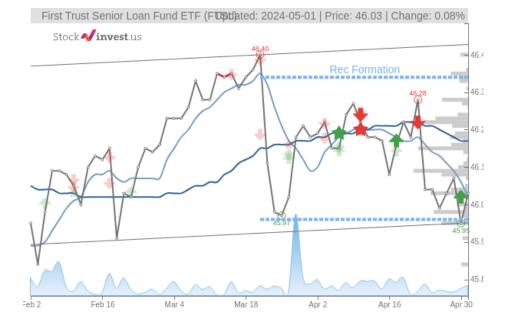
First Trust Senior Loan Fund ETF (Wed, May 01, 2024)

Buy candidate since May 01, 2024

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score: **1.41** #3876/ 30062

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

Tech commentaries:

The First Trust Senior Loan Fund ETF price gained 0.174% on the last trading day (Wednesday, 1st May 2024), rising from \$45.95 to \$46.03. During the last trading day the ETF fluctuated 0.522% from a day low at \$45.95 to a day high of \$46.19. The price has risen in 5 of the last 10 days but is still down by -0.28% for this period. Volume has increased on the last day along with the price, which is a positive technical sign, and, in total, 61 thousand more shares were traded than the day before. In total, 298 thousand shares were bought and sold for approximately \$13.73 million.

The ETF is at the lower part of a narrow and horizontal trend in the short term, and normally this may pose a good buying opportunity, though a breakdown through the bottom trend line at **\$45.95** will give a strong sell signal and a trend shift may be expected. Given the current horizontal trend, you can expect **First Trust Senior Loan Fund** ETF with a 90% probability to be traded between \$46.01 and \$46.49 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 ETFS seldom manage to go directly from the bottom of a trend up to the top. ETFS 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 **Tuesday, April 30, 2024**, and so far it has risen 0.174%. Further rise is indicated until a new top pivot has been found. Volume is rising along with the price. This is considered to be a good technical signal. Some negative signals were issued as well, and these may have some influence on the near short-term development. The **First Trust Senior Loan Fund** ETF 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 ETF giving a more negative forecast for the stock. On further gains, the ETF will meet resistance from the long-term Moving Average at **\$46.17**. On a fall, the ETF will find some support from the short-term average at **\$46.02**. 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. Furthermore, there is currently a sell signal from the 3 month Moving Average Convergence Divergence (MACD).

First Trust Senior Loan Fund finds support from accumulated volume at \$46.02 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 ETF meets some resistance just above today's level from accumulated volume at \$46.09, \$46.15 and \$46.18.

In general the ETF tends to have very controlled movements and with good liquidity the risk is considered very low in this stock. During the last day, the ETF moved **\$0.240** between high and low, or **0.522%**. For the last week the ETF has had daily average volatility of **0.306%**.

Several short-term signals are positive and we conclude that the current level may hold a buying opportunity, as there is a fair chance for **First Trust Senior Loan Fund** ETF to perform well in the short-term period. We have upgraded our analysis conclusion for this ETF since the last evaluation from a Sell to a Buy candidate.

Risk: Low

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