

TOM CROOKER INVESTMENT FORUM AGENDA FOR MAY 30, 2012, 10:00AM

The Forum will meet at 10:00AM through 6/13/2012, and then at 11:45AM beginning on 6/20/2012

The Week that Was. The stock market broke its three-week losing streak. The DOW was up 0.7%, the S&P up 1.7%, and NASDAQ up 2.1%. Somehow, though, it did not feel like an up week. The big news was Facebook (FB,) now down 19% from its IPO price. Will this change the way investors look at IPOs? And what is Facebook really worth? We spent quite a bit of time last week talking about Facebook, but there may be more to say.

Tom on Don Yacktman. Don Yacktman is a noted stock picker, whose two large-cap mutual funds, Yacktman Fund (YACKX) and Yacktman Focussed Fund (YAFFX) have outperformed the S&P over the past ten years. Tom will discuss Yacktman and his funds, as well as the continuing outflows from equity funds into bond funds, by individual investors.

John Woods (continued) and Al on bond funds. John Woods (aka Mr. Facebook IPO) will discuss comments from his Fidelity advisor, including recommended bonds funds.

Time permitting, I will be "Searching for a 5% Yield." Passing by the usual suspects - high yield (junk) bonds, preferred stocks, MLPs, REITs and a few telecom stocks, I will look this time at . . . bond fund ETFs from emerging markets.

Speaking of bond funds, the PIMCO Total Return Fund ETF (BOND) is off to the most successful new ETF launch ever. Opened 3//1/2012, the fund has reached \$1.1 billion, in part because the fund has increased 4.7% in value since inception, which dwarfs the performance of the PIMCO Total Return Fund (mutual fund.)

Three Person Panels. We will again use a three-person panel at the beginning of the session. Please let me know if you are willing to be on the panel.

Forum Member (disclosed) Buys and Sells.

Buys

Kinder Morgan (KMR)
I Shares S&P U.S. Preferred Stock Index ETF (PFF)
JP Morgan (JPM) - 2 buys
Facebook (FB)

Sells

Deere & Co. (DE)

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