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Power Your Portfolio

If you're like many investors, you realize that managing your investment portfolio requires time, experience and knowledge that you may not possess. That's why so many investors participate in mutual funds or other invest vehicles managed by professionals who assume responsibility for day-to-day invest decisions.

The questions is this: Which of the thousands of investment managers competing for your business should you choose?

At the Tholl Pearson Group, (TPG) we believe we offer an approach to investing that sets us apart from other managers available to you. That approach is called *PowerScore*.

The Power of a Repeatable Process

PowerScore is the proprietary methodology we've developed over 35 years of market fluctuations and experience managing the assets of wealthy families and major institutions. We believe that capital markets are an arena of competition for capital. Those that win in the competition for capital enhance shareholder value, while those that lose in the competition for capital reduce shareholder value.

To track investor capital flow, we have developed a methodology that assigns a numeric *PowerScore* to every security and market segment we follow. Our process is completely quantitative and repeatable since it involves no intuitive predictions of how markets might perform in the future. Instead, based upon the current *PowerScore* ranking, we allocate to where capital is flowing right now.

How PowerScore Works

Using data from our special application linkage to Bloomberg, we examine the trailing returns of a variety of listed securities over various timeframes – say, one month, three months and six months. We place greater emphasis on intermediate-term returns and employ a mathematical formula to assign each security a numeric *PowerScore*.

We believe that the higher the **PowerScore**, the more successful the security is in attracting capital from investors. Conversely, we believe that securities with a lower, or negative **PowerScore**, are losing in the competition to attract investor capital.

The **PowerScore** Equity Strategies

In our **PS20** equity strategy, we select 20 global companies that are the most heavily weighted in their respective sector. The sector weightings are targeted to be proximate to the sector weightings of the S&P 500. **PS20** is <u>strategic</u> in allocation and is the #1 PowerScore equity strategy choice for more tax sensitive investors.

In *PS Rotation*, we consider the *PS20* securities, and then we overweight the highest PowerScore ranked companies, while we underweight the lower PowerScore ranked companies. We also overweight the highest PowerScore ranked Style of companies, Growth or Value. *PS Rotation* is *tactical* in allocation and is the #1 PowerScore equity strategy choice for non-tax sensitive investors.

| Allocation | Security | PS Rotation | Sector | Style | PowerScore |
|------------|----------|--------------------------------|------------------------|--------|------------|
| 5.00% | TSLA | Tesla Inc | Consumer Discretionary | Growth | 479 |
| 9.00% | AVGO | Broadcom Inc | Information Technology | Growth | 337 |
| 9.00% | AMZN | Amazon.com Inc | Consumer Discretionary | Growth | 208 |
| 7.00% | TSM | Taiwan Semiconductor | Information Technology | Growth | 191 |
| 4.50% | JPM | JPMorgan Chase & Co | Financial Services | Value | 188 |
| 9.00% | GOOGL | Alphabet Inc | Communication Services | Growth | 167 |
| 9.00% | META | Meta Platforms Inc | Communication Services | Growth | 164 |
| 4.00% | V | Visa Inc | Financial Services | Value | 159 |
| 4.00% | WMT | Walmart Inc | Consumer Staple | Value | 139 |
| 7.00% | NVDA | NVIDIA Corp | Information Technology | Growth | 101 |
| 18.00% | SCHG | Schwab U.S. Large-Cap Growth E | Growth Index ETF | Growth | 93 |
| 0.00% | QQQ | Invesco QQQ Trust Series 1 | Growth Index ETF | Growth | 79 |
| 0.00% | COST | Costco Wholesale Corp | Consumer Staple | Value | 59 |
| 6.00% | MSFT | Microsoft Corp | Information Technology | Growth | 40 |
| 0.00% | RSP | Invesco S&P 500 Equal Weight E | Value Index ETF | Value | 40 |
| 0.00% | VTV | Vanguard Value ETF | Value Index ETF | Value | 38 |
| 0.00% | BRK/B | Berkshire Hathaway Inc | Financial Services | Value | 17 |
| 1.50% | UNH | UnitedHealth Group Inc | Health Care | Value | -31 |
| 0.00% | XOM | Exxon Mobil Corp | Energy | Value | -38 |
| 4.00% | AAPL | Apple Inc | Information Technology | Growth | -42 |
| 1.50% | JNJ | Johnson & Johnson | Health Care | Value | -65 |
| 1.50% | LLY | Eli Lilly & Co | Health Care | Value | -98 |

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Risk Profile 1 – PowerScore Conservative Tactical: 20% PS Rotation, 7% Gold, 73% Low Vol Bond

Equity: 0-20%, Alternative: 0-7%, Bond: 73-100%

Risk Profile 2 – PowerScore Conservative Moderate Tactical: 40% PS Rotation, 10% Gold, 50% Low Vol Bond

Equity: 20-40%, Alternative: 0-15%, Bond: 45-80%

Risk Profile 3 – PowerScore Moderate Tactical: 60% PS Rotation, 10% Gold, 30% Low Vol Bond

Equity: 40-60%, Alternative: 0-20%, Bond: 20-60%

Risk Profile 4 – PowerScore Retirement Tactical: 80% PS Rotation, 10% Gold, 10% Low Vol Bond

Equity: 60-80%, Alternative: 0-20%, Bond: 0-40%

Risk Profile 5 – PowerScore Aggressive Tactical: 90% PS Rotation, 10% Gold, 0% Low Vol Bond

Equity: 70-90%, Alternative: 0-20%, Bond: 0-30%

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