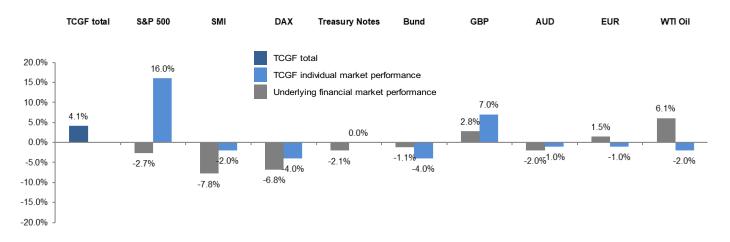
# Tom Capital Growth Fund (TCGF) 1st Quarter 2018 Update: + 4.1 %



## Performance Break-Down



# Comments: Solid positive performance in turbulent markets

#### Highlights

Positive result 6 out of the 9 strategies outperformed their underlying market, 3 strategies contributed positively on an

absolute basis. Overall, TCGF produced a positive result.

Extract volatility While our forecast did not anticipate the equity sell-off, our trading strategy managed to extract the

volatility. This either softened the blow, as with SMI and DAX, or even produced excellent results in the

case of the S&P that experienced the strongest swings.

Stability The diversification stabilized the fund well. Its maximal draw-down of 5% is clearly lower than the equity

markets experienced.

#### Lowlights

Missed a short Our fast-moving risk indicators in the sentiment forecast of the equity indexes signaled a potential sell-off

days before the sell-off took place. Unfortunately, they only lowered our forecast and not outright

changed its direction.

No rebound The equity forecasts turned less bullish (SMI, S&P) or even bearish (DAX) after the sell-off. This

triggered the trading system to reduce the positions and thus limiting the potential for a strong rebound.

#### Outlook

More Diversification: In April/May, five new markets will go live strengthening our allocation to fixed income (Canadian and

Australian government bonds) and to commodities (The volatility index VIX, which we will add to the commodity basket due to its low correlation and high volatility). The two new equity markets (Japan and Australia) will not increase our allocation to again, but widon our diversification within equity.

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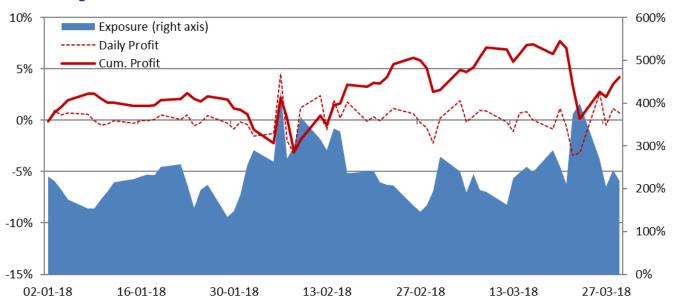
More Exposure: The increase in diversification will allow us to slightly increase our average exposure closer to our target

average exposure of 300%. We expect no negative impact from this because most of the increase comes from fixed income with low volatility and low correlation to the rest. On the contrary, we even

expect the total volatility of the fund to move down again.



## Risk Management



Max exposure: 430%

The sharp sell-offs in the equity markets triggered rallies in bond markets and swings in the currencies. This prompted the trading system to increase exposure levels. Exposure was again reduced in the rebound which

occurred just a few days later.

Average exposure: 234%

This is just slightly above our expectations but in line with the current increased market volatility.

Profit development: The daily and cumulative changes to the NAV are far below the volatility experienced in the equity markets,

providing an excellent demonstration of Markowitz's best known Modern Portfolio Theory, namely the "Free

Lunch" gained through diversification

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