First Trust (Fri, May 03, 2024)

Sell candidate since May 03, 2024



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score: **-1.10**

Trend: Hold
MV Long: Sell
MV Short: Buy
Pivot: Buy
Volume: Sell
MACD: Buy

Tech commentaries:

The **First Trust** stock price gained **0.87%** on the last trading day (Friday, 3rd May 2024), rising from **\$18.32** to **\$18.48**. It has now gained 3 days in a row. It will be exciting to see whether it manages to continue gaining or take a minor break for the next few days. During the last trading day the stock fluctuated **0.271%** from a day low at **\$18.47** to a day high of **\$18.52**. The price has risen in 7 of the last 10 days and is up by **3.3%** over the past 2 weeks. Volume fell on the last day by **-9 thousand** shares and in total, **5** thousand shares were bought and sold for approximately **\$98.98** thousand. You should take into consideration that falling volume on higher prices causes divergence and may be an early warning about possible changes over the next couple of days.

The stock is moving within a horizontal trend and further movements within this trend can be expected. Given the current horizontal trend, you can expect **First Trust** stock with a 90% probability to be traded between \$17.51 and \$18.66 at the end of this 3-month period. A break of a horizontal trend is often followed by a large increase in the volume, and stocks seldom manage to go directly from the bottom of a trend up to the top. Stocks turning up in the middle of a horizontal trend are therefore considered to be potential runners.

A buy signal was issued from a pivot bottom point on **Friday, April 19, 2024**, and so far it has risen 3.30%. Further rise is indicated until a new top pivot has been found. Furthermore, there is a buy signal from the 3 month Moving Average Convergence Divergence (MACD). Some negative signals were issued as well, and these may have some influence on the near short-term development. The **First Trust** stock holds a buy signal from the short-term Moving Average; at the same time, however, the long-term average holds a general sell signal. Since the longterm average is above the short-term average there is a general sell signal in the stock giving a more negative forecast for the stock. On further gains, the stock will meet resistance from the long-term Moving Average at \$18.50. On a fall, the stock will find some support from the short-term average at \$18.31. A break-up through the long-term average will give another buy signal, while a fall below the short-term average will add another sell signal and strengthen the general signal. Volume fell during the last trading day while the price increased. This causes a divergence and may be considered as an early warning, but it may not be. The very low volume increases the risk and reduces the other technical signals issued.

First Trust finds support from accumulated volume at \$18.43 and this level may hold a buying opportunity as an upwards reaction can be expected when the support is being tested. On the upside the stock meets some resistance just above today's level from accumulated volume at **\$18.57**, **\$18.70** and **\$18.90**.

In general the stock tends to have very controlled movements and therefore the general risk is considered very low. However, be aware of low or falling volume and make sure to keep an eye on the stock During the last day, the stock moved \$0.0500 between high and low, or 0.271%. For the last week the stock has had daily average volatility of 1.02%

First Trust holds several negative signals and we believe that it will still perform weakly in the next couple of days or weeks. We, therefore, hold a negative evaluation of this stock. Due to some small weaknesses in the technical picture we have downgraded our analysis conclusion for this stock since the last evaluation from a Hold/Accumulate to a Sell candidate.