



April 2025 Monthly Report

Returns 31-Dec-12 to 30-Apr-25

	Norse Capital All Ords Accum Outperformance			Small Ords Accum Outperformance	
Inception	475.40%	192.72%	282.68%	92.35%	383.05%
Inception per annum	15.24%	9.10%	6.14%	5.45%	9.79%
CY2025 (ytd)	-6.43%	0.19%	-6.62%	-0.20%	-6.23%
CY2024	45.23%	11.44%	33.78%	8.36%	36.87%
CY2023	17.73%	12.98%	4.75%	7.82%	9.90%
CY2022	-30.79%	-2.96%	-27.83%	-18.38%	-12.41%
CY2021	16.86%	17.74%	-0.88%	16.90%	-0.04%
CY2020	26.36%	3.64%	22.73%	9.21%	17.15%
CY2019	43.44%	24.06%	19.38%	21.36%	22.08%
CY2018	7.46%	-3.53%	10.99%	-8.67%	16.13%
CY2017	15.55%	12.47%	3.08%	20.02%	-4.46%
CY2016	9.31%	11.65%	-2.33%	13.18%	-3.87%
CY2015	36.80%	3.78%	33.02%	10.16%	26.65%
CY2014	10.81%	5.02%	5.79%	-3.81%	14.62%
CY2013	19.24%	19.66%	-0.41%	-0.76%	20.00%
1m	2.91%	3.60%	-0.69%	1.84%	1.07%
3m	-9.06%	-4.02%	-5.04%	-4.58%	-4.49%
6m	3.30%	0.45%	2.84%	-1.99%	5.29%
1y	22.32%	8.81%	13.51%	3.73%	18.59%
2y pa	26.99%	9.36%	17.63%	5.52%	21.47%
3y pa	10.84%	6.68%	4.15%	0.29%	10.55%
5y pa	9.94%	12.37%	-2.43%	7.72%	2.21%
7y pa	14.03%	8.69%	5.34%	4.36%	9.68%
10y pa	14.86%	7.92%	6.93%	6.32%	8.53%
12y pa	15.35%	8.32%	7.03%	5.88%	9.47%
Sharpe Ratio	0.90	0.57	1.58x	0.29	3.15x
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Annualised standard deviation	14.94%	13.58%		16.52%	
Highest monthly return	11.91%	10.16%		14.27%	
Largest monthly loss	-10.61%	-20.94%		-22.38%	
Largest drawdown	-36.68%	-27.33%		-29.11%	
% positive months	68.92%	64.86%		57.43%	

A super volatile month starting with tariff “Liberation Day” that saw a sharp drop in markets to where the Nasdaq entered bear-market territory

(a > 20% drop from all-time highs) and the S&P 500 got within a whisker of a bear-market (just shy of a 20% drop on a closing basis but did go lower intraday). At the extremes and with the 10-year bond yield actually rising to ~4.5% (US bond yields typically fall, not rise in uncertain market conditions), President Trump called a 90-day pause on reciprocal tariff implementations (leaving a 10% across-the-board tariff, specific Canada and Mexico tariffs and huge 145% China tariffs) which led to a market recovery so that by the end of April the Nasdaq was actually positive at +0.9% with the S&P 500 only down -0.8%. In Australia, the All Ords tacked on +3.6% and the Small Ords +1.8%. Our portfolio came in at +2.9%, trailing the All Ords but ahead of the others.

So basically a month where tariffs dominated, sidelining backward-looking economic data and company-specific reports; no longer applicable as they reflect a pre-tariff regime and more focused on guidance (or lack thereof) going forwards. In this environment, portfolio activity in April was dominated by hedging trades (see below).

PME was the biggest positive contributor in the month, partially reversing recent losses in February and March as the shares rallied back +14.8% for a +1.8% portfolio benefit. This after the shares plumbed depths in the \$160s before closing April just shy of \$200. As a result, our PME weighting is now slightly higher, a bit under 15%.

The other notable positive contribution on the month came from our enterprise software basket which added +1.7% to the portfolio, most notably thanks to strength in our cybersecurity holdings: CRWD +21.6% and ZS +14.0%. The basket has a ~13.7% portfolio weighting as we sold some of DDOG position with the exercise of \$125 put hedges (see below).

No real notable losing positions, our biggest detractor on the month was our AAPL holding which cost the portfolio -0.4% with the shares down -4.3%. AAPL probably has the biggest exposure to tariffs (especially to China) in the Mag 7. They have managed to move a significant proportion of their iPhone production destined for the US market to India as well as iMac and wearables to Vietnam. Their latest estimate is that tariffs will likely cost ~US\$900m in the upcoming quarter.

The bulk of activity during the month was in our shorts and hedges which detracted -0.3% on the month. Actually, a pretty decent result given we started the month with a -9.6% short position and -28.7% hedge option delta in a month where markets ended higher. We took some profits out

of our hedges by rolling down strikes, some in-the money expiries, taking back some shorts and also opportunistically buying some calls near the lows that proved profitable.

The $\sim +2.5\%$ rise in the Aud-Usd cost the portfolio -0.5% . Again a decent result given the quantum of the currency rise. On the good-luck side, we had 63c puts expiring on the day the Aud-Usd fell from above 63c to below 60c, which we then turned around to buy 61c calls and then 60.5c calls, financed by selling 58c puts.

Portfolio Holdings:

Cash:	19.7% (AUD and USD)
AUD-USD currency exposure:	23.9%
Longs:	84.8%
Shorts:	-8.9%
Options delta:	-23.4%
Net exposure:	52.4%
Top 5 equities (alphabetical):	AAPL, CRWD, PME, RMD, RUL.

CRWD takes back 5th spot from TLX.

A bit more than $+10\%$ longer net exposure with some profit-taking and expiries (mentioned above) and the benefits of long gamma in a rising market. We rolled down strikes (and took out cash) in IGV (software etf) puts and AAPL puts, had expiries in AAPL, DDOG and SPY puts and put spreads and cash settled XJO puts and calls in the money. (Fortuitously we had 7800 ASX puts expire in the money earlier in the month as well as 7650 calls later on in the month which cash-settled ~ 300 points in the money).

We have purchased some newer SPY put spreads, re-sold some shorts at higher levels than where we purchased them back and also added some TLX puts.

