

**INVESTMENT FORUM AGENDA FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2016, 10:30AM
TALLWOOD, TA-1**

The Spring term starts March 23, 11:50AM at Lord of Life.

Market Perspective. Another up week - the fourth straight, after a strong Friday performance, and a big turnaround since the first six weeks of 2016. For the week, the DOW was up 1.2%; the S&P was up 1.1%; and the NASDAQ was up 0.7%. The DOW and S&P are very near where they started the year. Needless to say, the markets are following the price of oil, which rose 7% for the week, to \$38.50 a barrel. Stimulus by the European Central Bank also impacted markets.

So what's the deal? Was the dip the first six weeks "for no particular good reason" - as Forrest Gump would say? Or is the past month's rally a head fake, which will catch us flat-footed?

Defense Contractors. Two weeks ago, Hank Wolf talked about Northrop Grumman (NOC.) This week, I will expand that discussion, to include other big defense contractors, Lockheed Martin (LMT,) Raytheon (RTN,) and Boeing (BA.) Defense contractors have exposure to the defense industry, for good and bad. They are all in the industrials' sector. What do they really do, and what is their actual exposure to defense contracting. (Many times our perceptions of what companies actually do is out-of-date.) And how are their valuations?

Upcoming topics. We will look at mid and small cap stocks, and how they are doing compared to the large caps that we usually discuss.

Please give me you feedback on topics that you would like to have discussed.

Buys and Sells - 2 weeks ending 3/9/2016

Buys

Enterprise Products Partners LP (EPD)

Walt Disney (DIS)

Kinder Morgan, Inc (KMI)

Berkshire Hathaway (BRK.B)

Sells

None

Thinking About . . .

None

Short list this week. But three of four buys are energy related. EPD and KMI look like oil bottoming bets. Disney is a cheap gas winner.

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