

Auction Volume Report: Americas

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Tethys Auction Volume Report is an independent analysis of auctions in global equity markets. This report includes current and historical auction data. It also includes factor cross-section analysis. The report features a subset of the data and analysis that contributes to the success of our award-winning settlement price benchmark **ECLOS** algorithm.

For the purpose of this report, the phrase 'auction' refers to both auction and cross based market open and close mechanisms. The term "auction volume %" is the auction volume as a percentage of total daily volume.

Auction Volume % = Auction volume on the primary exchange / Total traded volume across all venues

This report utilizes both the straight median and the notional weighted average in measuring auction volume. The difference provides an insight into the auction participation divergence in the liquidity spectrum. To manage the noise of the data, we filter the equities by putting the minimum median auction volume of 500 shares and 1,000 shares for opening and closing auction, respectively.

This report covers major listing exchanges in the Americas. Table 1 below presents the current six-month straight median and notional weighted auction data.

	Daily Median Closing Auction Volume % (Changes)*	Daily Notional Weighted Closing Auction Volume % (Changes)	Daily Median Opening Auction Volume % (Changes)	Daily Notional Weighted Opening Auction Volume % (Changes)
BSP (BRAZIL)	8.03% -0.70%	12.86% -0.84%	0.38% +0.04%	0.62% +0.09%
TOR 1 (CANADA)	10.42% -0.45%	32.93% +0.37%	0.54% +0.01%	2.69% -0.47%
TOR 2 (CANADA)	5.13% -0.03%	20.92% -1.10%	0.66% +0.06%	1.87% -0.95%
TSX (CANADA)	0.56% +0.12%	2.45% -0.35%	1.10% +0.11%	1.62% +0.04%
SGO (CHILE)	11.21% +1.37%	15.60% -0.20%	0.11% -0.03%	0.26% -0.06%
MEX (MEXICO)	10.09% -1.23%	28.54% -0.79%	0.01% +0.01%	0.04% -0.01%
ARCA (US)	0.69% +0.01%	2.93% +0.50%	1.30% +0.05%	0.66% +0.07%
AMEX (US)	2.37% -0.18%	4.89% -1.01%	1.11% +0.18%	1.22% -0.02%
BATS (US)	0.59% -0.02%	2.06% +0.10%	1.25% +0.10%	0.93% +0.00%
NYSE (US)	12.43% +0.09%	14.03% -0.36%	0.87% +0.01%	1.25% +0.02%
NSDQ (US)	10.12% -0.21%	9.18% +0.19%	0.79% +0.01%	0.99% +0.07%

* The term "Daily Auction Volume %" denotes the 4 auction volume % metrics presented in Table 1.

* Change in Daily Auction Volume % = Daily Auction Volume % of the past month – Daily Auction Volume % of the 6 months before the past month.

* TOR 1 includes Interlisted stocks with TOR (Toronto Stock Exchange) as the primary exchange and TOR 2 includes Non-Interlisted stocks with TOR as the primary exchange.

Closing Auction Volume % Trend by Country

We use two metrics to demonstrate the evolution of auction volume over time: weekly notional weighted average closing auction volume % and weekly median closing auction volume %. The first metric measures the average auction volume % of the entire country or exchange symbol universe on weekly basis with the value being weighted by each security's daily notional traded value (definition is on page 6). The latter calculates the median auction volume % of entire country or exchange symbol universe on weekly basis

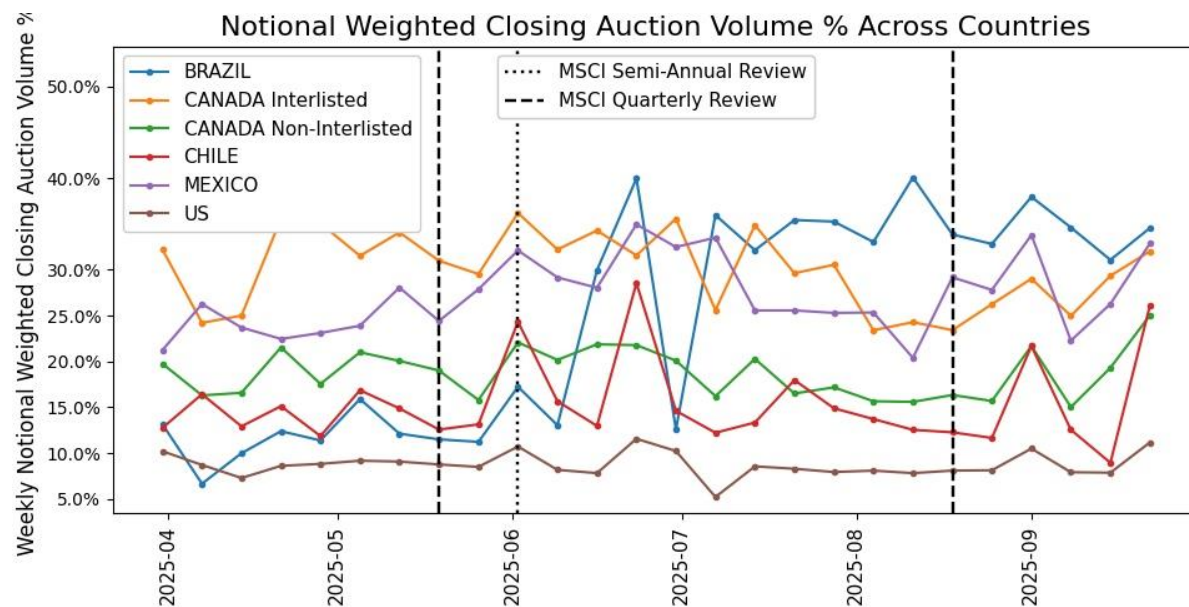


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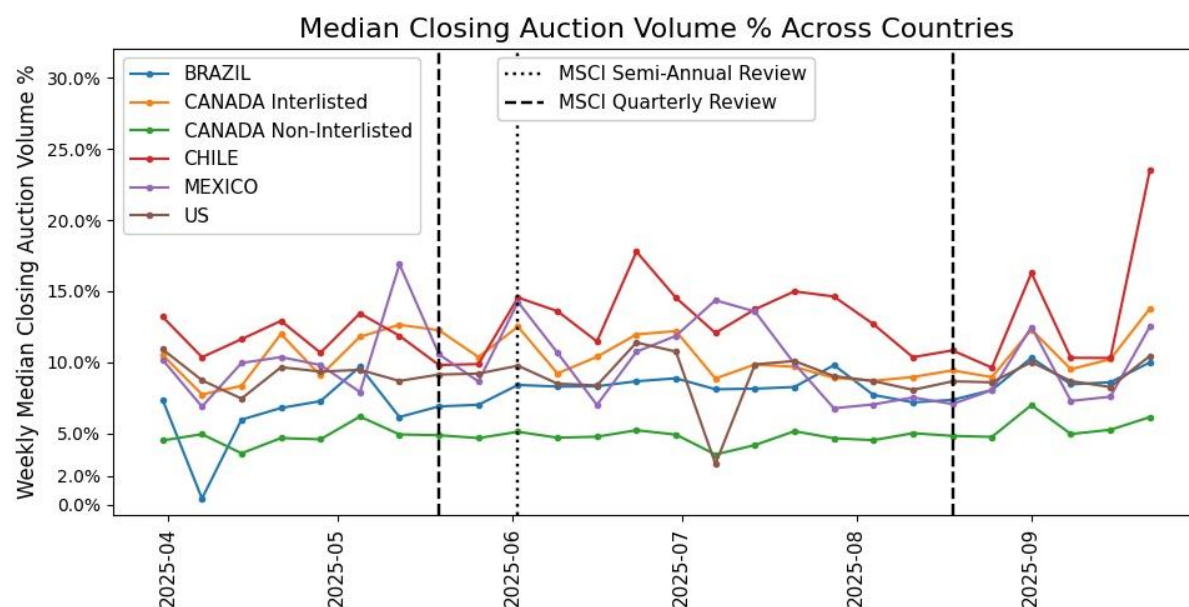


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Closing Auction Volume % Trend by Exchange

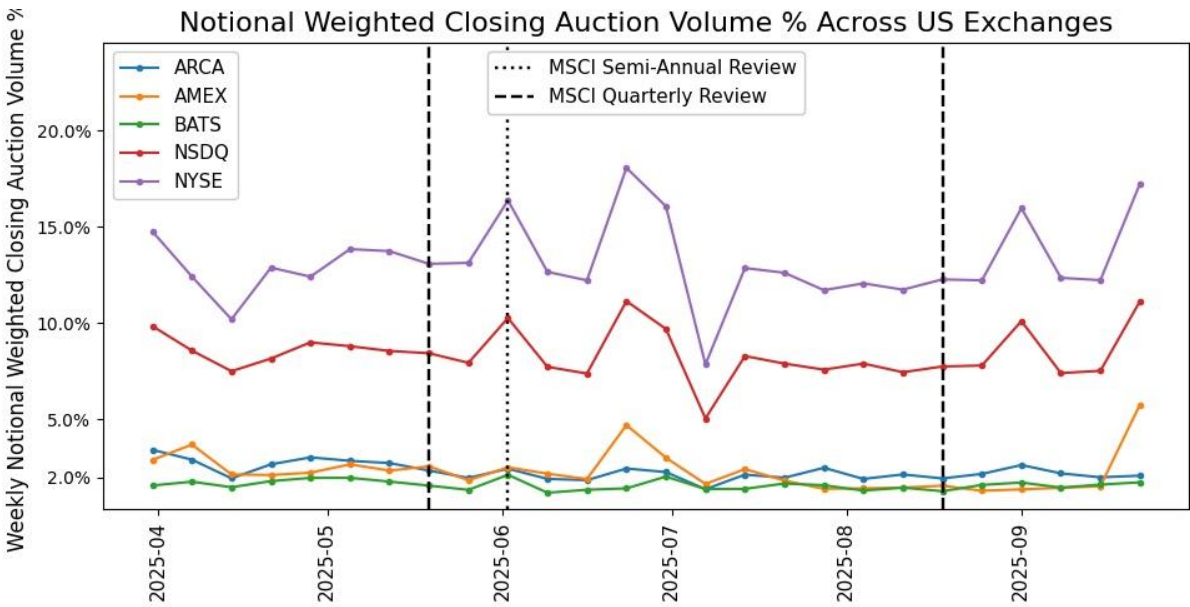


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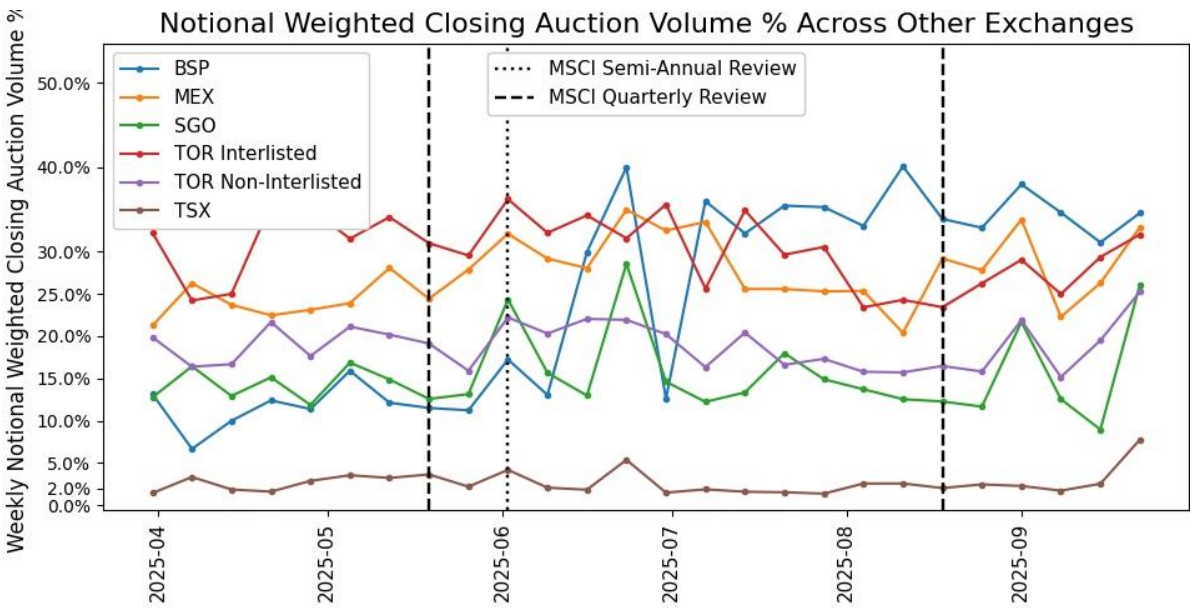


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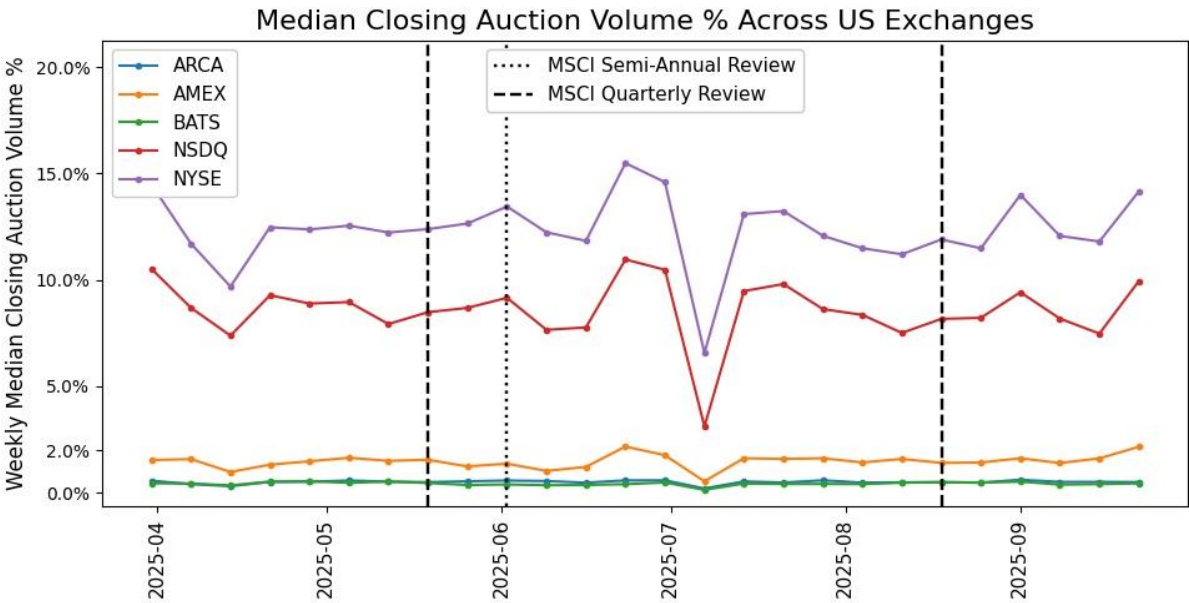


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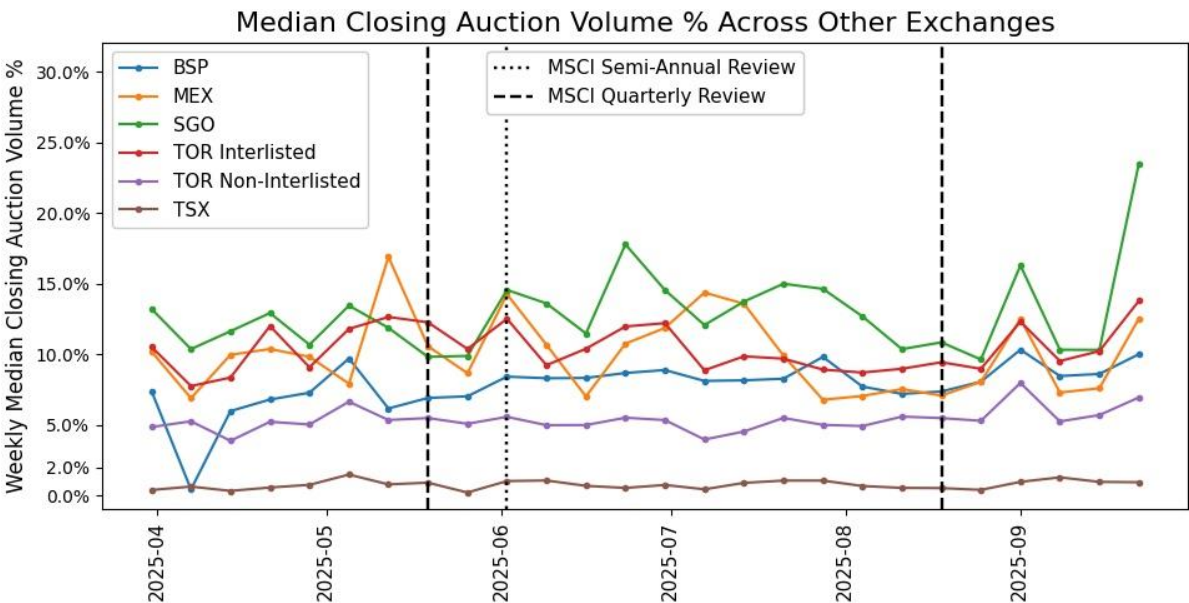


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Summary

- Closing Auction: On notional-traded basis, the Brazilian Bovespa, the Mexican BMV, the Santiago Stock Exchange, the Nasdaq Stock Exchange, the New York Stock Exchange and the Toronto Stock Exchange stand out for the high level of closing auction participation. BATS and ARCA have the lowest level of closing auction participation on notional-traded basis among American Exchanges, since they are dominated by ETF listings, and ETFs usually have low auction volume % participation, except for low liquidity ETFs and certain US-listed Asian and European focused funds.

As expected, the median Auction Volume % data is significantly more stable than the notional weighted data.

It is notable that quadruple witching, shown on our time series graphs, plays an important role across major exchanges in closing auctions. We will publish a separate report studying the influence of quadruple witching on the opening auctions.

- Price Level is the factor with highest explanatory power in the list of factors we presented in this report.
- Daily Price Range has a negative correlation with Auction Volume %. This is explicable, as spreads tend to be higher for these securities and imbalances will have proportionately higher impact.
- Daily Trading Volume also exhibits negative correlation with Auction Volume %, since it is positively correlated to Daily Price Range.
- Trade size fragmentation has an interestingly negative correlation with Auction Volume %, which we will offer reasons for in a future report. There is an intriguing angle to be explored.

It is also interesting to note that:

- Nasdaq and NYSE continue to stand out for their widespread use of closing auctions across the liquidity spectrum. As seen in Table 1 and Figures 13–14 together with Figures 37–38, the overall level of closing participation remains high at these exchanges, and the gap between auction participation of low-liquidity and high-liquidity securities remains narrow. Nasdaq's closing auction volume held near 10% of total volume, while NYSE remains slightly higher at around 12–14%, both stable year-over-year.
- On the Toronto Stock Exchange, there is a notable disparity between the most liquid and less-liquid listings. The highest liquidity securities—largely inter-listed U.S.–Canada cross-listings—exhibit much higher closing auction participation, reflecting influence from U.S. auction standards. The non-interlisted segment (TOR 2) remains considerably lower in participation, with median close auction volume around 5% versus over 10% for inter-listed names.
- The Brazilian Bovespa (BSP) maintains a distinct and efficient closing auction process, with a separate auction session independent from continuous trading. Real-time imbalance dissemination and expected clearing price visibility contribute to transparency, while randomized extensions continue to reduce gaming. However, the latest data shows a modest decline in notional-weighted closing auction participation (–0.84 pp MoM) to 12.86%, indicating possible sensitivity to market volatility in 2H 2024.

The Mexican BMV continues to rely on a closing cross rather than a true auction mechanism, which remains difficult for investors to navigate due to selective information dissemination and opaque lock-ups. Auction participation fell by ~1.2 pp, and the mechanism's design limits broader investor engagement. It is expected that the BIVA exchange will continue to act as a competitive catalyst, encouraging modernization of BMV's closing process and transparency standards.

Exchange and Factor Description

The primary listing exchanges covered in our report are listed below. These exchanges encompass a majority of the auction volume in North America and LATAM. Tethys offers execution algorithms for all the countries below as well as Colombia, which will be included in upcoming reports.

Brazil

- BSP: Brazilian Stock Exchange (BOVESPA)

Canada

- TOR: Toronto Stock Exchange
- TSX: Toronto Stock Exchange Venture

Chile

- SGO: Santiago Stock Exchange

Mexico

- MEX: Mexican Stock Exchange (BMV)

United States

- ARCA: NYSE ARCA
- AMEX: NYSE American
- BATS: BATS Exchange
- NYSE: New York Stock Exchange
- NSDQ: NASDAQ

For brevity we only include commonly known trading related factors to analyze closing auction volumes. Fundamental factors like market capitalization are not included in this report. Tethys maintains an extensive list of factors in context of auctions. Please note that the factors are not mutually orthogonal (i.e. not completely independent of each other). The factors presented are:

- Daily Trading Volume
- Price Level = $0.5 * (\text{Open Price} + \text{Closing Auction Price})$
- Daily Price Range = $\ln(\text{High/Low})$, where \ln is the natural logarithm
- Notional Value Traded = Daily Trading Volume * Price Level

Average Trade Size = Daily Trading Volume / Number of Trades

Closing Auction Volume in Multi-Dimensional Factor Space

Closing Auction Volume is affected by various factors. Analyzing Closing Auction Volume % with respect to each factor conveys an understanding of the closing auction microstructure behavior for each exchange. Please note that the factors are not mutually independent.

We divided the respective security universe into 5 bins with respect to each factor.

For example, we sort the securities into 5 bins by daily trading volume, where Bin 1 contains the 20% of the securities with the lowest daily trading volume, and Bin 5 keeps the 20% with the highest daily trading volume. Straight median and notional weighted average closing auction volume % are then calculated on a weekly basis. Note that we only include securities that have median close auction volume > 1000 shares.

The chart below summarizes the overall correlation between closing auction volume % and each factor by exchange. The plus “+” indicates positive correlation and minus “-” negative correlation. A blank cell indicates that we can’t validate that there is a correlation by using the binning method.

Table 2

Exchanges	Factors	Daily Trading Volume	Price Level	Daily Price Range	Notional Value Traded	Average Trade Size
BSP (Brazil)					+	
TOR (Canada)			+	-	+	
MEX (Mexico)						
ARCA (US)			+			
AMEX (US)						-
BATS (US)		-				
NYSE (US)			+			-
NSDQ (US)		-	+			-

Correlation between Closing Auction Volume % and Factors

I. Weekly Median Closing Auction Volume % Binned by Daily Trading Volume

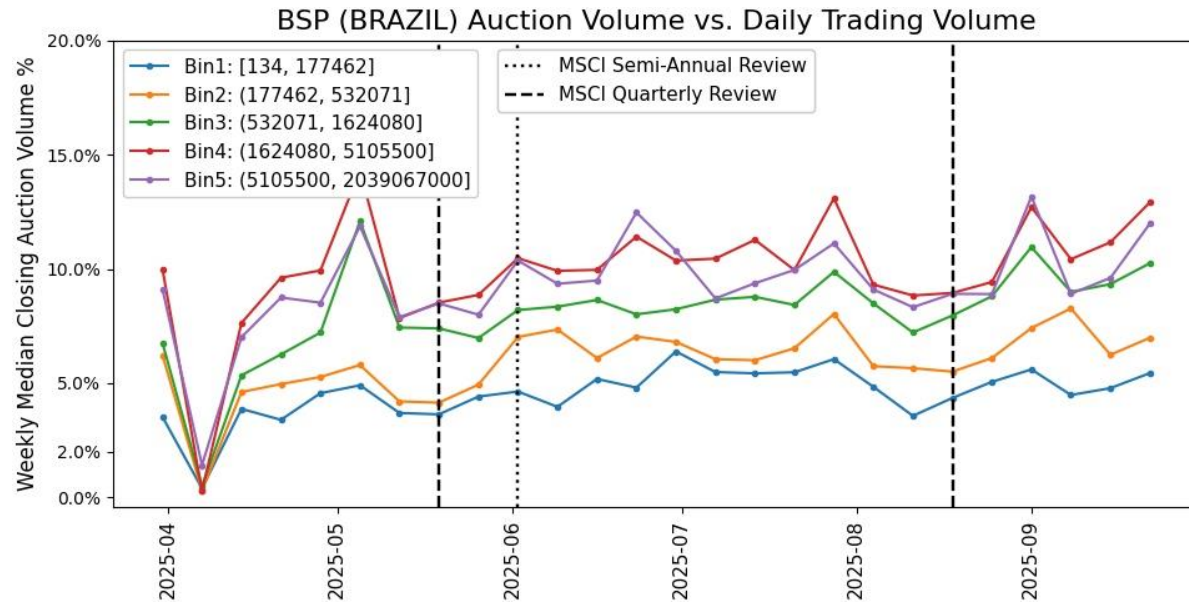


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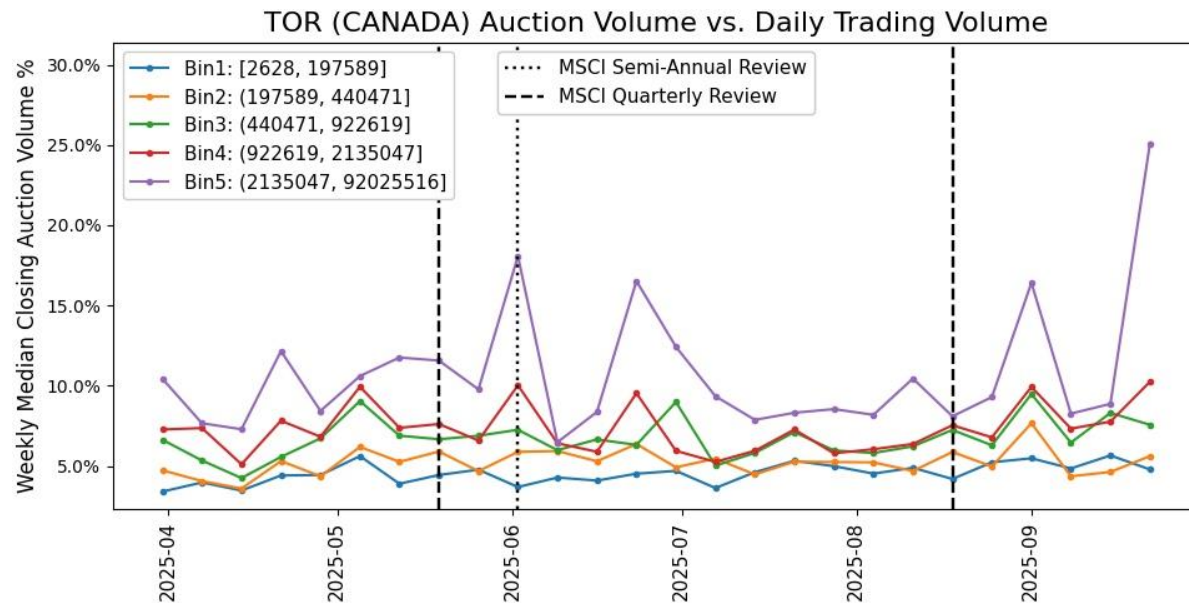


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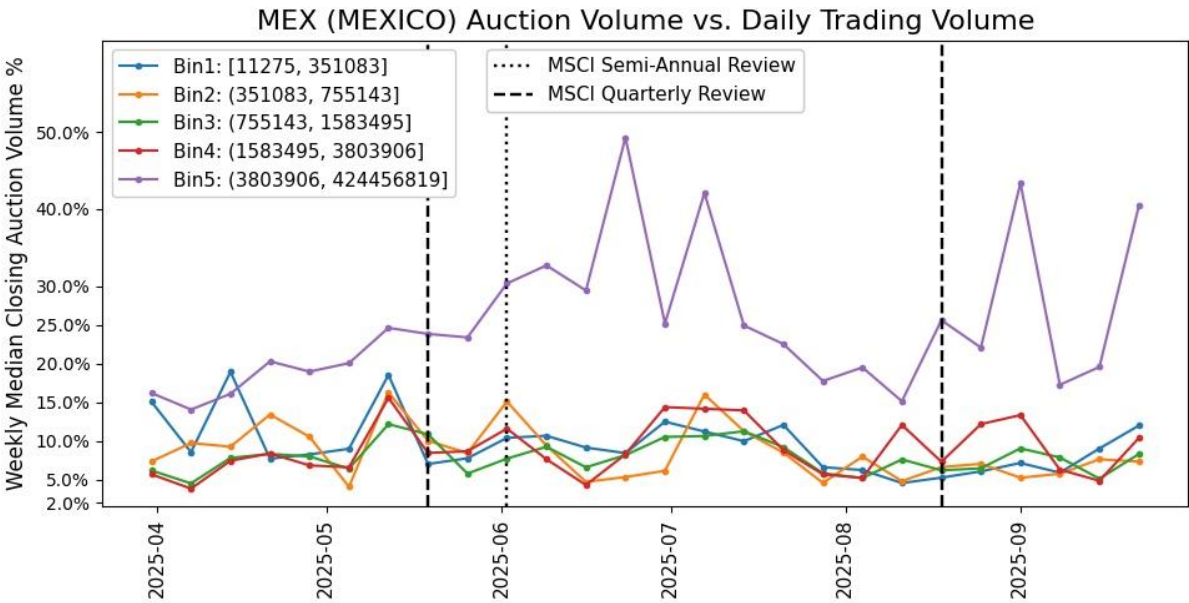


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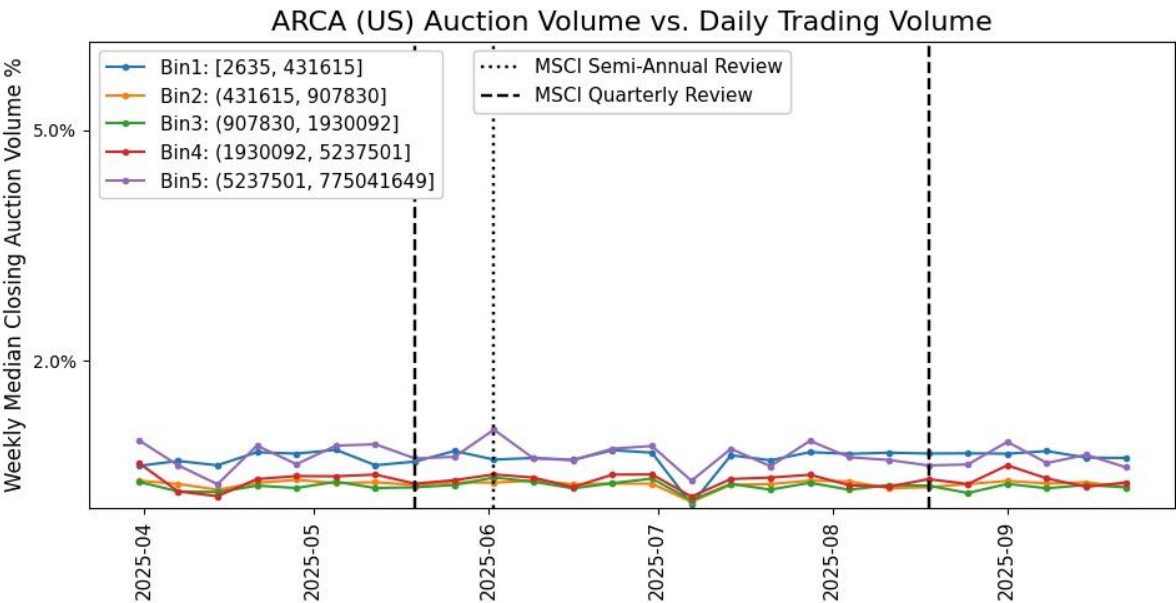


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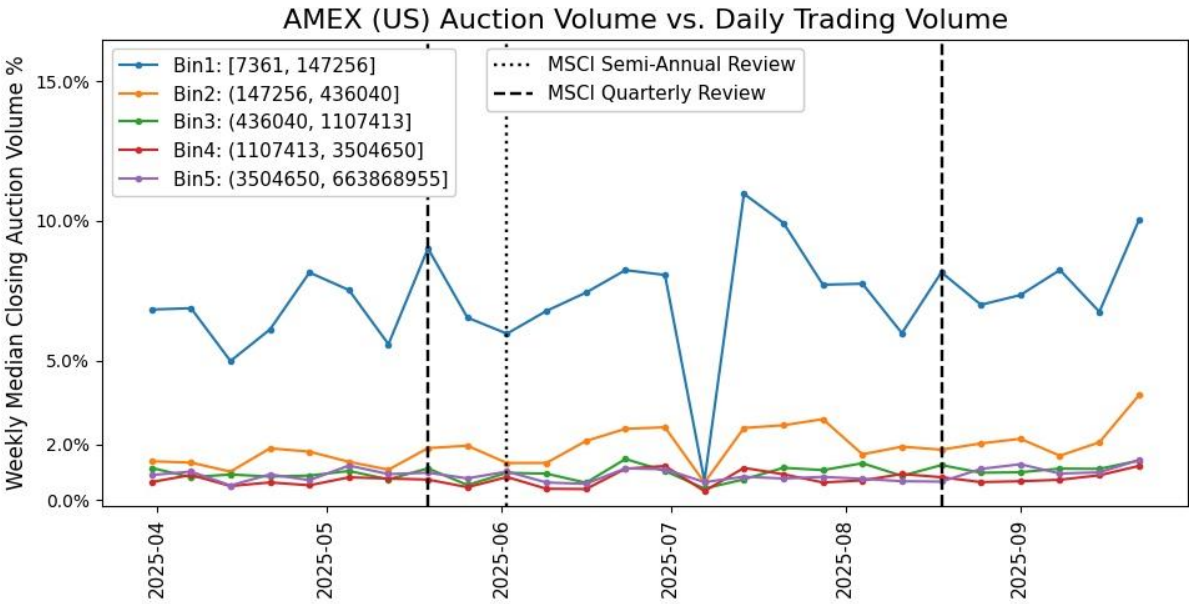


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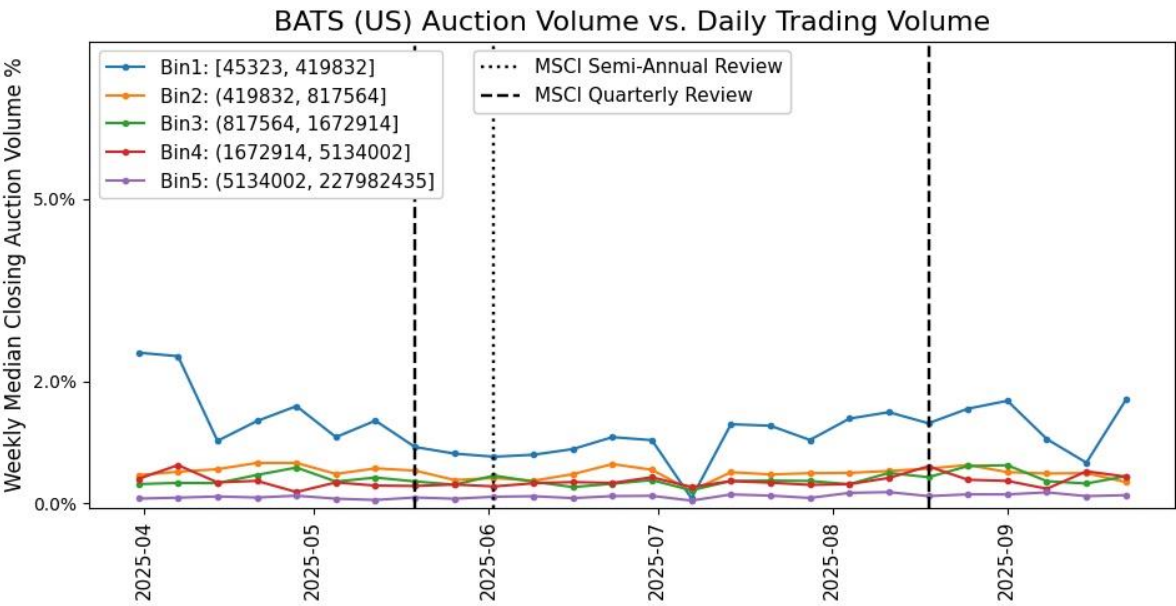


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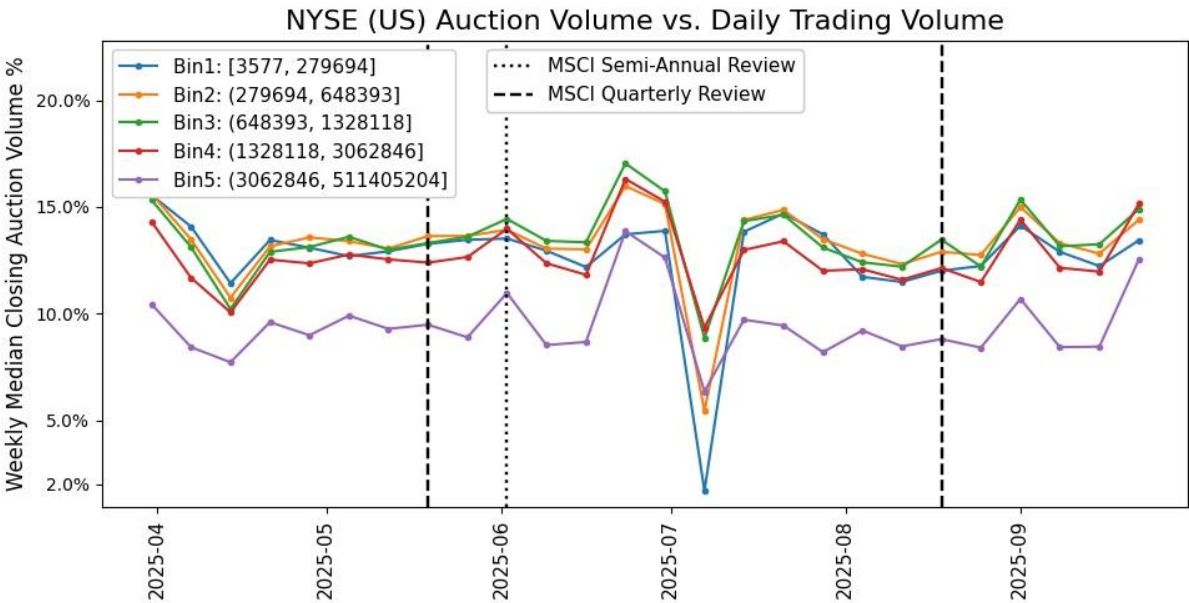


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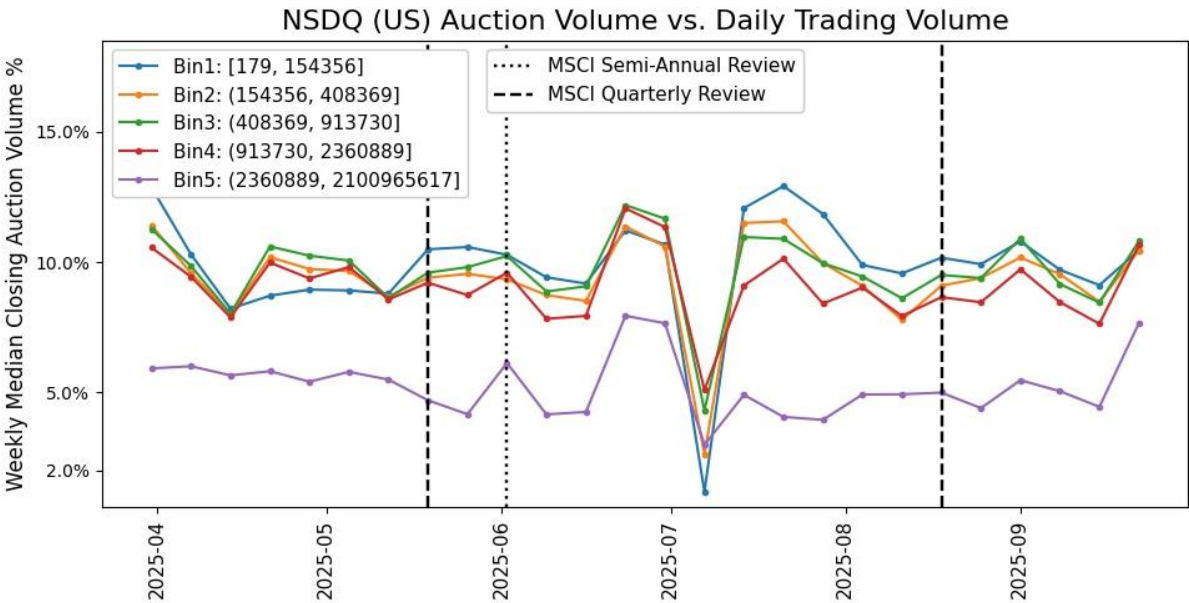


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II. Weekly Median Closing Auction Volume % Binned by Price Level

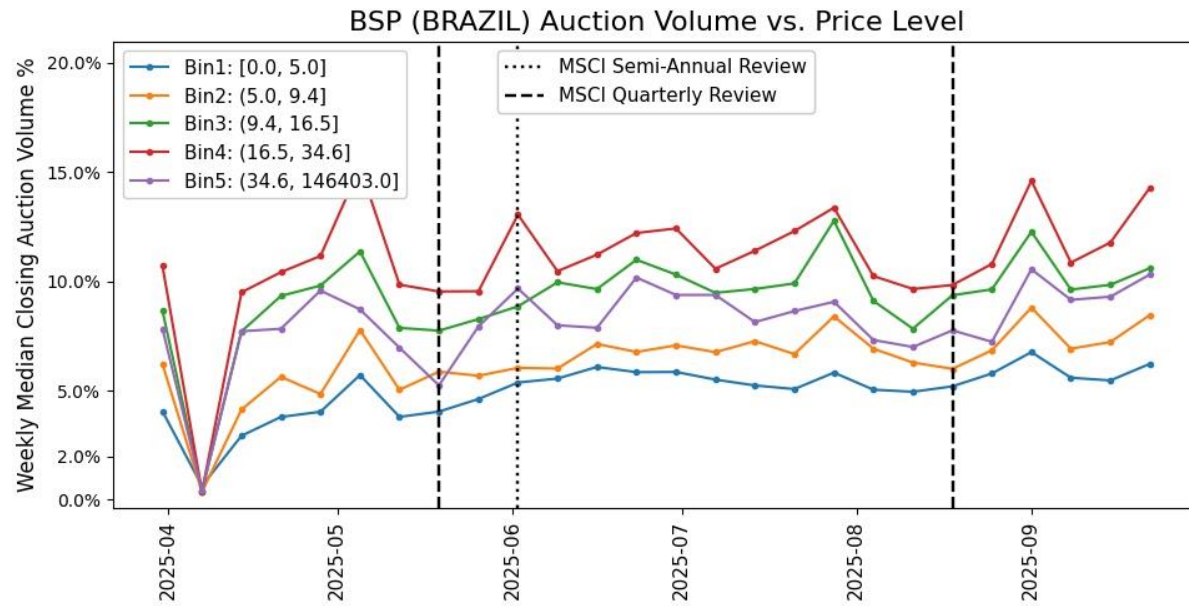


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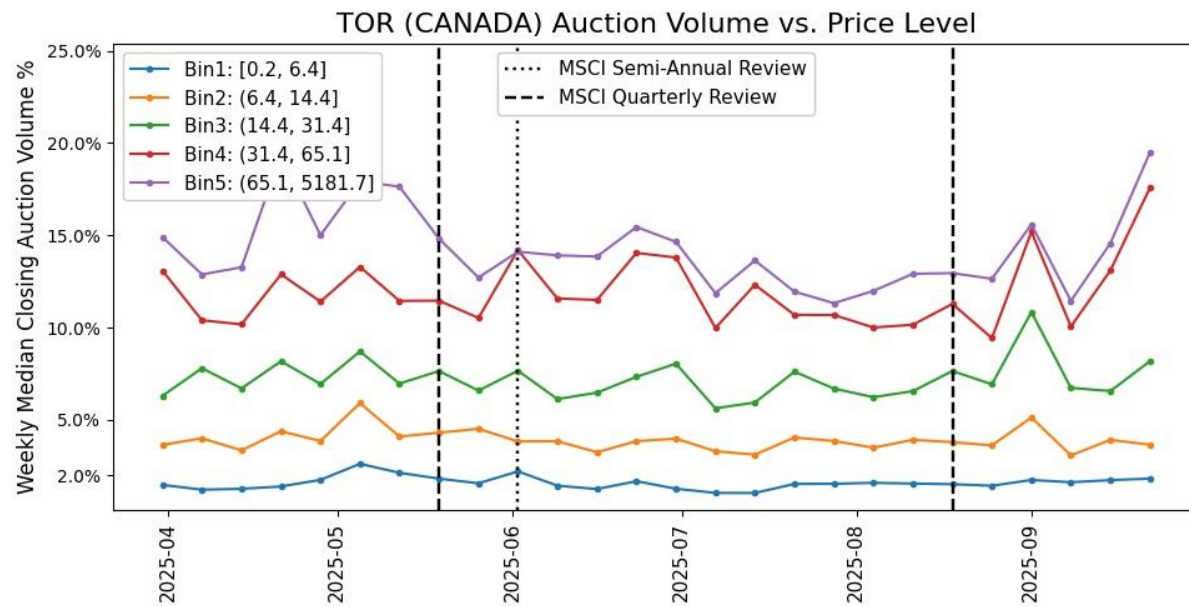


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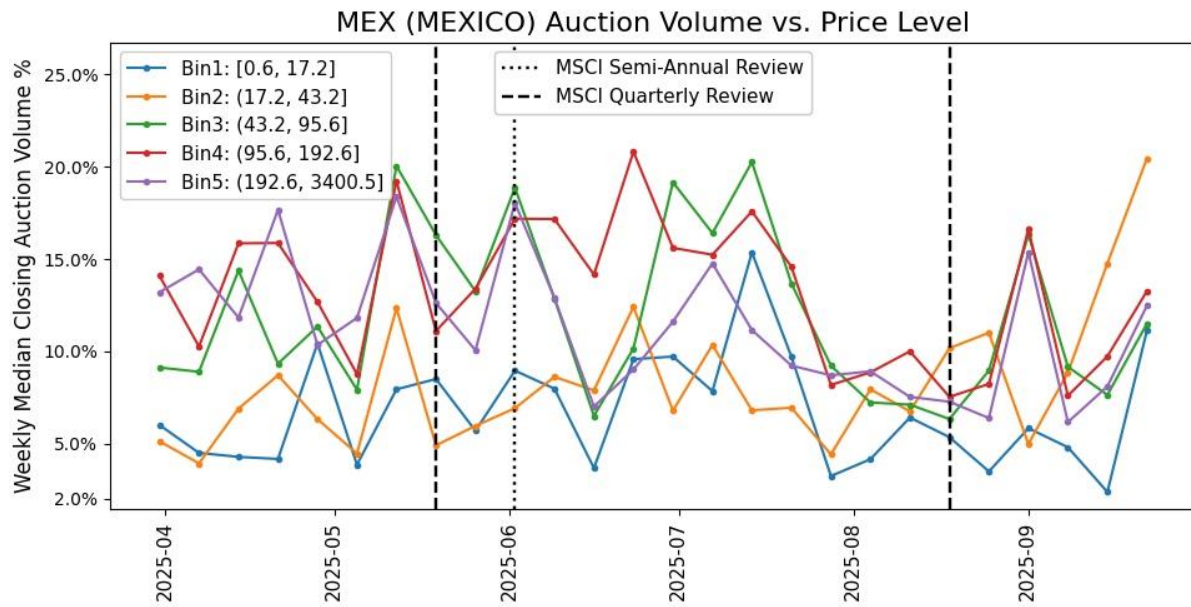


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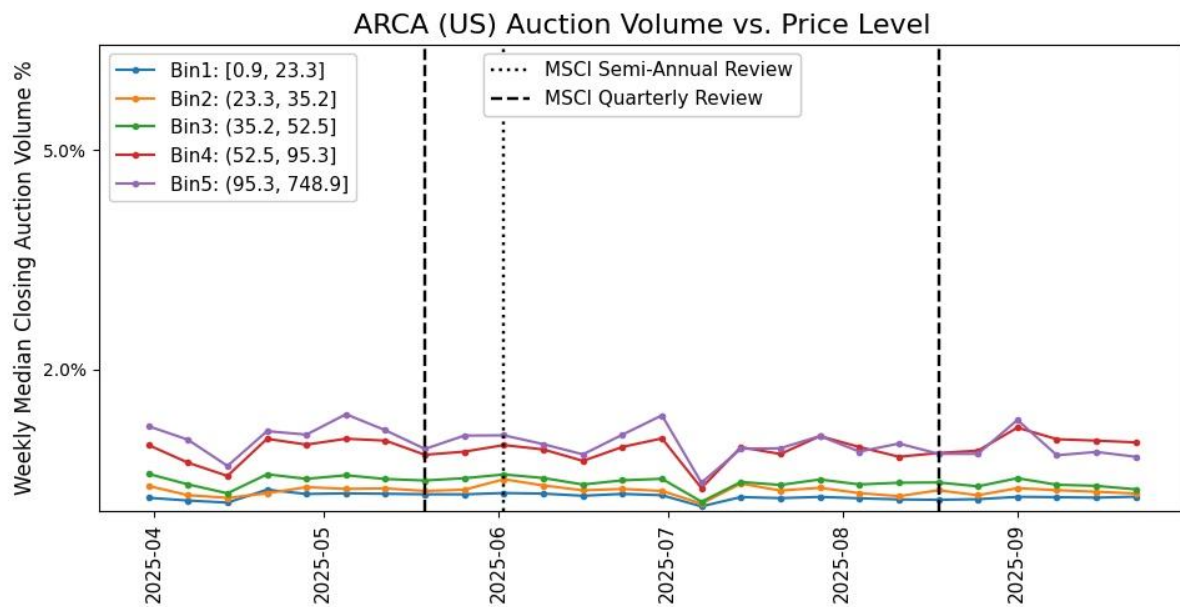


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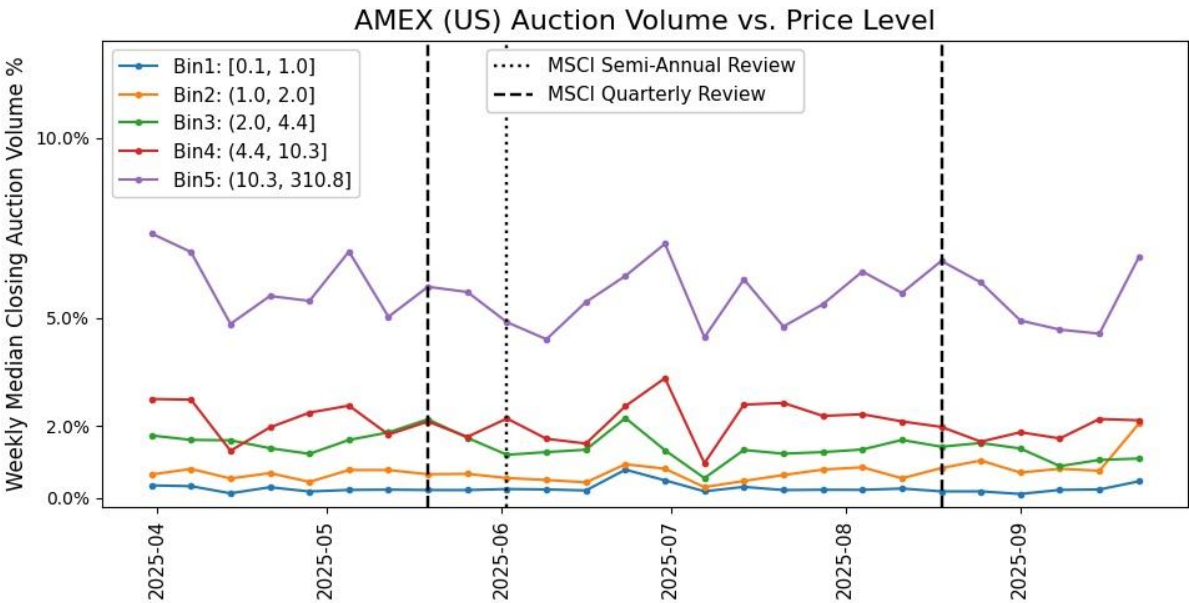


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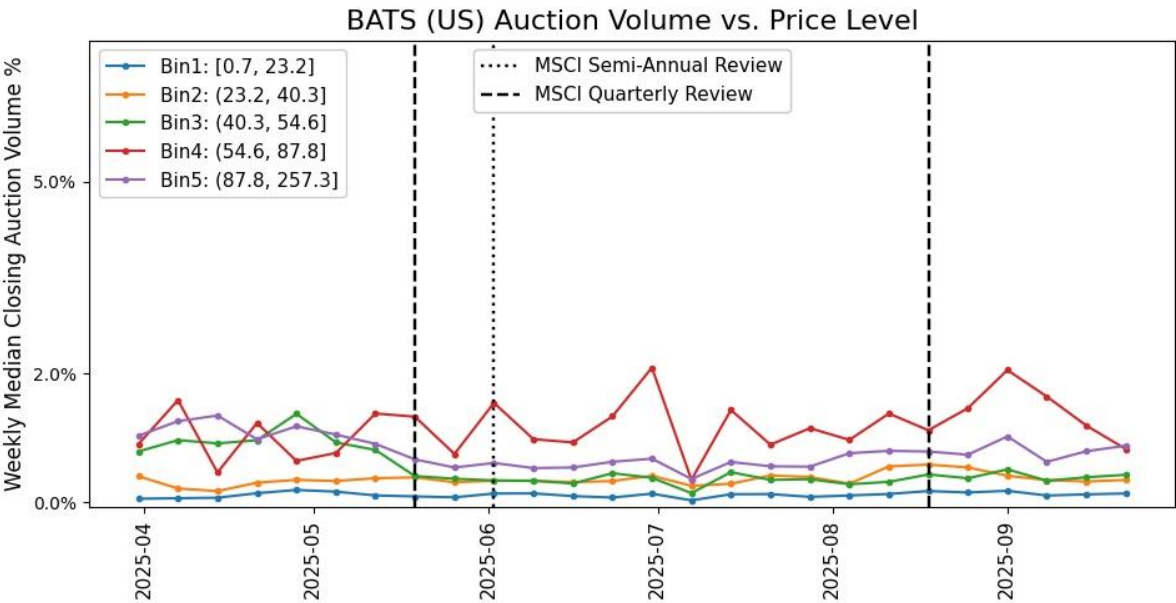


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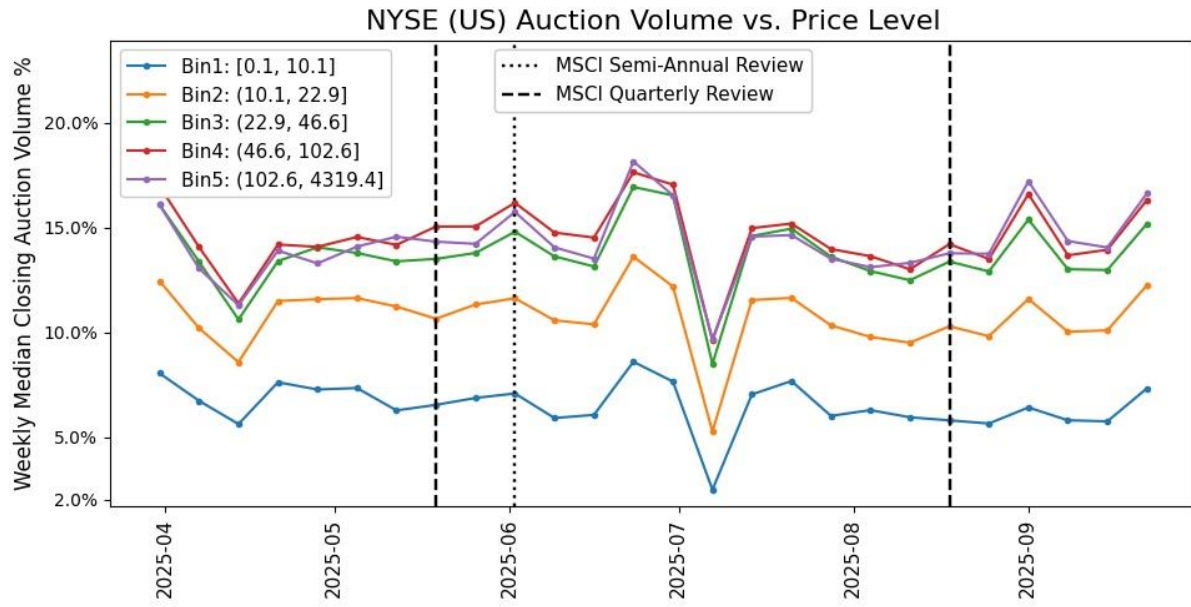


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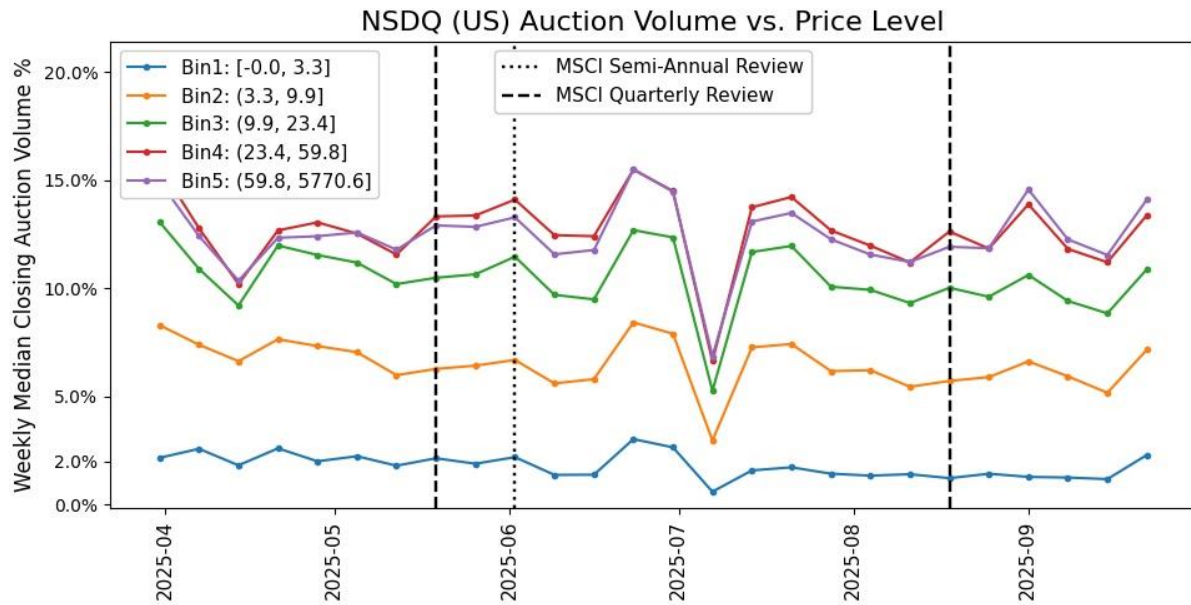


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III. Weekly Median Closing Auction Volume % Binned by Daily Price Range

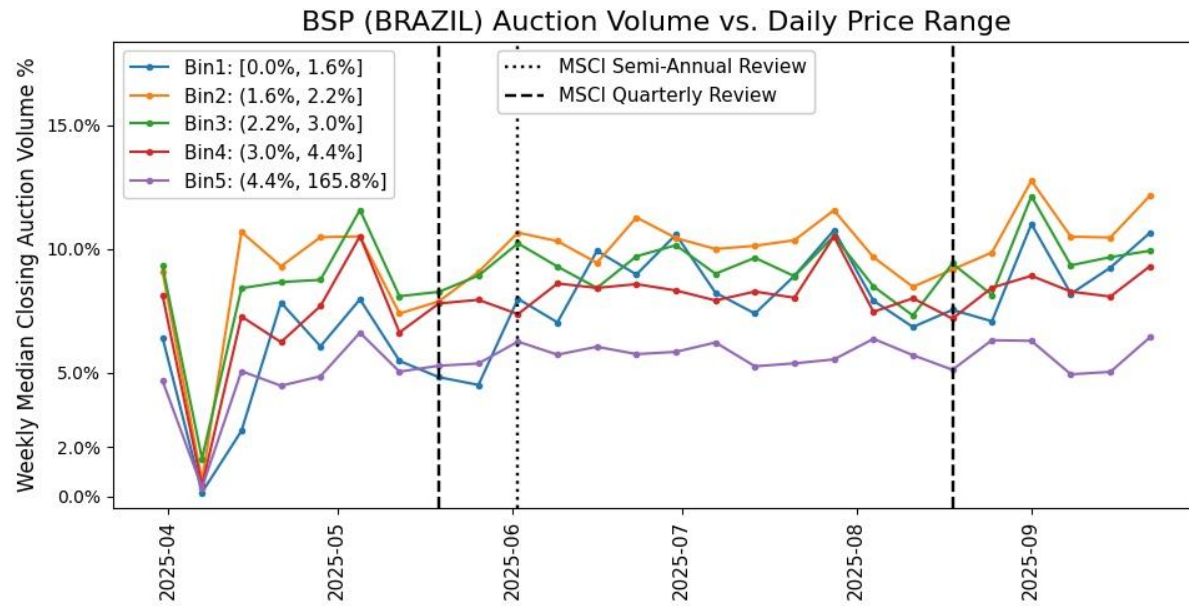


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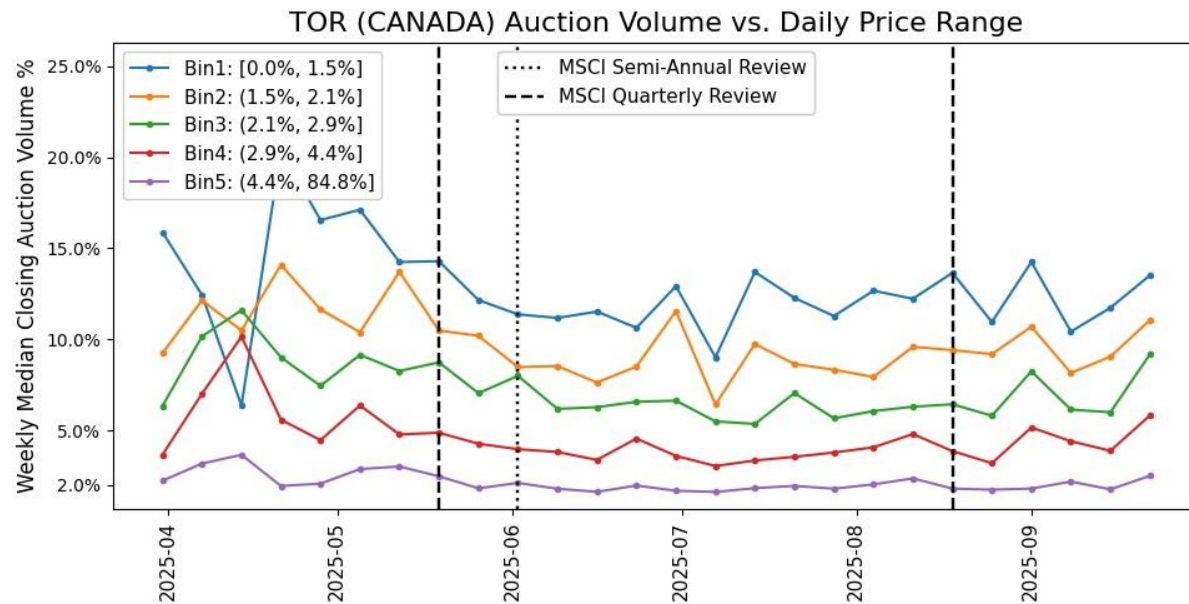


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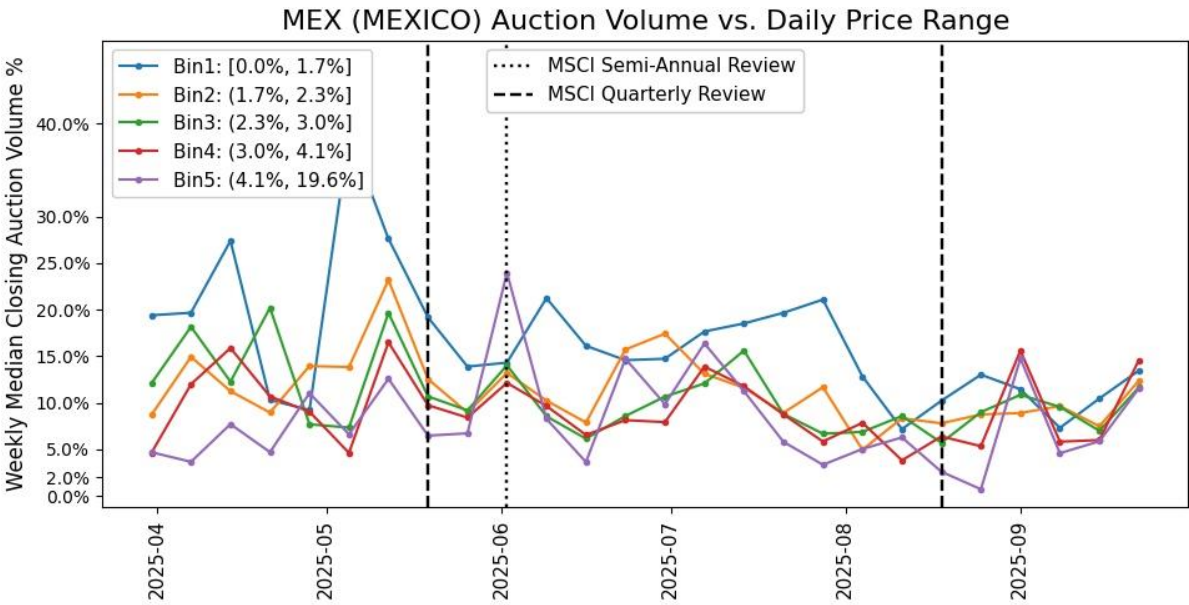


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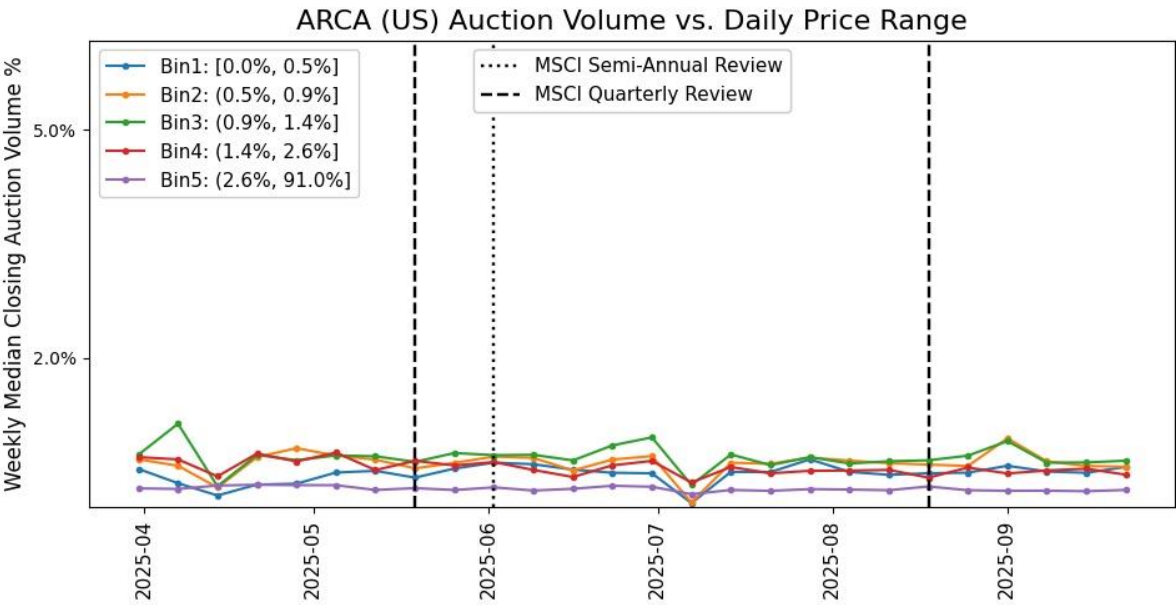


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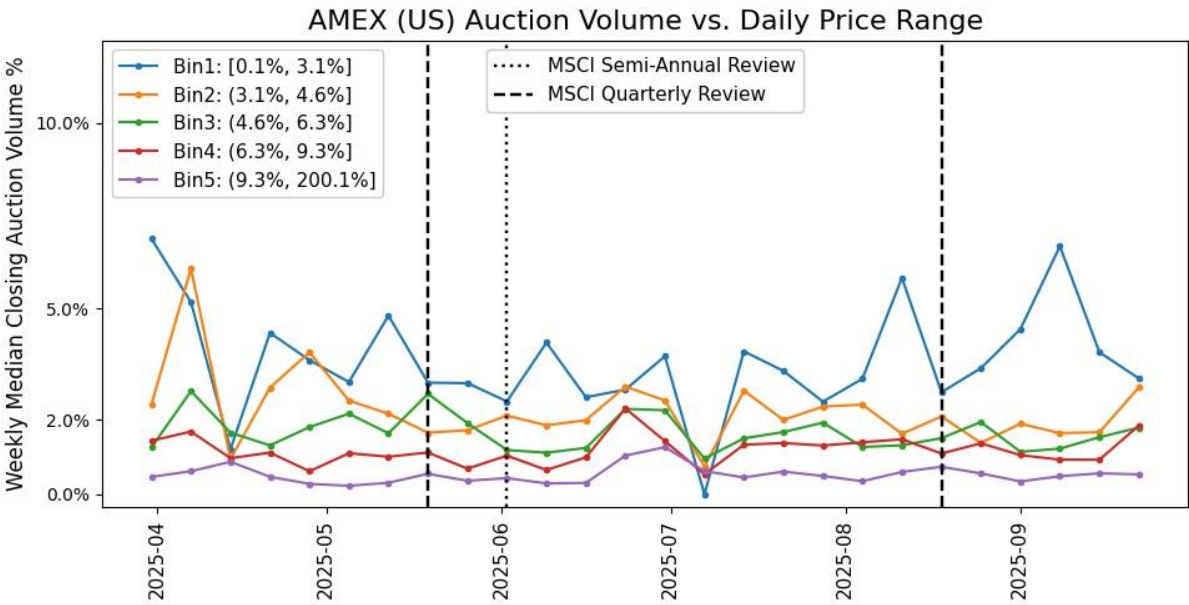


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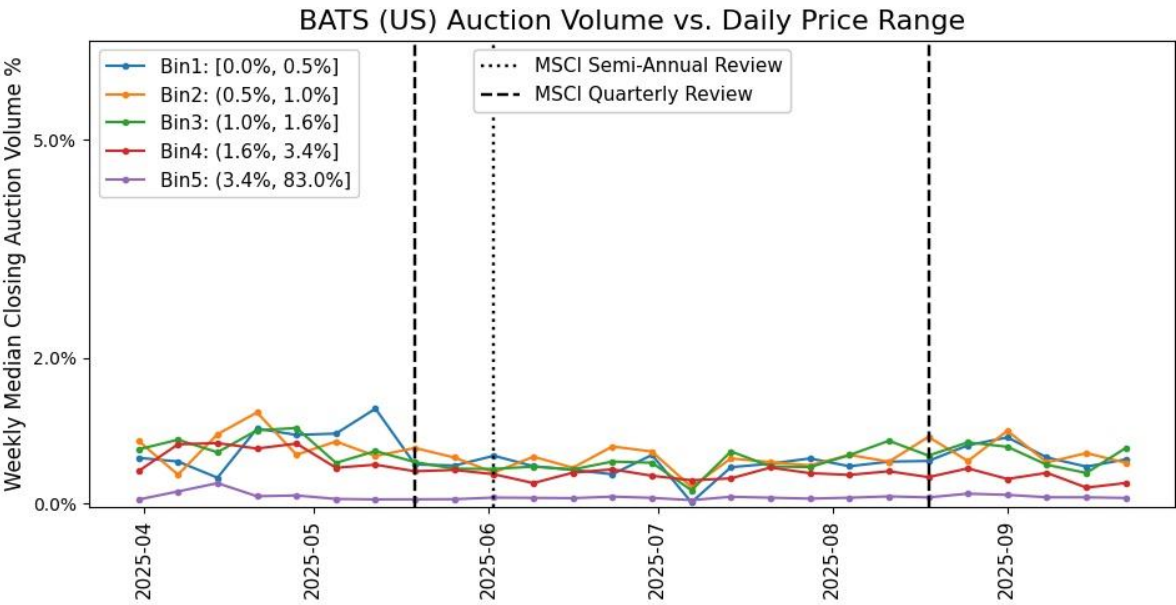


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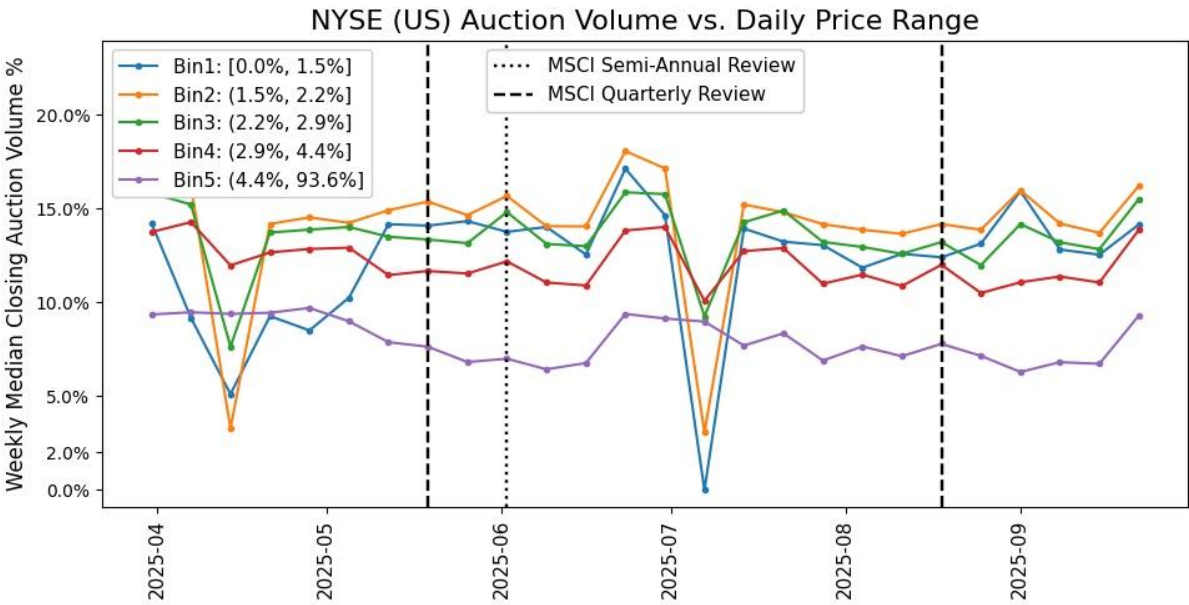


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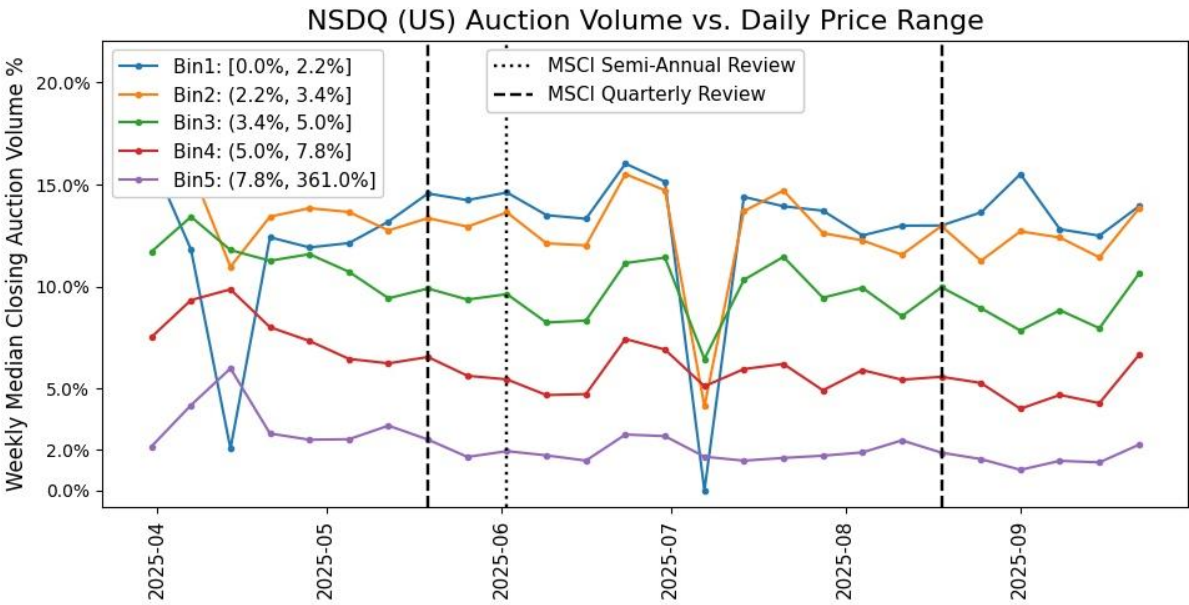


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IV. Weekly Median Closing Auction Volume % Binned by Notional Value Traded

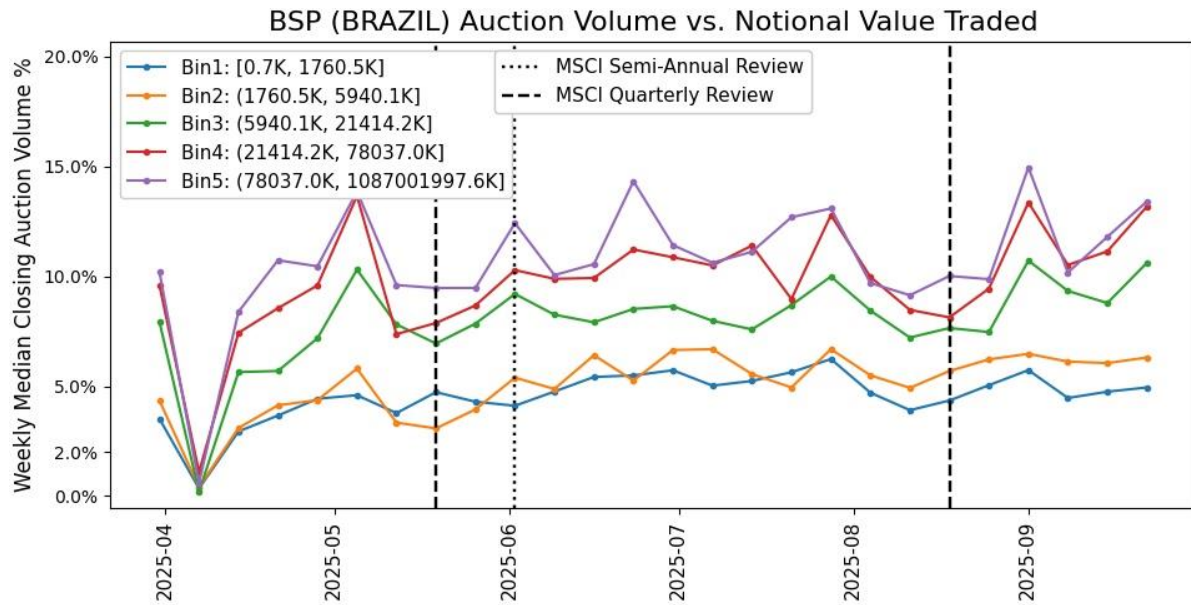


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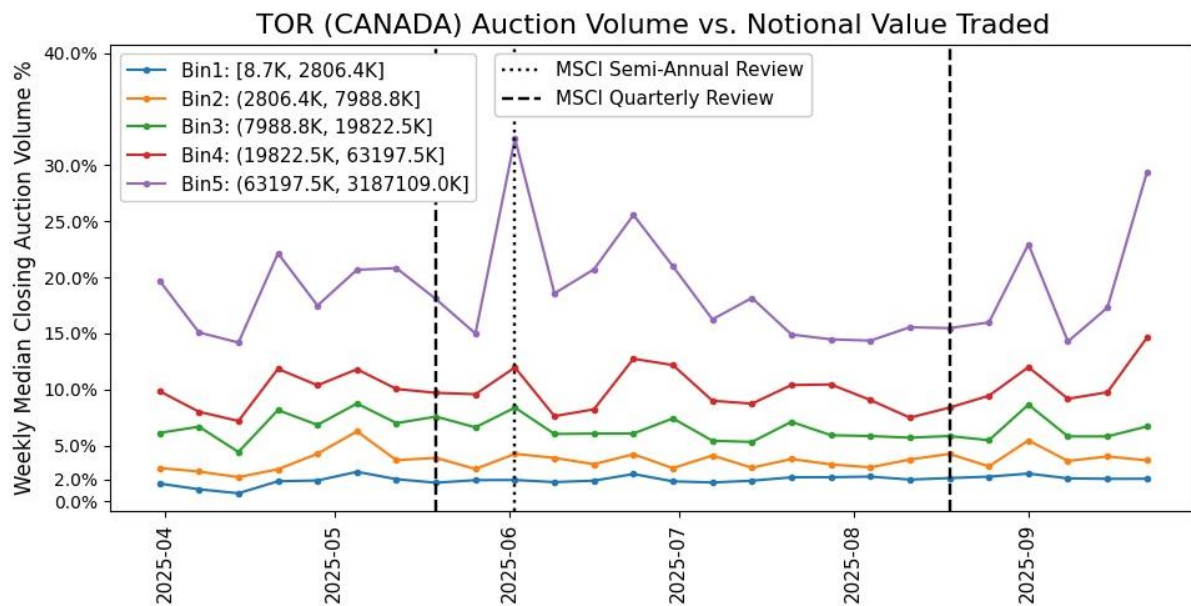


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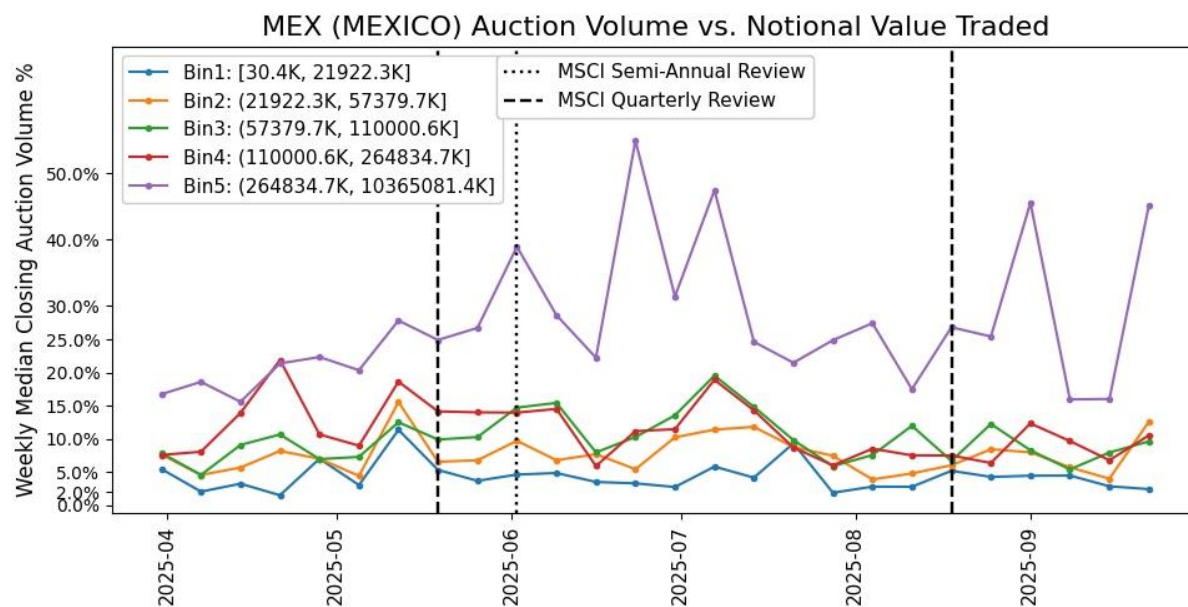


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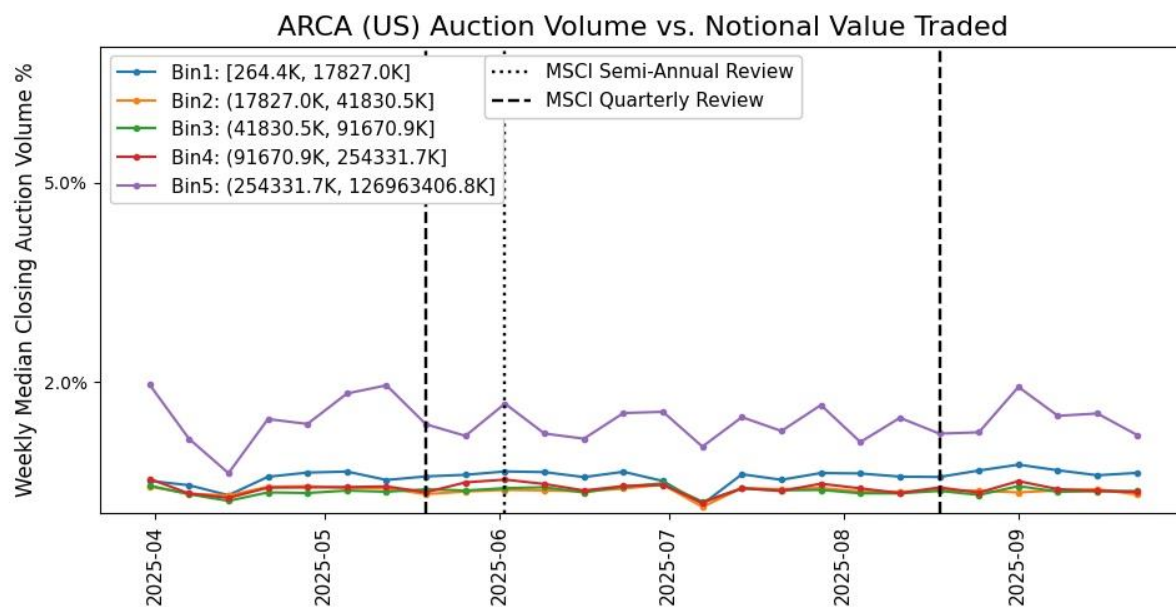


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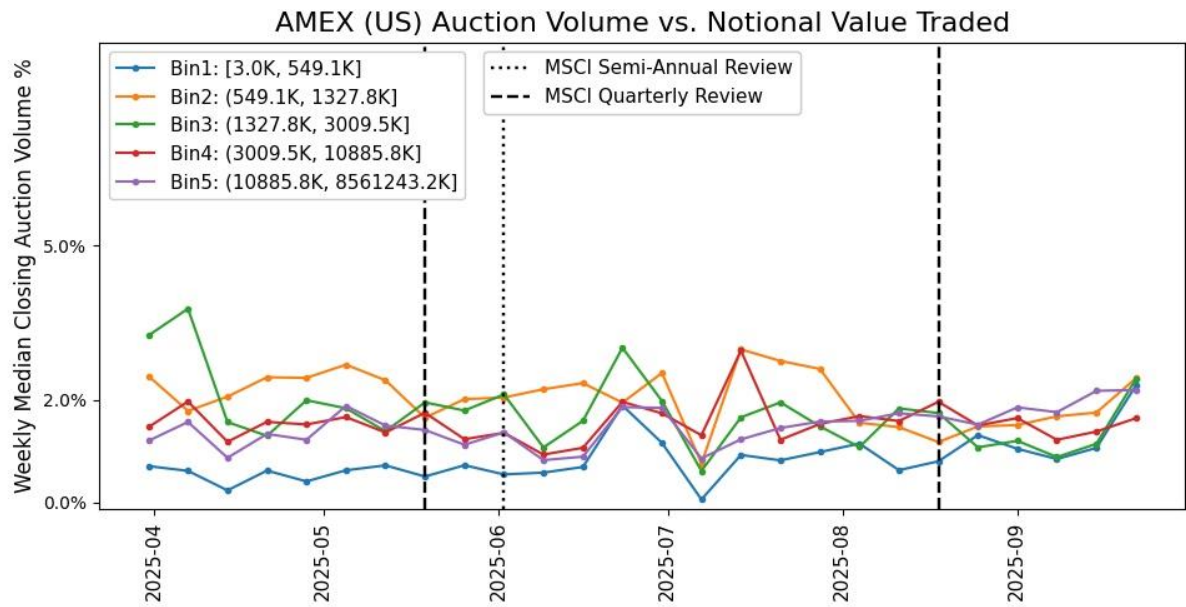


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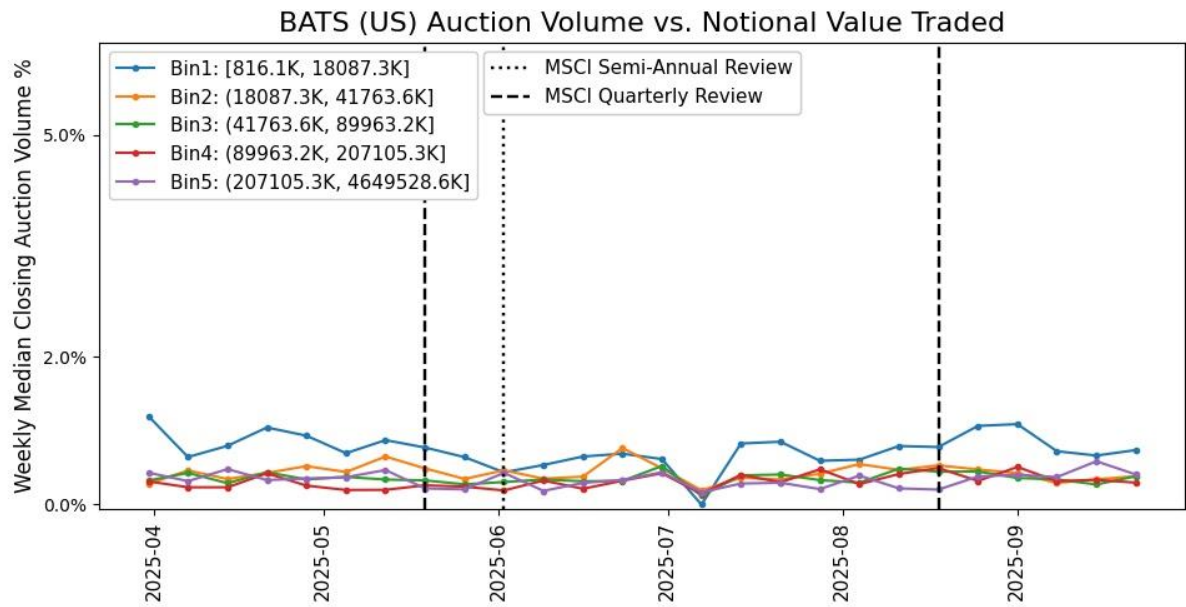


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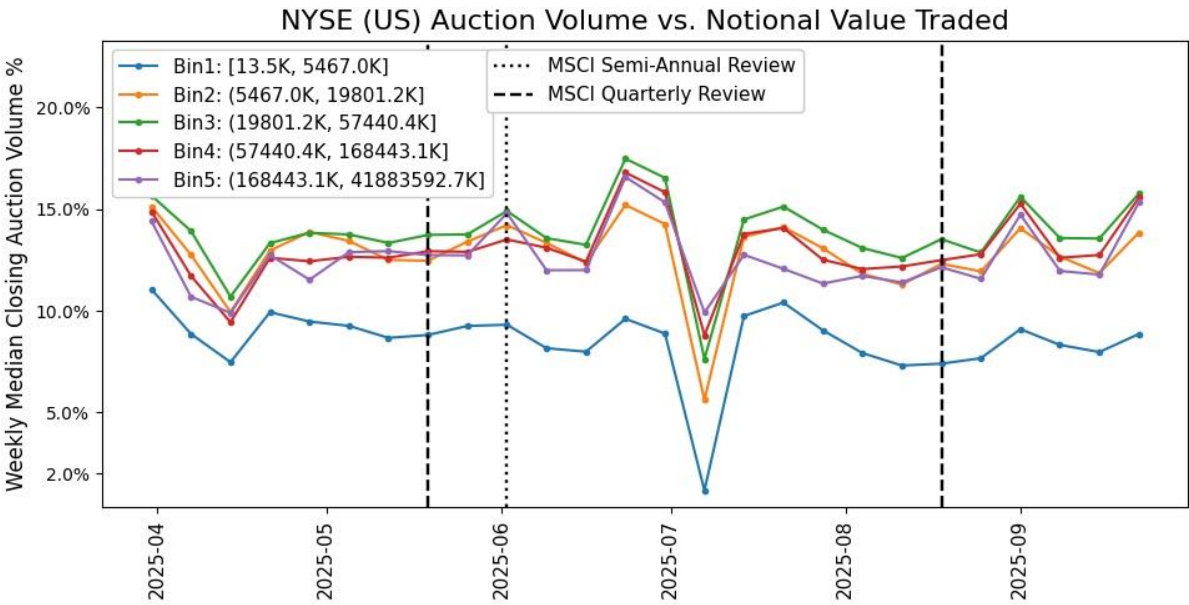


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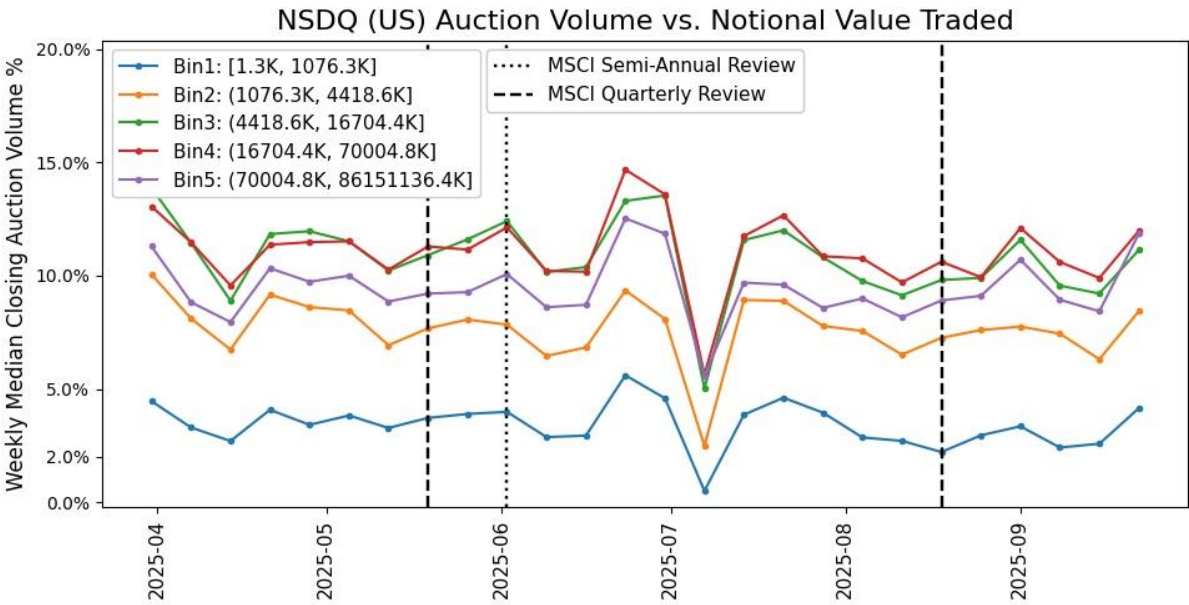


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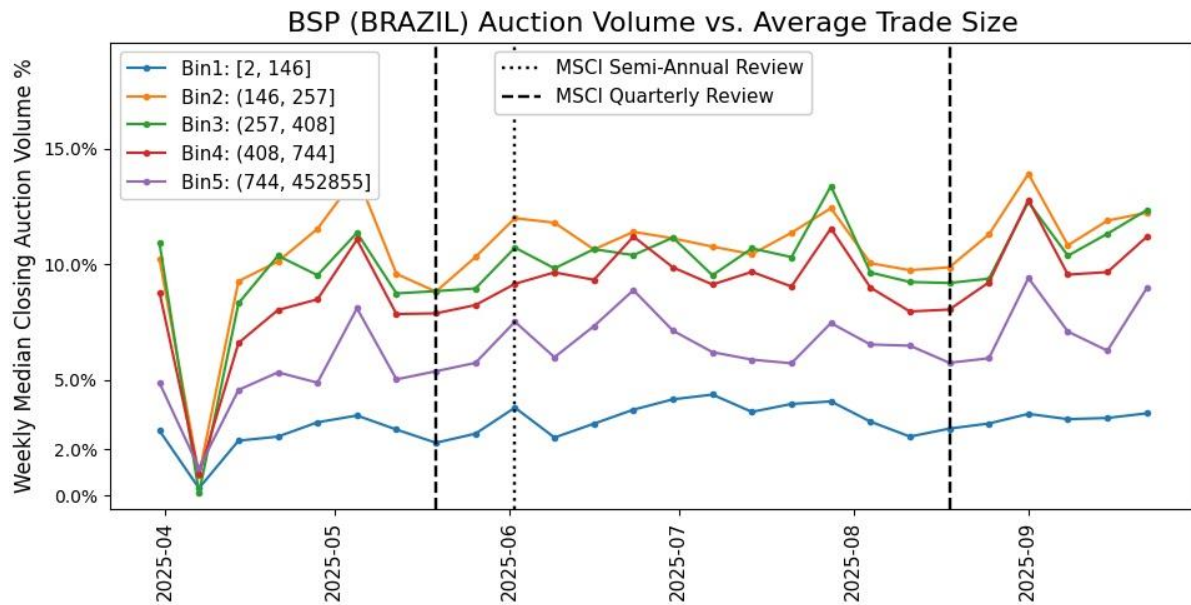


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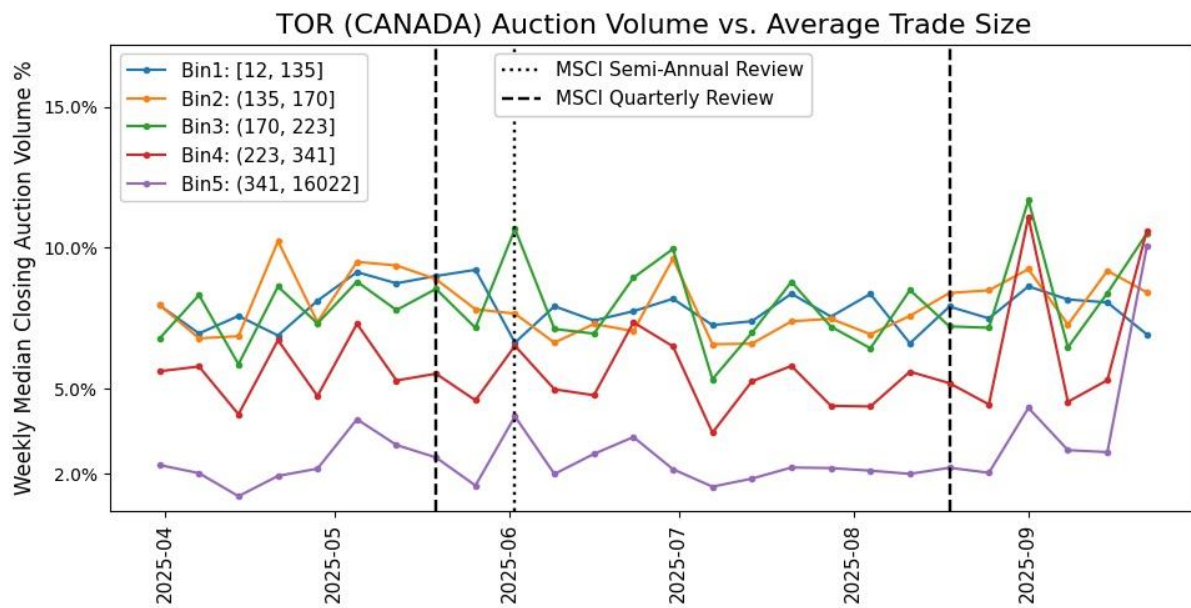


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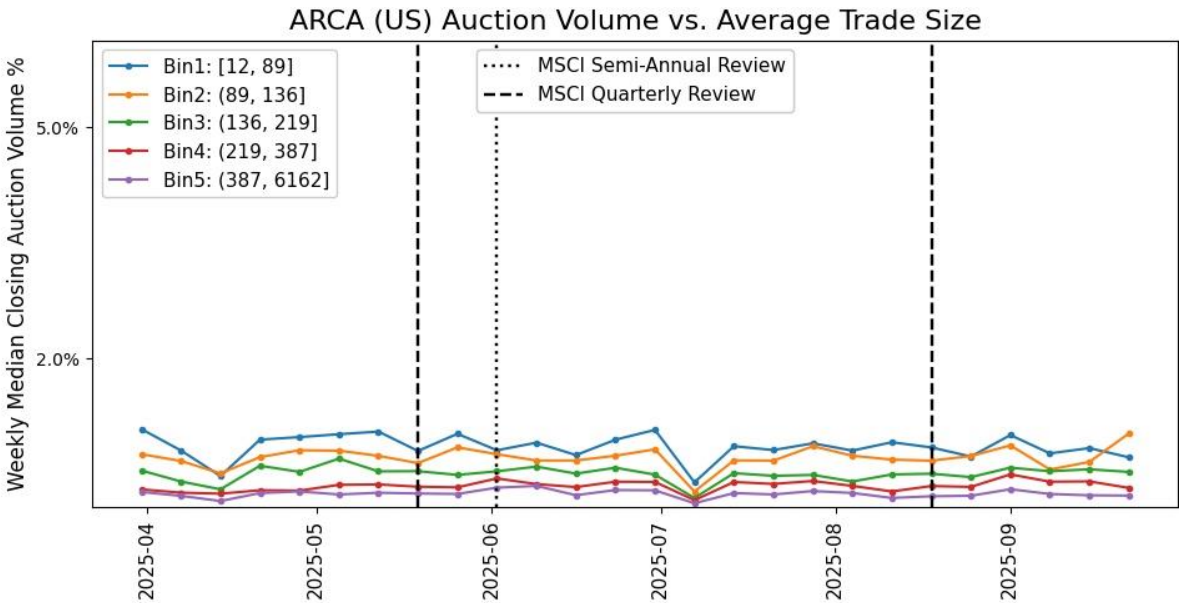


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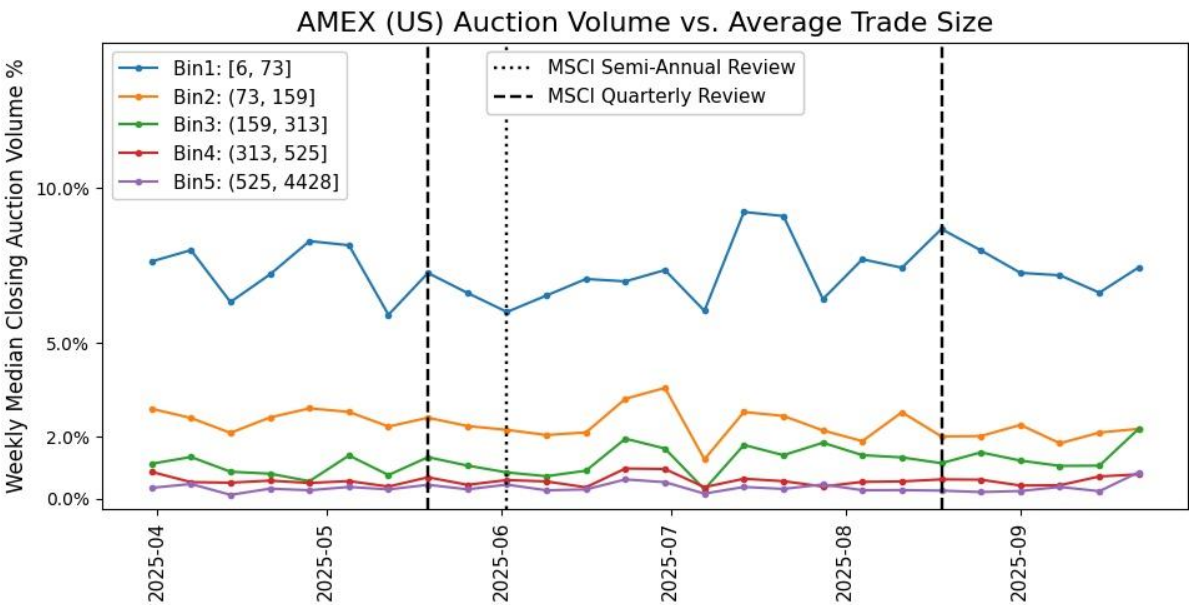


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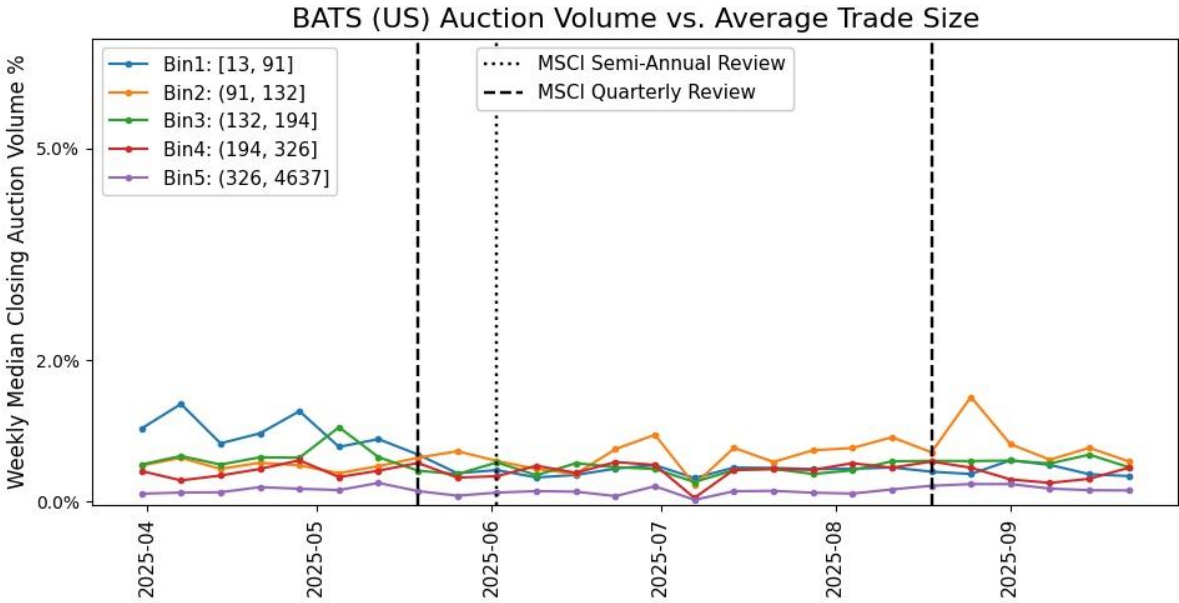


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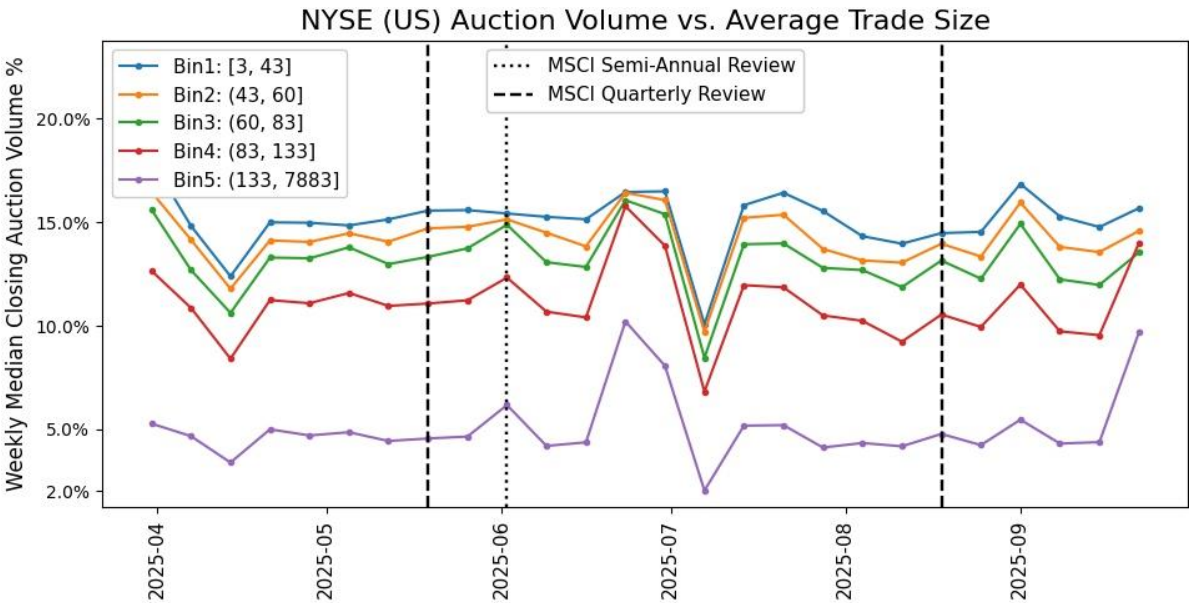


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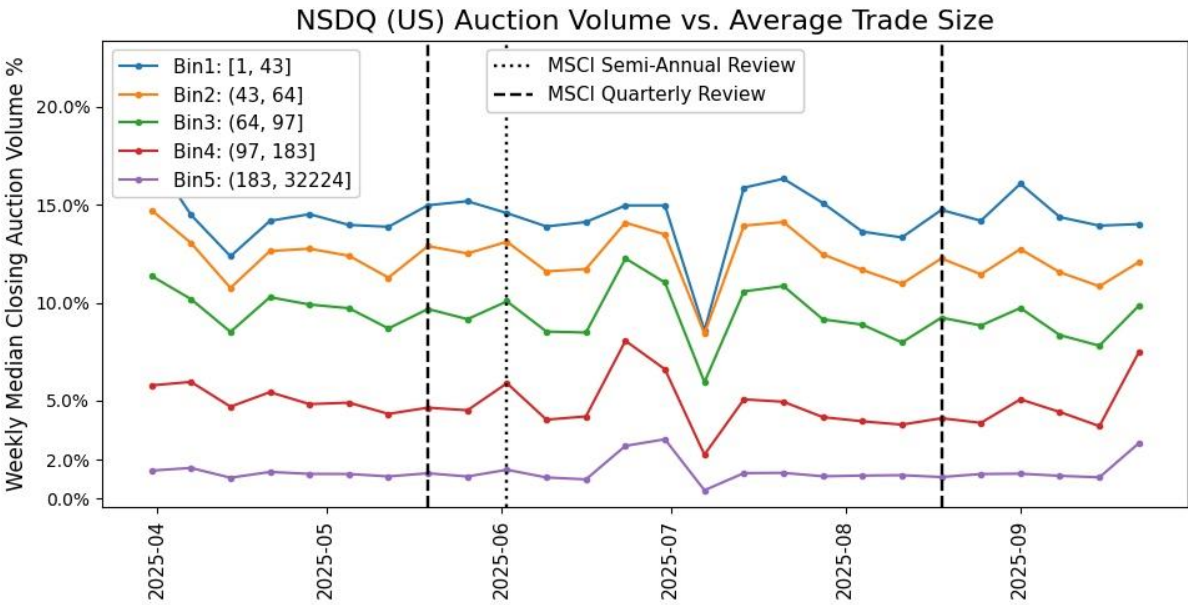


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