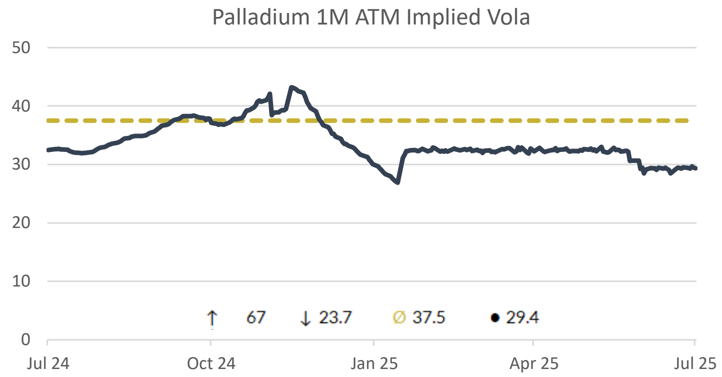
Gold	14.98	Silver	24.45	Platinum	27.26	Palladium	29.38

Metals









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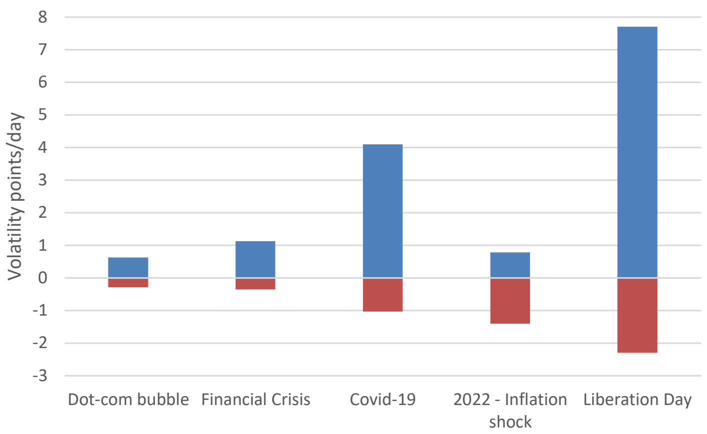
Speed Of Volatility



The chart illustrates VIX behavior across five major market shocks, with “Liberation Day” standing out as the single-largest spike—nearly 8 vol-points per day—eclipsing even the Covid-19 surge.

Shock-Magnitude Dispersion
Volatility builds asymmetrically across events: Liberation day shows far steeper upward move than earlier episodes, underscoring the level of uncertainty surrounding this particular market event.

Reversion Dynamics
Moreover, the retracement of implied volatility following Liberation Day occurred at a significantly faster pace compared to previous events.

“When shocks now hit at algorithmic speed, it’s positioning—not prediction—that separates profit from pain.”

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