

INVESTMENT FORUM AGENDA  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2024  
TALLWOOD TA-1, 11:50AM

We will meet “hybrid,” in-person and on Zoom, for the OLLI Fall Term. The Zoom meeting link and ID will be in the Daily Schedule, which will be forwarded by OLLI on Wednesday mornings. Regardless whether you registered for in-person or on-line by Zoom, you are welcome to join us in-person in Tallwood, TA-1. We have plenty of room!

Meeting ID: 8723 6619 187  
Password: 67660

Markets.

“Hot, Hot, Hot. The Everything Rally is a Little Too Sizzling.” Or, “Animal Spirits. Can They Keep Roaring?” Two comments in this week’s Barron’s. For the week, the DOW was up 1.0%, and a new all time high. The S&P was up 0.9%, and new all-time high. The NASDAQ was up 0.8% and the Russell 2000 was up 1.9%. Utilities, telecommunications, and financials were the top performing sectors.

The Bull Market is now two years old.

Topics This Week.

The week that was. Garrett Ruhl will look at new and important economic numbers from the past week, and upcoming economic releases.

Indexing vs. active fund management. Paul Howard will summarize an article on the composition of the S&P 500, and why active portfolio management has difficulty beating the indexes.

Investment Forum website. Jim Coille, who manages the Forum website, will log into it and show us what is there.

Better than the TSP. I will look at ETFs that are identical to or very similar to the five TSP (Federal Thrift Savings Plan) fund choices, but which have lower expenses than the TSP.

Buys, Sells, and Thinking Abouts. Bob Baker will look at your buys and sells for the past week, and perhaps interesting trades from previous weeks that we did not have time to examine.

### Future Topics

Financial Advisors and Wealth Managers. I am scheduling several of you who use or have shopped for Financial Advisors, to talk about your experiences. Others are welcome to share you experiences. Email me.

Tom Crooker - November 6  
Sylvia Auton and Zach Teich - TBA

Mason Student-Managed Investment Fund. On November 20, we will again be joined by Professor Derek Horstmeyer and leaders of the SMIF, to update us on their current stock picks, performance of their fund, and observations on the markets.

### Other

Investment Forum Website. The Investment Forum website may be accessed at <https://olli.gmu.edu/>, then pressing the “Clubs & Activities” link in the center of the OLLI home page, followed by the “Inve\$tmnt Forum” link on the dropdown list. Please contact Jim Coile, the Webmaster with any presentation contributions, article suggestion, or improvements by email, [ctj444@icloud.com](mailto:ctj444@icloud.com) The website has current and past agendas and buy/sell lists and presentations.

Garrett Ruhl’s comments. Garrett follows economic news closely and sends out articles and comments on significant economic news by email several times a week, to a distribution list. You can get on his distribution list by contacting him at [gairoak@aol.com](mailto:gairoak@aol.com).

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# Buy, Sell, Thinking About: w/e 10/18/24

BUY		SELL	
	Alerian MLP ETF (AMLP) [+]		RTX Corp. (RTX) [-]
	Verizon Communications, Inc. (VZ) [+]		Applovin Corp. (APP) [C]
	Amazon.com, Inc. (AMZN) [+]		Digital Realty Trust Inc. (DLR) [-]
	Trinity Capital Inc. (TRIN) [+]		
	Wells Fargo & Co. (WFC) [+]		
	Pfizer, Inc. (PFE) [+]		
	Waste Management, Inc. (WM) [+]		
	Microsoft Corp. (MSFT) [+]		
		THINKING ABOUT	

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Symbol	Description	Sector	Industry	Market Cap	P/E (ttm)	Ex-Date	Dividend Yield	Dividend	Last Trade	% Change	% Chg frm 52 Wk High
▼ BUY: 10/14 - 10/18											
AMLP	Alps Alerian Mlp Etf	--	--	8.99B	--	08/08/2024	7.73	3.64	47.11	+0.02	-4.71
VZ	Verizon Communications I	Communication Services	Diversified Telecommunication Services	185.18B	16.50	10/10/2024	6.16	2.71	43.98	+0.32	-3.04
AMZN	Amazon.Com Inc	Consumer Discretionary	Consumer Discretionary Distribution & Retail	1,968.23B	44.68	--	--	--	188.83	+0.78	-6.15
TRIN	Trinity Cap Inc	Financials	Capital Markets	741.85M	8.18	09/30/2024	14.62	2.04	13.95	+1.31	-9.65
WFC	Wells Fargo & Co	Financials	Banks	215.32B	13.35	08/09/2024	2.49	1.60	64.34	-0.03	-0.68
PFE	Pfizer Inc	Health Care	Pharmaceuticals	165.58B	--	11/08/2024	5.75	1.68	29.20	-0.17	-7.42
WM	Waste Mgmt Inc Del	Industrials	Commercial Services & Supplies	85.38B	33.89	09/13/2024	1.41	3.00	212.62	-0.15	-5.50
MSFT	Microsoft Corp	Information Technology	Software	3,108.20B	35.26	11/21/2024	0.79	3.32	418.18	+0.35	-10.71
▼ SELL: 10/14 - 10/18											
RTX	Rtx Corp	Industrials	Aerospace & Defense	167.23B	76.11	11/15/2024	2.00	2.52	126.19	+0.14	-0.64
APP	Applovin Corp	Information Technology	Software	48.54B	61.58	--	--	--	145.01	+1.55	-2.34
DLR	Digital Rlty Tr Inc	Real Estate	Specialized REITs	54.15B	47.23	09/13/2024	2.95	4.88	165.40	+1.03	-0.15
▼ THINKING ABOUT: 10/14 - 10/18											

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