

**INVESTMENT FORUM AGENDA FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2015, 11:50AM,
Fellowship Hall, Lord of Life Lutheran Church**

Market Perspective. A big week. The DOW was up 3.7%; the S&P up 3.3%; and the NASDAQ up 2.6%. It was “risk on,” as oil prices rose, and sectors that were down the most over the past year had the biggest rallies. Earnings’ season us upon us, which may point to whether the fourth quarter manages to put markets in positive territory for the year. Was September a buying opportunity?

Searching for Yield: High-Yield (Junk) Bonds. Much has been written about the liquidity in various bonds and bond funds, and the falling prices of junk. Let’s look at current yields and prices of various fixed income categories. Time to bail or time to buy?

Business Development Companies (BDCs). What are BDCs, what are the risks, and why do they have such high yields?

Prospect Capital Corporation (PSEC), a BDC, has appeared on our “buy/sell list,” We will look at PSEC and some other BDCs. The buyer of PSEC is invited to share his/her observations on the company.

Energy Transfer Equity LP (ETE) purchase of Williams Company (WMB) and MLPs. Ed Swoboda will follow up on some questions raised last week.

Future Topics

Forum topic suggestions

- Annuities
- Closed-End-Funds
- Hedge Funds
- “Dogs of the DOW”
- Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs)
- Real estate directly owned
- Cyclicals
- Sector Rotation
- Tax impact from investment decisions
- Covered Calls
- Charitable Trusts
- Managing Minimum Required Distributions

Please let me know if you have expertise in any of these and are willing to lead a discussion.

Ingrid Hendershot on October 21. Ingrid Hendershot, an Investment Advisor and principal of Hendershot Investments www.hendershotinvestments.com, will speak on October 21. Ms. Hendershot has spoken to the Forum previously, on current markets and her methods for selecting "HI-quality companies." She also publishes a monthly newsletter. Some Forum members use her advisory services.

Annuities on October 28. Mike May, a Financial Planner who has given many OLLI presentations on financial topics, will discuss annuities on October 28. It will be a general discussion, including recent innovations in annuities. If you have particular questions on annuities that you would like addressed, please let me know.

Buys and Sells (week of October 7)

Buys

Colfax Corp (CFX) - gas and fluid handling technology. MC: \$4B
IShares Emerging Market Dividend ETF (IED)
CVR Partners LP (UAN) - fertilizer. MC: \$761M
SPDR Oil & Gas Exploration and Production ETF (XOP)
SPDR S&P Pharmaceuticals ETF (XPH)
Financial Select SPDR ETF (XLF) - add to
Exco Technologies (EXCOF) - auto parts. Canadian. MC: \$465M
Eli Lilly (LLY)
Wal Mart (WMT)
General Electric (GE)

Sells

Exxon Mobil (XOM)
Conoco Phillips (COP)
Macy's (M)

Thinking About . . .

Energy Transfer Equity (ETE), Williams Companies (WMB) - selling
Home Depot

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