

INVESTMENT FORUM AGENDA FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2012, 11:45AM

The Forum will meet through November 14, at 11:45AM. We will **not meet** on November 21.

The Week That Was. The markets did pretty much nothing on the Sandy-dominated week. DOW down 0.11%; S&P up 0.16%; NASDAQ down 0.19%. One good day (Thursday) and one bad day (Friday) - a bit surprising, given the positive jobs numbers that came out. Markets thinking about the election?

The Fiscal Cliff. It's on everyone's mind. I suspect most of us are doing the "deer in the headlights" - nothing. Are any of you doing something, or planning to do something? That could include (on the aggressive side) selling everything and putting it in a money market until there is more clarity. If values tank, jumping in. Or more modest strategies. Such as shifting allocations. Or selling defense sector stocks, to react to "sequestration." Or lightening up on dividend paying stocks, should tax rates on dividends rise. Or . . . ? Let's chat about what you are thinking about. Perhaps we can have a panel after Thanksgiving.

Katherine Hurley on Annuities. Several of you have asked about annuities, but we don't seem to have much expertise on annuities among Forum members. So Katherine Hurley, Principal of Infinity Financial Group, will talk to us about annuities.

Searching For Yield. Time permitting, I will look under the hood of the Global X SuperDividend ETF, (SDIV) which boasts a fat 7.4% dividend yield. What risks do you have to take and what nonsense to you have to put up with, to get that kind of div? If we don't have time to discuss it, the presentation will "keep" a few weeks.

Remember when you could walk into any bank and buy a 6% Certificate of Deposit? That was a long time ago, in a galaxy far, far away . . .

Forum Member Buys and Sells, week of 10/31/2012

Buys

Facebook (FB)
3D Systems Corp (DDD)

Sells

Waste Connections, Inc (WCN) and Teledyne Technologies, Inc, (TDY) - raising cash for new bathroom
Yahoo (YHOO)
Intel (INTC)
Cisco Systems, Inc. (CSCO)

Thinking About . . .

Intel (INTC)
Yahoo (YHOO)
Home Depot (HD)

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