

## **INVESTMENT FORUM AGENDA FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 14, 2021, 11:50AM**

The Zoom link for the Summer term is 851 5504 4975, Passcode 172003. The Zoom link can also be found in the Daily Schedule (which hopefully, has the correct Zoom link,) or through the Member Portal.

The Summer Term runs through July 28. We will meet as a “club” starting August 4, 10:30AM, until the beginning of the Fall Term.

### **Markets**

Another week, another set of all-time highs. Despite the Thursday scare when Covid worries rattled the market early, and which were forgotten on Friday. For the week, the DOW was up 0.2%; the S&P and NASDAQ were both up 0.4%; but the Russell 2000 was down 1.1%. Lower bond yields (Higher bond prices) continue to fall - a head scratcher with strong economic growth, which normally signals rising interest rates and falling bond prices.

Second quarter earnings start this week; with expectations of profit growth.

### **Topics This Week**

PEG Ratios. The PEG ratio is the Price/Earnings (P/E ratio) divided by the annual earnings per share growth rate. A company with a P/E of 15, and EPS annual growth of 10%, has a PEG ratio of 1.5. It is a widely used valuation metric used by stock analysts, but not so much followed by individual investors. Forum PEG ration devotees are invited to discuss PEG ratios, and particularly what high PEG ratios signify.

Buys and Sells. Bob Baker will look at this week’s buys and sells, and some of your trades from the previous week that were not discussed last week.

## **Buys and Sells**

### Buys (week ending 7/9/2021)

Eli Lilly (LLY) - add  
Vanguard FTSE Europe ETF (VGK)  
Medical Properties Trust (MPW) - add  
Exxon Mobil (XOM) - add  
AT&T (T) - add  
Merck (MRK) - add  
Mastercard (MA)

### Sells (week ending 7/9/2021)

Realty Income (O)  
AMC (AMC) - trim  
Plug Power (PLUG) - trim  
400 bushels corn, 200 bushels soybeans - both in field, not harvested  
Sell to open, 1 \$115 call option, IShares S&P Small Cap ETF (IJR) expire  
8/20/2021

## Advisor Managed Portfolios

### Thinking About . . .

IShares MSCI Poland ETF (EPOL)  
JM Smucker (SJM)

## **Upcoming Topics**

Capital Gains Exclusion on Sale of Primary Residence. I have posted a copy of a Wall Street Journal article, "The Tax Break to Know in a Sellers' Market," on the Forum website. The article is about the \$250,000 single, \$500,000 married couple, lifetime capital gains tax exclusion on sale of a principal residence. With the rise in housing prices, long time homeowners in high housing cost areas (looking at us) may have capital gains taxes on our homes. The exclusion is complicated, and above my pay grade. Brenda Bloch-Young will go over the exclusion, at a date to be determined.

## **Other**

**Presentations.** I am always looking for Forum members to make presentations on stocks, funds, sectors, strategies, the variety of topics we regularly discuss. Please consider talking about something you own, are thinking about, or have a particular interest. While prepared Powerpoint presentations are welcome, you don't have to do that. We can have worthwhile discussions pulling up websites on the fly, (you can do that, or I can pull it up for you with Share Screen) and we can even create comparisons during the talk. Let's chat about this!

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