CTRN · NASDAQ · WEEK ENDED 24 JUL 2026

Weekly Investor Report

Citi Trends Inc · Consumer Cyclical · Apparel Retail

LATEST CLOSE

62.92 USD

-2.0% latest week

Weekly setup

Constructive, but selective

The weekly trend is active. Price is 30.1% above the Trend Line and sits at 88.6% of its 52-week range. The latest completed week returned -2.0%, after a 6.4% four-week move. The latest factor snapshot indicates quality is middle-of-the-pack; growth ranks weakly; valuation is expensive relative to peers. Options positioning is mixed with 37/100 conviction, while the latest news-sentiment score is 53/100. Near-term considerations: volume confirmation is below normal; earnings are due in 26d.

Technical setup score 64/100. This score describes the weekly technical setup; the conclusion above also considers fundamentals, positioning, sentiment, and event risk.

LATEST CLOSE	1W RETURN	4W RETURN
62.92 USD	-2.0%	6.4%
24 Jul 2026	latest completed week	short-term follow-through

12W RETURN	TREND BREADTH	VOLUME RATIO
31.2%	96.2%	0.8x
quarterly tape	50 of 52 weeks active	vs 13-week average

What is working

- The trend backdrop is active with a 7-week active streak.
- Price is above the Trend Line, keeping the weekly tape constructive.
- Price is above Fair Value, showing premium demand versus the model.
- Activity pressure is positive on the latest completed week.

What could go wrong

- 10 reversal markers appear in the recent smart-money tape.

What to watch next

- Trend Line remains the key weekly regime level.
- Activity pressure is the gauge to monitor for confirmation or fade.
- A volume ratio above 1.5x would show stronger participation in the next move.

This week's evidence at a glance

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01 · PRICE ACTION

Where price is—and whether the trend supports it

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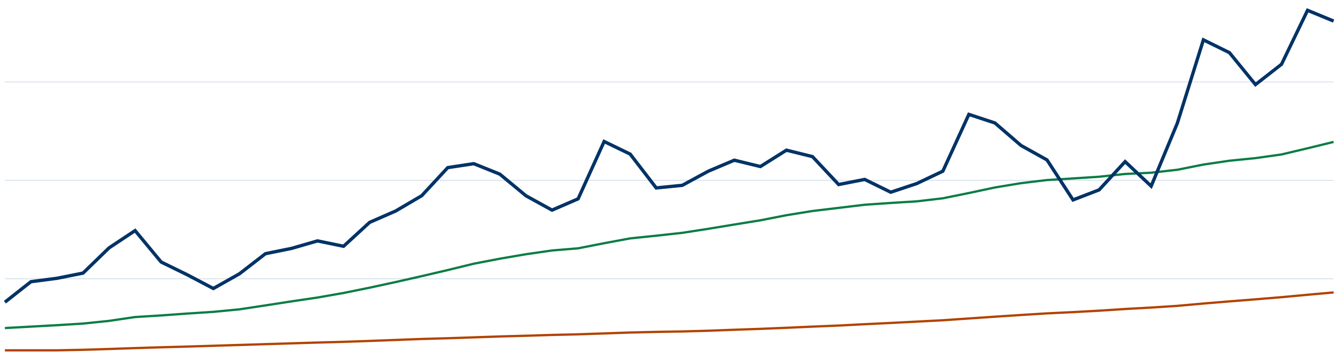
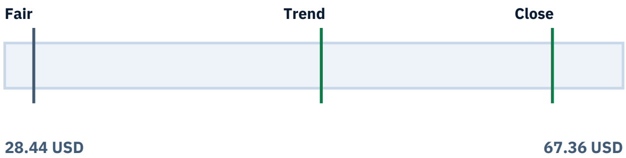
52-week price path



Blue: weekly close · Green: Trend Line · Orange: Sharemaestro Fair Value

Position in the 52-week range



Latest close sits at 88.6% of the 52-week range.

RANGE LOCATION

88.6%

Shows where the latest close sits between the 52-week low and high.

TREND DISTANCE

30.1%

Price premium or discount versus the weekly Trend Line.

FAIR-VALUE GAP

107.9%

Premium demand or model discount versus Sharemaestro Fair Value.

HIGH-WATER GAP

-6.6%

Distance from the latest 52-week high.

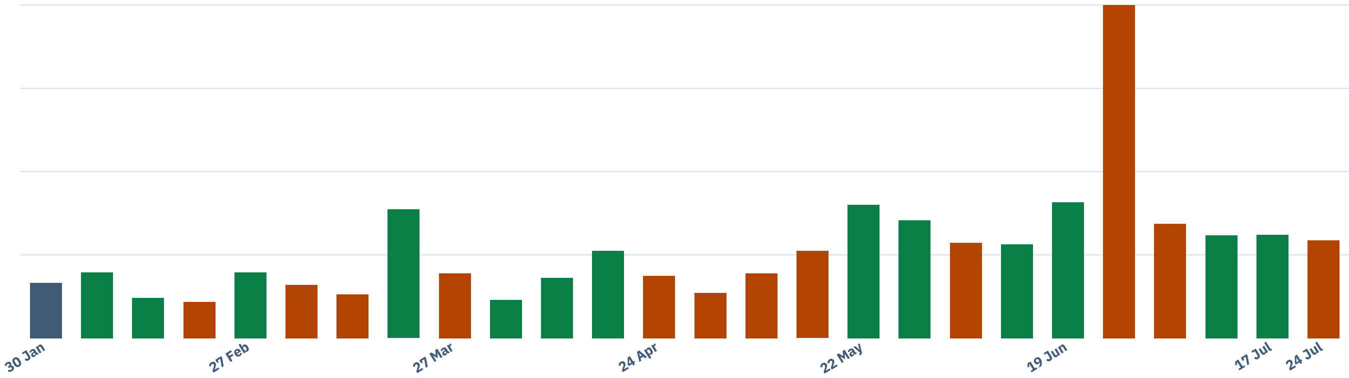
02 · VOLUME AND DEMAND

Is real participation confirming the move?

Latest weekly volume is 0.8x the 13-week average. Participation is below its recent norm, so price strength is not receiving full volume confirmation.

26-week volume confirmation

Bar height shows weekly volume. Green marks an up week; orange marks a down week.



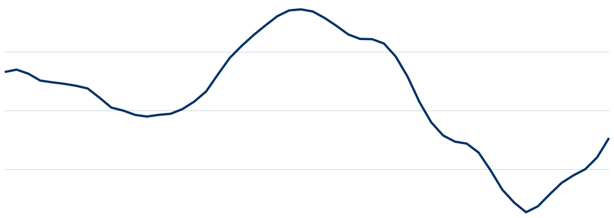
PARTICIPATION	BASELINE	ONE-YEAR BASE	LATEST WEEKLY VOLUME
0.8x	**801.8K**	**548.4K**	**669.0K**
Latest volume versus the 13-week average.	13-week average volume.	52-week average volume.	Most recent completed week.

Demand beneath price

Activity pressure and institutional-style signals

These indicators assess whether participation is improving beneath price. They are supporting evidence, not proof of institutional buying.

Activity pressure path



Latest 0.67 · 12-week average 0.57

12-week confirmation

Signal	Read	Meaning
Trend active	10/12	Active trend-backdrop weeks in the latest 12-week window.
Positive pressure	7/12	Weeks with constructive activity pressure in the latest 12-week window.
Positive leadership	8/12	Weeks with positive relative leadership in the latest 12-week window.
Activity pressure	0.67	Current proprietary activity-pressure read.
Buy signals	0	Accumulation signal count in the latest 12 weeks.
Reversal markers	10	10 reversal markers

No recent accumulation markers. 10 reversal markers.

03 · MOMENTUM AND LEADERSHIP

Is performance persistent—and is the stock leading?

Performance is 6.4% over four weeks, 31.2% over 12 weeks, and 109.8% over one year. The current trend has remained active for 7 consecutive weeks.

Performance by holding period

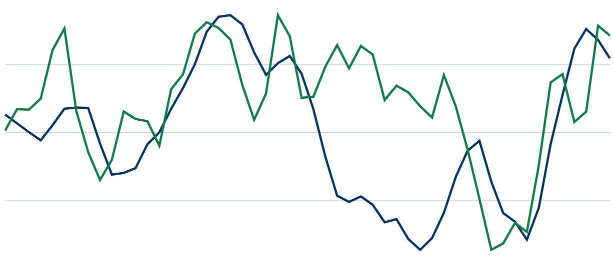
1W	-2.0%
4W	6.4%
12W	31.2%
26W	46.9%
52W	109.8%

ACTIVE TREND STREAK
7 weeks
Consecutive active weeks.

ACTIVE WEEKS
50
Latest 52 weeks.

TREND BREADTH
96.2%
Share of active weeks.

Activity pressure vs relative leadership



Blue: activity pressure · Green: relative leadership

PRESSURE
1.07
Latest activity-pressure read.

PRESSURE CHANGE
54.4%
Four-week change in activity pressure.

LEADERSHIP
33.68
Latest relative-leadership reading.

RS CHANGE
30.4%
Four-week change in relative leadership.

Technical setup scorecard

Trend	77
Momentum	93
Activity Pressure	74
Relative Leadership	100
Next-Week Expectancy	50
Volume	35
Smart Money	37
Risk Control	49

04 · FUNDAMENTALS AND VALUATION

What investors are paying for—and the quality behind it

The latest factor snapshot indicates quality is middle-of-the-pack; growth ranks weakly; valuation is expensive relative to peers.

FACTOR WEEK	STATEMENTS THROUGH	FIELD COVERAGE	MODEL CONFIDENCE
26 Jul 2026	31 Jan 2026	94%	94%
Latest published factor snapshot.	Financial reporting period used.	Available factor fields.	Snapshot confidence.

Relative factor standing

Higher display scores are better. Each score is converted from the underlying universe rank, where rank 1 is best.

Overall factor strength	33/100
Value	20/100
Quality	33/100
Momentum	95/100
Growth	20/100

Valuation

How much investors are paying for earnings, sales, and cash flow.

P/E Price divided by trailing earnings.	43.4x
PRICE / SALES Market value relative to trailing revenue.	0.6x
EV / EBITDA Enterprise value relative to operating cash earnings.	21.4x
FREE-CASH-FLOW YIELD Free cash flow as a share of enterprise value.	11.5%

Business quality

Margins and the return generated on invested capital.

GROSS MARGIN Gross profit retained from each unit of revenue.	38.0%
OPERATING MARGIN Operating profit retained from revenue.	1.4%
FREE-CASH-FLOW MARGIN Free cash flow generated from revenue.	9.1%
RETURN ON INVESTED CAPITAL Operating return generated on invested capital.	4.4%

04 · FUNDAMENTALS AND VALUATION · CONTINUED

Growth, shareholder returns, and balance-sheet strength

The second half of the fundamental read separates recent business growth from cash returned to shareholders and financial leverage.

Growth and financial strength

Recent business growth and accounting strength.

REVENUE GROWTH Latest one-year revenue growth.	**10.5%**
EPS GROWTH Latest one-year earnings-per-share growth.	**-**
FREE-CASH-FLOW GROWTH Latest one-year free-cash-flow growth.	**398.5%**
PIOTROSKI F-SCORE Nine-point accounting-strength checklist.	**6/9**

Shareholder return and balance sheet

Cash returned to owners and financial leverage.

DIVIDEND YIELD Cash dividends relative to market value.	**-**
BUYBACK YIELD Net share repurchases relative to market value.	**0.0%**
SHAREHOLDER YIELD Dividend yield plus net buyback yield.	**0.0%**
NET DEBT / EBITDA Balance-sheet debt relative to operating cash earnings.	**4.6x**

How to read this

Quality and valuation are separate questions. A strong company can still carry a demanding valuation, so profitability, growth, balance-sheet strength, and the price paid for those characteristics should be assessed independently.

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05 · OWNERSHIP, OPTIONS, AND SENTIMENT

What other market participants are doing

Options, insider transactions, market sentiment, and activity-pressure signals can confirm or challenge the price story. None should be used alone.

Options positioning

Mixed

CTRN shows mixed options pressure with a 37/100 conviction score, put-call volume ratio of n/a, expected move of 12.7%, and Sharemaestro trend signal active.

CONVICTION	EXPECTED MOVE	PUT/CALL VOLUME
37/100	12.7%	0.00
Options signal conviction.	Nearest-chain pricing.	Contract volume balance.

Pressure	12
Speculation	0
Volatility	76
Trend agreement	94

Insider activity

12 / 8

12 acquisitions and 8 disposals in the latest 180-day insider tape.

Acquisitions / disposals over the latest 180 days. Insider activity is context, not a stand-alone signal.

News sentiment

53/100

Weighted news tone is neutral across 58 relevant articles.

14 positive · 40 neutral · 4 negative

Patient Capital

Quiet

Activity-pressure buy-signal evidence highlights potential institutional accumulation windows.

No recent buy signal

06 · CATALYSTS AND RISK

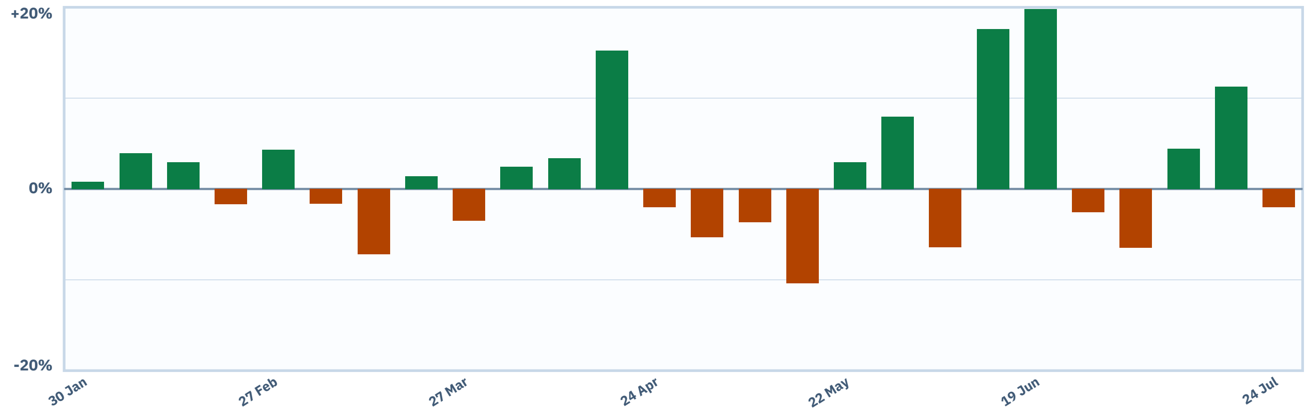
What can move the shares—and how volatile the path has been

Event timing, options-implied movement, drawdown, and weekly gains and losses frame the risk around the current setup.

NEXT EARNINGS	OPTIONS EXPECTED MOVE	52-WEEK DRAWDOWN	13-WEEK VOLATILITY
26d	**12.7%**	**-6.6%**	**9.2%**
Next report is scheduled for 25 Aug 2026; event risk rises as the date approaches.	Nearest-chain priced movement where available.	Distance below the 52-week high.	Standard deviation of weekly returns.

Weekly gains and losses

Each bar is one completed week. Gains rise above zero; losses fall below it. Taller bars mean a larger move.



WEEKS HIGHER	BEST WEEK	WORST WEEK	LATEST WEEK
14 of 26	**+19.8%**	**-10.4%**	**-2.0%**
12 weeks finished lower.	Week of 19 Jun.	Week of 15 May.	Week of 24 Jul.

Shape of recent returns

Strong gains	7
Modest gains	7
Flat weeks	-
Modest losses	7
Sharp losses	5

RECENT VOL	BASE VOL
9.2%	**6.9%**
13-week weekly-return volatility.	52-week weekly-return volatility.

UP/DOWN SPLIT	AVERAGE SKEW
30/22	**6.3% / -4.6%**
Count of positive and negative weeks in the 52-week window.	Average positive week versus average negative week.

07 · SECTOR AND PEER CONTEXT

Is this stock leading—or simply moving with its group?

Sector and industry breadth distinguish company-specific strength from a broad group move.

Sector · US Consumer Cyclical

4-WEEK RANK	GROUP AVERAGE	TREND BREADTH
- / 100	**-0.8%**	**36.0%**
Standing within the tracked group.	Average four-week return.	Share of peers with an active trend.

Peer	Exchange	1W return	4W return	Trend
PAG	NYSE	7.2%	19.3%	Active
JD	NASDAQ	1.9%	18.9%	Active
BABA	NYSE	-2.5%	18.3%	Inactive
MUSA	NYSE	-0.9%	16.5%	Active
PSNYW	NASDAQ	-46.9%	16.5%	Inactive

Industry · US Apparel Retail

4-WEEK RANK	GROUP AVERAGE	TREND BREADTH
5 / 28	**2.2%**	**39.3%**
Standing within the tracked group.	Average four-week return.	Share of peers with an active trend.

Peer	Exchange	1W return	4W return	Trend
LVLU	NASDAQ	52.8%	146.5%	Inactive
CURV	NYSE	6.4%	25.3%	Active
ROST	NASDAQ	2.3%	12.0%	Active
BURL	NYSE	1.3%	9.1%	Active
CTRN	NASDAQ	-2.0%	6.4%	Active

08 · EVIDENCE AND WEEKLY DATA

The underlying research record

Every top-level statement should be traceable to a stored market, fundamental, event, or positioning observation.

Cross-signal evidence matrix

Evidence pillar	Score / read	Summary	Detail
Weekly tape	62/100	Trend, activity pressure, participation, and risk combine to a 62/100 tape read.	
Indicator analysis	58/100	Latest 12-week confirmation: trend 10/12, activity pressure 7/12, relative leadership 8/12.	Activity pressure 0.67; 10 reversal markers
Factors	42/100	O'Shaughnessy factor stack blends value, quality, momentum, and confidence.	Buyback Yield rank 56; Small Cap Core rank 78
SVQF	4/100	Value and quality alignment from the Sharemaestro SVQF framework.	Composite rank 695.5 of 726
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Options	59/100	CTRN shows mixed options pressure with a 37/100 conviction score, put-call volume ratio of n/a, expected move of 12.7%, and Sharemaestro trend signal active.	Mixed · Options-market disagreement · Expected move 12.7%
Sentiment	53/100	Weighted news tone is neutral across 58 relevant articles.	Citi Trends Inc (CTRN) Risk Assessment: Volatility, Financial Risk & Investment Risk
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Current evidence clusters

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Recent completed weeks

The completed weekly bars behind the report provide a compact audit trail for price, trend, Fair Value, activity pressure, leadership, and volume.

Week	Close	Return	Trend Line	Fair Value	Pressure	Leadership	Volume	Trend
24 Jul 2026	62.92 USD	-2.0%	48.37 USD	30.27 USD	1.07	33.68	669.0K	On
17 Jul 2026	64.21 USD	11.2%	47.61 USD	29.99 USD	1.25	35.71	707.8K	On
10 Jul 2026	57.72 USD	4.4%	46.87 USD	29.69 USD	1.37	18.16	703.6K	On
03 Jul 2026	55.28 USD	-6.5%	46.43 USD	29.44 USD	1.17	16.04	781.3K	On
26 Jun 2026	59.12 USD	-2.5%	46.11 USD	29.19 USD	0.69	25.83	2.3M	On
19 Jun 2026	60.66 USD	19.8%	45.65 USD	28.93 USD	0.19	24.12	929.3K	On
12 Jun 2026	50.64 USD	17.6%	45.02 USD	28.65 USD	-0.46	7.21	641.7K	On
05 Jun 2026	43.06 USD	-6.4%	44.67 USD	28.44 USD	-0.78	-6.39	651.0K	Off
29 May 2026	46.01 USD	8.0%	44.53 USD	28.27 USD	-0.60	-4.56	804.7K	Off
22 May 2026	42.61 USD	2.9%	44.19 USD	28.08 USD	-0.51	-8.76	911.5K	On
15 May 2026	41.40 USD	-10.4%	43.98 USD	27.90 USD	-0.19	-10.05	595.5K	On
08 May 2026	46.21 USD	-3.6%	43.79 USD	27.75 USD	0.22	0.31	441.7K	On
01 May 2026	47.96 USD	-5.3%	43.41 USD	27.55 USD	0.12	10.42	308.8K	On
24 Apr 2026	50.66 USD	-2.0%	42.90 USD	27.35 USD	-0.14	19.26	425.9K	On

How to use this report

This is a completed-week research summary. It explains the available evidence and its conflicts; it does not predict a guaranteed outcome or replace your own risk assessment. Fundamental figures may refer to an earlier financial reporting period, which is shown in the fundamentals section.

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