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A New Perspective Is a Terrible Thing to Waste

The pop music hit, "New Perspective" by the band Panic! At the Disco, isn't usually the type of music I prefer. However, the lyrics in this catchy tune did come to mind when thinking about this month's issue. As the chorus goes, "Stop there and let me correct it, I want to live a life from a new perspective."

The mindset here of having a new perspective should always be operating when you invest in the financial markets, because with new information comes a necessity for a new perspective. But to gain a new perspective, you constantly need to assess not only where you think things may be going, but where things have been.

You see, an analysis of where we are now, and the events, conditions and reasons that explain how we got here, often is the best place to begin our quest for future insights. If, "What's past is prologue," as Shakespeare famously wrote in "The Tempest," then it behooves us to dig through the past for clues to the future.

Now, in this business, the "past" is most often an analysis of the previous quarters. So, I thought that we would start this issue with a look at the trends in place in the second quarter, and in the first half of 2018.

In the second quarter, markets remained volatile, thanks in large part to the political and geopolitical developments (e.g. tariffs and trade wars). Yet in contrast to the first quarter, U.S. economic growth data and corporate earnings reminded us of the still-strong economic and market fundamentals. That strength caused the major domestic indices to finish the quarter in positive territory, albeit modestly so.

Interestingly, through the first half of 2018, one of the keys to analyzing the markets and the economy was the ability to separate potentially worrisome political and geopolitical headlines from still-improving corporate and economic fundamentals. Another way of putting it is to say that the ability to pierce through the headline noise has been of the utmost importance when assessing this market.

I've written about some of that noise frequently in this service. That noise includes unsettling headlines such as the imposition of steel and aluminum tariffs on U.S. allies, threats of a significant trade conflict between the U.S. and China, an Italian and European Union (EU) political scare and a lack of progress on "Brexit."

The noise in domestic markets caused investors to be cautious in Q2, and the international noise caused many of the big international indices to fall below key technical support at their long-term, 200-day moving averages (see chart on Page 2 of the iShares MSCI EAFE ETF (EFA), which is a proxy for international markets).

By contrast, we see that the two-year chart of the SPDRs S&P 500 ETF (SPY), also on Page 2, hasn't come close to falling below its 200-day moving average since making its big run in November 2016, not coincidentally the day after Donald Trump won the presidency.

And here I must say that despite the tariff and trade war kerfuffle, which I think is bad for the economy and the markets, there is no denying that the election of a pro-business president who has made good on tax cuts and deregulation has easily been the single biggest bullish influence on stocks over the past two years. For that we must all say, "Thank you, Mr. President!"

Now, in April, at the beginning of the second quarter, we saw first-quarter earnings reports that largely reinforced the positive annual earnings growth for the S&P 500. So, once again, while the headline noise buzzed around trade and politics, the underlying fundamentals of the economy and the stock market quietly and steadily improved.

Another development of note in Q2 was the Federal Reserve, and its continued commitment toward normalizing monetary policy. Fed Chair Powell and company raised interest rates another 25 basis points in June, which is what most market watchers anticipated. The Fed also signaled it intends to raise rates two more times in 2018, which should bring the Fed funds rate to a nine-year high.

iShares MSCI EAFE ETF (EFA)

SPDR S&P 500 ETF (SPY)

The rate hikes thus far have come in response to steadily rising inflation, which this past quarter finally hit the Fed's 2.0% year-over-year target. Steadily rising inflation and interest rates remain an important investment theme to consider. Be aware, rising inflation and interest rates present a different environment than what we have experienced over the past decade (which also can be read as since the financial crisis).

For me, the takeaway of the second quarter served as a reminder that the historically low volatility of 2017 was an anomaly.

I mean, it's easy to forget about volatility when stocks just kept going up, up, up, literally since November 9, 2016, and didn't really let up until Q1 of this year. Yet as uncomfortable as the reversion to volatility may have seemed in 2018, remember that this is how markets function. Historically, it's simply par for the course. And no matter how hot a golfer you are, you're going to have a tough time shooting eagles and birdies consistently for 15 months straight.

As for how markets performed in Q2, here again we see the influence of strong earnings and good economic data. We see that in the relative outperformance of small caps and tech stocks, as the small-cap Russell 2000 jumped 7.75% in the quarter, and is now up 10.2% year to date (through July 26) while the NASDAQ Composite jumped 6.61% in Q2. The tech-heavy index now trades just below its all-time highs and is up 13.8% year to date.

Meanwhile, the Dow Industrials relatively lagged (up just 1.26% in Q2, and up 3.4% year to date) thanks partially to trade concerns. The Dow is populated by many multinational companies, which stand to be negatively impacted by tariffs, so it's no surprise the storied index basically hasn't gone anywhere this year. It also is no surprise that some of the biggest and best dividend stocks, many of which are the kind we favor in this service, also have relatively stalled since Q1.

Yet what's most important here is to keep that sense of perspective. While the Dow is up just 3.4% since the beginning of the year, over the past five years the Industrial Average is up nearly 65%.

Turning to sector performance, here we saw similar themes operating in Q2. Energy was the best-performing S&P 500 sector in the second quarter, aided by the late-June surge in oil prices. However, consumer discretionary and tech sector performance also was strong, as those sectors keyed off rising consumer spending and a rebound in economic data.

Interestingly, the uptick in market volatility did not prompt a rotation into traditional defensive sectors. Classic defensive plays, such as utilities and consumer staples, have lagged, with the former essentially flat year to date while the latter is down about 5.7%. The overall lack of favor on consumer staples also is a trend that has kept many of our Income Multipliers from outpacing the market.

Yet here again is where perspective comes into play, as we don't really own stocks in this sector primarily for the relative share-price performance, but rather for the relative outperformance on the dividend front. And it's here that stalwart stocks such as those in the Income Multipliers continue to deliver.

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Finally, financials underperformed in the second quarter, as a pullback in Treasury bond yields and a flattening yield curve (See Economic Analysis, 10's-2's chart) pressured the sector. On the plus side, banks have been somewhat resilient thanks to the continued deregulatory trend. Deregulation is a definite positive for the banks, and for the economy at large. I just hope the headwinds of tariffs and a trade war don't overpower the tailwinds of tax cuts and deregulation.

As mentioned earlier, we saw selling pressure in foreign equity markets, and not just the developed foreign markets, but also emerging markets and even frontier markets. The stronger U.S. dollar weighed on international stocks, as did the political unrest in Turkey, a fiscal crisis in Argentina and, late in June, a sharp drop in the Chinese stock market due to concerns about U.S. and Chinese trade conflicts.

As for bonds, the leading benchmark for the segment, the Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index, declined for a second straight quarter. This is the first time in over four years that the leading benchmark for bonds has registered consecutive negative quarters, as concerns about rising inflation and rising interest rates pressured fixed income markets.

So far this year, we've seen a clear preference by investors for shorter-duration bonds, as one-to-three-month Treasury bills logged a positive Q2 return. And that just makes sense given the expectation of two more Fed rate hikes in 2018. Okay, so what does the action in markets during Q2 mean for markets in Q3 and Q4?

This is the money question, and right now the answer is opaque in my crystal ball. Of course, everyone's crystal ball is opaque, because there's no such thing as a clear crystal ball (and never believe those who, in some fancified way, claim that such a market tool exists). There are, however, a few things I think we can say with confidence.

First, we should expect heightened volatility to persist in the third quarter, and likely for the remainder of 2018. Trade war worries, rising interest rates and accelerating inflation, combined with looming midterm elections and an intensification of Special Counsel Mueller's Russia/election probe, likely will combine to keep the volatility elevated, and that is likely to continue tugging on equity values.

On the optimistic side, a side where I prefer to live if reality permits, the fundamentals of this economy are very good. Strong gross domestic product (GDP) growth, rising corporate earnings growth (an average of about 25% year-over-year growth in the S&P 500 earnings so far), solid consumer spending data and a very strong labor market all are reasons to be bullish.

As long as those positive fundamentals remain in place, headline-induced volatility, whether trade or politically inspired, will likely continue to be a temporary headwind on stocks — and not something that will end this near-decade-long economic recovery.

Tactical Trends Portfolio (TTP) Update

Since our initial May 29 purchases, the Tactical Trends Portfolio has performed quite well. On the plus side, we have the First Trust Dow Jones Internet Index ETF (FDN), which as of July 25 was up a handsome 11.8%. That big win, however, is likely to come under pressure from the disastrous Facebook (FB) earnings report. That stock plunged some 18% the morning of July 25 after the company's chief financial officer warned that its revenue growth would slow markedly in the year to come.

Facebook is the second-largest holding in FDN at 9% of the portfolio, so a continued decline will pressure the fund. However, other winners such as Amazon.com (AMZN) and Alphabet (GOOGL) will, I suspect, continue to push FDN higher. Still, this is a fund we may need to rotate out of if the FB effect continues.

Another big winner in TTP is Adobe Systems (ADBE), which was up 8.30%. The software maker reported outstanding quarterly results on June 14, with earnings per share of $1.66 vs. the $1.54 expected by analysts. The company also beat on revenue, coming in with $2.20 billion in the quarter vs. expectations for $2.16 billion.

Occidental Petroleum (OXY) also is firmly in the plus column, with a 3.16% gain. The oil giant is slated to report earnings on Aug. 8. And, given the rise in oil prices during the quarter, I am expecting a strong showing.

Finally, our two remaining holdings, NVIDIA Corp. (NVDA) and the SPDR S&P Regional Banking ETF (KRE), are mixed. NVDA is up 1.34% while KRE is down 1.94%. I am anticipating NVDA's Aug. 16 earnings report likely will be a clear catalyst for the shares. As for KRE, it's going to take a rise in bond yields to help push the banks higher. So far, that hasn't happened, but if we continue to get strong economic data, a rise in yields should follow.

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Top 10 Common Stocks to Buy Now

This month, I have decided again to present a condensed list of the Top 10 Common Stocks to Buy Now. This is a list of stocks I like for new money allocations, and this list continues to favor a mix of dividend stalwarts likely to trend higher due to fundamental, technical or headline reasons.

For example, Cummins Inc. (CMI) has been hurt due to trade war fears. The stock is down some 15% over the past three months leading up to this writing on July 26. Yet in the past month, shares have stabilized, and are up nearly 3%. This is my No. 1 stock this month for new money.

This list also includes stocks that have surged on strong earnings news, and that are positioned to continue delivering big gains and solid yield for long-term investors. One such stock is Tiffany & Co. (TIF), which is up over 5% in just the last month, and some 34.8% year to date.

The reason for shortening the Top 10 Common Stocks to Buy Now list is because I received several comments from readers telling me they liked having the complete Income Multipliers Buy List in the newsletter. While I haven't decided yet if this will become a permanent feature each month, I am putting the list in again this month by popular demand.

First, however, here are the Top 10 Common Stocks to Buy Now (see charts on Page 5).

1) Cummins Inc. (CMI)
2) BB&T (BBT)
3) United Technologies (UTX)
4) Analog Devices (ADI)
5) Tiffany & Co. (TIF)
6) Walmart Inc. (WMT)
7) Exxon Mobil Corp. (XOM)
8) Johnson & Johnson (JNJ)
9) Union Pacific (UNP)
10) Zimmer Biomet (ZBH)

Income Multipliers Buy List

The following table is our updated list of Income Multiplier Buys. These are stocks we like for your long-term, wealth-generating portfolio. These are the no-nonsense, high-barrier-to-entry, dividend-paying stalwarts that you can select from to help you generate yield while also participating in the long-term uptrends in the broad market. There is no need for a change of perspective here, as this is where long-term performance continues to reign supreme.

Consumer Discretionary	Dividend Yield	Annual Dividend Growth
Lowe's (LOW)	1.94%	55 years
McDonald's (MCD)	2.54%	41 years
Tiffany & Co. (TIF)	1.57%	8 years
Cracker Barrell (CBRL)	3.40%	8 years

Consumer Staples Growth	Dividend Yield	Annual Dividend Growth
CVS Health (CVS)	3.01%	10 years
Kimberly-Clark (KMB)	3.76%	45 years
Procter & Gamble (PG)	3.61%	61 years
Wal-Mart Stores (WMT)	2.36%	43 years
General Mills (GIS)	4.49%	14 years
The J.M. Smucker Co. (SJM)	3.08%	16 years
McCormick (MKC)	1.75%	31 years
Walgreens Boots Alliance (WBA)	2.59%	42 years

Energy	Dividend Yield	Annual Dividend Growth
Holly Energy (HEP)	8.52%	14 years
TC Pipelines (TCP)	8.35%	8 years
Exxon Mobil Corp. (XOM)	3.92%	35 years

Financial	Dividend Yield	Annual Dividend Growth
BB&T (BBT)	3.20%	6 years
PNC Financial (PNC)	2.64%	7 years
State Street (STT)	2.14%	7 years
MasterCard (MA)	0.48%	6 years

Healthcare	Dividend Yield	Annual Dividend Growth
Johnson & Johnson (JNJ)	2.74%	55 years

Industrial	Dividend Yield	Annual Dividend Growth
3M (MMM)	2.66%	59 years
ABM Industries (ABM)	2.27%	50 years
Caterpillar (CAT)	2.45%	8 years
Cummins Inc (CMI)	3.32%	8 years
Donaldson Co. (DCI)	1.63%	33 years
Emerson Electric (EMR)	2.76%	61 years
General Dynamics (GD)	1.83%	20 years
Graco (GGG)	1.17%	13 years
Illinois Tool Works (ITW)	2.21%	54 years
MSA Safety (MSA)	1.52%	46 years
The Toro Co. (TTC)	1.33%	No increase last year
Union Pacific (UNP)	2.00%	8 years
United Technologies (UTX)	2.06%	6 years

Information Technology	Dividend Yield	Annual Dividend Growth
Analog Devices (ADI)	1.98%	8 years
Automatic Data Processing (ADP)	1.98%	43 years
Harris Corp. (HRS)	1.51%	16 years
Texas Instruments (TXN)	2.19%	14 years

Materials	Dividend Yield	Annual Dividend Growth
Sherwin Williams (SHW)	0.79%	39 years

Real Estate	Dividend Yield	Annual Dividend Growth
American Tower REIT (AMT)	2.13%	6 years

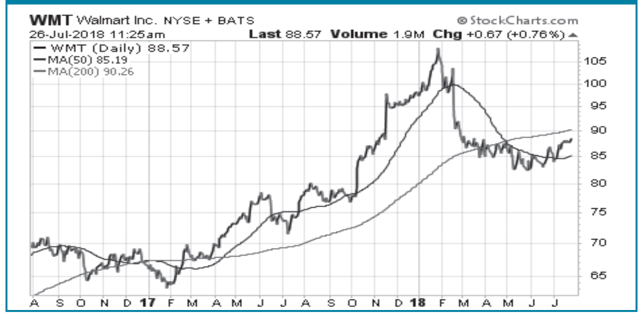
Telecommunications	Dividend Yield	Annual Dividend Growth
AT&T (T)	6.61%	33 years

Utilities Growth	Dividend Yield	Annual Dividend Growth
No current recommendations		

Special Situations Growth	Dividend Yield	Annual Dividend Growth
National Instruments (NATI)	2.18%	4 years
Zimmer Biomet (ZBH)	0.82%	2 years

Cummins Inc. (CMI)

Walmart Inc. (WMT)



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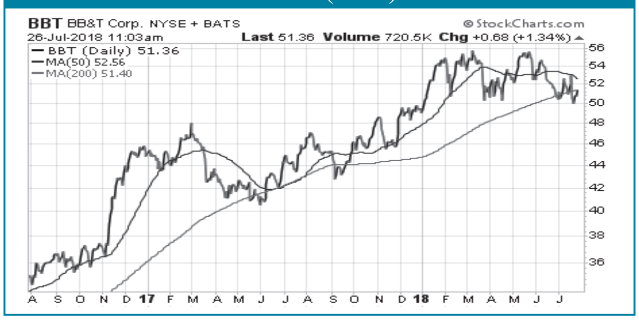

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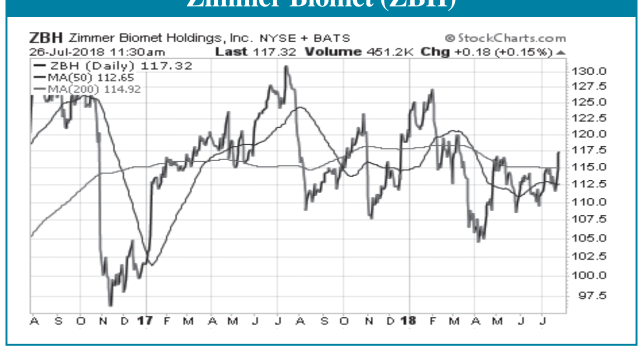

What's Up & What's Down

Looking at the performance of the key market indices and funds we track, one of the biggest standouts continues to be the relative outperformance of stocks that comprise the NASDAQ Composite. That index now is up 13.3% year to date, as of July 24, easily outpacing the Dow Jones Industrial Average. As for the key funds we track, the T. Rowe Price New Era (PRNEX) now is up a solid 4.6% year to date, while stocks in the Vanguard Dividend Growth (VDIGX) are up a respectable 3.5%.

On the lower end of the performance scale this year is consumer staples, which are down 6.5% so far in 2018. That underperformance is topped only by the telecommunications sector, which now is down 7.7% year to date. Not surprisingly, information technology continues to lead higher, up 15.6% in 2018, while consumer discretionary has nearly kept pace, up 13.6% year to date. Finally, energy continues to surge vs. last year, as the segment is up 7.6% vs. a decline of 2.2% in 2017.

Total Return

	Ticker	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	YTD
Dow Jones 30 Ind.	DJITR	28.3	5.3	1.7	19	8.9	-31.9	22.7	14.1	8.4	10.2	29.7	10	0.2	16.5	28.1	-0.4
Dow Jones 15 Ut.	DJUTR	29.3	30.2	25.1	16.6	20.1	-27.8	12.5	6.5	19.7	1.6	12.7	30.7	-3.1	18.2	14.2	0.1
Dow Jones Trans.	DJTTR	31.8	27.7	11.7	9.8	1.4	-21.4	18.6	26.7	0	7.5	41.4	25.1	-16.8	22.3	19.2	0.9
NASDAQ Comp.	XCMP	50.8	10.3	2.1	10.9	10.7	-40	45.3	18.1	-0.8	17.7	40.2	14.8	7.1	9	30.7	13.3
Wellesley Income	VWINX	9.7	7.6	3.5	11.2	5.7	-9.8	16	10.6	9.6	10.1	9.2	8.1	13	8.1	7.4	-1.7
Wellington	VWELX	20.7	11.2	6.8	14.9	8.4	-22.3	22.2	10.9	3.9	12.6	19.7	9.8	0.1	11	14.2	-3.9
VG Consumer Staples*	VDC	11.6	8.2	3.8	15.9	12.7	-16.6	16.6	14.6	13.6	11	28	16	5.8	6.3	10.9	-6.3
Vanguard High Div. Yield	VYM	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.4	-31.9	17.2	14.2	10.5	12.7	30.1	13.5	0.3	17	16.3	-1.1
Vanguard Div. Growth	VDIGX	29.2	11	4.2	19.6	7	-25.6	21.7	11.4	9.4	10.4	31.5	11.8	2.7	7.5	14.9	3.5
iShares Canada	EWC	53.2	22.8	27.5	16.9	28.4	-44.5	53.1	19.8	-12.4	9.1	5.3	1.1	-23.9	23.8	11.4	-0.2
iShares Switzerland	EWL	33.2	17.3	13	30	5.5	-27.2	22.1	14.4	-7.9	21.9	25.7	-1.7	0.3	-2.5	21.2	-2.8
Vanguard Materials*	VAW	38.2	13.2	3.45	19.5	26.6	-46.5	51.4	24.5	-9.5	17.3	24.9	5.9	-10.2	21.5	22.1	-1.4
PwrShrs High Div. Achievers	PEY	n/a	n/a	1	14	-15.3	-38.1	3.6	20.9	8.6	6.3	30.5	18	2.4	31.4	8.0	0.2
T.Rowe Price New Era	PRNEX	33.2	30.1	29.9	17	40.7	-50.2	49.4	21	-15.1	4	15.7	-7.8	-18.8	25	5.9	4.6
SPDR Gold Trust*	GLD	19.4	5.5	17.8	22.5	30.5	4.9	24	29.3	9.6	6.6	-28.3	-2.2	-10.7	8	9.6	-3.4
VG ST Inv Grade	VFSTX	4.2	2.1	2.2	5	5.9	-4.7	14	5.2	1.9	4.5	1	1.8	1	2.7	1.7	-1.7
Vanguard GNMA	VFIIX	2.5	4.1	3.3	4.3	7	7.2	5.3	7	7.7	2.3	-2.2	6.7	1.3	1.8	1.0	-2.3
VG IT Inv Grade	VFICX	6.3	4.8	2	4.4	6.1	-6.2	17.7	10.6	7.4	9.1	-1.4	5.8	1.5	3.8	3.1	-3.3

*An appropriate benchmark is used prior to fund inception

S&P 500 Sector Indices

S&P 500	SPXT	28.7	10.9	4.9	15.8	5.6	-37	26.4	15.1	2.1	16	32.4	13.7	1.4	12	22.7	1.7
Consumer Discretionary	SP500-25TR	37.4	13.2	-6.4	18.6	-13.2	-33.5	41.3	27.7	6.1	23.9	43.1	9.7	10.1	6	23.4	13.6
Consumer Staples	SP500-30TR	11.6	8.2	3.6	14.4	14.2	-15.4	14.9	14.1	14	10.8	26.1	16	6.6	5.4	19.7	-6.5
Energy	SP500-10TR	25.6	31.5	31.4	24.2	35.3	-34.9	13.8	20.4	4.7	4.6	25	-7.8	-21.1	27.4	-2.2	7.6
Financials	SP500-40TR	31	10.9	6.5	19.2	-18.6	-55.3	17.1	12.1	-17.1	28.7	35.6	15.2	-1.6	22.7	23.2	0.4
Healthcare	SP500-35TR	15.1	1.7	6.5	7.5	7.1	-22.8	19.7	2.9	12.7	17.9	41.5	25.3	6.9	-2.7	23.4	6.0
Industrials	SP500-20TR	32.2	18	2.3	13.2	12	-39.9	20.9	26.7	-0.6	15.3	40.6	9.8	-2.6	18.8	20.6	-0.7
Information Technology	SP500-45TR	47.2	2.5	1	8.4	16.3	-43.1	61.7	10.2	2.4	14.8	28.4	20.1	5.9	13.8	41.0	15.6
Materials	SP500-15TR	38.2	13.2	4.4	18.2	22.4	-45.7	48.6	22.2	-9.8	15	25.6	6.9	-8.4	16.7	22.9	-1.1
Telecommunications	SP500-50TR	6.8	19.8	-5.6	36.8	11.9	-30.5	8.9	19	6.3	18.3	11.5	3	3.4	23.5	-0.3	-7.7
Utilities	SP500-55TR	-26.2	24.3	16.8	21	19.4	-29	11.9	5.5	19.9	1.3	13.2	29	-4.8	16.3	12.0	0.8

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My New Favorite Indicator Just Flashed a Caution Signal

In the June issue, I introduced you to what I called my "new favorite economic indicator," one that I think will help us glean a greater insight into when the economy, and perhaps the current bull market, will begin to wane. The new indicator was called the *Sevens Report Economic Cycle Index*, and it's a tool that gives us insight as to where we are in the economic cycle.

Well, like all new economic indicators, this one is evolving rapidly. In fact, the creator of this indicator and contributor to this publication, Tom Essaye of the *Sevens Report*, has since renamed the indicator to make it a bit more accurate. Its new name is the *Sevens Report Economic Breaker Panel* and in July we saw two of the "breakers" tripped. The following is how Tom explains the current state of my new favorite indicator:

Just like a breaker panel in your house "trips" when there's a problem, so too will each of the economic indicators included in our monthly Economic Breaker Panel "trip" when there is trouble in the economy. And like a real breaker panel, the more indicators that have "tripped," the bigger the problem. Given that, we find it notable (but not yet worrisome) that two breakers have tripped, and a third will almost certainly trip in the next few months, if not sooner.

Our *Economic Breaker Panel* is divided into three categories: Macro Indicators, Economic Indicators and Market Indicators.

Sevens Report Economic Breaker Panel (July Update)

Indicator	Slowdown Signal	Slowdown Indicated?
10's-2's Spread	Inverted?	No
Real Interest Rates	Positive?	No—But 0%.
Light Truck Sales	Declining?	No
12-Month Total Vehicle Miles Traveled	Declining?	No
Avg. Work Week	Declining?	No
Jobless Claims	Multi-Month Highs?	No
Building Permits	Declining?	Yes
New Orders NDCGXA	Declining?	No
Copper	Declining?	Yes
Crude Oil	Declining?	No

Macro Indicators*: 10's-2's, Real Interest Rates.** For these indicators, we're looking for outright inversion of the 10's-2's spread and positive real interest rates as conditions that would "trip" the economic breaker and serve as a warning. *Update:* The 10's-2's spread has compressed further thanks to the dovish European Central Bank (ECB) meeting and general trade uncertainty, but it has not inverted. Real Interest Rates now basically are at 0% (for reference, we use the Fed Funds Rate minus the 5-year TIPS Inflation Breakeven Rate). That equates to 1.91%–2.08%, or -0.17%, but that's only fractionally negative. In September, this number will likely be positive after the Fed hikes rates 25 basis points, i.e., before long, this breaker will have "tripped." ***Takeaway: No macro breaker tripped, but we're close on Real Rates.

Economic Indicators*: Light Truck Sales, 12-Month Total Vehicle Miles Traveled, Avg. Work Week, Jobless Claims, Building Permits, New Orders for Non-Defense Capital Goods Ex Aircraft.** For these economic indicators, we're looking for multi-month declines to imply a rollover of the economic trend, or, for 12-month total vehicle miles traveled, a year-over-year decline. *Update:* Most economic indicators are showing robust growth but building permits have turned negative on both a rolling three- and six-month basis. It's just one indicator, but it still counts, and it's an important one, as building activity requires a lot of capital, so it can act as a canary in the coal mine for the economy. ***Takeaway: One economic breaker tripped.

Market-Based Indicators*: Brent Crude & Copper.** Copper and crude oil can act as coincident or leading indicators of economic activity, and multi-month lows in both would "trip" this market-based indicator. *Update:* Copper has dropped to multi-month lows on growing fears that the U.S./China trade dispute will disrupt the global recovery, and we take this price action as a "caution" sign on global growth. ***Takeaway: One market-based breaker tripped.

We now (basically) have one macro breaker tripped, one economic breaker tripped and one market-based breaker tripped. That's caught our attention, but with the exception of Real Interest Rates, both Permits and Copper are volatile and can easily reverse by next month. So, it will take more breakers tripping before we become more concerned about economic momentum. –T.E.

Thanks, as always, to Tom for allowing me to share his insights with you. And, if you aren't familiar with the jargon here in his analysis, don't worry. One of my goals in this service is to digest Wall Street jargon and make sense of it for readers. And the bottom line here is that the economy is beginning to show a few warnings signs I will continue to monitor for us all.

Freedom Really Is the Best of Times

As I write this month's issue, the memories of FreedomFest 2018 are still very fresh in my mind. This year, there were over 1,900 investors, business leaders, authors, professors, politicians, think tank organizers and concerned citizens all coming together to bask in the glory that is rational conversation on the issues of the day.

As one attendee observed, "I've always heard about FreedomFest but until you experience it, you can't describe how exciting it is to be here." That's definitely true from my perspective. For me, this year was the best FreedomFest ever.

Without question, I had the best professional time of my life at FreedomFest. Between the presentations I gave, the panels I was on, and all of the interviews for my new lifestyle and personal empowerment podcast, "Way of the Renaissance Man," it turned out to be one of the best experiences of my life, and I've had a lot of *really great* experiences!

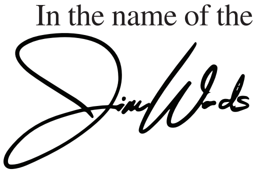
Yet by far the biggest, most flattering and most humbling aspect for me this year was my interaction with subscribers of this publication, as well as those who follow my *Successful Investing* and *Fast Money Alert* advisory services.

The appreciation, love and respect I received from subscribers were intensely gratifying, and it's something I will always cherish and never forget. Particular thanks go out to readers Henry, Janice P., James H., "Tesla" Bob and Rich C., for relating your success stories to me. Your satisfaction and appreciation with my products is why I do what I do.

I want to take this moment to thank a few others who made this year's event so great. Mark Skousen, Jo Ann Skousen and the entire FreedomFest staff, Roger Michalski, John Phillips, Paul Dykewicz, Ned Piplovic and Heather Wagenhals.

Without your assistance, care and support, none of our shared success would be possible.

In the name of the best within us,



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P.S. You would think that when it comes to what you put in your mouth, government generally would not have much jurisdiction. Yet, that's definitely not the case, and it's especially not the case when it comes to one instrument used to help facilitate the consumption of liquids. Behold the case of the Uncle Sam straw ban.

Straws now have become the demon seed of society, a plastic plague on the environment that no self-respecting, caring or compassionate person can allow to continue damaging Mother Earth and her progeny. What's interesting about the straw ban movement, and what also is very typical about so many environmental and "feel good" societal movements, is that a simple digging into the facts often obliterates its proponents' central claims.

Yes, plastic pollution in the oceans is a real problem, but the bulk of that pollution comes from Asian countries, which are largely beyond our government's regulatory bounds. Moreover, of the small amount of plastic waste that does come from America, only a tiny fraction of that is due to plastic straws.

I wrote about this in much more detail in my free weekly e-letter, *The Deep Woods*, which is published every Wednesday. In *The Deep Woods*, we don't just look at an issue from the standpoint of cost, or emotions, or even practicality. In this publication, we peel back the layers of the onion skin on issues to get into the core of the matter. Here, the core principle is the initiation of government force.

Should the government have the right to impose its will on citizens to ban a product where the alleged damage it does is based on murky science and feel-good sentiment from celebrities?

My answer is a big, emphatic… NO!

And remember, *The Deep Woods* is a free e-letter, so, if you like what you read, please share it with friends… because freedom always needs new and inspired advocates.

Upcoming Appearance

I am scheduled to moderate what will surely be a fiery debate between Mark Skousen and Mike Turner on "Buy and Hold vs. Market Timing," Aug. 23-25, at the San Francisco MoneyShow. I also will be doing a presentation titled, "How to Invest Like a Renaissance Man." I hope to see you there! To register, please use priority code 046020.

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In the five-year period from 2009 to 2014, the independent firm TipRanks ranked Jim the No. 4 financial blogger in the world (out of more than 9,000). TipRanks calculates that during that period, Jim made 378 successful recommendations out of 506 total to earn a success rate of 75% and a 16.3% average return per recommendation. He is known in professional and personal circles as a "Renaissance Man," since his skills encompass composing and performing music, Western horsemanship, combat marksmanship, martial arts, auto racing and bodybuilding.

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Economic Analysis

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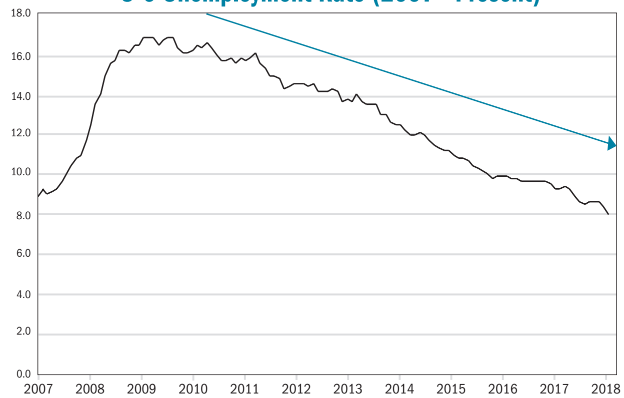
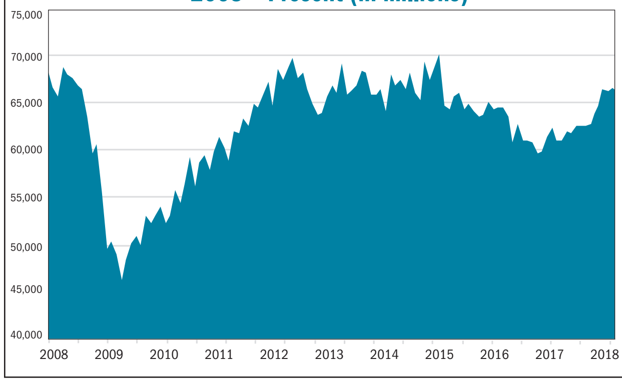
U-6 Unemployment Rate (2007 - Present)



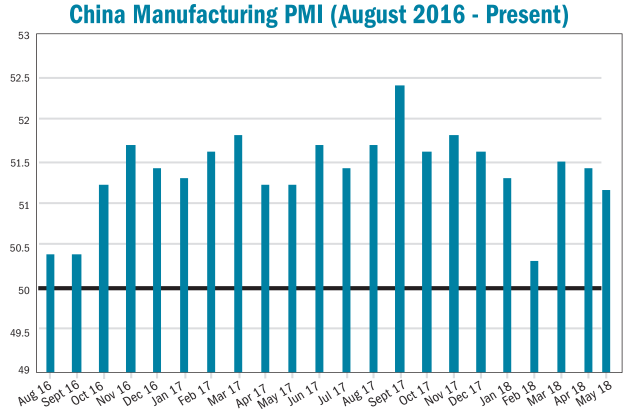
The U-6 number, or total unemployment, remains at historically low levels, which is a tailwind for equity markets.

New Orders for Non-Defense Capital Goods ex-Aircraft 2008 – Present (in millions)



The NDCGXA business spending and investment data remain robust despite trade uncertainties, and that's a definite economic positive.

China Manufacturing PMI (August 2016 - Present)

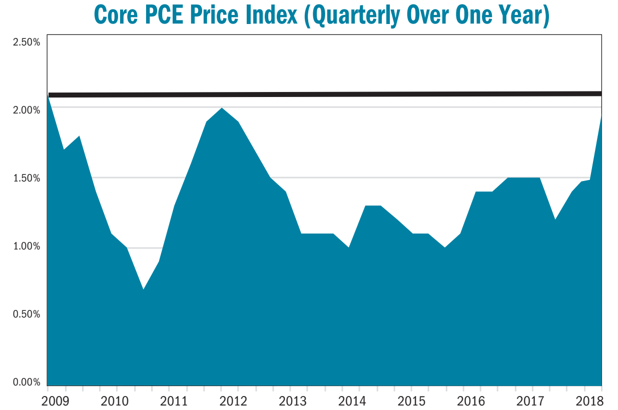


Economic growth in China has shown some preliminary signs of losing momentum, and slowing Chinese growth is a real risk to the markets we need to monitor.

10s – 2s Treasury Yield Spread

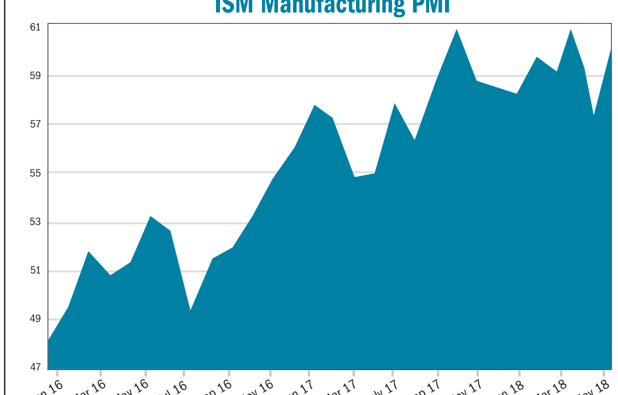
The 10's-2's Treasury spread, or the yield curve, has flattened further. The ever-declining 10's-2's spread remains a large and important "Caution" light flashing on markets.

Core PCE Price Index (Quarterly Over One Year)



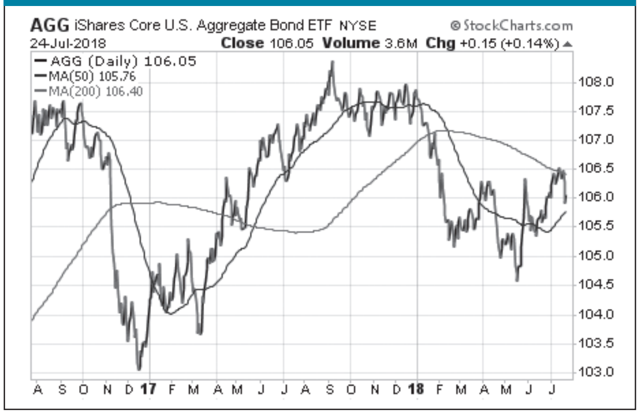
The Core PCE Price Index effectively hit the Fed's 2.0% target last month and, as such, we can continue to expect gradual rate hikes.

ISM Manufacturing PMI



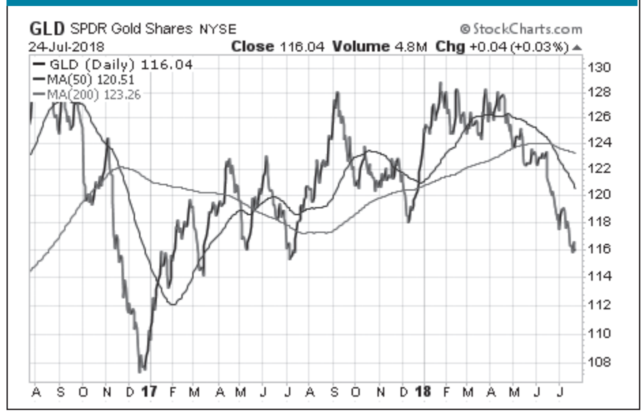
Economic activity remains very robust in the manufacturing sector, which is especially encouraging given the headline trade uncertainty.

iShares Core U.S. Aggregate Bond ETF (AGG)



Despite a recent bounce, the bond market remains under pressure thanks to slowly rising inflation.

SPDR Gold Shares (GLD)

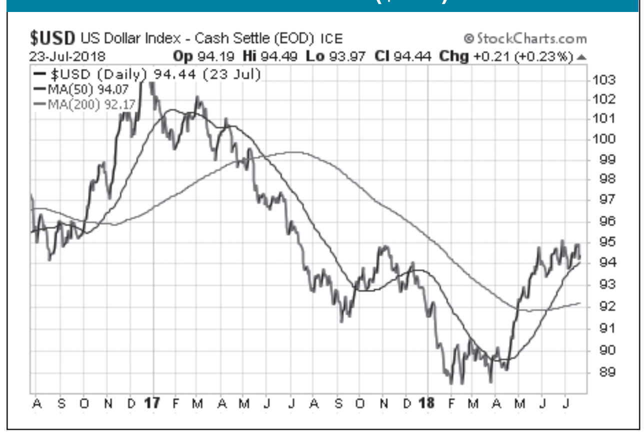


Gold continues to decline in the face of a stronger dollar, reduced geopolitical tensions and a lack of high inflation.

S&P 500 Index ($SPX)

Despite trade uncertainty, the S&P 500 now has moved to a multi-month high on the back of strong earnings and strong economic data.

U.S. Dollar Index ($USD)



The U.S. Dollar Index hit fresh 2018 highs earlier this month, but cautious comments from President Trump on the Fed and rate hikes halted the rally.

Vanguard Total World Stock ETF (VT)

Global equities continue to churn sideways as markets await clarity on growth and trade.

West Texas Intermediate Crude Oil ($WTIC)

Oil prices continue to be volatile, but with strong global demand and geopolitical uncertainty, prices likely will remain generally elevated.

Data and chart analysis provided by Sevens Report Research, www.sevensreport.com.

Why Would One of the World's Smartest Investors Sink $522 Million Dollars Into a "Busted" Tech Stock?

Because even if it only makes it back to half its former share price, he'll pocket 650% gains.

One of the smartest and most successful investors in the world has been secretly buying shares in a tech stock that most investors have turned their backs on.

His goal? To make a killing.

You see, this company was selling for a fraction of what it's truly worth… because 99.9% of investors don't realize it's no longer the same company it used to be.

This company was once a market leader, with a 40% market share of one of the most indispensable pieces of personal technology anywhere on the planet.

Its name was synonymous with its signature product, like "Kleenex" for tissue or "Xerox" for copiers.

The company — and the stock — were flying high, with visions of endless profits and the kind of huge wealth created by Apple or Microsoft.

After all, Apple has risen 44,437% since it went public. Microsoft has gained an incredible 127,552%.

Who wouldn't want a piece of that?

With such promise, it was no wonder the stock rose to $230 a share just 13 years after it went public.

But then it all fell apart in an ugly fashion.

The technology got bypassed by competitors.

Other players brought out slicker, faster, more stylish products that simply had more features, and our company couldn't keep up.

A succession of botched "innovations" failed to excite buyers and the company fell into the usual spiral of a troubled company: management turnover, layoffs, and even rumors of bankruptcy.

The stock fell all the way back to less than $10 a share – and has just barely clambered above that level today.

Which is why, when I saw the enormous stake the genius investor had built up, I knew I had to find out why.

After all, even if he's only "half right" – and the company only makes it half way back to its old share-price highs – that's still almost a 650% profit for you and me!

But, based on the moves this master investor has made and his $522 million commitment to this turnaround, I'm guessing he's going for much more than just a 10-bagger.

The Prudent Speculator You've Never Heard Of

I'll tell you how to get the full details on this company in a moment.

First, I want to tell you more about this big investor so you can see why I'm so excited about this opportunity.

You probably don't know his name because he operates outside the U.S. but, to global investment managers, he's something of a hero.

He's often referred to as "The Warren Buffett of [his home country]" for two simple reasons:

1. Like Buffett, he's proven over decades that he can

spot undervalued stocks and make windfall profits by placing big bets on them.

2. His company is structured exactly like Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway.

As a rule, the investments he makes are only in profitable, growing companies in markets around the world.

Some of the names you'd know (Bank of Ireland, for instance), but many you would not. The important thing is, he's not in the practice of trying to turn around lost causes.

Which only made me more curious as to why he'd get involved here.

He Plays for Keeps

Like Buffett, he often carries large amounts of cash on his balance sheet ($2.26 billion in last year's annual report) to ensure he can run his insurance business in a low-risk manner, while still having lots of firepower when a good investment crosses his radar.

When he spots a promising opportunity, he acts decisively, just like Buffett.

Sometimes he buys common stocks just to ride the coattails of a profitable enterprise.

Sometimes he buys the whole company to lock up a rare jewel.

In short, this is not a short-term trader or a risk-taking gambler.

So, when I saw that he had put in over $522 million dollars —**more than a third of his entire investing portfolio** — into one well-known (but beaten-down) tech stock, I had to figure out why.

As I dug into the story, and learned that he thought so highly of this company that he joined the company's board of directors and helped hire a proven turnaround specialist as the Chairman, I got very excited.

When I got the complete picture of what was going on, I declared it had the biggest profit potential of any of my recommendations in 2018 – and beyond.

A Ten-Bagger in the Making

I'll be honest, if I told you this company's name, you'd recognize it instantly.

Then you'd probably start laughing.

And I wouldn't blame you one bit, because you probably don't know what this company's up to today.

Since it fell on hard times, it's made a remarkable turnaround.

It started with a top-to-bottom overhaul of the entire company — no small feat for a firm known for one signature product.

First, it got entirely out of the business of manufacturing its legacy products.

Those products are still around, and our company is still profiting from them, but other manufacturers actually take on the expense (and risk) of building them.

This strategy is a stealthy way to boost profits, much like how Donald Trump's real estate business morphed into a licensing and property management business.

In recent years, Trump stopped constructing buildings and focused on licensing the Trump name to builders. With few exceptions, they build the properties and he manages them.

In fact, of the 17 high-profile Trump properties in Manhattan, Trump only owns 5 of them outright.

It's a highly-profitable model he's followed to expand around the world (and avoid any more bankruptcies!).

Our company follows the same blueprint. Other companies run the factories and handle the costly sales and service functions, while our company focuses on innovating better products.

Of course, they still get a hefty royalty for each device sold around the world.

And that's a considerable source of cash flow, thanks to major licensing deals in India, China, Indonesia and other fast-growing developing countries in the last five years.

The Future is Bright Here

Getting out of the manufacturing business is not only a fact unknown to investors who have written off the stock, it's also allowed the company to begin an even more powerful transformation.

The company is investing their cash flow in three fast-growing technological areas that depend on the kind of innovative software that was at the foundation of this company's success in the first place.

FIRST, it's built a

leadership position in one of the most important sectors of the entire tech world: cybersecurity.

Now, the company has always been known for its superior security of its legacy products — that was one of the major factors in its rise in the first place.

While other competitors suffered major, embarrassing data breaches and hacker scandals, our company largely avoided them.

And it’s building on this strength through both internal innovations and recent acquisitions of three valuable security-focused companies. Now it has a real edge in this critically important area.

With hackers penetrating major retailers, banks, credit agencies and even the U.S. government, it’s no wonder cybersecurity spending hit nearly $90 billion in 2017.

And our company is getting a growing share of that cybersecurity dollar.

Thanks to their focus on security (and mobile applications and connectivity), they’re:

- ✓ #1 in crisis communications systems for over 1,000 governmental organizations and 70% of the U.S. Federal government
- ✓ #1 in governmental security (16 of the G20 governments use their services)
- ✓ #1 in overall mobile security according to a recent study
- ✓ #1 in having the most Fortune 500 companies using their software systems to protect and power their Internet of Things (IoT) operations

What is the Internet of Things? Glad you asked!

A Smart Move into Smart Systems

SECOND, our company has leveraged its cybersecurity strength to become a real player in the Internet of Things.

I'm sure you're aware that the smart home, the smart factory, the smart government (don't laugh) are all starting to appear in front of our eyes.

On average, 10 million new “connected devices” are added every day. Refrigerators, assembly lines, cars, thermostats, security cameras and other devices are connecting with the Internet and other devices, promising a whole new level of efficiency, productivity and convenience to our lives.

But that’s all the IoT is at the moment: a promise.

Because there’s a very real threat of data breaches and hackers.

Cyber attacks already cost the global economy $400 billion a year. Half of all large company CEOs feel unprepared for a cyber attack.

A recent HP study of 10 of the newest home security systems that rely on IoT features found that all 10 had such significant flaws that they made the home less secure if a technologically-sophisticated thief targeted them.

And, in a possible sign of things to come, hackers were able to shut down the heating systems in buildings in cold Finland through vulnerable IoT devices.

Imagine what they could do to connected powerlines, water systems, telecommunications networks, chemical factories, nuclear power plants, etc.

McKinsey and Company estimates that IoT will create $4 trillion in value by 2025, but it won't happen if the security dangers aren't resolved.

Our company is hell-bent on being a leader in securing IoT networks in critical industries like financial services, health care, government, law enforcement and transportation.

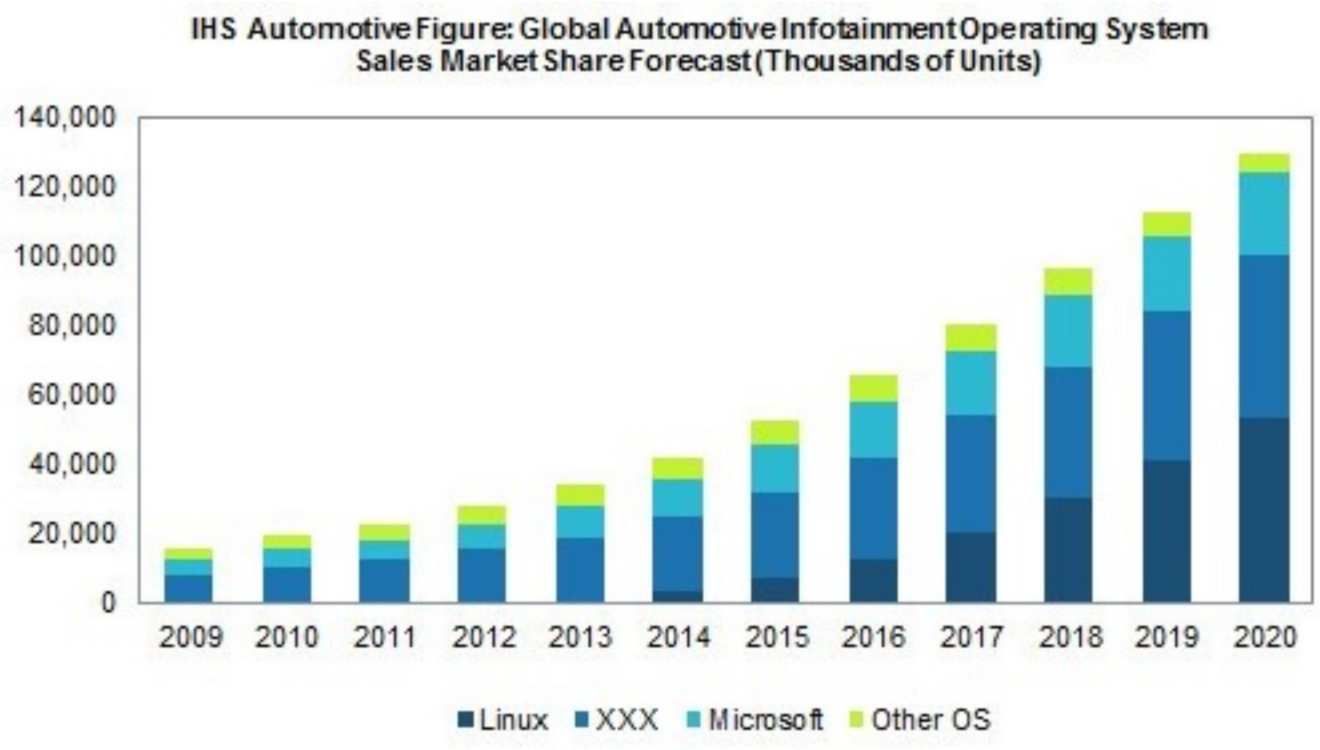
And if they succeed, as I believe they will, a bonanza of revenues are headed their way.

Leadership in Self-Driving Cars

THIRD, it has become

a true leader in the exploding industry of autonomous driving and connected car technology.

The company currently controls more than 50% of the market for in-car infotainment systems, and can be found in more than 60 million vehicles.



Source: IHS Automotive November 2013

Their technology is well-suited to link all of a car's next generation sensors for parking assistance and road recognition software – two critical components for the driverless car.

The driverless car is such a big opportunity, the big automakers are racing against not just each other, but also big tech companies like Google and Facebook, to be the pioneers in this revolutionary field.

There will be many hurdles to be overcome before the final winners and losers in the driverless car race are declared.

But our company is perfectly positioned to be a major player in the race to become the "brains" of the smart car of the future. Their expertise in building flexible, secure and efficient networks means they can turn their leading position in in-car entertainment into so much more.

Outside of their "Big 3" new initiatives, the company has other exciting innovations and possibilities for big breakthroughs.

But the important thing for you to know is that only a few

analysts that focus on the company know the company is a quiet powerhouse in these emerging technologies.

The company hasn't launched a full-scale PR campaign or major media blitz to trumpet its turnaround.

It's keeping its head down and concentrating on innovation, operational excellence, and creating profits for its largest shareholder — the genius I mentioned earlier.

The average investor wouldn't give this company a second glance. And this gives you and me a fantastic buying opportunity.

Why You Must Get In Now

After many years of being a laughing stock, the company finally started to show that its turnaround is for real.

In 2017, they showed their first quarterly profit after years of losing money.

This was a wake-up alarm, but most investors were still snoozing. Why?

When a company has such a negative impression, one quarter won't make much of a difference.

That's why so many investors missed the boat on profiting from this company last year.

But you can bet that won't be the case in 2018… not after this company finished 2017 with revenue of $932 million, a profit margin of 43%, and a return on equity of 17.75%…

I'm betting that this profitability, plus a quadrupling of profits over the next three years (which is the consensus estimate of analysts today) will do the trick.

Other investors will scramble to catch up to this profit opportunity when this company's successful turnaround becomes public knowledge…but you'll already be one step ahead of them.

Will You Sidestep the Next Major Market Correction?

My name is Jim Woods.

You may have seen me on one of my many appearances in the financial media, from my writings online, or perhaps you know me from the 14 years I worked alongside Doug Fabian, the fabulously successful investment advisor and the son of legendary market-timer Dick Fabian.

For 40 years, the Fabian Plan has been protecting investors against major market reversals through a highly-accurate system of market timing signals.

By using these signals, Dick Fabian, Doug Fabian and I were able to alert subscribers about major market downturns again and again:

- ✓ We alerted subscribers to serious danger in 2007 before the subprime mortgage bust…

- ✓ It worked again in April 2000 before the NASDAQ crashed and lost more than 70% over the next three years…

- ✓ And its most accurate signal ever was back on October 15, 1987, just four days before the greatest one-day crash in history.

But avoiding big market danger is just one component of what it takes to be a successful investor.

A Double-Barreled Approach to Building Wealth

These same market-timing signals also allow me to identify those stocks and sectors that will likely outperform the market in the months ahead.

The stock market is a constantly churning beehive of activity.

Nothing stands still.

One month, tech is up, the next, it's down. Same for utilities, real estate, industrials, and every other sector you can name, not to mention foreign markets, too.

It's very rare that all sectors are moving in the same direction at once, so the key to consistent profits is to narrow your buying to only those sectors with real, sustainable momentum and avoid everything else.

That's exactly what our strategy does: it pinpoints sectors and foreign markets that are on the rise and rides those moves to consistent profits.

Thanks to our plan, readers who followed my advice have cashed in again and again. Here's the most recent examples:

- ✓ ProShares Ultra QQQ ETF: 42% gains
- ✓ Vanguard Total Stock Market ETF (VTI): 33% gains
- ✓ Guggenheim Multi-Asset Income ETF (CVY):

28% gains

- O'Shares FTSE US Quality Dividend ETF: 19.68% gains
- ProShares Ultra Financials ETF: 18.77% gains
- Plus many more…

Stocks that Will Lead You to Big Profits

I'll explain more about the ETF part of our strategy in a moment, but I want to make sure you're on board with our highly lucrative individual stock strategy before I go too far.

I've already shown how the Fabian system avoids danger and puts you in fast-moving sectors… but can you trust my stock-picking skills?

I'd say so: **TipRanks named me the #5 top stock picker in the world out of 6,096 individuals.**

My secret is a relentless focus on finding stocks that are just starting a great growth streak.

I'm looking for best-of-breed stocks… the kind that lead on the upside and don't give up those gains easily on the downside.

These are the kind of stocks that capture lots of attention and investment dollars from institutions, which can drive the stock dramatically higher over time.

I call these companies "***prime movers***."

These are the stocks that are leading the charge higher in markets, capturing a lot of professional money. These prime movers are stocks that not only have outpaced their peers in terms of share price performance, but have also outpaced their peers in terms of the most important of fundamental metrics: earnings per share growth.

These are the best-of-breed stocks moving the market right now. They're often large-cap stocks that are very well known, but they don't have to be. Sometimes these are stocks with strong share price performance and strong earnings, stocks that aren’t household names.

Indeed, one of the biggest components of prime mover companies is strong upward share price momentum. For me to even consider a company as a prime mover, it must be in the top 20% of all stocks in the market based on the share price performance over the past 52 weeks.

Prime movers must also have elite fundamentals, including outstanding earnings growth, and a history of multiple years of rapidly-increasing earnings.

Next, I’m looking for top-notch technical characteristics. Stocks that are making new 52-week highs are one important criteria, but strong momentum and other technical signals are important, too.

Finally, these stocks must have a catalyst that will shoot the stock higher once it is recognized by the broad investment community.

In the case of our tech revival company, the one with the $500 million commitment from one investor… the X Factor is its leadership in areas like the Internet of Things, cybersecurity and the connected car.

I want to share that company's name, ticker symbol, and my research on it with you via my brand new special report.

It's called: ***Make Up to 650% on the Turnaround Surprise of the Year.*** I'll show you how to get it FREE in just a moment…

But first I want to preview three more prime mover companies in dominant leadership positions that belong in your portfolio right now.

Prime Mover #1: Make a Bundle with E-commerce's Founding Father

The first prime mover stock I want to tell you about could be considered one of the founding fathers of today's online commerce. Founded 42 years ago in New York, today it's a $186 billion titan of the financial world and one of America's most iconic brands.

Here's how Yahoo Finance describes the company's focus today:

> [Prime Mover #1] provides transaction processing and other payment-related products and services in the United States and internationally. The company also offers value-added services, such as safety and security products, loyalty and reward programs, information and consulting services, issuer and acquirer processing solutions, and payment and mobile gateways. Further, the company provides products and services to prevent, detect, and respond to fraud and cyber-attacks, and ensure the safety of transactions.

But what's really interesting about it right now… After more than four decades of solid growth, over the last couple of years, the company's really hit its stride as a prime mover.

The company's latest earnings report easily bested expectations, as…

- ✓ Earnings rose to $1.14 per share vs. expectations of $1.12.
- ✓ Revenue rose – year-over-year – almost 20% to $3.31 billion.
- ✓ Profit margin for the year was 31.33%, with a 69.59% return on equity.

Of course, with numbers like that, shareholders couldn't have been happier.

In the last year alone, they saw profits of 59.33%. While, over the last two years, those soared to 83.31%.

Looking ahead, though, the story's even better.

Consensus estimates expect revenue to grow by 23.8% in the next quarter… by 36.4% in the quarter after that… and by a whopping

31% for the entire year! **In fact, those same analysts believe the company will experience 20.34% annual revenue growth for the next five years**.

Believe me, these metrics aren't lost on Wall Street. At last count, there were no less than 2,056 institutions holding 78.44% of this company's shares. That's a feeding frenzy, in my book.

Plus, the top five institutions all hold at least $5 billion worth of stock:

The final reason to get in now? Simply put, the metrics are great.

The recent earnings strength, as well as earnings growth over the past several years, has vaulted this company into elite earnings growth status – <u>outpacing 95% of all publicly traded companies</u>.

Technically, the share price over the past 52 weeks has also been elite, with a gain of 57.5%. That performance places this company in the top 9% of all publicly traded companies during that time period.

As of this writing, the company rebounded after an early February pullback and regrouped to regain those highs. It's also forming a bullish "*cup-with-handle base*" that could set the stage for far more upside in the months to come.

For these reasons alone – it's easy to see why this Financial Forefather is the first of my ***3 Prime Mover Companies to Get Into Right Now***.

Now let me tell you about the second company in it…

Prime Mover #2: Cash in Today on Electronic Currency

When I say "electronic currency," I bet you think of bitcoin and all the other cryptocurrencies.

Those are interesting for sure, but I wouldn't trust a dime of my money to them today. It’s just too early.

Nope, I’d rather stick with stocks like my top financial play — a leading financial technology play that helps consumers and businesses of all types execute monetary transactions.

With the entire globe getting more comfortable with cashless payments, this company is undoubtedly well-positioned in a growth industry.

Thanks to its early innovations and significant partnerships with almost all of the major online retailers, it’s no wonder this company is on a growth path that most financial firms can only dream of.

How does it stack up to my favorite measurements of earnings per share growth and stock price advancement?

Just fine… it’s in the top 4% of all public companies in both categories.

No wonder the stock price nearly doubled last year. When you triple your earnings in the last 24 months and have a lot more growth as far as the eye can see, investors tend to flock to your stock.

Despite many new financial technology firms trying to grab a piece of the action, this company is definitely ready to defend its high ground.

A steady stream of new innovations are helping it stay ahead of the competition. The company has no debt — it's generating almost $2 billion a year in free cash flow — so it's got plenty of ammunition to ramp up marketing, research or acquisitions as needed.

The full story on this stock can be found in the free report I mentioned earlier, ***3 Prime Mover Companies to Get Into Right Now***.

Prime Mover #3: Big Profits Ahead for a Leisure Powerhouse

As much as I love digital economy plays, there are plenty of industry leaders in every sector of the economy.

One of my favorites is a dominant force in a truly old-school sector: recreational vehicles.

There's simply no better time in the economic cycle to own travel and leisure stocks like this gem than right now.

Consumers are feeling flush, thanks to a growing economy, rising incomes, and tax cut refunds. There's no question they're in the mood to buy the big-ticket goodies they've always wanted.

Our pick for this sector is on fire. Its earnings growth over the past few years is in the top 2% of all publicly-traded companies — not just its sector, but ALL companies.

As you might expect, its share price growth has followed its earnings. It's in the top 5% among all publicly-traded companies and it grew 73% in 2017.

This firm is not only a superstar under my two most important criteria, it's strong across the board: the #1 brand in the industry, exciting new products, a terrific management team, 9 consecutive years of consistent sales growth, excellent fundamentals and cash flow, and much, much more.

Most important of all, my analysis says the company isn't yet fully valued, which means more profits to come for those who buy the stock now.

For the complete story on this investment, along with the other companies I just mentioned, you'll want to get your hands on ***3 Prime Mover Companies to Get Into Right Now***.

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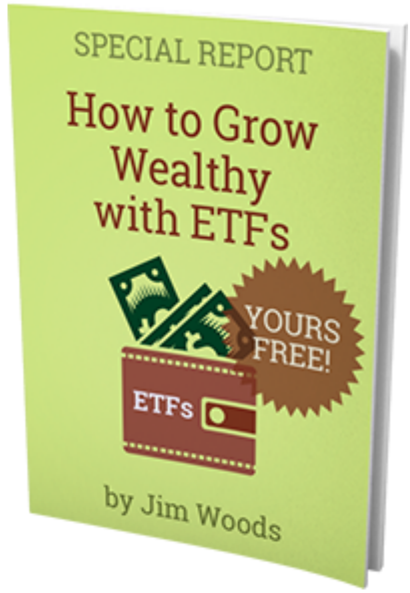

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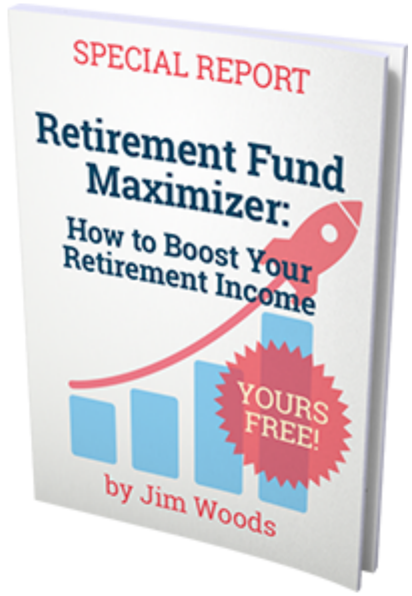

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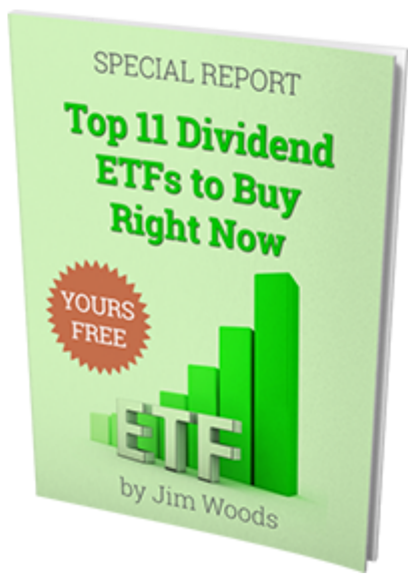

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