

**INVESTMENT FORUM AGENDA FOR WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2014, 10:30AM,
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The Forum will meet at 10:30AM through September 15. The OLLI Fall term begins on September 22. The Forum will meet from September 25 to November 12, at 11:50AM.

Market Perspective. Markets were up again. The DOW rose 2.03%, and finished the week above 17,000. The S&P was up 1.71% (S&P 2000 soon?), and the NASDAQ was up 1.65%. The NASDAQ is now 11.2% below its all time closing-day high of 5,049, set over 14 years ago, on 3/10/2000. Tech stocks were incredibly overpriced back then.

Someday we will have a 10% correction. Perhaps the same time interest rates rise.

Master Limited Partnerships (MLPs.) MLPs have been a frequent Forum topic over the years, and have delivered excellent yields and price appreciation. MLPs are complex. We will have a wide ranging discussion, including basics of what they are and how they work, and recent events in the sector. Two weeks ago, the largest MLP, Kinder Morgan, announced a reorganization that will jettison its MLP structure in favor of a standard corporate structure. What does this mean for existing Kinder Morgan owners? Has something changed and will other MLPs do similar reorganizations? Is the new Kinder Morgan (KMI) a good investment? Ed Swoboda, the Forum's own knower of all things MLP, will lead the discussion.

Time permitting, we will also look at some funds that invest in MLPs, which may reduce the partnership and tax complexities of investing in MLPs, or fit better into IRAs.

Book Review. I will briefly review the book, "Stress Test," by Timothy Geithner. This is another book on the financial crisis and its aftermath, written from the perspective of Tim Geithner, who was President of the New York Fed and then, Secretary of Treasury.

Upcoming Discussions. Sy Sherman will be the Forum moderator on September 10 and will talk about tech stocks. Forum veterans know that when Sy talks tech stocks, we should listen! Michael Flicker will also lead a discussion on September 10.

Forum Moderator Needed for September 3. This is your chance to discuss a topic that you like but gets little attention! I can distribute the agenda on Sunday, 8/31.

529s for Grandchildren. Posted on the Forum website is an article from the 8/23/2014 Wall Street Journal, "When Grandparents and College Savings Plans Clash." If you have a 529 for grandchildren, you should read the article.

Buys and Sells (week ending 8/20/2013)

Buys

Schlumberger (SLB) - 2 buys

Diageo (DEO)

Gilead (GILD)

Intercontinental Exchange, Inc (ICE)

Lincoln National Corp (LNC)

Eastman Chemical (EMN) - MC: \$12B. P/E: 10.3

Dunkin Brands (DNKN)

Yahoo (YHOO)

Exact Sciences (EXAS) - colorectal cancer detection/cures. MC: \$1.7B

Realty Income (O)

General Electric (GE)

Target (TGT)

Sells

Target (TGT)

Glaxo Smith Kline (GSK)

Mutual funds to raise cash

Covered call on GE \$26.50, expire 9/26/2014

Thinking About . . .

Intel (INTC)

Westinghouse Air Brake Technologies Corp (WAB) - railroad products. MC: \$8B

Deere (DE)

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