

April 2019

		Fund			S&P500 Index	
		<i>Performance</i>	<i>Inception to Date</i>		<i>Performance</i>	<i>Inception to Date</i>
2005		+14.01%	+14.01%		+4.78%	+4.78%
2006		+16.91%	+33.29%		+13.62%	+19.05%
2007		+4.06%	+38.70%		+3.53%	+23.25%
2008		-47.99%	-27.86%		-38.49%	-24.18%
2009		+42.74%	+2.97%		+23.45%	-6.40%
2010		+24.94%	+28.65%		+12.78%	+5.57%
2011		+1.79%	+30.96%		0.00%	+5.56%
2012		+24.17%	+62.61%		+13.41%	+19.71%
2013		+42.96%	+132.46%		+29.60%	+55.15%
2014		+3.92%	+141.59%		+11.39%	+72.82%
2015		-2.10%	+136.51%		-0.73%	+71.56%
2016		+31.95%	+212.07%		+9.54%	+87.93%

	<i>MTD</i>	<i>YTD</i>	<i>ITD</i>	<i>MTD</i>	<i>YTD</i>	<i>ITD</i>
2017		+13.43%	+254.00%		+19.42%	+124.42%
2018		-20.44%	+181.65%		-6.24%	+110.42%
Jan 2019	+9.12%	+9.12%	+207.34%	+7.87%	+7.87%	+126.98%
Feb 2019	+4.82%	+14.38%	+222.15%	+2.97%	+11.08%	+133.73%
Mar 2019	-2.70%	+11.30%	+213.46%	+1.79%	+13.07%	+137.92%
Apr 2019	+5.25%	+17.14%	+229.92%	+3.93%	+17.51%	+147.27%

In April the S&P500 rose by 3.93% and the Fund rose by 5.25% in a month when the smaller cap indices continued to lag. Community bank earnings came in as expected and the Community Bank Index at last had a better month, rising 6.8%. To put this in perspective, year to date the S&P500 is up 17.5%, we are up 17.1%, the S&P600 (small cap) is up 15.6% and the Community Bank Index is up 14.6%. We aligned with these indices because they have been the best performing in the long term. However, the S&P600 would need to rise a further 12.9% to reach last year's high and the Community Bank Index would have to rise a daunting 18.7%. How did such a shambles come about? Fear of recession.

This year, we are recovering nicely except it doesn't feel like that when the S&P500 finished the month at a new high. We are bouncing but it is a long way back and we keep hitting a hiatus in our recovery. We hit one in March, which wiped out the month. We hit a smaller one in April. Each time, it is because of the spectre of recession revisited and each time the shock is shorter and less violent. It is this fear that has kept us out of the sun for so long yet we have increasing evidence that if a recession does actually turn up, a large part of the price has already been paid.

Today, the signs are improving and it feels as though the sun is coming out. We have many stocks bouncing as earnings come out, even though those earnings seem nothing special. Consumer discretionary, industrials and banks continue their V shaped recoveries with pauses. Bad things were priced in, in the last four months of 2008, and there is still a way to go to recovery. I measure our recovery in days going backward. We've made it back to October 15th. Our top is August 21st, high summer. The fundamentals of our stocks remain intact and sentiment is improving fast.

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