## First Financial Bancorp. (Wed, Apr 24, 2024)

Buy candidate since Apr 19, 2024 Gain 3.02%



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

## **Tech commentaries:**

The First Financial Bancorp. stock price fell by -0.221% on the last day (Wednesday, 24th Apr 2024) from \$22.60 to \$22.55. During the last trading day the stock fluctuated 1.48% from a day low at \$22.25 to a day high of \$22.58. The price has risen in 6 of the last 10 days and is up by 6.77% over the past 2 weeks. Volume fell on the last day along with the stock, which is actually a good sign as volume should follow the stock. On the last day, the trading volume fell by -64 thousand shares and in total, 300 thousand shares were bought and sold for approximately \$6.76 million.

The stock lies the upper part of a falling trend in the short term, and this may normally pose a very good selling opportunity for the short-term trader as reaction back towards the lower part of the trend can be expected. A break up at the top trend line at \$22.58 will firstly indicate a slower falling rate, but may be the first sign of a trend shift. Given the current short-term trend, the stock is expected to fall -4.35% during the next 3 months and, with a 90% probability hold a price between \$19.79 and \$21.60 at the end of this 3-month period. Do note, that if the stock price manages to stay at current levels or higher, our prediction target will start to change positively over the next few days as the conditions for the current predictions will be broken.

The First Financial Bancorp. stock holds buy signals from both short and long-term Moving Averages giving a positive forecast for the stock. Also, there is a general buy signal from the relation between the two signals where the short-term average is above the long-term average. On corrections down, there will be some support from the lines at \$21.67 and \$21.66. A breakdown below any of these levels will issue sell signals. Some negative signals were issued as well, and these may have some influence on the near short-term development. A sell signal was issued from a pivot top point on Tuesday, April 23, 2024, and so far it has fallen -0.221%. Further fall is indicated until a new bottom pivot has been found. Furthermore, there is currently a sell signal from the 3 month Moving Average Convergence Divergence (MACD). Volume fell together with the price during the last trading day and this reduces the overall risk as volume should follow the price movements.

First Financial Bancorp. finds support from accumulated volume at \$21.89 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 \$22.60, \$22.64 and \$23.26.

This stock is usually traded at a good volume, and with minor daily changes, the risk is considered to be low. During the last day, the stock moved \$0.330 (1.48%) between high and low. For the last week, the stock has had daily average volatility of 2.77%.

First Financial Bancorp. holds several positive signals, but we still don't find these to be enough for a buy candidate. At the current level, it should be considered as a hold candidate (hold or accumulate) in this position whilst awaiting further development.

Risk: Low

**Evaluation: Hold/Accumulate**