

Westwood Broadmark Tactical Growth Fund (FTGWX)

Market Update

May 2024

Fund Overview

Westwood Broadmark Tactical Growth Fund is designed to help investors sidestep market downturns, while participating in its growth via the continuous and active management of portfolio market exposure. The Fund seeks to manage risk and enhance alpha with the flexibility to be long, short or neutral on the market.

- The Fund is designed as a core investment for those who worry about losing money in equity market downturns but also want to participate in the market's upside. Using active market exposure management, the Fund moves in and out of the market incrementally based upon macro and technical factors.
- The Fund invests primarily in a diversified portfolio of exchange-traded funds (ETFs) and instruments providing exposure to indices, sectors and industries based on its four-pillar process.
- Proprietary Volume/Breadth-Based Momentum models are used to determine optimal stock market exposure, including entry points, the amount of exposure, the type of exposure and exit points.

Market Review

Investor concern that the Federal Reserve (Fed) might keep interest rates higher for longer snapped the market's 5-month winning streak in April. Small cap stocks were hit hardest with the Russell 2000 Index dropping 7.04%. The S&P 500 Index was down 4.08%, while the Dow Jones Industrial Average was off 4.92%. The NASDAQ-100 Index declined 4.43%.

While the Fed has continued to indicate that it intends to cut rates this year, commodity prices and gold have ticked up in the last month, and the Personal Consumption Expenditures (PCE) price index, a measure of inflation closely watched by the Fed, showed little sign that inflation is letting up, rising 2.7% in April as compared with the consensus estimate of 2.6%. Interest rates reflected these persistent inflationary pressures with the 10-year U.S. Treasury Note yield rising to 4.69% from 4.20% at the end of March. ²

Investor sentiment has declined from the optimistic levels of recent months, which is a positive development. Both the team's daily and intermediate sentiment models showed good improvement in April. Equity valuations declined slightly last month although the median price-earnings (P/E) ratio on the S&P 500 is still near its highest level in over a year. The market's weakness caused deterioration in the investment team's volume and breadth momentum models. As a result, we lowered exposure modestly but still retained a net long position.

We would raise exposure further if our volume and breadth momentum models showed improvement. We would decrease exposure if interest rates continued to rise, credit spreads widened and if volume and breadth momentum models weakened.



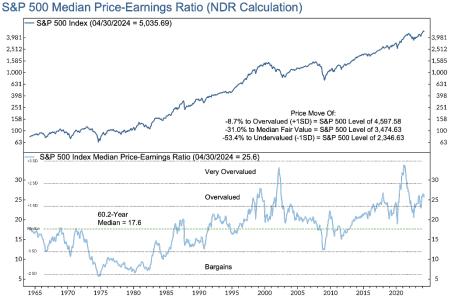
¹ Bloomberg, April 30, 2024

² U.S. Department of the Treasury, April 30, 2024

Our assessment of the four pillars of our investment process is as follows:

- 1. Valuation: The S&P 500 median P/E ratio (using trailing 12-month earnings) declined modestly in April, dropping to 25.6x from 26.5x in March. Valuations were still above the 60.2-year average of 17.6x (Figure 1). From a longer-term perspective, it appears that equity valuations are relatively high by historical standards. However, valuations are still below where they were during the 2000 dot-com bubble and 2020 coronavirus pandemic highs and could still rise from current levels.
- 2. **Monetary factors and credit conditions:** The 10-year U.S. Treasury Note ended the month with a 4.69% yield, up from 4.20% at the end of March. Despite this rise, tight credit spreads tell us that credit and financial conditions remain healthy (*Figure 2*). On the other hand, the narrow credit spreads indicate strong economic activity, which is a headwind in the fight against inflation and make it more difficult for the Fed to cut interest rates. A continued rise in interest rates, coupled with an inverted yield curve, would be negative for the monetary and credit picture.
- Sentiment: Both our daily and intermediate sentiment measures improved considerably with the market's pullback in April. From a contrary point of view, investor sentiment is reaching positive territory (Figure 3).
- 4. **Momentum:** The team's measures of momentum deteriorated in April. Our breadth model weakened considerably (*Figure 4*) while our measure of up and down volume also showed deterioration (*Figure 5*). The deterioration in momentum, coupled with rising interest rates, were two primary reasons for the reduction in exposure during April.

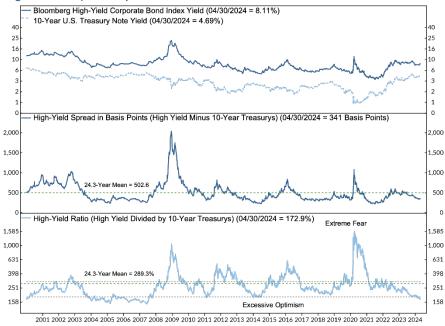
Figure 1.



Sources: Ned Davis Research (NDR), S&P Dow Jones Indices, S&P Capital IQ Compustat. Monthly data 03/31/1964 to 04/30/2024. SD = Standard Deviation. Past performance does not guarantee future results. For illustrative purposes only.

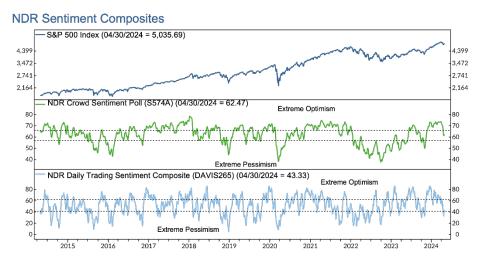
Figure 2.





Sources: Ned Davis Research (NDR), Bloomberg Indices, Federal Reserve Board. Daily data 01/03/2000 to 04/30/2024. Past performance does not guarantee future results. For illustrative purposes only.

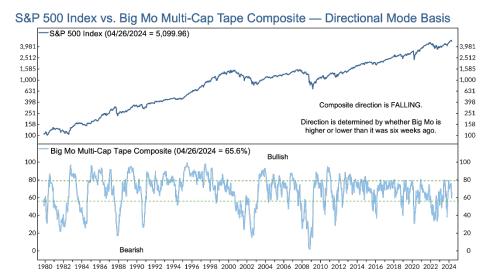
Figure 3.



Sentiment Indicators	% Gain/ Annum	
Both Optimism	-1.88	1
1 Optimism, 1 Neutral	0.52	2
Both Neutral	8.36	1
1 Neutral, 1 Pessimism	15.74	2
Both Pessimism	22.42	2
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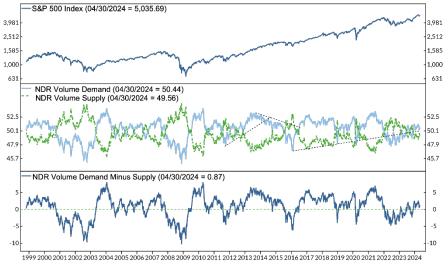


Tape Is Falling	
979 – 04/26/2024	
% Gain/ Annum	% of Time
19.77	8.86
7.16	27.99
-19.08	14.56
= 9.08% Gain/Annu	ım
Tape Is Rising Index Performance 979 – 04/26/2024	
% Gain/ Annum	% of Time
33.02	15.49
12.30	22.25
4.90	8.32
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% Gain/ Annum	% of Time
28.52	25.21
9.55	51.49
-9.52	23.30
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Sources: Ned Davis Research (NDR), S&P Dow Jones Indices, NDR Multi-Cap Institutional (Universe), S&P Capital IQ, MSCI, Inc (GICS). Weekly data 11/16/1979 to 04/26/2024. Past performance does not guarantee future results. For illustrative purposes only.

Figure 5.





S&P 500 Index Performance 10/30/1998 – 04/30/2024				
NDR Volume	% Gain/	% of		
Demand Is:	Annum	Time		
Above 0.0	10.95	67.07		
Below 0.0	-3.01	32.93		
Buy/Hold = 6.15% Gain/Annum				

Sources: Ned Davis Research (NDR), S&P Dow Jones Indices. Daily data 10/30/1998 to 04/30/2024. Past performance does not guarantee future results. For illustrative purposes only.

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Important Information

Westwood Broadmark Tactical Growth Fund's investment objective is to produce, in any market environment, above-average risk-adjusted returns and less downside volatility than the S&P 500 Index.

Mutual fund investing involves risk, including possible loss of principal.

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Fund Risks

Borrowing for investment purposes creates leverage, which can increase the risk and volatility of a fund.

Debt securities are subject to interest rate risk. If interest rates increase, the value of debt securities generally declines. Debt securities with longer durations tend to be more sensitive to changes in interest rates and more volatile than securities with shorter durations.

Derivative instruments involve risks different from those associated with investing directly in securities and may cause, among other things, increased volatility and transaction costs or a fund to lose more than the amount invested.

Investing in exchange-traded funds (ETFs) will subject a fund to substantially the same risks as those associated with the direct ownership of the securities or other property held by the ETFs.

Foreign securities, especially emerging or frontier markets, will involve additional risks including exchange rate fluctuations, social and political instability, less liquidity, greater volatility and less regulation.

Short selling involves additional investment risks and transaction costs, and creates leverage, which can increase the risk and volatility of a fund.

Investing in smaller companies generally will present greater investment risks, including greater price volatility, greater sensitivity to changing economic conditions and less liquidity than investing in larger, more mature companies.

Alternative strategies typically are subject to increased risk and loss of principal. Consequently, investments such as mutual funds which focus on alternative strategies are not suitable for all investors.

Asset allocation does not assure profit or protect against risk.



Diversification does not assure profit or protect against risk.

Westwood Investment Glossary

10-year U.S. Treasury Note is a debt obligation issued by the U.S. Treasury that has a term of 10 years.

Alpha is a technical risk ratio that shows a fund's excess return relative to the performance of its benchmark index.

Basis point (bps) is a unit of measure that is equal to 1/100th of 1% and used to denote a change in the value or rate of a financial instrument.

Bloomberg U.S. Corporate High Yield Bond Index covers the USD-denominated, noninvestment-grade, fixed-rate, taxable corporate bond market. Securities are classified as high yield if the middle rating of Moody's, Fitch and S&P is Ba1/BB+/BB+ or below.

Breadth is a technique used in technical analysis that attempts to gauge the direction of the overall market by analyzing the number of companies advancing relative to the number declining.

Buy/hold = x.xx% gain/annum is a calculation that shows a period of time during which a buy/hold signal is in effect and the percentage of gain or loss during that period calculated on an annual basis.

Credit spread is the spread between Treasury securities and non-Treasury securities that are identical in all respects except for quality rating.

Dow Jones Industrial Average is a price-weighted average of 30 blue-chip stocks that are generally the leaders in their industry and are listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

Exchange-traded funds (ETFs) track an index but trade like a stock on an exchange.

Federal Reserve is the central bank of the United States that is responsible for regulating the U.S. monetary and financial systems.

Inflation is the rate at which the general level of prices for goods and services is rising, and, subsequently, purchasing power is falling.

Momentum is the rate of acceleration of a security's price or volume.

NASDAQ-100 Index is a modified capitalization-weighted index that includes the largest nonfinancial U.S. and non-U.S. companies listed on the NASDAQ stock market across a variety of industries, such as retail, healthcare, telecommunications, wholesale trade, biotechnology and technology.

NDR Big Mo Multi-Cap Tape Composite model uses trend and momentum indicators to provide a composite reading on the technical health of the broad equity market.

NDR Crowd Sentiment Poll is a composite reading based on seven different individual sentiment indicators designed to highlight short- to intermediate-term swings in investor psychology.

NDR Daily Trading Sentiment Composite use various measures of investor sentiment such as surveys, put/call ratios, etc. to define the levels of pessimism that are currently priced into equities.

Personal Consumption Expenditures (PCE) price index is a measure of the prices that people living in the United States pay for goods and services. The PCE price index is known for capturing inflation (or deflation) across a wide range of consumer expenses and reflecting changes in consumer behavior.

Price-earnings (P/E) ratio is a measure of the price paid for a share of stock relative to the annual income or profit earned by the company per share. A higher P/E ratio means that investors are paying more for each unit of income.

Russell 2000 Index measures the performance of the 2,000 smallest companies in the Russell 3000 Index. The Russell 3000 Index represents approximately 98% of the investable U.S. equity market.

S&P 500 Index is an unmanaged index of 500 common stocks chosen to reflect the industries in the U.S. economy.

Spread is the difference between the rate of volume demand and the rate of volume supply.

Standard deviation measures the degree to which a security's return varies from its previous returns or from the average of all similar securities.

Valuation is the process of determining the value of an asset or company based on earnings and the market value of assets.

Volume is the number of shares or contracts traded in a security or an entire market during a given period of time.

Volume/Breadth-Based Momentum Model is a proprietary model used by Broadmark Asset Management to determine optimal market exposure.



Yield is the interest or dividends received from a security and is usually expressed annually as a percentage based on the investment's cost or on the U.S. Government's debt obligations.

Yield curve is a line that plots the interest rates, at a set point in time, of bonds having equal credit quality but differing maturity dates.

One cannot invest directly in an index.

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