

INVESTMENT FORUM AGENDA FOR NOVEMBER 9, 2011, 11:45AM

Meeting Schedule: the Forum will meet on 11/16 at 10AM. We will not meet on 11/23. The Forum will meet 11/30, 12/7 and 12/14 at 10AM.

The week that was. The S&P was down 2.5% for the week, after two dreadful days when our friends, the Greeks, could not decide whether they wanted to hold a referendum on their bailout by the EU. Domestically, earnings reports continued to be positive, and economic numbers were not great, but ok.

"After Dodd-Frank, how did regulators allow MF Global to leverage itself 40-1?" I will comment on the reality of government regulation of investment funds.

Ford (F). Maury will look under the hood of Ford. Not to evaluate the performance of the Eco-Boost 4 cylinder, but at the earnings, ratios, and financial indicators. Then we will give the Investment Forum **buy, hold, or sell** on F. (For heaven's sake, don't anybody go out and buy or sell anything based on what you hear at the Forum! Do your own research based on your own risk tolerances and investment objectives, etc . . .)

ETFdb and CEFConnect. I will walk through www.ETFdb.com, and www.cefconnect.com. ETFdb is a website for screening and basic analyses of ETFs. While a premium service is available, the free site gives you most of what you want to know. A daily newsletter (also free) is useful tracking new funds being introduced. About ten new ETFs are introduced each month.

CEF Connect (also free) is a website for screening and basic analyses of Closed End Funds. It is the former ETFConnect, but switched from ETFs to CEFs two years ago. Fans of ETFConnect (of which I am one) still mourn its switch to CEFs.

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AAII Course. An AAI (American Association of Individual Investors) course on Hedge Funds will be given Saturday, 11/19 at 9AM at the Courtyard Marriott at Seminary Road and I-395. Cost is \$28. Register at the AAI site, www.aaiidcmetro.com.

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