

	1 Month	3 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	Since Inception
BIVIX (as of 04/30/21)	2.80	32.97	36.07	62.46	19.24	18.21
S&P 1500 Index	5.19	13.23	12.46	47.91	18.30	16.68
Morningstar Cat. Avg.	3.02	8.82	8.06	24.08	6.33	6.12
BIVIX (as of 03/31/21)	16.51	32.37	32.37	72.33	18.54	17.78

Fund inception: 06/19/2017. Total operating fund expense as of 03/01/21 for Class I shares: 2.98% (gross expense ratio), 2.84% (net expense ratio). 2.23% (expense cap). See page 4 for additional information.

## MONTHLY FUND REVIEW

The Invenomic Fund returned 2.80% for April compared to 5.19% for the S&P 1500 Index and 3.02% for the Morningstar Long/Short Equity category average. The long portfolio contributed 3.42% and the short portfolio detracted 0.46% during the month, on a gross basis. The portfolio averaged 100.4% long and -88.2% short, resulting in average net exposure of 12.2% and average gross exposure of 188.7%.

## MONTHLY COMMENTARY

Although we pride ourselves on being valuation driven investors, we realize that stock market movements are often driven by the supply and demand for stocks. During euphoric times, the market often forgets that the supply of companies is potentially unlimited. To that point, here is our favorite quote of the year so far:

“The other thing that public market investors probably aren't aware of, if you decide that, you know, FinTech stocks should trade at 30x sales, the venture community will create as many of those as you possibly want.” – Bill Gurley (May 2021)

As students of market history, we would also like to point out the following passage from one of our favorite books, *Dance of the Money Bees*, written by John Train in 1975. This is not the first time we have included this quote in a letter, but it certainly complements and reinforces Bill Gurley’s remarks above:

“Beyond a certain level, more business does not mean higher profits; and at this point in the stock market cycle, that economic fact starts to be noticed...”

**A limiting factor in any bull market, nevertheless, is that enough securities can be “manufactured” to satisfy the desire to invest, however strong it may be.** – John Train (1975)

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Nearly all of our returns for the year have come from our long portfolio, which has returned +35.6% year-to-date through April 30, gross of fees. That said, as we look forward, we see the short portfolio as a potential driver of future returns for the strategy. As a reminder, when looking at opportunities on the short side we target three distinct buckets:

- Concept companies at unreasonable valuations with no discernable FCF
- Deteriorating businesses with margin pressure and earnings deceleration
- Pigs through a python, i.e. substantial revenue growth that seems to be unsustainable

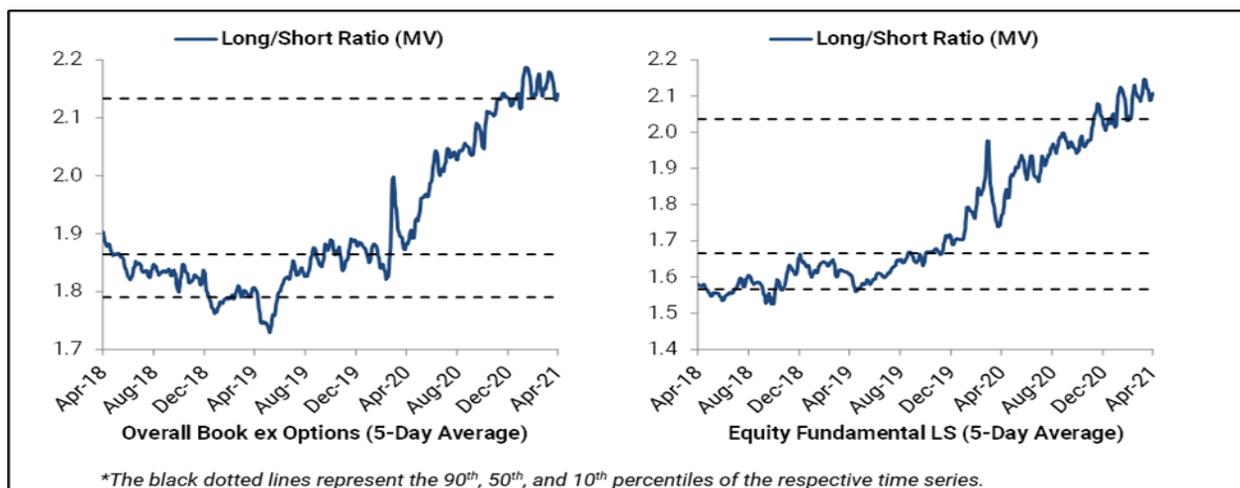
When we last wrote in detail about our short portfolio in the [April 2020 commentary](#), we described an environment that did not offer many opportunities in our “pigs through a python” bucket. Fast forward 12 months and we find ourselves in an environment where we believe the entire market is effectively a pig moving through a python. Unprecedented government stimulus has created an environment where companies are overearning and consumers are temporarily flush with cash. In our opinion, this will likely end either due to inflation or the elimination of stimulus.

We believe the opportunity for our short portfolio is as good as we have ever seen. Meanwhile our peers are retreating, almost uniformly, from short selling. The table below from Goldman Sachs illustrates hedge fund managers that are currently carrying very low short exposure relative to history.

	Overall Book Delta Adjusted			Overall Book ex. Options			Equity Fundamental LS		
	Gross	Net	L/S Ratio	Gross	Net	L/S Ratio	Gross	Net	L/S Ratio
<b>Level as of 4/30/21</b>	<b>263.4%</b>	<b>89.3%</b>	<b>2.025</b>	<b>246.7%</b>	<b>89.4%</b>	<b>2.138</b>	<b>179.6%</b>	<b>62.9%</b>	<b>2.078</b>
<b>MoM Chg</b>	<b>7.8 pt</b>	<b>0.8 pt</b>	<b>-1.6%</b>	<b>4.5 pt</b>	<b>1.1 pt</b>	<b>-0.5%</b>	<b>-0.7 pt</b>	<b>-0.4 pt</b>	<b>-0.2%</b>
YTD Chg	11.9 pt	4.1 pt	0.1%	11.0 pt	4.5 pt	0.5%	0.2 pt	3.0 pt	3.8%
<b>Percentile 1-Year</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>76%</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>76%</b>	<b>80%</b>
Percentile 3-Year	100%	99%	90%	100%	99%	92%	90%	92%	93%

Source: Goldman Sachs.

The retreat becomes even more apparent when looking at aggregate long/short ratios. This ratio measures the size of long books relative to short books. A long/short ratio of 2 indicates that a hedge fund would have 2 dollars long for every dollar they are short. As of last month, the aggregate Long/Short ratio was at a three year high and over 2. In contrast, our long/short ratio was 1.14, meaning that for every dollar we are short we have 1.14 dollars long. Our short exposure fluctuates based on the number of companies that we expect to fall in price at some point in the future.



Source: Goldman Sachs.

In our opinion, there has not been an opportunity this compelling to short stocks in the last 30 years and we could not be more excited about the prospects in front of us. Where the last decade introduced us to clever acronyms like FOMO, TINA and YOLO, maybe the next decade will show us that there is always an alternative. Living without your hard-earned money is tough and you should never fear prudent asset allocation.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,



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Total operating fund expenses listed are as of 03/01/2021. Pursuant to an operating expense limitation agreement between Invenomic Capital Management LP (the "Adviser") and the Fund, the Adviser has agreed to waive its fees and/or absorb expenses of the Fund to ensure that Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses (excluding any front-end or contingent deferred sales loads, brokerage fees and commissions, acquired fund fees and expenses, borrowing costs (such as interest and dividend expense on securities sold short), taxes and extraordinary or non-recurring expenses, including, but not limited to, litigation) for the Fund do not exceed 2.23%, 2.48% and 1.98% of the Fund's average net assets, for Institutional Class, Investor Class shares and Super Institutional Class, respectively, through February 28, 2022. This operating expense limitation agreement can be terminated only by, or with the consent of, the Board of Trustees. The Adviser is permitted to receive reimbursement from the Fund for fees it waived and Fund expenses it paid, subject to the limitation that: (1) the reimbursement for fees and expenses will be made only if payable within three years from the date the fees and expenses were initially waived or reimbursed; and (2) the reimbursement may not be made if it would cause the expense limitation in effect at the time of the waiver or currently in effect, whichever is lower, to be exceeded.

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The investment objective of the Invenomic Fund is to seek long term capital appreciation.

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