

INVESTMENT FORUM AGENDA FOR WEDNESDAY, April 16, 2014, 11:50AM, TA-1

The Forum will meet at 11:50AM through May 14

Market Perspective. Tough week, with the DOW down 2.35%; the S&P down 2.65%; and the NASDAQ down 3.10%. All three indices are down YTD. Economic news for the week did not seem to be a reason for the drop. Many pundits noted that the declines are concentrated in recent “momentum” stocks and “new tech,” as opposed to “old tech.” Facebook (FB), Twitter (TWTR,) Tesla (TSLA), Netflix (NFLX), and biotechs and 3D printer stocks have taken it on the chin. Boring is back, as utilities, fixed income, and dividend paying stocks have outperformed the more glamorous names.

We will talk about this and whether it is time to dial back portfolio risk with defensive moves.

Fund Indexes. I will look at the Russell indexes. The Russell 50, 200, 1000, 2000 and 3000. What is the mix of large-cap, mid-cap, and small-cap in these indexes? For most of them, Russell further breaks them down into value and growth indexes, which means that we can compare growth and income stocks for performance.

Stocks of the Week (from the Buy/Sell List.) Coca-Cola (KO.) We know that Warren Buffett likes Coke both as a beverage and an investment, as does one of our members, who says he/she will talk about it. And if you don't like soft drinks, we can also talk about Anheuser Busch (BUD,) the “king of beers,” if I recall correctly ads from 50 years ago.

Book Review: “Den of Thieves.” This book was first published in 1991, and is about arbitrageur/corporate raider Ivan Boesky, Drexel Burnham and junk bonds, and Michael Milken. I will offer brief observations on the book, and how things have changed since the 1980s when it comes to corporate wrongdoing.

Forum Moderator needed for April 23 , May 7, and May 21 Got something you particularly want to discuss? This is your opportunity! I will distribute the agenda and can help prepare it.

Future Forum Topics

Panel on Energy April 30. We will discuss energy on April 30. Several of us attended an AAll class on

the energy sector, presented by Elliott Gue on January 18, 2014. Mr. Gue's presentation provided some eye-opening information on energy production in the US, which may be a game-changer for domestic manufacturing and business activity.

If you attended the Gue presentation, or if you are watching the energy sector and want to participate in the panel, please advise me.

Investing with Grandchildren. On May 14, Burgess Levin will lead a panel on investing with grandchildren. Among the questions addressed will be: how to make the process fun; how much money is needed to make the process meaningful; how to involve the parents; how do do it with grandchildren who live outside the area; and how to embed the process and turn grandchildren into investors for life.

If you invest with your grandchildren and are willing to share your experiences, please advise Burgess (burgess.levin@live.com) or me.

Buys and Sells (two weeks ending 4/2/2014)

Buys

Coca-Cola (KO)
Anheuser Busch (BUD)
Kapstone Paper and Packaging (KS)
ManKind Corp (MNDK) - pharma, diabetes products.
\$2.4B market cap
Blue Nile (NILE) - jewelry. \$431M market cap.
Rosetta Stone (RST) - \$231M market cap
Groupon (GRPN)
Facebook (FB)

Sells

Arch Coal (ACI)

Thinking About . . .

Silver Wheaton (SLI) - silver and gold mining.
Market cap \$8B
Realty Income (O)

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