

This year seems like a broken record, as every month is faced with significant angst and volatility...April was no different, as the S&P500 was -9%, Nasdaq -13%, and the TSX -5%. The Fund returned -2.81% for the month. Our long positions continue to be focused on stocks and sectors that will benefit from a persistently longer inflationary environment, and we continue to avoid the Tech space.

We have always seen the biggest risk as the potential for demand destruction/recession risk, leading to a cascading, indiscriminate drawdown. In the latter half of April, we believe some signs of this more widespread risk started to show, and as we write this, those fears have continued through the first 2 weeks of May. More specifically, commodity stocks that had been standouts year to date, experienced significant weakness post Q1 earnings, and safe haven sectors such as Utilities, Staples, and REITs are starting to exhibit topping characteristics.

In light of this, we continue to reduce risk and exposure.

Despite the complex macro cross currents, our reasons for caution are rather simple. We believe the market has been aided for many years by low rates, benign inflation, and excess liquidity, which stoked speculative activity that in hindsight, may have peaked in early 2021. However, as the Fed tries to fight inflation, it is being forced to pull liquidity faster, creating heightened risk and volatility, all at a time that growth is slowing as the benefit of the fiscal stimulus wanes.

So, despite a painful month and year thus far, if we take a step back, we have retrenched only a portion of the covid gains over the past 2 years. The S&P500 is still up 25%, and the Nasdaq is up 30% since Feb/20. We've seen the covid poster childs like Peloton and Zoom completely roundtrip their covid gains, and I don't see why the broad markets can't similarly roundtrip given the current backdrop. This is not a prediction, but more of us being open minded to the possibilities as we digest new information.

With all of us conditioned for many years to buy every dip, it's tempting to view the current weakness as a compelling buying opportunity. Sentiment, positioning, and technical indicators all support this idea, however we're not yet convinced, as the jury's still out on the Fed's ability to engineer a soft landing in the face of unpredictable macro factors such as the Ukraine invasion and Chinese covid policy.

As well, we have yet to see a true capitulation, and the weakness to date, although material, has generally been orderly. Retail investors have yet to truly sell this market, and ARKK continues to see consistent inflows. In our view, these aren't the marks of a bottom, and if anything, opens up the possibility for further dislocation as sentiment and flows could still get more negative.

Within this framework, we could see violent bear market rallies like late March, and we are always looking to be opportunistic where we can. However, it's clearly a very difficult investing environment, so capital preservation is of paramount importance.

As always, happy to provide more detail on our thoughts, and welcome any feedback.

Sincerely,

**Chung Kim**

Portfolio Manager

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Historical Performance	1 yr	3 yr	5 yr	ITD
Exemplar Performance Fund Ser F	3.47	14.82	10.69	9.89

*Returns as of April 30, 2022*

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