

INVESTMENT FORUM PROGRAM FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2013, 11:50AM

The Forum will meet at 11:50AM through May 8

Market Perspective. The S&P hit its all time high on Thursday, the last day of the quarter, which saw (for the quarter) the DOW up 11.25%; the S&P up 10.03%; and the NASDAQ up 8.21%. Don't multiply those numbers by four and expect that for 2013! With the "fiscal cliff," then "sequestration," political gridlock, and Europe and Cyprus, and Apple down about 8%, it was quite a remarkable performance.

Then you have stories of individual investors, who got out of the market in 2008 and 2009, getting back in. Will they keep the market rising? Or are they once again doing what so many individual investors do - selling low and then buying high?

Is Your Bank Deposit Safe? The recent banking crisis in Cyprus, and discussion of "haircutting" (aka confiscating/stealing) 6.5% of all bank deposits (including supposedly insured) in Cyprus has focused attention to the safety of bank deposits, including those insured by FDIC.

A recent article in "Seeking Alpha" suggested that something similar could happen in the US.

I will do an overview of the FDIC and FDIC deposit coverage and how FDIC resolves failed banks, and whether insured US bank deposits (and uninsured deposits) are at risk.

Tom Crooker Potpourri. Tom will discuss several recent articles in the financial press. "Still at a Trot, This Bull May Have Further to Go," - from the New York Times. "Debunking 5 Investor Dilemmas," from Forbes. And "BRIC Investors Lose Their Taste for Stocks," from Business Week.

Bond Funds. Bonds and bond funds have received much negative press, and badmouthing from Forum members. Is there a bond bubble, about to burst? Will there be large permanent

losses in bond funds? Let's look at some bond funds and try to see risks in them.

Buys and Sells (week of 3/27/2013).

Buys

Cognizant (CTSH)
LKQ Corp (LKQ)
B. F. Saul Preferred
Kinder Morgan Management (KMR)
Epiq Systems, Inc (EPIQ)
Financial Sector Select SPDR (XLF)
Apache Corp. (APA)
Arch Coal (ACI)
Vanguard Dividend Growth Fund(VDIGX)
Lowes (LOW)
First Trust Morningstar Dividend Leaders (FDL)
Consumer Staples Select SPDR (XLP)

Sells

T J Maxx (TJX)
Oracle (ORCL)
Burger King (BKW)
Vanguard GNMA Fund(VFIIX)
CREE, Inc. (CREE)
H J Heinz (HNZ)
Eli Lilly (LLY)
Powershares Fundamental High Yield Bond (PHB)

Thinking About . . .

Apple (APPL) - 2
SAIC (SAI)
Huntsman (HUN)

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