

**INVESTMENT FORUM AGENDA FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2018 10:30AM,
TALLWOOD, TA-1**

**The Forum will meet as a “club” on January 10, and 17 at 10:30AM at Tallwood.
No registration is needed. Guests welcome!
The Winter Term begins January 24, 2018 at 11:50AM at Lord of Life.**

RAY WILLSON WILL BE FORUM MODERATOR THIS SESSION

Market Perspective. 2017 was quite a year, best since 2013. For the year, the DOW was up 25.1%, the S&P up 19.4%; and the NASDAQ up 28.2%, with amazingly low volatility, despite much nonsense going on in the World. The tech sector was a big winner. Then, the first three trading days of 2018 have seen further gains, with the DOW over 25,000. We know what that means! (Our last cake was celebrating DOW 23,000; we have not had one for DOW 24,000.)

Tax Reform (continued.) The new law is on the books, but IRS regulations and implementation is just starting, and much remains unknown. We will look at what are some impacts on individuals. Later, we will look at the impact on businesses and stocks, and winners and losers.

Defense and Aerospace. Ray will share views on companies in the industrial sector.

Tom’s Topics. Time permitting, Tom Crooker will share views on several topics.

Investment Forum 2018 Market Forecast.

Unfortunately, I misplaced the votes that we took on December 13. (I recall that up 0% 5o 10% was the biggest vote getter. So we will take another show of hands on the following choices for the S&P 500 performance in 2018:

S&P 500 performance 1/1/2018 to 12/31/2018

Down more than 10%

Down 10% to even

Even to up 10%

Up 10% to up 20%

Up over 20%

For those of you who follow bonds yields, we will also vote on the yield on the 10-year Treasury at year-end 2018. The current yield is 2.4%

Below 2.0%

2.0% to 2.5%

2.5% to 3%

3% to 4%
Over 4%

Forum Moderators needed for March 21, 2018. Brenda Bloch-Young will be Moderator on February 7. I can help with the agenda preparation and distribution.

Upcoming Topics.

Panel on Managing My Portfolio When I am No Longer Able. Many active investors worry about the day when they pass or are unable to manage their portfolios, and their spouse or family members do not have the skills to take over. We will assemble a four person panel to discuss solutions, sometime in the first quarter of 2018. Those solutions can range from finding a suitable financial advisor, designating a family member who does have the skills, moving to a simple portfolio of funds that are stable and do not require much attention, or other strategies. Ray Willson, Corky Rainey, and Garrett Cochran have agreed to sit on the panel, but we can use others. Please consider serving on the panel to share your ideas. We will select a date for the panel convenient to the panel members.

The Elon University Business School Portfolio. While visiting my alma mater a few weeks ago, I snapped a photo of the Business School's model portfolio. A combination of familiar names, and some not-so familiar ones. We will look at these picks, keeping in mind that the selections were made by business school students in their early 20's.

Buys and Sells - 2 weeks ending December 13, 2017

Buys

Advantage Oil & Gas Ltd (AAV) - Canadian. MC: \$800M
Dow Dupont (DWDP)
Celanese (CE)
Kimco Realty (KIM)
CVS (CVS) - add to
Alibaba (BABA)
Home Depot (HD)
CVS (CVS)
Applied Material (AMAT)
General Electric (GE) - 2 buys
Merck (MRK)
Gilead (GILD)

Sells

Exact Science (EXAS)
ProShares UltraShort DOW 30 (DXD)
American Eagle Outfitters (AEO)
Schlumberger (SLB) - partial sale

Fidelity High Income Fund (SPHIX)
General Electric (GE) - 1/2 position
Harley Davidson (HOG)
Chevron (CVX)
Abbott (ABT)
Vanguard REIT Fund (VGSLX) - 1/2 position
AT&T (T)
Verizon (VZ)

Thinking About . . .

T Rowe Price Balanced Retirement (TRRIX)
Vanguard Morgan Growth Investment Fund (VMRGX)
General Electric (GE)
Archer Daniels Midland (ADM)
Tractor Supply Company (TSCO)

We will take your buys and sells this week, for your activity since December 13, including year-end moves.

As usual, there are useful insights to be told from each entry in the Buy/Sell list, but they remain largely untold. What made you buy or sell a security? As is often the case, one security was both bought and sold. Did something with the company change? A recommendation from an advisor? A hot tip from a guy at Starbucks? Rebalancing or implementation of a revised investment strategy? Tax considerations.

Please consider sharing your thinking on these moves.

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