

**INVESTMENT FORUM AGENDA FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2018 10:30AM,
TALLWOOD, TA-1**

The Winter Term begins January 24, 2018 at 11:50AM at Lord of Life.

Farewell, Bob. As most of you likely read in the OLLI E News last Friday, Bob Bohall died on January 3. Bob was a long-time member of OLLI and the Investment Forum. He contributed many thoughtful comments, and was an all-around good guy. Our sympathies go to his wife, Jan, who is also a member of the Forum. Details on memorial services on February 10 are in the OLLI E News.

Market Perspective. The melt-up continues, along with one of the longest bull-markets in history. For the week, the DOW was up 2.0%; the S&P was up 1.6%; and the NASDAQ was up 1.7%. All-time highs, yada-yada-yada. And we are one good trading day away from DOW 26,000! Let's talk about this.

- Valuations are stretched. Is this run justified and sustainable? Why or why not?
- What is likely to derail it? Inflation? Central banks? Political actions? A black swan?
- What about interest rates and the yield curve?
- Do you intend to make changes to your portfolio or investment strategy in 2018, in response to the current market? Do you plan to:
- Do nothing and enjoy it while it lasts?
- Take some defensive action: rebalance or reallocate to less risk? Bail-out?
- Damn the torpedoes. Full speed ahead!

This topic is worth a full discussion. Time permitting, a few more topics come to mind, which can wait. Those are:

Rolling Down the Yield Curve. This phase is familiar to bond traders, and Bill Gross talks about it. Bond values change during their lives, and can present profit opportunities, with or without interest rate changes. I will look at a hypothetical example.

The Elon University Business School Portfolio. While visiting my alma mater recently, 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 the picks, keeping in mind that the selections were made by business school students in their early 20's.

Forum Moderator 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 portfolio, 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.

Buys and Sells - 4 weeks ending January 10, 2017

Buys

Fidelity Focused Stock Fund (FTQGX)

Vanguard International Growth Fund (VWIGX)

Vanguard Short-Term Treasury ETF (VGSH)

Enterprise Products Partners LP (EPD) - 2 buys

Magellan Midstream Partners LP (MMP)

SAP SE ADR (SAP) - MC: \$132B

MPLX LP Partnership Units (MPLX)

Bank of America (BAC)

JP Morgan (JPM)

Vanguard S&P 500 ETF (VOO), Vanguard MidCap ETF (VOE), Vanguard REIT ETF (VNQ), Vanguard Small Cap ETF (VB), Vanguard Total International Stock ETF (VXUS), Vanguard Value ETF (VTV), Vanguard Total Stock Market ETF (VTI) - 401(k) to IRA rollover

PowerShares DB Base Metals ETF (DBB)

First Trust Materials Alpha DEX ETF (FXZ)

Finisar Corp (FNSR) - fiber optics. MC: \$2.6B)

AK Steel Holding Corp (AKS) MC: \$1.9B

Vanguard Dividend Appreciation ETF (VIG)

Intel (INTC)

Technology Select ETF (XLK)

Sells

Vodaphone Group ADR (VOD)

Williams Company (WMB)

Kinder Morgan (KMI)

Bank of America (BAC)

JP Morgan (JPM)

Sirius XM (SIRI) - partial sale

Vanguard Target Retirement 2020 (VITWX), Vanguard Mid Cap Fund (VMCIX),
VelocityShares VIX ETN (VIX), Vanguard Intermediate Term Bond Fund (VBILX),

Vanguard Total International Stock Index Fund (VTSNX) - 401(k) to IRA rollover

Johnson & Johnson (JNJ) - rebalancing

Target (TGT)

Franklin Mutual Quest Fund (MQIFX)

General Electric (GE) - partial - tax loss

JC Penney (JCP) - tax loss

Southern Company (SO) - partial sale

Vanguard Short Term Corporate Bond ETF (VCSH), Vanguard Short Term Government
ETF (VGSH) - capital loss harvesting

General Electric (GE) - charitable donation of appreciated shares

CVR Partners (UAN) - CVR partnership

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