Income Investing November 2011



"If we take a late retirement and an early death, we'll just squeak by."

Andy Prophet AAII Silicon Valley Chapter

Overview

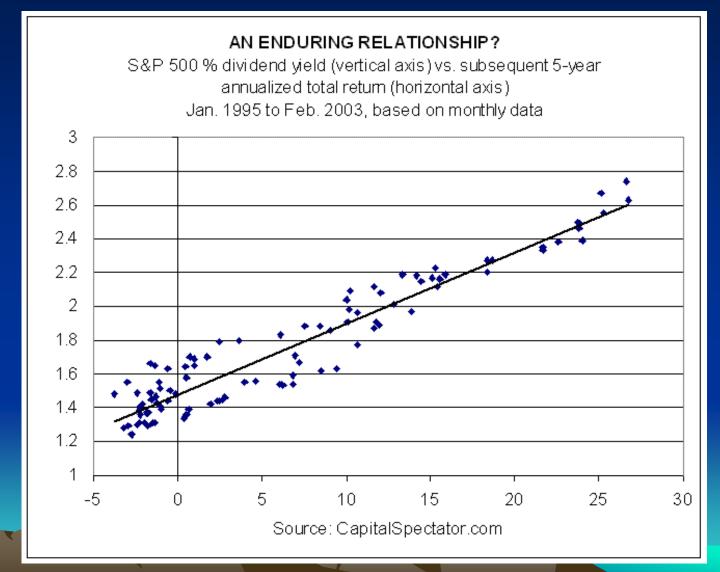
- Steady Stream of Income
- Grow Income Faster than Inflation
- Preservation of Capital
- Best investment Choices
 - Dividend Investing
 - Preferred Stocks
 - Bonds
- References
- Questions & Comments



Why Dividend Investing

- Because these equities go up more often... study after study shows this
- Above average return with lower risk
- Tend to be profitable companies with tested business models and disciplined management
 - Steady cash flow from operations, not by selling assets
- Dividend growth offsets inflation
 - Yield-on-Cost... the yield on a rising dividend income continues to grow over time
- Diversify across sectors, market cap and style
- Risk is low for dividend cuts among quality companies
 - In 2010:
 - Of the 42 Dividend Aristocrats only 2 cut their payouts
 - In the S&P 500 only just 4
 - And in 2007, in the heart of the meltdown, just 12 cut their dividend

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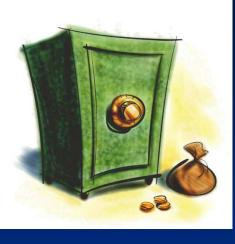
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DJIA Dividend Yield Minus 10-Year Treasury Yield: 1920-Present



Dividend Investing

- Yield-on-Cost: 6% today
- Goal: 10% in ten years
- Currently two dividend portfolios
 - Growth: 3-4% yield and 8–10% yearly growth in dividends
 - Harvest: 5-7% yield and 4-5% yearly growth in dividends
- Allocation: Each equity is less than 2.5% of the entire portfolio
 - Diversify across major industry sectors.
- Currently researching how to boost income using covered calls or/and "in the money" puts



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Bonds

- Bonds have provided excellent return over the last ten years
- But in today's climate: Bond allocation has diminished to less than 15% of the entire portfolio... In the past as high as 50%
- A reluctant compromise: Replaced by preferred equities to increase overall yield
 - I'm not comfortable with this but considering the current economy but its best solution for now
- With rates very low, ladders are possible alternative but not right now... perhaps within 12 – 18 months when the Fed indicates it intent to raise rates.

• I'm researching possible ladder strategies



Preferred Equities Bond Substitute... at least for now

- Seek about 6% yield
- Callable within 2 years
- Quarterly or monthly dividend
- Investment grade or higher
- Cumulative
- US companies
- Non-convertibles
- Buy below issue price (less than \$25)
- Many are thinly traded, so prices don't reflect value



References

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- Sensible Stock Investing: <u>http://www.sensiblestocks.com/</u>
- CDx3 Investor: <u>http://www.preferredstockinvesting.com</u>
- High Yield Investing: <u>http://web.streetauthority.com/hy-sample.asp?TC=HY1188</u>
- Income Securities: <u>http://www.isinewsletter.com/</u>
- Morningstar Dividend Investor: <u>http://mdi.morningstar.com/Default.aspx</u>
- Motley Fool Income Investor: <u>http://www.fool.com/investing/dividends-income/index.aspx?source=ifltnvsnv0000001</u>
- High Yield Wealth: https://www.highyieldwealth.com/
- Seeking Alpha: <u>http://seekingalpha.com/dashboard/investing_income</u>
- Quicken Premier 2012: <u>http://quicken.intuit.com/personal-finance-software/premier-investment-management.jsp</u> (love-hate relationship)
- Excel Spreadsheets







Recommended Reading List



- CDx3 Income Engine Preferred Stock Investing: Doug K. Le Du (latest edition)
- Sensible Stock Investing, How to pick value and manage stocks: David P. Van Knapp (latest edition
- Ahead of the Curve, A commonsense guide to forecasting business and market cycles: Joseph H. Ellis
- Free Cash Flow, Seeing through the accounting fog machine to find great stocks: George C. Christy
- Evidence-Based Technical Analysis, Applying the scientific method and statistical inference to trading signals: David Aronson
- Income Investing Today: Safety and high income through diversification: Richard Lehmann
- The Ultimate Dividend Playbook, Income, insight and independence for today's investor: Josh Peters
- The Age of Deleveraging, Investment strategies for a decade of slow growth and deflation: A. Gary Shilling
- Investment Fables. Exposing the myths of 'can't miss' investment strategies: Swath Damodaran
- Higher Returns from Safe Investments, Using bonds, stocks and options to generate
 lifetime income: Marvin Appel





