

Trade Rationale

MAY 2024

Trend Level Element

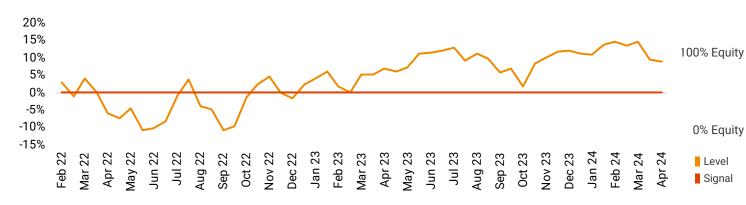


TRADE RATIONALE

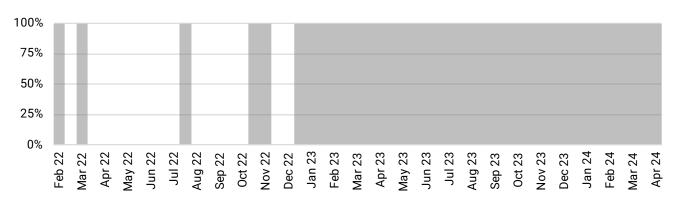
The Trend Element has a positive view of equity markets. As expectations of near-term rate cuts continue to dwindle, volatility has crept back into equity markets. However, given the strength of equity market trends over the last year, it would require a more substantial pullback than what has occurred through the end of April for trends to turn negative. First quarter earnings results, the latest inflation data, and upcoming Fed commentary will shape the direction of both investor sentiment and equity markets for the month to come.



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HISTORICAL EXPOSURE



Volatility Level Element

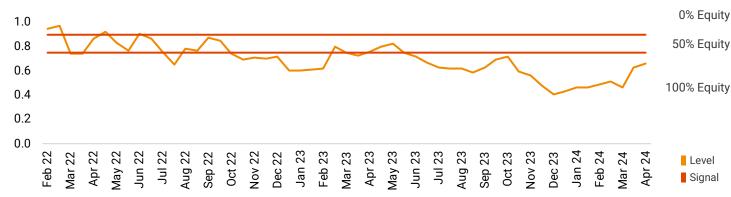


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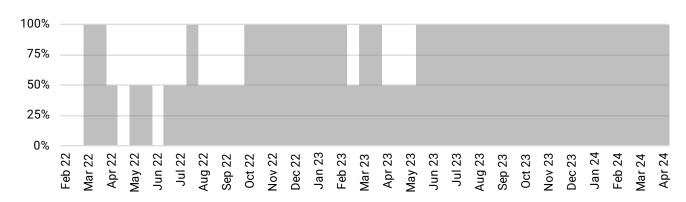
The Volatility Element has a positive view of equity markets. However, expected short-term volatility in equity markets increased over April, placing the Element within shouting distance of having a shift in its viewpoint to a neutral stance. Credit spreads remain quite low; therefore, balance sheets are not signaling higher expected risk as of the end of April. Additional volatility stemming from earnings season, changes in economic data, or the Fed may be enough to warrant a reduction in risk over the near term. But, for now, the Element maintains a positive view.



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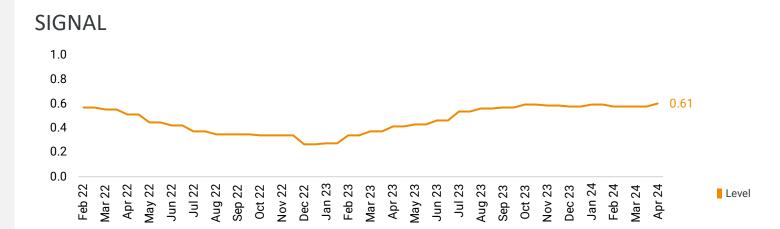
Economic Level Element



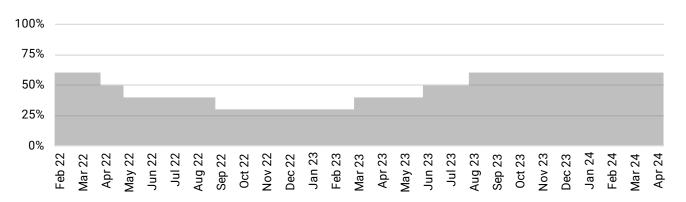
TRADE RATIONALE

The Economic Element has a slightly positive view of equity markets, which has been steady since last summer. Lately, there has been some improvement in Global Output, marginally improving the Element's underlying score, but not enough to warrant an increase in risk exposure. The balance between strong and weak data has been largely consistent for almost a year, despite the renewed stubbornness of inflation over the last few months. Most data continue to be close to expectations – one way or the other – which is good. If data begin to wildly miss expectations, we expect a commensurate response from equity markets.





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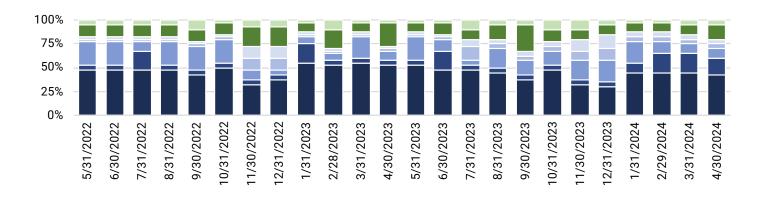
Active² Equity Style Element





Asset Class	Asset Style	Current	Change	Prior
US Equity	Large Cap Blend	42.5%	-2.5%	45.0%
US Equity	Large Cap Growth	17.5%	-2.5%	20.0%
US Equity	Large Cap Value	10.0%		10.0%
US Equity	Mid Cap Blend	5.0%		5.0%
US Equity	Small Cap Blend	5.0%		5.0%
Intl Equity	Blend	15.0%	+5.0%	10.0%
Intl Equity	Emerging Market	5.0%		5.0%

HISTORICAL EXPOSURE



TRADE RATIONALE

In the latest analysis, Active 2 has adjusted its asset allocations slightly. While large cap growth maintains its lower return and lower risk regime, large cap blend's outlook now anticipates lower returns and lower risk, shifting from its previously higher risk and return outlook. The outlooks for large cap value, small cap, and mid cap stocks, have moved into regimes characterized by lower returns and higher risk. Conversely, the outlook for emerging markets now expects lower returns and lower risk, a departure from their prior higher riskreturn outlook. International Developed stocks have seen an improvement, moving to a regime with low returns but reduced volatility. As a result, a minor reallocation occurred from large cap blend and growth to international blend, with other major asset classes remaining stable.



Source: Helios Quantitative Research, Bloomberg

Active²+ Equity Style Element





Asset Class	Asset Style	Current	Change	Prior
US Equity	Large Cap Blend	17.0%	-1.0%	18.0%
US Equity	Large Cap Growth	7.0%	-1.0%	8.0%
US Equity	Large Cap Value	4.0%		4.0%
US Equity	Mid Cap Blend	2.0%		2.0%
US Equity	Small Cap Blend	2.0%		2.0%
Intl Equity	Blend	6.0%	+2.0%	4.0%
Intl Equity	Emerging Market	2.0%		2.0%
US Equity	Communications	10.0%		10.0%
US Equity	Cons Discretionary	0.0%		0.0%
US Equity	Cons Staples	0.0%		0.0%
US Equity	Energy	10.0%		10.0%
US Equity	Financials	10.0%		10.0%
US Equity	Health Care	0.0%		0.0%
US Equity	Industrials	0.0%		0.0%
US Equity	Materials	0.0%		0.0%
US Equity	Real Estate	0.0%		0.0%
US Equity	Technology	10.0%		10.0%
US Equity	Utilities	0.0%		0.0%
Intl Equity	Canada	5.0%		5.0%
Intl Equity	France	0.0%		0.0%
Intl Equity	Germany	5.0%		5.0%
Intl Equity	Italy	5.0%		5.0%
Intl Equity	Japan	5.0%		5.0%
Intl Equity	United Kingdom	0.0%		0.0%

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Active² Fixed Income Style Element





Δ	sset Class	Asset Style	Current	Change	Prior
F	ixed Income	US Aggregate	40.0%		40.0%
F	ixed Income	US ST Aggregate	0.0%		0.0%
F	ixed Income	US LT Aggregate	0.0%		0.0%
F	ixed Income	US Treasury	0.0%		0.0%
F	ixed Income	Agency	12.0%		12.0%
F	ixed Income	US Corporate	12.0%		12.0%
F	ixed Income	High Yield	12.0%		12.0%
F	ixed Income	Intl Aggregate	0.0%		0.0%
ĪF	ixed Income	EM Bonds	12.0%		12.0%
F	ixed Income	Bank Loans	12.0%		12.0%
F	ixed Income	Convertibles	0.0%		0.0%

TRADE RATIONALE

The Active 2 fixed income element is guided by model outlooks combined with trend and autocorrelation signals. Positive outlooks and strong trend signals, particularly in the top five categories, drive allocations to high yield bonds, bank loans, emerging market bonds, agencies, and US corporate bonds, each receiving an allocation in addition to the strategic US aggregate allocation.

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Model Changes



Revo Turnkey

No changes to the Level Elements impacting allocation to Equity or Fixed Income.

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No change in the Fixed Income styles.

Revo Blend

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