INVESTMENT FORUM AGENDA FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2018 11:50AM,

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Market Perspective. Another strong week, with the DOW up 2.3%; the S&P up 0.9%; and the NASDAQ down 0.3%. All at or near all-time highs, despite underperformance by tech and the FAANGs. YTD, the indexes are up 8.2%, 9.6%, and 15.7%. What to make this? We will take a poll.

Total Return. Garrett Ruhl will discuss total return and making your portfolio last as long as you do.

Defense and Aerospace Sector. Time permitting (and if not, next week) I will look at the IShares US Aerospace and Defense ETF (ITA). As mentioned in a Barron's article this week, the sector (actually an industry within the Industrial's Sector) has matched the performance of the Technology Sector over the last five years, rising 140% compared to the S&Ps rise of 75%. Besides the well known names (Boeing, General Dynamics, Lockheed Martin, Raytheon, United Technologies) what is in the sector, and what are its prospects going forward?

Upcoming

Charitable Trusts. John Woods will discuss charitable trusts, their tax advantages and flexibility of donations, and use of RMDs as a funding source.

Buys and Sells

Buys (week ending 9/19/2018)
Ship Finance International (SFL) - add to.
Magna International (MGA) - automotive supplies
Markel Corp (MKL) - specialty insurance. MC: \$17B
Westwood Holdings (WHG)
United Parcel Service (UPS)
Invesco SmallCap Health Care ETF (PSCH)

Vanguard Dividend Appreciation ETF (VIG) - add to Kinder Morgan Inc (KMI) Costco (COST) Dominion Power (D) Cern Corp (CERN) - on the dip 3M (MMM)

Sells (week of 9/19/2018)
Oracle (ORCL) - 2 sells
Cisco (CSC) - partial sale
Loews (L)
General Electric (GE)

Thinking About . . . Plug Power (PLUG)

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