

## INVESTMENT FORUM AGENDA FOR WEDNESDAY, May 1, 2013, 11:50AM

The Forum will meet at 11:50AM in TA-3 through May 8. We will meet at 10:30AM starting May 15.

**Market Perspective.** Mr. Market had another up week, with the DOW rising 1.13%; the S&P rising 1.74%; and the NASDAQ rising 2.28%. Mr. Market has risen 16.9% since last November, with just three very minor pullbacks, none of which come close to qualifying as a "correction" during that time. Has it hit resistance at 1,600 for the S&P? Sell in May and go away? Or does this bull still have more gas in his tank?

Interest rates continue their path at low levels, showing that the Mr. Bernanke and the Fed remain "who you don't fight." And most of the world's central bankers have decided Ben is right and are taking similar stimulus moves.

**"What is Your 100% \$\$?"** Maury Cralle will continue his discussion on asset allocation, with a presentation that ends with an appropriate split between stocks and bonds/fixed income.

**Stock of the Week.** Dow Chemical (DOW.) Third biggest company in the Materials Sector by market value. If it ends with "ene," (styrene, benzene, propylene, etc.) then Dow Chemical likely makes it. We will take a look at Materials Sector and DOW, and why many of your probably own it.

**Duration.** For fixed income investments, including bonds and bond funds, "duration" is one of the most important pieces of information needed, up there with interest rate, maturity, and issuer. I will discuss what it is, and what it tells you about the market value of the investment as interest rates change. And also where to find the number, since many investment websites do not show it.

### ***Buys and Sells***

This list is from the April 17 Forum session.

This week, please list your buys and sells for the past two weeks.

#### Buys

Coca Cola (KO) - 2.48% dividend yield, 17.8 PE, 17% advance since 12/28/2012

America On-Line (AOL) - 16.8PE, 29% advance since 1/31/2013

Vanguard Wellesley Income Fund (VWINX) - "Gold" Morningstar rating. 31% large cap value stocks, 60% bonds. 2.48% yield. \$34 billion assets.

Vanguard Wellington Fund (VWELX) - "Gold" Morningstar rating. 2.61% yield. \$71 billion assets. 65/33 stocks/bonds.

First Trust Value-Line Dividend Index Fund (FVD) - Large cap stocks, 2.60% yield, 0.70% expenses, 5 Morningstar stars

Gilead Sciences (GILD) - 112% advance since 6/1/12

DuPont (DD) - 3.25% dividend yield, 11.9 PE, 26% advance since 11/16/2012.

#### Sells

Vanguard GNMA Fund(VFIIX)

Autoliv (ALV) - Car airbags and safety equipment

Microsoft (MSFT)

#### Thinking About . . .

AT&T (T)

Wells Fargo (WFC)

Mattel (MAT)

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