

INVESTMENT FORUM AGENDA FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2013 AT 10:30AM

We are meeting at 10:30AM in TA-1 through June 5. We will not meet on June 12.
The Summer session begins on June 19

Market Perspective. "Animal Spirits" rule, with the markets up again this week: up 1.56% for the DOW; 2.07% for the S&P and 1.82% for the NASDAQ, and YTD gains in the 16% to 17% neighborhood . . . a very good neighborhood!

Do we have "irrational exuberance," too much optimism and is it time to get cautious? Perhaps take some gains off the table, and do some rebalancing? Asset allocations have likely gone overweight in equities for most investors. But if you trim equity allocations, what do you reinvest in? Bonds don't look like a good choice. REITS? Gold? Powerball tickets?

Interest rates have had some volatility, but have trended up.

Stock talk. I'll talk about Altria (MO) . . . third attempt. Tom will talk about Berkshire Hathaway . . . second attempt, and some of the Oracle's latest pronouncements. Then let's talk about J C Penney (JCP) . . . which has shown up on the buy/sell list several times in the past few weeks. Time permitting, I will comment on rockiness in the MREIT sector, and American Capital Agency Corp (AGNC) price drop.

Buys and Sells.

Buys

J C Penney (JCP)
Powershares QQQ (QQQ) - Large cap growth ETF, heavy on big tech
KKR Co LP (KKR)
Cisco (CSCO) - finally getting some love
Gold ETF (GLD)
AT&T (T)
Healthcare Sector SPDR ETF (XLV)
Plains All-American Pipeline (PAA)

Sells

Colgate Palmolive ((CL)
Encana Corp (ECA) - Canadian gas producer
Freeport McMoran(FCX)
AOL (AOL)
Baxter International (BAX), Johnson and Johnson(JNJ), Pfizer (PFE), (WAG) - sold to buy XLV
Royal Bank of Canada (RY)

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