

MONEYLETTER *Hotline*

Welcome to the Hotline for Wednesday, April 26, 2017

Global stocks set aside increasing geopolitical risk and moved ahead strongly over the last week. Focus in the US today has been on the president's new tax plan, which offers simplification and savings for individuals and a substantial cut in the corporate rate.

In addition, positive earnings reports over the last week have done their part to push US and overseas stock prices higher. Overall, first-quarter earnings are on a pace to grow 11.4% from a year ago. That would be the fastest pace of growth since 2011.

Since the last Hotline on April 19th the S&P 500 is up 2.1%, the Euro STOXX 50 is up 4.6% and the Nikkei 225 surged 4.7%.

There are no changes in our asset allocation advice and no trades in our model portfolios.

New Fund Changes – For domestic stock funds, there are three new Buys this week: AMG River Road SmallCap Value N (ticker: ARSVX), PowerShares Russell 2000 Pure Value ETF (PXSX) and Buffalo Small Cap (BUFSX). There are three new Holds: Dodge & Cox Stock (DODGX), Pin Oak Equity (POGSX), and Guggenheim S&P Midcap 400 Pure Value ETF (RFV). There are no new Sells this week.

For international stock funds, there are two new Buys this week: Oakmark International SmallCap I (OAKEX) and Longleaf Partners International (LLINX). There

is one new Hold: T. Rowe Price Latin America (PRLAX). There are no new Sells this week.

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