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Portfolio Overview

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Economic Environment

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Performance Evaluation

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Presentation Agenda

- Portfolio Overview
- Economic Environment
- Security Analysis
- Performance Evaluation
- General Information



Portfolio Overview



Objectives

- Analysts are actively engaged in hands-on portfolio management
 - Asset allocation decision
 - Individual stock selection
 - Portfolio performance evaluation
- Assigned first stock from prior portfolio
- Select second stock



Asset Management Process

Groups

- Report portfolio performance
- Report current economic conditions
- Conduct trades
- □ Produce newsletter
- Analysts
 - Research individual stocks and industries
 - Stay current on relevant market news



Asset Management Process

- Research and modeling
 - Company background
 - Fundamental analysis
 - Earnings forecast
 - Beta forecast
 - Valuation
 - Variety of metrics
 - □ Technical Analysis



Portfolio Decisions

- Discuss key assumptions and drivers of analyst's presentations
- Final recommendations given based on intrinsic value
- Portfolio decisions by majority vote
 - Based on intrinsic value and industry weightings



Investment Philosophy

- Investment objective
 - □ Outperform S&P 500 over the long run
 - Outperform secondary indices including the Russell 1000,
 Russell 2000 and HBI
 - □ Grow value of portfolio for future classes
- Risks
 - Managed by diversification
- Investment decisions
 - Fundamental analysis
 - Bottom-up approach



Investment Philosophy

- Perpetual investment horizon
 - Investments will be viewed for their potential over the long-term, 3 to 5 years
- Taxes
 - □ Irrelevant due to tax exempt status of the University
- Prudent person rule
 - Common law standard for fiduciary duty
 - In extraordinary circumstances, fund managers can intervene as necessary to meet AIM objectives



Investment Policies

- Sector concentration will roughly match the weighting on the S&P 500
- No individual stock will exceed 10% of the current market value of the portfolio
- Long-term target for cash holdings is 0%
 - Excess cash is invested in S&P SPDR



Investment Policies

- Portfolio will be comprised of only equities listed on US exchanges
 - □ No ADR's
- No fixed income, money market or derivatives instruments
- No margin purchases
- No short selling



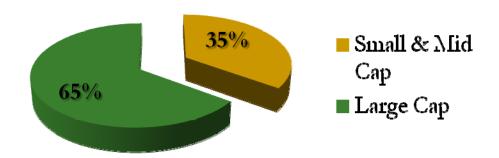
Ethical Policies

- AIM will not invest in companies inconsistent with the values of Notre Dame
 - Abortifacients
 - □ Tobacco
 - Birth Control
 - Other ethical issues



Portfolio Target Allocation

Sector Concentration
 will match S&P, plus
 or minus 5%



 No individual stock will exceed 10% of market value of portfolio



Market Capitalization Profile



- Slightly underweight large cap stocks
 - Due to market downturn
 - □ Three AIM stocks' market caps shrunk below \$5B



Economic Environment



Economics Group Agenda

- Economic prediction
- Factors driving current situation
- Government moves
- Portfolio Impact



Future of the Economy



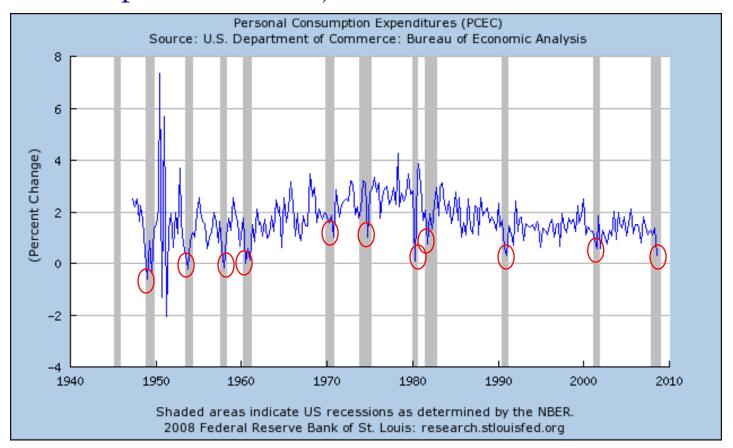
Economic Prediction

- Recession through 2009
- Key Factors
 - □ GDP: (0.5%) change in Q3
 - □ Personal consumption: (3.1%) change in Q3
 - Negative housing data
 - Subsequent wealth effects
 - Persistent credit crunch
- Government action will lead turnaround



Historical Perspective

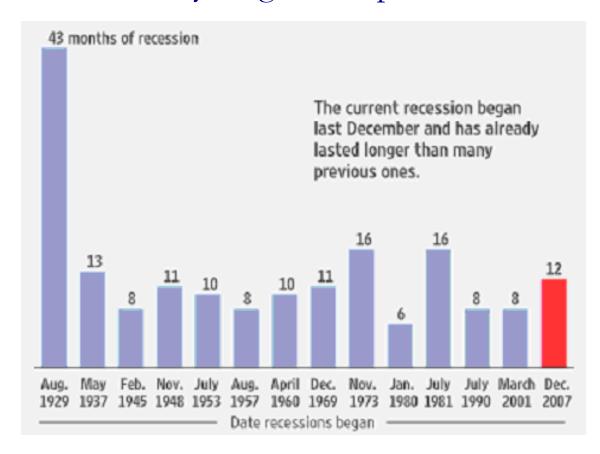
Consumption is the major factor in GDP trends





Historical Perspective

Recession already long versus past recessions



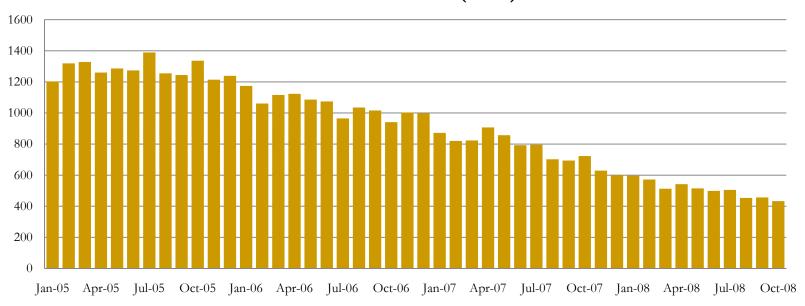


Housing



New Home Sales

New Home Sales (000s)

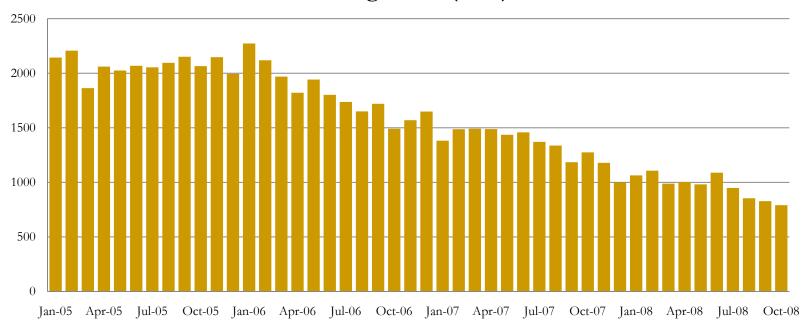


- Reached lowest levels in 17 years
- Down 40.1% from October 2007 and down 5.3% from September
- Down 18.0% in the West and 6.0% in the South from September
- Up 22.6% in the Northeast and 6.0% in the Midwest from September



Housing Starts

Housing Starts (000s)

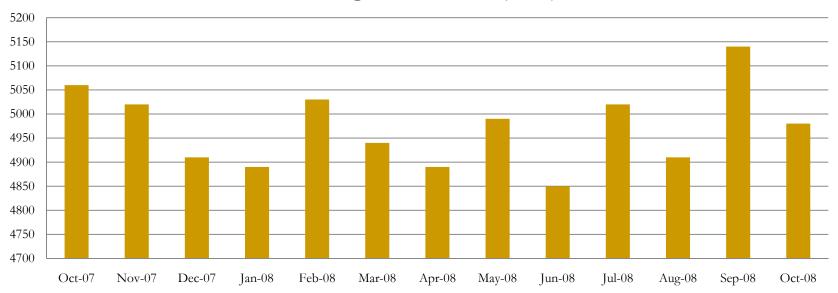


- Hit a 17 year low in October
- Down 4.5% from September
- Have fallen 67% from the 2.3 million peak in January 2006



Existing Home Sales

Existing Home Sales (000s)

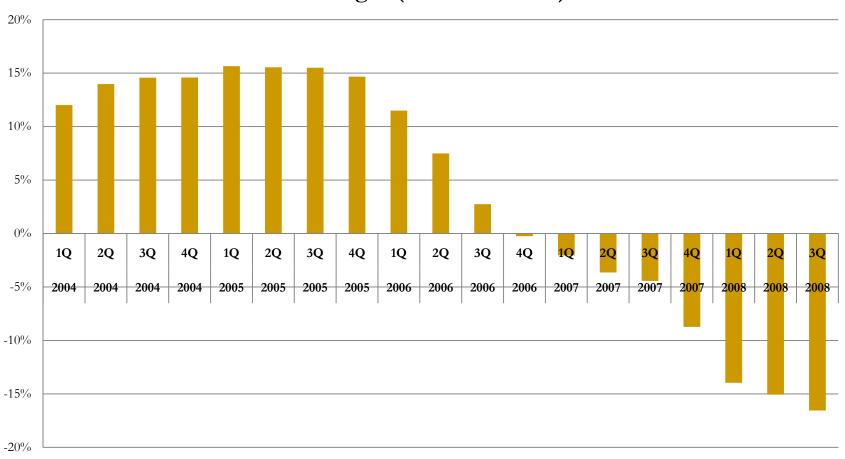


- Over 40% of existing home sales are due to the purchases of foreclosed homes
- Down 3.1% from September and down 1.6% from October 2007
- Down over 30% from the 7.2 million peak in 2005



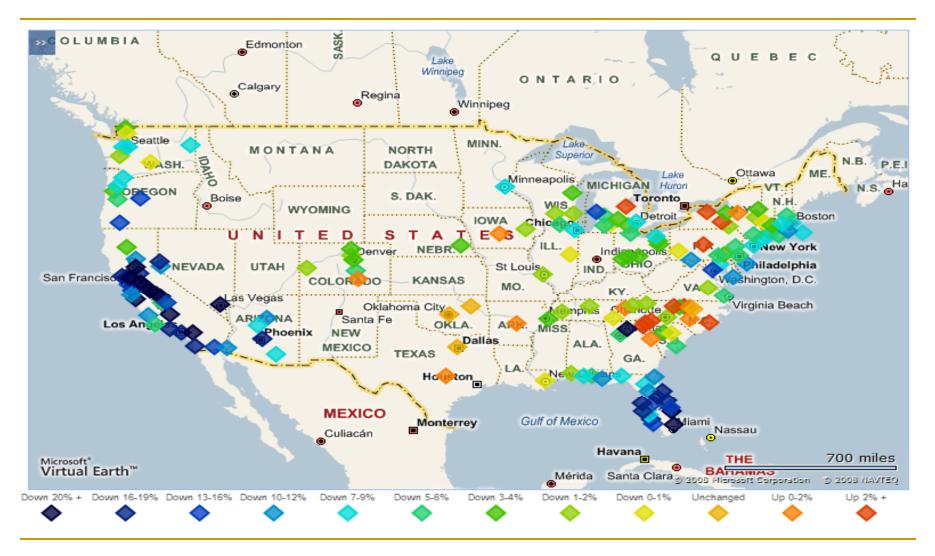
S&P/Case-Shiller Home Price Index

% Changes (Year-Over-Year)





3Q US Home Values



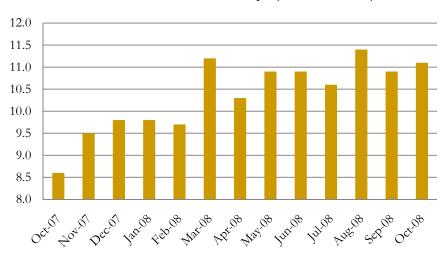


Home Inventory

Existing Home Inventory (in months)

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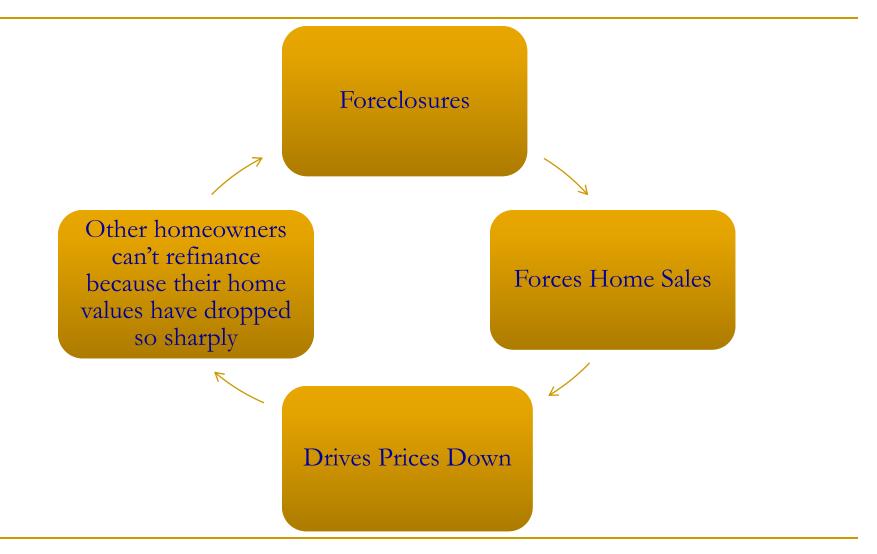
New Home Inventory (in months)



- Existing home inventory rose 2.0% in October
- New home inventory rose 1.83% in October
- Normal inventory levels are around 5 months



Housing Cycle







Foreclosures rise

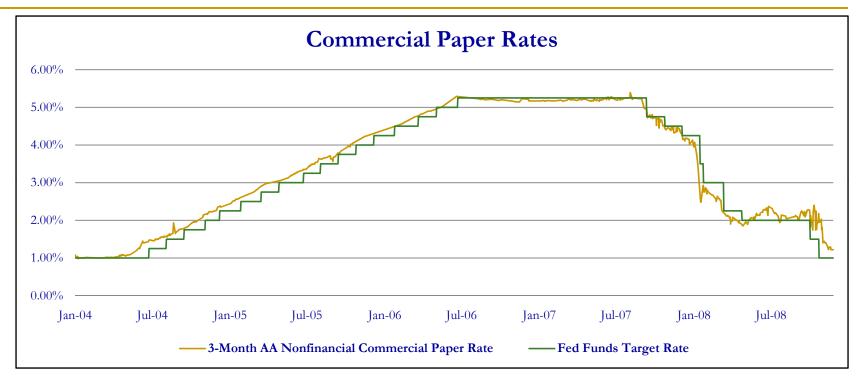
Housing-based securities lose value

Securities present on firms' balance sheets

Firms' capital drops significantly

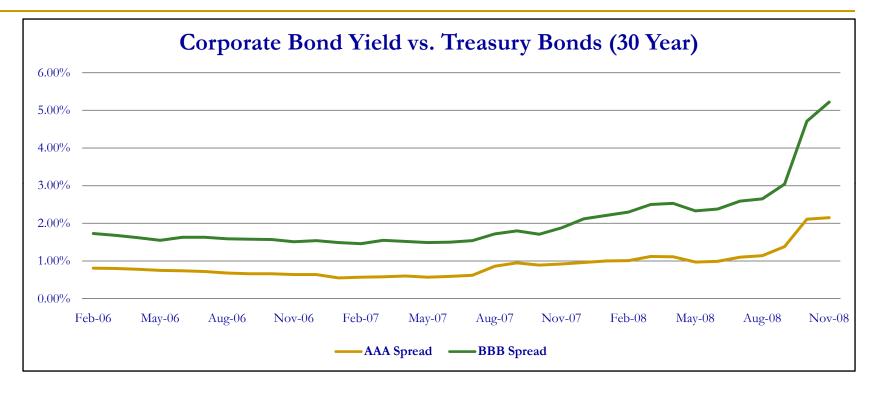
Lenders recognize that firms are in trouble, refuse to lend





- Commercial paper: \$1.75 trillion market
- Lehman Brothers bankruptcy, impact on money markets
- Oct. 8: Creation of Commercial Paper Funding Facility





- Significant concern about loan defaults
- Impact on AIM portfolio (MGM Mirage)



- Dec. 1: Fed announces possibility of buying 10year Treasury notes
 - Should lower corporate bond rates, promote borrowing
- Decision expected at December 15-16 meeting
- If unsuccessful, Fed may look to purchase other assets



The Consumer



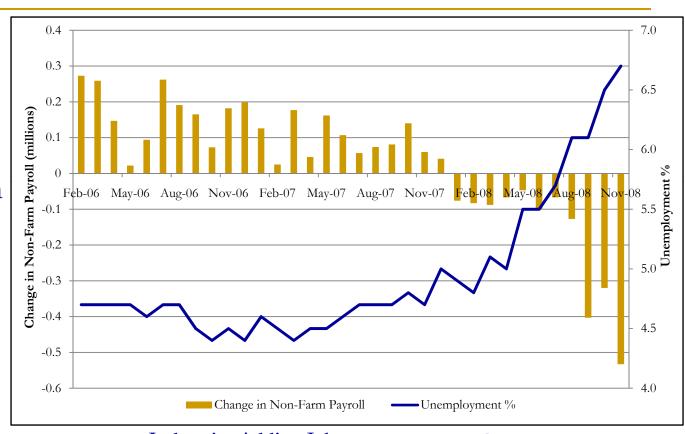
Key Factors

- Non-Farm Payroll
- Consumer Confidence Levels
- Disposable Personal Income
- Personal Consumption Expenditure



Non-Farm Payroll (NFP)

- 11 months of declining NFP
- NFP has dropped 1.3% in 2008
- Key concerns:
 - Continuing of the financial crisis
 - Failure of the Big 3



Industries Adding Jobs:

- Healthcare
- Mining
- Education

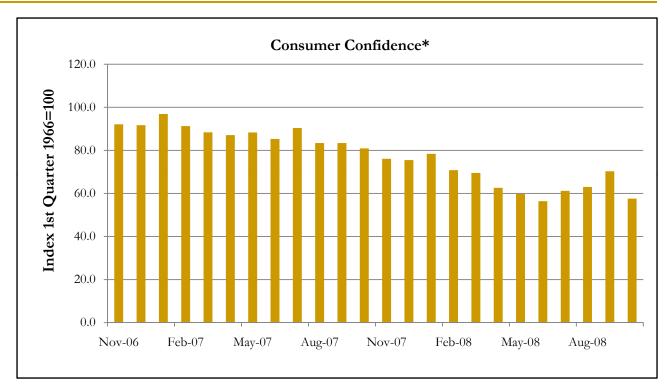
Industries Cutting Jobs:

- Financials
- Manufacturing
- Other service industries



Consumer Confidence

- Has been declining in 2008
- Recent trends indicates a change in economic direction
- Poor outlook



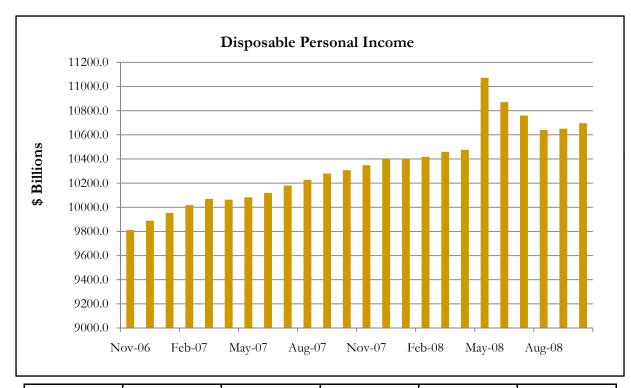
June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov
56.4	61.2	63.0	70.3	57.6	57.9

^{*-} Survey Research Center: University of Michigan



Disposable Income

- Rather steady growth over the past 10 years
- Spike in May attributed to stimulus package
- Recent trends not as favorable
 - □ Down ~3.4% from May peak
- Weak outlook

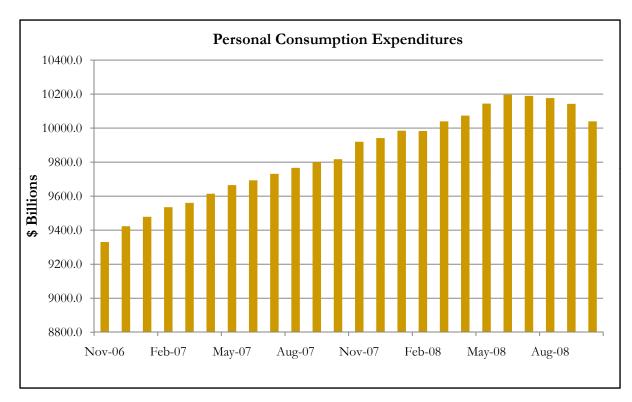


May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct
11,071	10,870	10,759	10,639	10,651	10,696



Consumer Spending

- 4 straight months of declining spending
- Sector driving this decline
 - Durable Goods
- No significant lift from plunge in oil prices(~67%)?
- Poor outlook

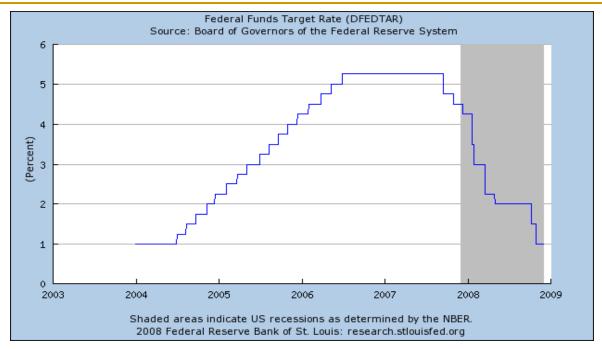


June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct
10,196	10,189	10,176	10,142	10,039



The Federal Reserve

Rates Rates



- Fed cuts rate by 50 basis points last meeting to 1% (Oct. 29)
- Other central banks taking similar action
 - Common themes: recessionary economies, declining price levels
 - Exception: Iceland raising rates



Rate Expectations

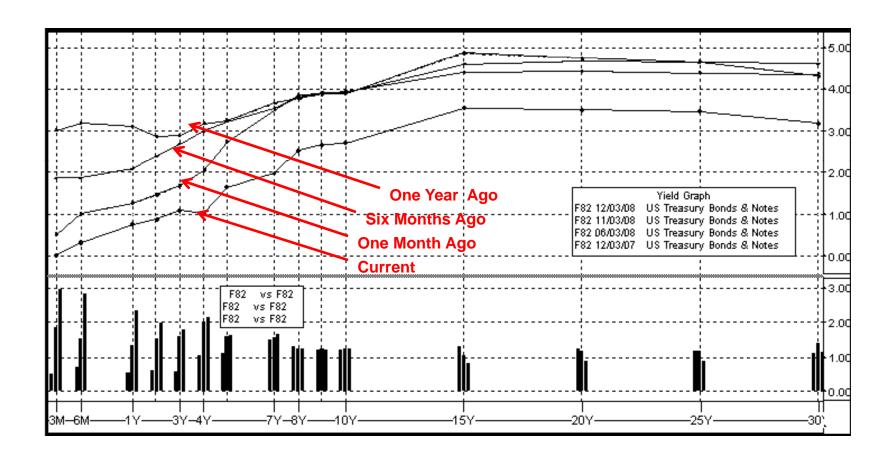
12/16 meeting

Fed Move	Current	1 Mo. Ago
Cut to .75	0.0%	70.0%
Cut to .50	62.0%	30.0%
Cut to .25	38.0%	0.0%

Data as of 12/2/08

- Seeing worsening economic data along with declining inflation
 - Opens room for larger rate cut
- However, rates moving to 0% is unlikely
 - □ Fed will utilize other monetary means to spur economic growth



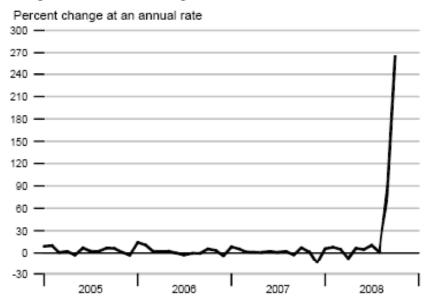


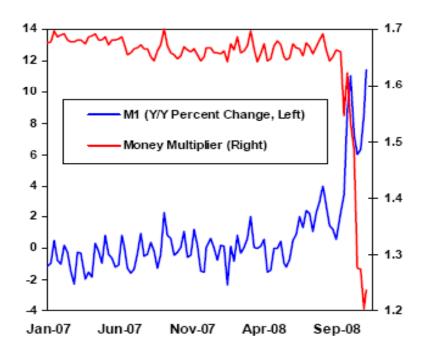


Quantitative Easing

Fed shifting focus to money supply

Adjusted Monetary Base







Other Recent Government Actions

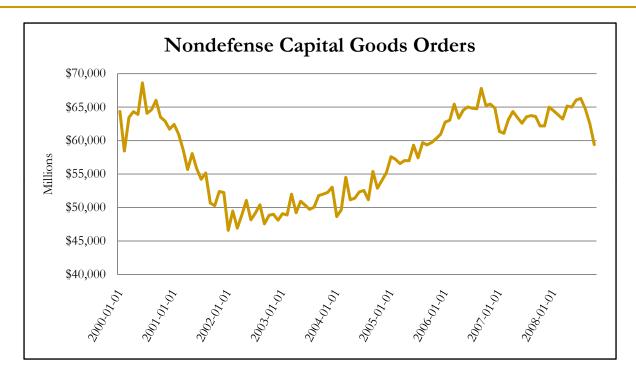
- TARP
 - □ Initially: \$700B to purchase troubled assets
 - □ Now: Preferred equity stakes in select financial institutions
- GSE Loan Purchases
 - \$600B to purchase debt issued or backed by GSEs
- Term Asset-Backed Securities Loan Facility (TALF)
 - □ \$200B in loans
- Obama Stimulus Package
 - Estimated \$500B \$700B



Other Issues

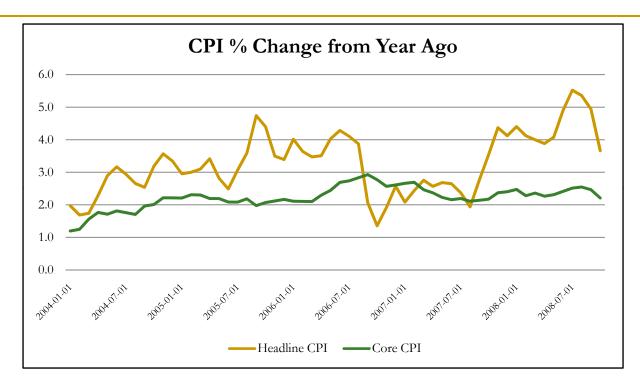


Capital Goods Orders



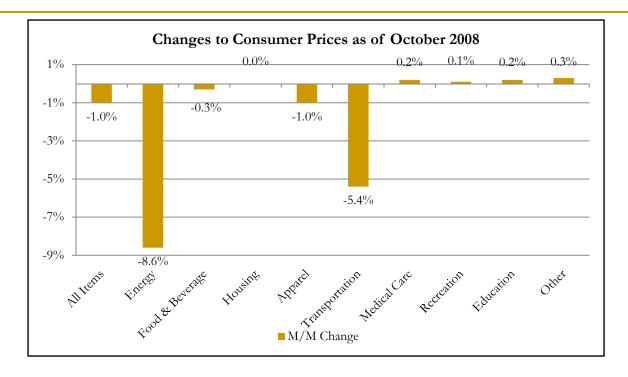
- Nondefense Capital Goods Orders down 4.0% last month
- Down 3.3% from a year ago
- Business spending will not be helping to support the economy





- Good news!
- October 2008: Headline CPI -1.0% M/M yet +3.7% Y/Y
- October decline was the **largest one month decrease** since the publication of seasonally adjusted changes began in February 1947

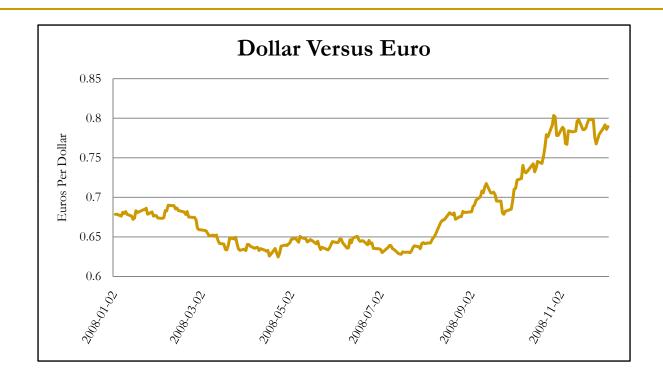




- Greatest monthly change was energy prices followed by transportation and apparel.
- Modest increases in food, medical care, recreation, and education prices.
- Next release: 12/16/08



International Landscape



- After a slight decline, recently USD has been gaining on the Euro as more negative international news is helping the dollar.
- Global economic downturn is having a large impact on exports and GDP



Portfolio Impact



Portfolio Impact by Sector

Sector	Outlook	Catalyst		
Healthcare	A	Positive demographic trends		
Consumer Staples	1	Defensive play to slower GDP growth		
Utilities	·	Defensive play to slower GDP growth		
Energy		Lower oil prices for the time being		
Telecom	←	Opposite trends in wireless and wireline		
Financials		Ongoing credit crisis, exposure to subprime		
Consumer Discretionary		Drop in disposable income, consumption		
Real Estate	*	Starts, sales data all very negative		
Industrials		Slower US GDP growth		



Economic Review

- Projected recession for next four quarters
- Housing, consumer, credit crunch driving recession
- Government attempts to promote growth
- Portfolio impact



Security Analysis



Research Process

- Company Background Report
 - Overview of business
 - SWOT analysis
 - Revenue and operating earnings
- Industry Report
 - □ Competitive environment
 - Cost and demand factors
 - □ Short- and long-run outlook



Research Process

- Fundamental Analysis
 - Business and financial risk
 - Ratio and DuPont analysis
- Technical Analysis
 - Analyze stock prices using four technical methods
 - Does not impact valuation



Research Process

- EPS and Beta Forecast
 - Estimate earnings through 2009
 - Heuristic and financial methods
 - □ Regress returns to calculate beta
- Valuation and Final Recommendation
 - □ FCF model
 - Multiplier methods
 - Discovery
 - Compare intrinsic value to price to make recommendation



Analyst Presentations

<u>Analyst</u> <u>Stock</u>

John Watkins Graco, Inc. (GGG)

Tim Scallen Ecolab Inc. (ECL)

Margie Rosmonowski YUM! Brands (YUM)

Allie Carrick Carnival Corp. (CCL)

Jeff Osowski Ormat Technologies (ORA)

Paul Oddy Dell Inc. (DELL)

Chris Hagen Thoratec (THOR)



Graco, Inc. (GGG)

Market Price: \$20.47

Fwd P/E: 8.9x

Mkt Cap: \$1.14 B

Rev (2009E): \$808 M

2009E EPS: \$2.24



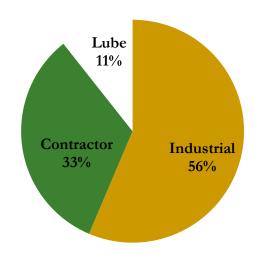




GGG Business Overview

- Provides fluid handling solutions to manufacturing, processing, construction and maintenance organizations.
- Products spray, dispense, measure or move a variety of fluids or semi-solids.
- Focused on making products technologically superior, reliable, and multi-featured.
- Three segments: Industrial,
 Contractor, and Lubrication.

Revenue Breakdown





GGG Business/Financial Risk

- Business risk: LOW
 - Revenue variability (12 years) only 9%
 - □ EBIT variability (12 years) only 9%
- Financial Risk: LOW

Financial Risk Ratios							
	2002	2003	2004	<u>2005</u>	2006	2007	2008E
Total Debt/Total Cap	5.1%	2.4%	2.5%	2.8%	5.3%	34.0%	44.9%
Interest Coverage	183.8x	266.7x	324.4x	139.1x	238.9x	67.7x	36.6x
Cash Flow Coverage	156.8x	228.3x	247.8x	112.5x	165.5x	52.6x	33.0x
Debt/Equity	5.4%	2.5%	2.6%	2.9%	5.5%	51.5%	81.5%



	2002	2003	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	2008E
ROE	30.8%	51.1%	47.1%	43.7%	45.2%	62.5%	56.4%
Leverage	1.45	2.34	1.61	1.55	1.55	2.19	2.46
ROA	21.3%	21.8%	29.2%	28.2%	29.3%	28.5%	22.9%
Net Profit Margin	15.5%	16.2%	18.0%	17.2%	18.3%	18.2%	17.2%
Total Asset Turnover	1.37	1.35	1.63	1.64	1.60	1.57	1.33



GGG Recommendation → BUY

Valuation Technique	Intrinsic Value	Weighting	Value
FCF	\$49.96	45%	\$22.48
P/E	29.13	40	11.65
DDM	39.50	5	1.98
P/B	23.31	10	2.33

Final Intrinsic Value \$38.44 Market Price 20.47 % Upside 88%



Ecolab Inc. (ECL)

Market Price: \$34.10

Fwd P/E: 20.0x

Mkt Cap: \$8.7 B

Rev (2009E): \$6.6 B

2009E EPS: \$2.04

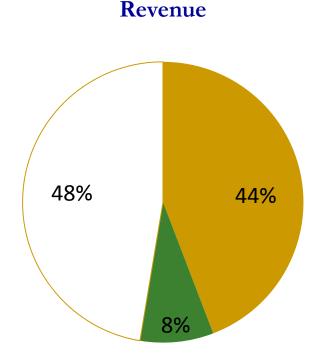






ECL Business Overview

- Global leader in the chemicals, cleaning and sanitizing industry
- Develops, manufactures and distributes products and services solely to commercial customers
- Superior products combined with industry leading customer service leads to deep relationships with customers
- Global presence in 70+ countries, serving the healthcare, hospitality, automotive, foodservice industries

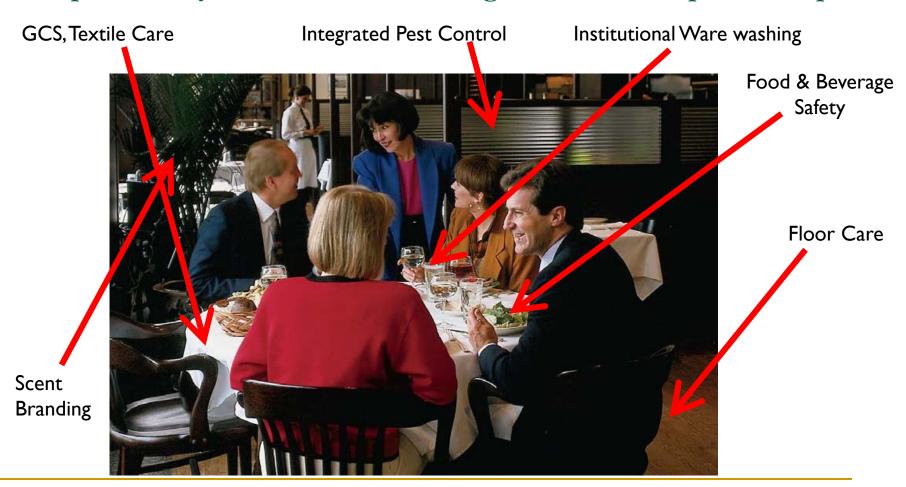


- US Cleaning & Sanitizing
- US Other Services
- International



"Circle the Customer, Circle the Globe"

Complementary nature of business segments \rightarrow close partnerships





ECL: Industry Leader

- Superior financial strength
- Margin consistency and superiority
- Effective management team

Metric (LTM)	Ecolab	Industry ¹
Interest Coverage	12.8x	2.75x
Gross Margin	49.3%	12.2%
Net Profit Margin	7.9%	3.2%
Return on Equity	24.5%	6.6%
Return on Assets	10.3%	2.4%

¹Industry: US Soap & Cleaning Compound Manufacturers



ECL PE Multiple Analysis

	Ecolab	P & G	Clorox	Kimberly Clark	Johnson & Johnson
FWD PE (N4Q)	20.0x	14.4x	13.8x	12.5x	12.1x

- Concentration on commercial customers:
 - Diminished exposure to FDA (i.e. fewer label requirements)
 - □ Increased efficiency in marketing spending (i.e. no TV ads)
 - Overall: greater ability to channel more resources to R&D
- Focused spending reflected in PE multiples
 - □ PE substantially higher than competitors



ECL PE Multiplier Valuation

Estimated Forward PE: 20.0x

Estimated N4Q Earnings: \$2.04

Intrinsic PE Valuation \$40.80



ECL Recommendation → BUY

Valuation Technique	Intrinsic Value	Weighting	Value	
FCF	\$42.63	50%	\$21.31	
P/E Multiple	40.80	50	20.40	
		Final Intrinsic Value	\$41.71	
		Market Price	34.10	
		% Upside	22%	



YUM! Brands (YUM)

Price: \$25.32

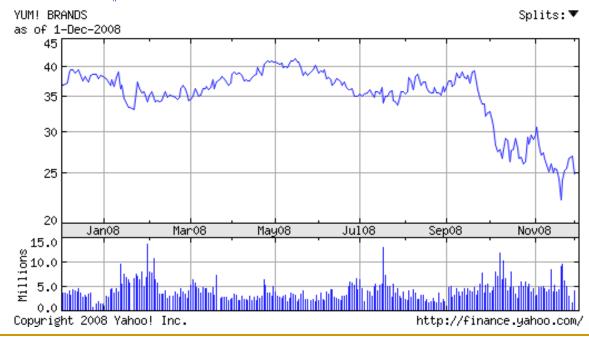
Fwd P/E: 16.5x

Mkt Cap: \$11.66 B

Rev (2009E): \$11.2 B

2009E EPS: \$2.00





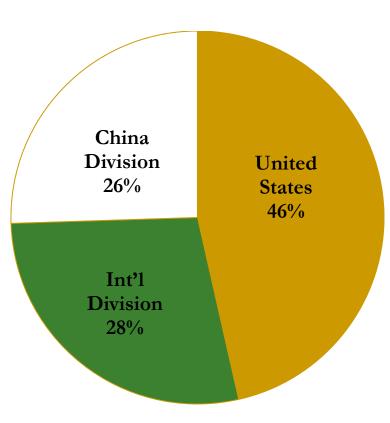


YUM Business Overview

Largest quick-service restaurant Revenue Breakdown

chain by # of locations

- 35,000 units in over 100 countries
- 5 brand names:
 - □ Taco Bell
 - □ KFC
 - Pizza Hut
 - Long John Silver's
 - □ A&W All-American Food





YUM SWOT Analysis

Strengths

- Strong brand names
- Variety through combination locations
- Consistency worldwide

Weaknesses

- Recent U.S. performance
- Negative media
 - □ Dec. 2006 E. coli breakout
 - □ Feb. 2007 rat video



YUM SWOT Analysis

Opportunities

- Growth in China and International segments
- Expanding menus
- Healthier quick-service options

Threats

- Commodity costs
- Americans' growing concern for healthy eating
- U.S. recession



YUM Recommendation > BUY

Valuation Technique	Intrinsic Value	Weighting	Value
FCF	\$40.62	60%	\$24.37
Implied Forward P/E	32.47	12	3.90
DDM	80.33	8	6.43
Price-to-sales	13.43	10	1.34
Price-to-book	40.67	10	4.07

Final Intrinsic Value	\$40.10
Market Price	25.32
% Upside	58%



Carnival Corporation (CCL)

Market Price: \$17.75

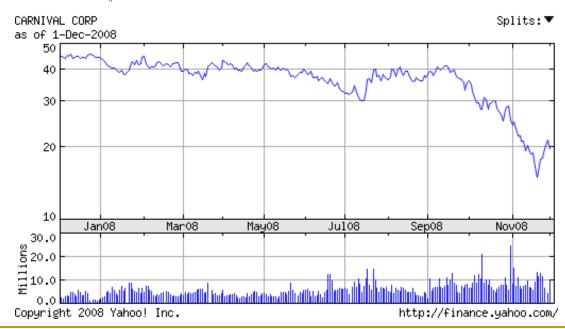
Fwd P/E: 11.0x

Mkt Cap: \$15.63 B

Rev (2009E): \$ 15.1 B

2009E EPS: \$ 3.47







CCL Business Overview

- Largest Cruise Provider in the World.
 - 88 Ships
 - 80,000 employees
 - More than 8 million guests annually



















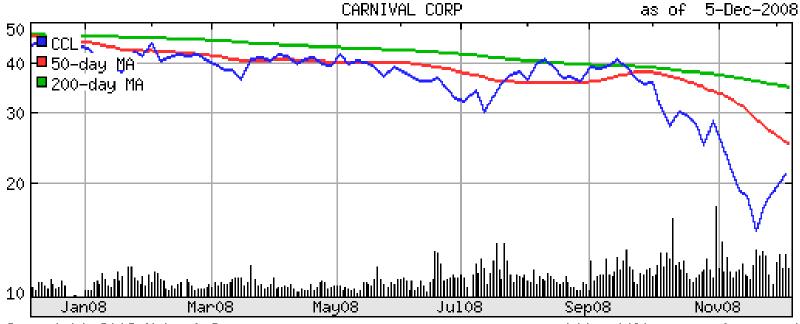






CCL Technical Analysis

Moving Averages



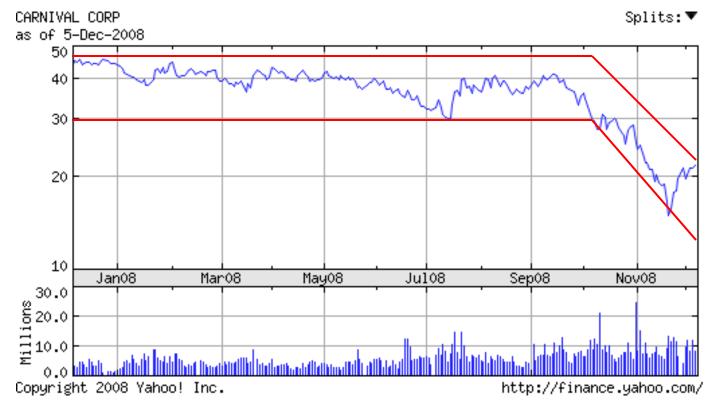
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CCL Technical Analysis

Support and Resistance Levels



Technical Analysis provides bearish signal.



CCL Recommendation → Buy

Valuation Technique	Intrinsic Value	Weighting	Value
FCF	\$32.68	50%	\$16.34
Book Value	32.57	45	14.66
Implied Forward P/E	41.69	5	2.08

Final Intrinsic Value	\$33.08
Market Price	17.75
% Upside	86.4%



CCL Labor Controversy \rightarrow No Buy

 War on Want with the International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF)

- Sexual Harassment Allegations
 - Culture of fear
 - Difficult to enforce rules

Carnival Action



Ormat Technologies (ORA)

Market Price: \$27.95

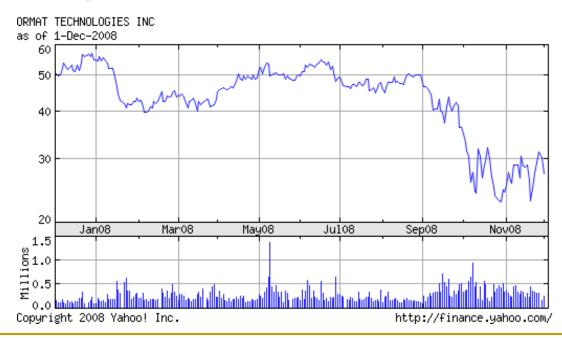
Fwd P/E: 18.5x

Market Cap: \$1.27 B

Rev (2009E): \$446 M

2009E EPS: \$1.51

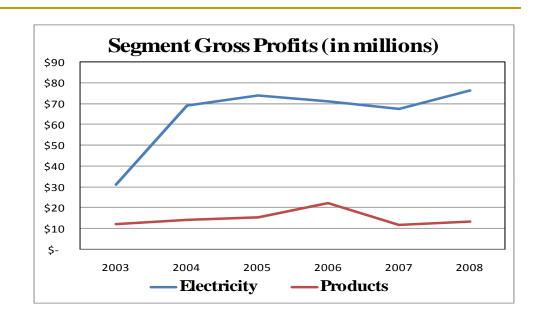






ORA Background & Industry

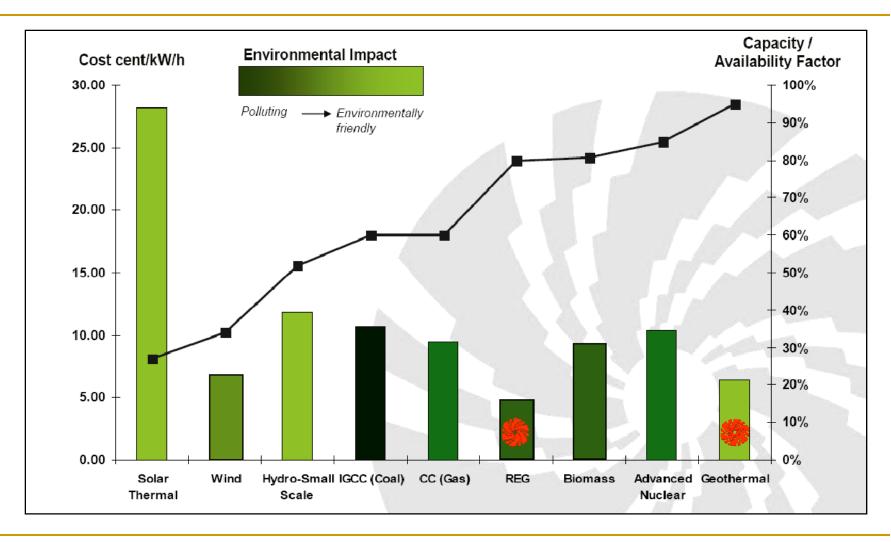
- The only vertically integrated geothermal and recovered energy power business. (60% US and 40% International)
- Rapid growth in demand due to strong regulatory support.
- Rapid plant expansions
 nearing completion in next
 three years. 10-K Guidance
 expects 16% compounded
 annual growth in capacity.



- Two Segments:
 - Electricity plant generation of energy (75% of revenue)
 - □ Products sale of equipment and services related to geothermal and recovered energy (25% of revenue)



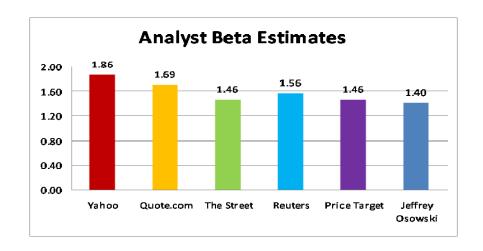
ORA Energy Advantages





ORA Beta & WACC

WACC Calculations	
Beta	1.40
Risk-Free Rate	2.72%
Market Risk Premium	5.00%
Effective Tax Rate	15%
Debt Weight	51.2%
Equity Weight	48.8%
Cost of Debt	5.20%
Cost of Equity	9.72%
WACC	7.41%



Debt Ratings Calculations			
	2007	Q3 2008	Rating
EBIT Interest Coverage	4.32	4.97	A/BBB
Leverage	2.01	1.51	AA
ROC	3.05	3.4	В
Total Debt/Capital	0.5	0.32	AA
MyRating			A
10 year Yield Curves			6.12



ORA FCF Key Drivers

Key Drivers

- Revenue Growth in line with corporate guidance for capacity growth in the next 3 years then gradually decreases to 10%.
- Expenses conservative and gradual decline for COGS & SGA to reflect the synergies between segments and increased economies of scale.
- □ Capital Expenditures \$100-\$150M annual expenditures for continued plant expansion.
- Terminal Growth Rate 5% to match expectations of long term growth for the renewable energy industry.



ORA Recommendation > BUY

Valuation Technique	Intrinsic Value	Weighting	Value
FCF	\$36.15	50%	\$18.08
Price-to-book	37.31	30	11.19
Implied Forward P/E	41.71	20	8.34
		Final Intrinsic Value	\$37.61
		Market Price	27.95
		% Upside	34.6%



Dell Inc. (DELL)

Market Price: \$10.14

Fwd P/E: 7.0x

Mkt Cap: \$19.5 B

Rev (2010E¹): \$60.2 B

2010E EPS: \$1.45

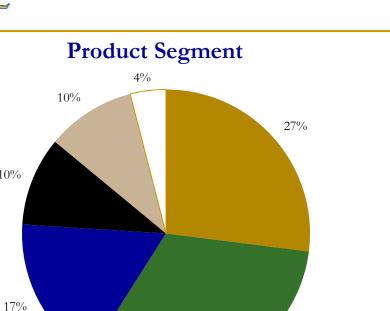






10%

DELL Revenue Breakdown

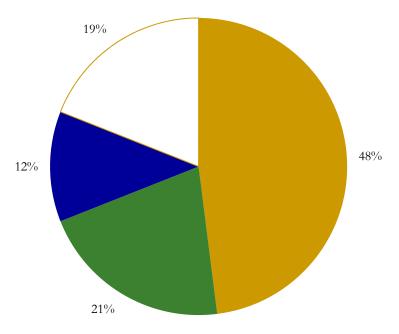


- Desktop PCs
- Mobility
- Software & Peripherals

32%

- Servers & Networking
- Services
- □ Storage

Geographic Segment



- Americas Commercial
- EMEA Commercial
- Asia Pacific Japan Commercial
- ☐ Global Consumer



DELL Business/Financial Risk

Business risk: HIGH

Sales Volatility		EBIT Volatility	
Coefficient of Variation	0.36	Coefficient of Variation	0.24
Vs. Linear	6%	Vs. Linear	22%
Vs. Constant Growth (14%)	16%	Vs. Constant Growth (14%)	24%

Operating Leverage

Value: 2.82

Standard Dev: 4.61



DELL Business/Financial Risk

Financial risk: LOW

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	LTM
Leverage (FYE / MRQ)	1.37	1.40	1.58	1.85	2.18	2.85
X Int Earned (w/ Cap. Op. Leases)	155.80	157.17	101.58	51.26	56.91	35.23
Op. Cash Flow / LTD	5.49	7.50	6.22	4.31	5.30	4.10

Share Buybacks (\$ in MM)

	Q4 08	Q1 09	Q2 09	Q3 09	LTM
Amount Repurchased	\$7,400	\$1,000	\$1,400	\$400	\$10,200
% of Shares Outstanding	8.0%	2.5%	3.0%	1.1%	14.6%
Still Authorized	\$4,600				
% of Shares Outstanding	23.4%				



DELL DuPont Model

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	LTM
ROE	47.43%	47.68%	67.87%	60.29%	71.29%	70.22%
Leverage	1.37	1.40	1.58	1.85	2.18	2.85
ROA	34.67%	34.07%	43.04%	32.61%	32.70%	24.64%
NPM	6.38%	6.18%	6.46%	4.50%	4.82%	4.40%
Capital T/O	5.43	5.51	6.67	7.25	6.78	5.60



DELL Recommendation → BUY

Valuation Technique	Intrinsic Value	Weighting	Value
FCF	\$14.33	82%	\$11.75
Implied Forward P/E	15.46	15	2.32
Price-to-Sales	15.18	3	0.46
		Final Intrinsic Value	\$14.52
		Market Price	10.14
		% Upside	43.2%



Thoratec Corp. (THOR)

Market Price: \$28.15

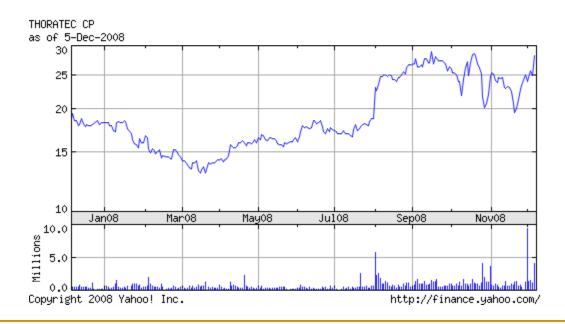
Fwd P/E: 34.4x

Mkt Cap: \$1.5 B

Rev (2009E): \$400 M

2009E EPS: \$0.80







THOR Business Overview

- Medical device firm which manufactures VADs (Ventricular Assist Device)
- VAD market overview
 - Large and growing addressable market
 - Best alternative to heart transplant
 - High barriers to entry FDA approval process
- HeartMate II
 - Only VAD approved by FDA for transplant patients



Thoratec HeartMate II



Discovery

- Attempt to "discover" information not widely available
- Designed to test some aspect of investment thesis
- Thoratec discovery:
 - □ Heart surgeon, University of Minnesota Heart Center
 - Cardiologist, Rochester Mayo Clinic
- Conclusions:
 - □ Physicians very enthusiastic about HeartMate II
 - □ HeartMate II better device than leading competitor
 - Positive physician views of device should drive revenue growth



THOR Recommendation > BUY

Intrinsic Value

Price/Sales	\$	25.45	30%	\$	7.64
EV/Sales		27.32	30		8.20
FCF		24.62	25		6.16
Acquisition		31.57	15		4.74
	Final Int	Final Intrinsic Value			26.72
	Market F	Market Price			21.24
	% Upside				25.8%

Weighting

Value

Valuation Technique



Performance Evaluation

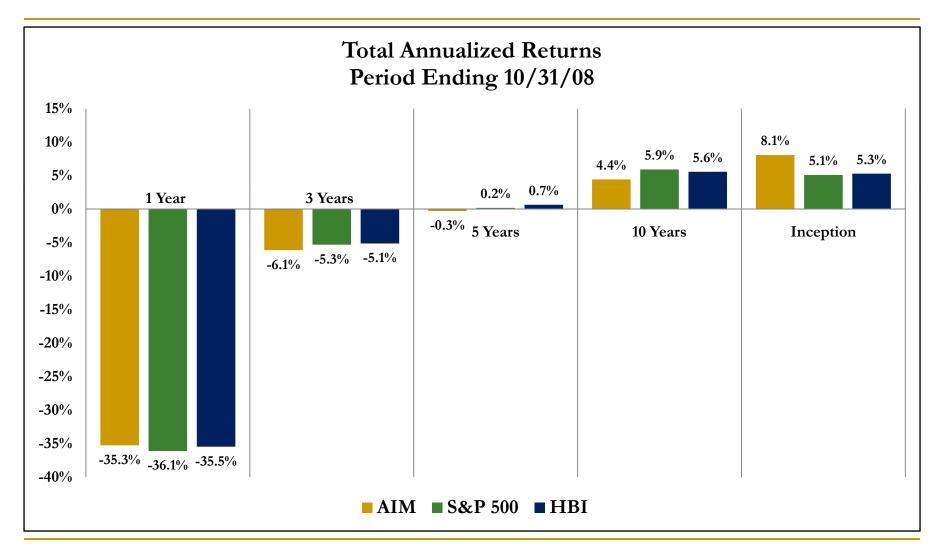


Portfolio Performance Evaluation

- Historical return v. benchmarks
- Risk-adjusted performance measures
- Attribution analysis
- Top 5 / Bottom 5 performing stocks over 1 year
- Additions and deletions
- Current portfolio and characteristics



AIM Performance Profile





Risk-Adjusted Performance Measures

Risk-Adjusted Metrics

- Sharpe Ratio
- Treynor Ratio
- Jensen's Alpha

Considerations

- Relative comparison measures
- Based on annualized monthly returns
- Risk-free rate 10-year Treasury Note Yield
- All data as of 10/31/2008



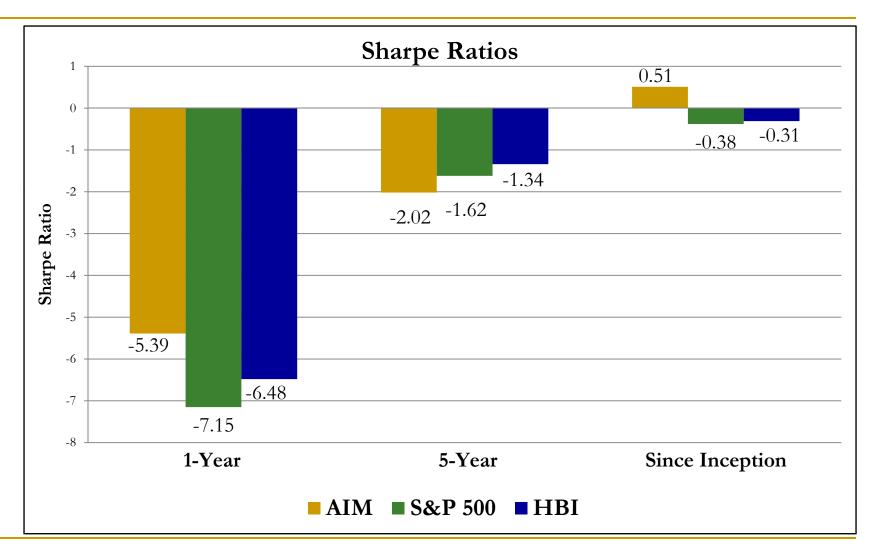
Sharpe Ratio Explained

- Sharpe Ratio
 - Measures excess return over a risk-free portfolio, per unit of total risk
 - Shows if excess returns are from wise investment decisions or undertaking higher levels of total risk
 - Higher ratios indicate better relative performance
- Formula :

<u>Portfolio Return – Risk-Free Rate</u> Standard Deviation of Returns



Sharpe Ratio Comparison





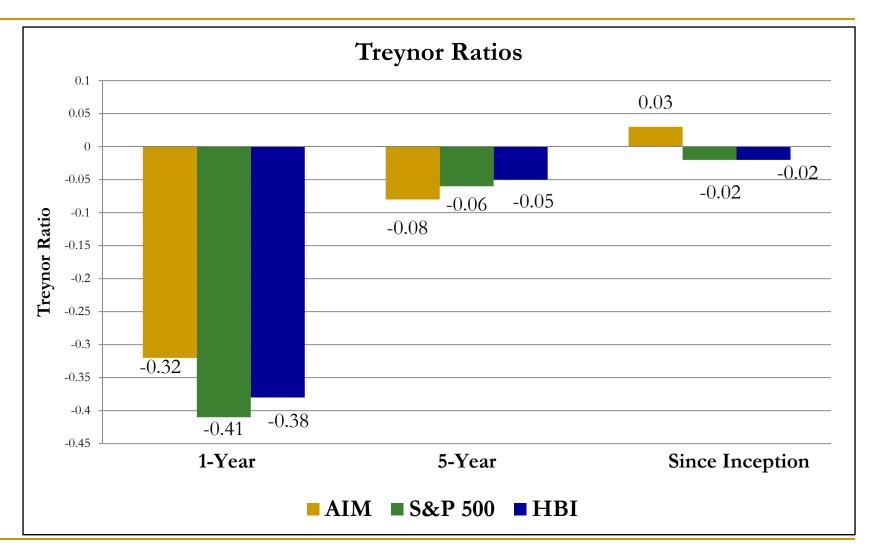
Treynor Ratio Explained

- Treynor Ratio
 - Measures excess return over a risk-free portfolio, per unit of market risk, or beta
 - Shows if excess returns are from wise investment decisions or taking on higher levels of market risk
 - Higher ratios indicate better relative performance
- Formula :

Portfolio Return – Risk-Free Rate
Portfolio Beta



Treynor Ratio Comparison





Jensen's Alpha Explained

Jensen's Alpha

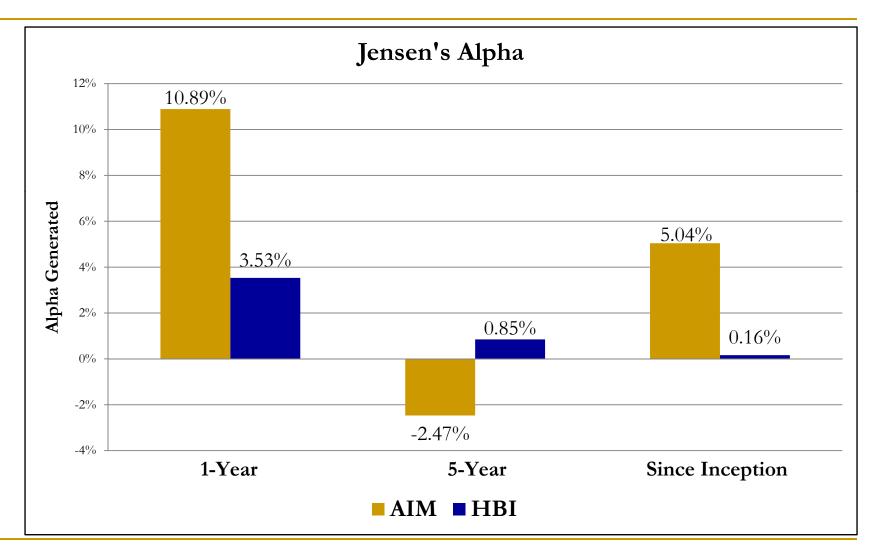
- Measures excess return, or alpha, over the expected rate of return as given by Capital Asset Pricing Model (CAPM)
- Positive alpha indicates management has outperformed market and risk expectations

Calculation:

Portfolio Return – Risk-Free Rate + Beta (Market Return - Risk-Free Rate)



Alpha Generation Comparison





Risk-Adjusted Performance Results

■ 1-Year

- Outperformed benchmark indices
- Generated excess returns, or positive alpha (10%)

■ 5-Year

- Underperformance
- Did not meet expected returns, or negative alpha

Since Inception

- Outperformed benchmark indices
- Positive alpha generation (5%)



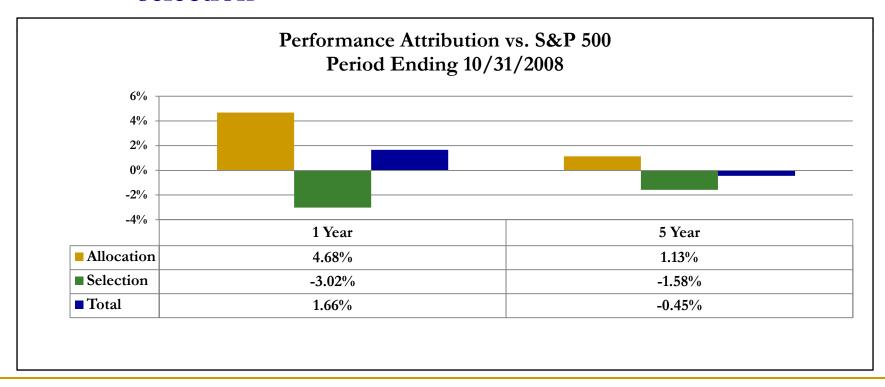
Attribution Analysis

- Components
 - Allocation
 - Selection
 - Net management
- Relative to benchmark



Attribution Analysis

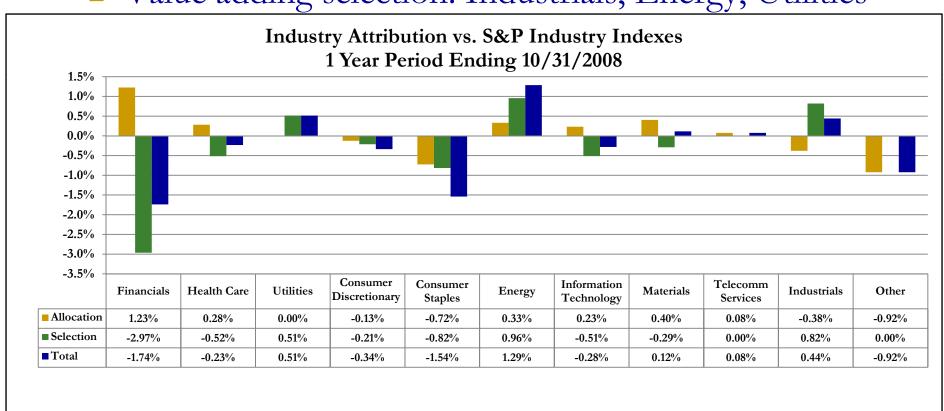
- Active management effect benchmark: S&P 500
 - Greater benefit from portfolio allocation vs. stock selection





Attribution Analysis – 1 Year

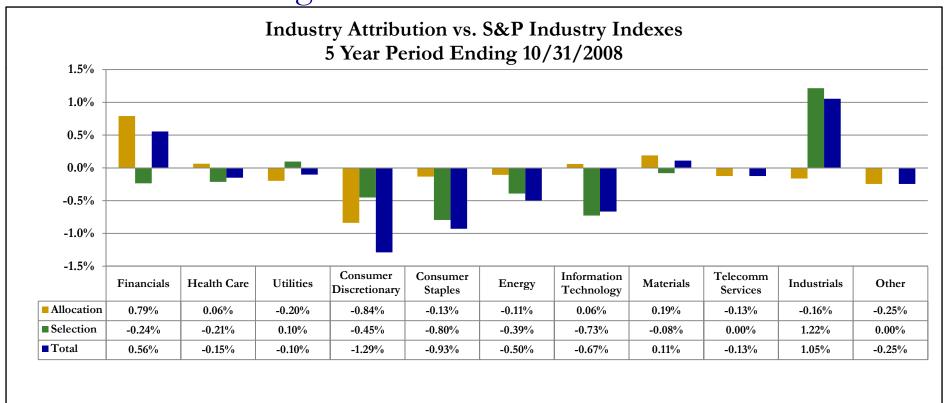
- Poor selection: Financials, Consumer Staples
- Value adding selection: Industrials, Energy, Utilities





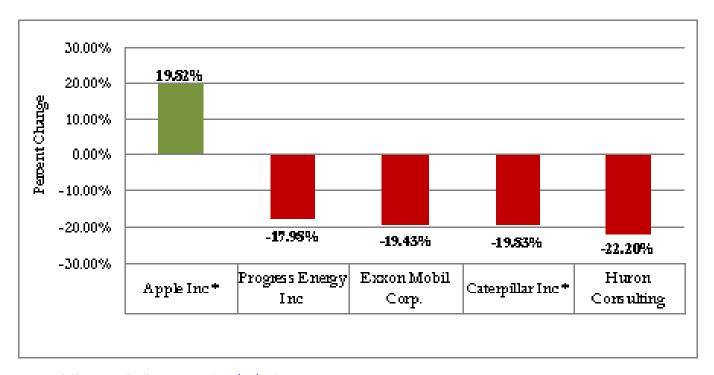
Attribution Analysis – 5 Years

- Poor selection: Consumer, Energy, IT
- Value adding selection: Industrials





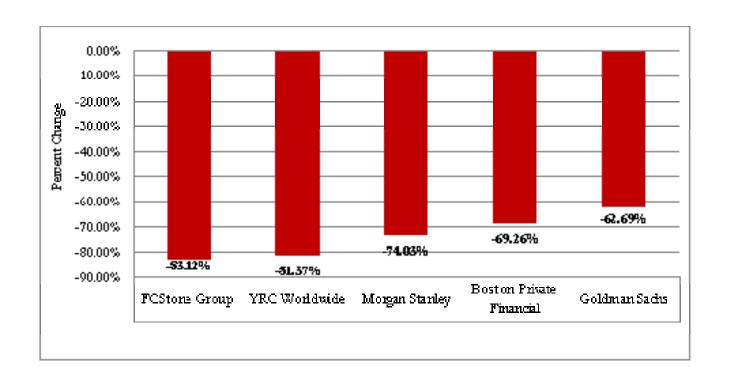
Biggest "Winners" (1 year or holding period return)



^{*}Holding Period Return (10/8/08)



Biggest Losers(1 year or holding period return)





Stock	Ticker	Price on Day of Decision	Intrinsic Value	Upside						
Stocks Added to Portfolio										
Graco	GGG	\$20.47	\$38.44	87.8%						
Apple	AAPL	\$92.95	\$149.21	60.5%						
Buffalo Wild Wings	BWLD	\$19.35	\$30.90	59.7%						
Yum Brands	YUM	\$25.32	\$40.10	58.4%						
Ormat Technologies	ORA	\$27.29	\$36.50	33.7%						
Coca-Cola	KO	\$45.23	\$58.19	28.7%						
Thoratec	THOR	\$21.24	\$26.72	25.8%						
AT&T	Т	\$26.94	\$33.61	24.8%						
EcoLab	ECL	\$34.10	\$41.71	22.3%						
Caterpillar	CAT	\$36.34	\$43.17	18.8%						



Stock	Ticker	Price on Day of Decision	Intrinsic Value	Upside						
Stocks Removed from Portfolio										
Whirlpool	WHR	\$36.32	\$32.92	-9.4%						
Boston Private Financial	BPFH	\$6.74	\$6.74	0.0%						
Huron Consulting	HURN	\$50.12	\$52.57	4.9%						
Digital River	DRIV	\$19.88	\$23.00	15.7%						
YRC Worldwide	YRCW	\$2.43	\$2.91	19.8%						
Dell	DELL	\$10.14	\$14.55	43.5%						
Service Corp	SCI	\$4.86	\$7.69	58.2%						
Boeing	BA	\$40.75	\$67.99	66.8%						
Morgan Stanley	MS	\$13.38	\$24.70	84.6%						
FCStone	FCSX	\$2.60	\$10.41	300.4%						



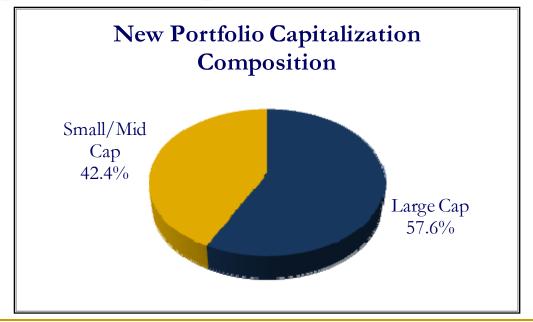
Company	<u>Ticker</u>	<u>Shares</u>	<u>Price</u>	Position	Weight
1 Apple	AAPL	1300	\$94.00	\$122,200	3.85%
2 AT&T	Т	4000	\$28.15	\$112,600	3.54%
3 Barrick Gold	ABX	4600	\$25.14	\$115,644	3.64%
4 BJ Services	BJS	11000	\$9.39	\$103,290	3.25%
5 Buffalo Wild Wings	BWLD	5000	\$23.01	\$115,050	3.62%
6 Cabelas	CAB	17000	\$6.33	\$107,610	3.39%
7 Caterpillar	CAT	2500	\$38.26	\$95,650	3.01%
8 Coca-Cola	KO	2300	\$45.98	\$105,754	3.33%
9 Dentsply	XRAY	4900	\$24.73	\$121,177	3.81%
10 Ecolab	ECL	3300	\$36.93	\$121,869	3.84%
11 EMC	EMC	9000	\$10.81	\$97,290	3.06%
12 Exxon Mobil	XOM	1200	\$76.60	\$91,920	2.89%
13 Goldman Sachs	GS	2100	\$70.72	\$148,512	4.67%
14 Graco	GGG	7000	\$20.62	\$144,340	4.54%
15 McGraw-Hill	MHP	5200	\$24.23	\$125,996	3.97%
16 Ormat Technologies	ORA	3600	\$30.23	\$108,828	3.43%
17 Pharmaceutical Product Development	PPDI	4800	\$26.31	\$126,288	3.98%
18 Progress Energy	PGN	3100	\$39.86	\$123,566	3.89%
19 Republic Services	RSG	6300	\$22.60	\$142,380	4.48%
20 Thoratec Corp.	THOR	4500	\$28.15	\$126,675	3.99%
21 Tupperware	TUP	5300	\$16.69	\$88,457	2.78%
22 Unitedhealth Group	UNH	6000	\$21.41	\$128,460	4.04%
23 Walgreen Co.	WAG	5200	\$25.94	\$134,888	4.25%
24 YUM! Brands	YUM	4700	\$29.00	\$136,300	4.29%
25 Zhongpin	HOGS	17000	\$9.54	\$162,180	5.10%
26 Zimmer Holdings	ZMH	3200	\$37.54	\$120,128	3.78%
		Total Equity		\$3,127,052	98.43%
		Ca	ısh	\$50,000	1.57%
		To	otal Portfolio	\$3,177,052	100%

Note: Price data as of 12/5/2008



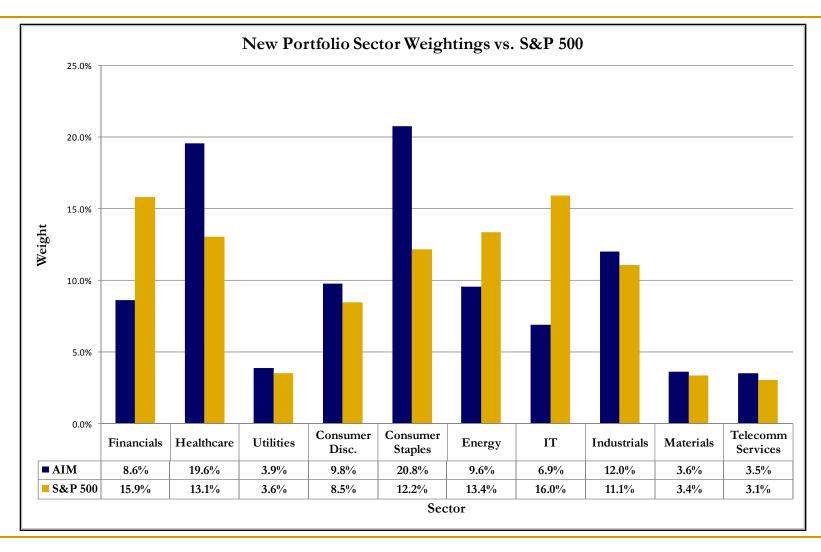
New Portfolio - Capitalization

- Portfolio slightly out of line with policy objective of 65% Large Cap, 35% Small/Mid Cap
- Divergence due to the shift to Mid Cap classification of 3 portfolio companies





New Portfolio - Weightings





General Information



Chicago Trip

William Blair & Co.

- Hosted by Dan Connolly & Brendan Gibney
- Insight into investment banking and the lifestyle of a William Blair analyst

Bain & Co.

- Hosted by Kim Anderson
- Explanation of the work of a consulting firm and insight to the lifestyle of a Bain associate
- Analysts discussed why they chose Bain and what exit opportunities it presents



Chicago Trip

Madison Dearborn Capital Partners

- Hosted by Pat Eilers
- Explained the process of an LBO using examples of Madison Dearborn transactions

Greenfield Partners

- Hosted by Dean Sotter
- Insight into real estate investing, recommending a skeptical outlook on "popular" new areas

Alliance Capital

- Hosted by Joe Elegante
- Discussed AIM analysts' individual stocks and gave opinions on the future outlook of those companies



New York Trip

Credit Suisse

- Hosted by Kristen Boyd
- Discussion of the housing crisis, the process of buying defaulted mortgages, and details about home foreclosures

Maverick Capital

- Hosted by Matt Kinsella
- Explained how to use common sense rules while investing
- Engaged AIM analysts in discussions about technological stocks

Perry Capital

- Hosted by Richard Perry
- Detailed his grim outlook on the economy
- Discussed the necessity of government aid to auto industry



New York Trip

Tiger Asia

- □ Tim Keller
 - Christian pastor and author
 - Discussed how to incorporate faith into one's career
- Julian Robertson
 - Explained the simplicity of value investing
- Bill Hwang
 - Presented his unsuspecting career path that led him to Tiger Asia

Viking Capital

- Hosted by Jim Parsons
- Explained importance of accurate valuations
- Presented personal examples of unexpected stock price movement



Selected Class Speakers

Doug Kimmelman of Energy Capital Partners

- □ Career Advice- choose an industry that interests you and know it better than anyone
- Innovative thinking about alternative energy and "storing" energy
- Urged Notre Dame to become energy independent

Todd Martin of Martin Capital Management

- Discussed value stock picking
- Only invest in businesses you understand
- Stressed importance of an honest and informative relationship with his clients



Selected Class Speakers

Paul Roberts of Schweitzer-Mauduit

- □ Presented a spin-off case study of Schweitzer-Mauduit from Kimberly Clark
- Discussed the complexity of this venture, including financial, legal, employment, and geographic decisions

Michael Neus of Perry Capital

- Detailed his role as general counsel for Perry Capital
- □ Shared his perspectives on the importance of hedge funds amidst SEC hearings, G7 meetings, and the financial bailout



Newsletter

Objectives

- Allows AIM alumni to stay up to date
- Provides quarterly overview of current portfolio

Current newsletter points of interest

- New portfolio as of 11/24/08
- Description of new stocks
- AIM alumni updates
- New York trip review
- Quick economic snapshots
- AIM XXVII analysts' future plans



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