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World Stockmarket Forecasts

Stockmarket	One-Year Forecast	Fundamental Indicators	Technical Indicators	Monetary Indicators	Economic Indicators	Historical Performance (in US\$)			Share Index
						3 mths	6 mths	12 mths	
Australia	66%	Bullish	Bullish	Bullish	Bearish	-3.0%	+4.1%	+28.3%	7,409.90
Austria	61%	Neutral	Bullish	Neutral	Neutral	-2.4%	+13.0%	+61.4%	3,609.97
Belgium	43%	Bearish	Bullish	Neutral	Bearish	-2.6%	+6.9%	+24.4%	4,178.00
Canada	55%	Bearish	Bullish	Neutral	Bearish	-1.4%	+8.0%	+32.6%	20,633.06
Denmark	50%	Bearish	Bullish	Neutral	Bearish	+8.2%	+23.3%	+35.7%	1,788.35
Finland	53%	Neutral	Bullish	Neutral	Bearish	+3.1%	+12.8%	+30.8%	13,144.73
France	56%	Neutral	Bullish	Neutral	Bearish	-1.4%	+8.3%	+31.1%	5,124.06
Germany	55%	Neutral	Bullish	Neutral	Bearish	-2.8%	+6.4%	+18.0%	15,609.81
Ireland	59%	Bearish	Bullish	Bullish	Bearish	+1.4%	+7.3%	+35.6%	8,651.95
Italy	61%	Neutral	Bullish	Bullish	Bearish	-2.0%	+6.6%	+30.3%	28,296.91
Japan	48%	Bearish	Bullish	Neutral	Bearish	+4.8%	+1.4%	+25.3%	30,381.84
Netherlands	57%	Bearish	Bullish	Neutral	Bearish	+5.7%	+15.1%	+42.6%	788.49
New Zealand	47%	Neutral	Bullish	Neutral	Bearish	+3.3%	+5.7%	+25.2%	1,960.05
Norway	69%	Neutral	Bullish	Bullish	Bearish	-1.6%	+5.7%	+38.8%	1,241.26
Spain	45%	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Bearish	-8.2%	-1.6%	+25.1%	858.31
Sweden	65%	Bearish	Bullish	Bullish	Bearish	+2.8%	+13.2%	+42.0%	1,784.48
Switzerland	47%	Bearish	Bullish	Neutral	Bearish	-0.2%	+12.7%	+14.4%	12,060.64
Un. Kingdom	63%	Bullish	Bullish	Bullish	Bearish	-3.3%	+3.4%	+26.1%	7,029.20
USA	57%	Bearish	Bullish	Bullish	Bearish	+5.0%	+13.1%	+33.5%	4,458.58
Argentina	48%	Bearish	Bullish	Neutral	Bearish	+11.4%	+43.1%	+26.3%	75,895.03
Brazil	48%	Bullish	Bearish	Neutral	Bearish	-13.4%	+6.5%	+18.3%	114,286.00
Czech Rep.	58%	Bullish	Bullish	Neutral	Bearish	+6.6%	+21.8%	+49.7%	1,284.48
Chile	38%	Bullish	Bearish	Bearish	Bearish	-5.9%	-16.8%	+15.5%	22,287.89
China	65%	Bearish	Bullish	Bullish	Neutral	+2.4%	+8.3%	+20.4%	3,703.11
Greece	55%	Bullish	Bullish	Bullish	Bearish	-4.9%	+4.9%	+41.4%	901.13
Egypt	62%	Neutral	Bullish	Neutral	Neutral	+10.2%	-2.0%	+0.2%	11,056.27
Hong Kong	32%	Neutral	Bearish	Bullish	Bearish	-9.4%	-9.0%	+6.6%	26,205.91
Hungary	65%	Bullish	Bullish	Neutral	Bearish	+4.9%	+25.2%	+54.3%	52,755.68
India	60%	Bearish	Bullish	Bullish	Neutral	+10.7%	+13.6%	+50.0%	58,305.07
Indonesia	56%	Neutral	Bullish	Bullish	Bearish	-0.2%	-3.1%	+28.1%	6,094.87
Israel	57%	Bearish	Bullish	Bullish	Bearish	+6.4%	+16.6%	+50.4%	1,856.61
Korea	37%	Bearish	Neutral	Neutral	Bearish	-8.2%	-0.6%	+32.5%	3,125.76
Malaysia	55%	Bullish	Neutral	Bullish	Bearish	-0.4%	-2.9%	+5.2%	1,575.97
Mexico	64%	Neutral	Bullish	Bullish	Bearish	+0.9%	+12.5%	+51.9%	51,521.80
Philippines	64%	Bearish	Bullish	Bullish	Bearish	-3.5%	+0.5%	+13.4%	6,970.51
Poland	65%	Neutral	Bullish	Bullish	Bearish	+3.7%	+19.3%	+37.1%	71,091.23
Portugal	57%	Neutral	Bullish	Neutral	Bearish	+3.6%	+9.9%	+26.2%	4,005.40
Russia	64%	Bullish	Bullish	Neutral	Bearish	+1.5%	+13.9%	+44.7%	1,725.25
Singapore	59%	Bullish	Bullish	Bullish	Bearish	-2.1%	+1.2%	+28.0%	322.22
Sth Africa	43%	Bullish	Bearish	Bullish	Bearish	-8.3%	-0.8%	+35.0%	58,175.75
Taiwan	59%	Neutral	Bullish	Bullish	Bearish	+1.6%	+9.6%	+46.0%	17,474.57
Thailand	53%	Neutral	Bullish	Neutral	Bearish	-5.0%	-2.0%	+22.2%	1,635.35
Turkey	41%	Bullish	Neutral	Bearish	Bearish	-2.5%	-17.5%	+15.3%	1,438.72
Venezuela	59%	Bullish	Neutral	Bearish	Bullish	-5.4%	+5.3%	-5.2%	6,002.25

One Year Forecasts predict the probability that a stock-market will rise over the next year. Investors should seek to invest in markets with forecasts of 60-100%, while avoiding markets with forecasts of 0-40%. Bullish = Favourable. Bearish = Unfavourable.

World Stockmarket Outlook

Extremely high stockmarket valuations (i.e. extremely low average Dividend Yields, see Page 4-5) remain a concern, especially in the United States. US stocks are trading at their highest valuation since the 2000 Technology boom. That didn't end well . . . but perhaps many people active in the market today were not investors in 2000 and haven't considered it important to study "ancient history"? Or perhaps some people today are just gambling with free *stimulus* money?

Many other stockmarkets - the United Kingdom, China, Australia, Taiwan, France - also trade at historically high valuations.

Of course, in *any* market there are always sectors or individual companies that are out-of-favour and depressed. In a market boom these are usually sectors considered *low growth* and expected to underperform the popular high growth sectors.

In the 1980's boom it was Property and Investment that was considered high growth. People, who had never invested before, were forming share groups with their friends, who had never invested before, to buy these companies.

In the 2000 boom it was Internet companies.

Today the boom is in Software, large technology, EVs, anything to do with Space and SPACs. Today you don't need a share group as you can invest from \$1 with an app on your phone (and communicate with other "apes", go "all in", "buy the dip", "mortgage the house" and "get these tendies", from "YOLO" stocks heading for "the moon". Fortunately we are not able to reproduce

the "diamond hands" and "rocket ship" emojis here!).

[Editor's Note: As YOLO (you only live once) *this* is definitely not the way to invest. Two common themes on these message boards are (1) "I lost the \$200,000 my grandma gave me. Her grandson is such an idiot" and (2) "I mortgaged the house, lost the money and now my wife is leaving me". There may be a few "heroes" but there are lots of "zeroes".]

Forty years ago (sorry, more ancient history - but some of us lived through it and invested very successfully, after studying and learning from what happened in the preceding 50-100 years) commodity prices were high after the hyper-inflation of the 1970's and share prices were low for the same reason, plus high interest rates. No-one wanted to invest in the stockmarket! The *smart* trade was to buy futures contracts on booming commodities. The *best* trade was to avoid commodities and buy depressed shares. That was a once in a lifetime YOLO opportunity to buy shares (although, at the time, few people did) and build a seven or eight figure investment portfolio.

Today share prices are high and commodity prices are low. We believe this is a once in a lifetime opportunity to avoid overly expensive "growth" shares and buy undervalued shares in mining companies that will produce the critical minerals necessary to support future technologies. But will anyone want to sell their exciting EV (i.e. Electric Vehicles) or *Electric Aerial Ridesharing* (i.e. Flying Cars) company shares for something as boring as a Copper miner?

Recommended Funds Geographic Portfolio Spread

Fund Name	Size (Mil)	Leverage (%debt)	Top 10 Hldgs (%)	Portfolio invested in (%):													
				Cash	HK	Australia	Malay	Taiwan	Korea	Sing.	Thail'd	Phil.	China	India			
Aberdeen Std Asian	£554	12	33.3	3.4	7.3		6.0	14.0	6.1	8.9	7.9	3.9	3.0	16.1	Indo 7.8		
India Capital Growth	£135	Nil	41.7	4.0										96.0			
Scottish Oriental Sm Coys	£333	9	32.5	1	5.2		1.9	8.4	2.9	2.9	1.4	11.0	9.0	42.1	Indo 17.7		
				Cash	USA	UK	Europe	Japan	Canada	Aust	Russia	China	Sth Afr	Sweden	Brazil		
Aberforth Small Cos Trust	£1666	4	27.5			100.0											
Baillie Gifford Shin Nippon	£776	8	26.5	1.2				98.8									
Fidelity Japan Trust plc	£303	25	46.2	0.0				100.0									
Herald Investment Trust	£1814	Nil	16.8	6.1	22.4	49.0	11.0	11.5									
iShares Oil & Gas Exp	£139	Nil	62.4	0.3	60.0				2.1	18.1	7.0	8.9			1.5		
iShares S&P500 Utilities	£103	Nil	63.9		100.0												
VanEck Gold Miners	£697	Nil	63.3		19.5				44.0	12.6		3.7	4.1		8.		
VanEck Junior Gold Miners	£469	Nil	37.3		5.4				50.8	15.6	0.9	0.9	2.3		4.6		
				Cash	Nth Amer	Lat Am	Global	Euro	Asia	Africa	Aust						
CQS Natural Resources	£131	12	44.4	0.0	25.0	23.5	9.8	8.7	6.2	12.8	14.1						
				Cash	US	UK	China/HK	Korea	Taiwan	Brazil	India	Russia	Sth Afr	Thai			
Templeton Emerging Mkts	£2395	1	57.8	0.0			26.8	23.4	17.2	7.1	7.3	6.8	3.7	1.2			

Recommended International Investment Funds

Share Purchases and Sales

Aberforth Smaller Companies Trust made one large on-market share repurchase over the last four weeks, acquiring 275,000 of its own shares and returning £4,301,000 to investors.

Scottish Oriental Smaller Companies made six trades to buyback a total of 97,846 shares for £1,015,048.

Baillie Gifford Shin Nippon issued a total of 800,000 new shares which it sold on-market (at a premium to net asset value) in four trades to raise £2,034,500 in new cash for investment in smaller Japanese shares.

Fund Portfolios

Scottish Oriental Smaller Companies Trust's portfolio (see Page 2) remains heavily weighted in India (42.1% of the portfolio, compared with 21.4% in the smaller companies index), Indonesia (17.7% of the portfolio, compared with 1.6% in the index) and Philippines (11.0% of the portfolio, compared with 1.0% in the index).

The portfolio is under-weighted in Taiwan (8.4% of the portfolio, 24.9% in the index) and South Korea (2.9% of the portfolio, 20.4% in the index).

Current Advice	Investment Fund	EPIC Code	Initial Recommendation		Prem/ Disc to Net Assets	Recent Price		Gain or Loss %	
			--- Date ---	Offer Price		Bid-Offer or Last Sale	NZ Cents		
United States									
HOLD	iShares S&P500 Utilities	IUSU	13/08/18	422.3p	819.4		543.88p	1057.7	+29
United Kingdom									
BUY	Aberforth Smaller Cos Trt plc	ASL	15/07/03	375.5p	1042.0	-11%	1574.0p	3061.1	+194
Gold & Commodities									
BUY	VanEck V. Gold Miners	GDGB	14/01/19	1731.0p	3253.8		2452.0p	4768.6	+47
BUY	VanEck V. Junior Gold Miners	GJGB	14/01/19	2011.0p	3780.1		2565.0p	4988.3	+32
BUY	CQS Natural Resources G&I	CYN	11/01/21	136.8p	256.1	-18%	143.0p	278.1	+9
Asian Regional									
HOLD	Aberdeen Std Asia Focus	AAS	09/09/03	89.2p	247.8	-12%	1387.5p	2698.4	+989
HOLD	Scot Oriental Smaller Coy	SST	11/11/03	121.9p	330.5	-12%	1110.0p	2158.7	+553
India									
HOLD	India Capital Growth plc	IGC	07/11/16	80.5p	137.6	-10%	120.25p	233.9	+70
Japan									
HOLD	Baillie Gifford Shin Nippon plc	BGS	11/01/94	31.2p	88.1	+5%	265.0p	515.4	+485
HOLD	Fidelity Japan Trust plc	FJV	10/01/06	126.0p	322.7	-4%	255.5p	496.9	+54
International									
HOLD	Herald Investment Trust	HRI	12/10/04	310.8p	820.1	-7%	2605.0p	5066.1	+518
BUY	iShares Oil & Gas Exp & Prod	SPOG	08/04/19	1287.0p	2491.8		1075.0p	2090.6	-16
BUY	Templeton Emerging Markets	TEM	11/01/21	199.2p	373.0	-9%	184.9p	359.6	-4

* United Kingdom based Unit Trust

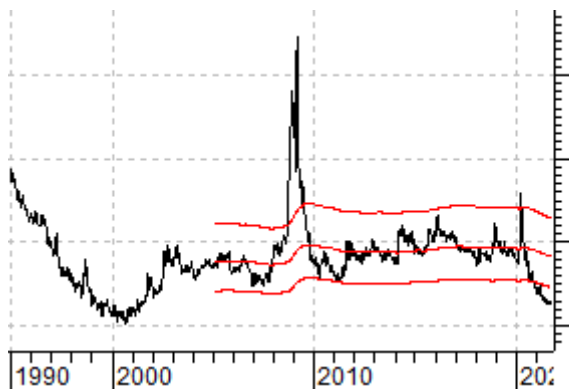
The average Gains/Losses of all current investments from initial recommendation is +227.6%. This is equal to an average annual rate of +22.5%, based upon the length of time each position has been held. The average annual rate of gain of ALL recommendations (both the 13 current and 59 closed out) is +14.1%.

World Stockmarket Valuations

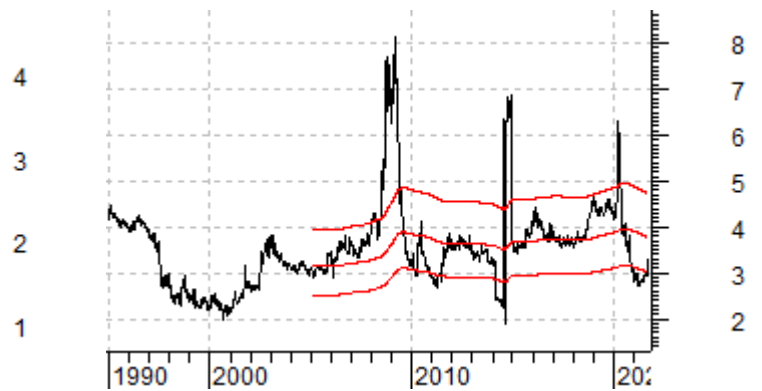
Country	Dividend Yield	Price/Earn. Ratio
Australia	3.4	27.5
Austria	1.9	12.2
Belgium	1.8	18.6
Canada	2.5	18.6
Denmark	1.2	27.5
Finland	2.4	35.4
France	2.2	24.6
Germany	2.3	14.6
Ireland	1.1	29.4
Italy	2.6	17.1
Japan	2.0	17.7
Netherlands	1.2	28.5
New Zealand	2.3	31.3
Norway	3.0	24.8
Spain	2.8	17.9
Sweden	1.8	11.9
Switzerland	2.4	23.0
Un. Kingdom	3.4	27.0
USA	1.3	27.0
Argentina	0.2	19.8
Brazil	4.0	8.2
Czech Rep.	4.1	17.3

Country	Dividend Yield	Price/Earn. Ratio
Chile	2.9	14.8
China	1.6	17.4
Greece	2.7	98.5
Egypt	2.0	7.8
Hong Kong	2.3	15.5
Hungary	1.8	10.9
India	0.9	32.9
Indonesia	2.4	22.1
Israel	1.0	20.9
Korea	1.6	16.7
Malaysia	3.2	17.8
Mexico	2.3	15.0
Philippines	1.3	25.6
Poland	2.4	20.6
Portugal	3.2	42.4
Russia	4.8	5.9
Singapore	3.5	22.2
Sth Africa	3.0	12.3
Taiwan	2.6	17.2
Thailand	2.6	21.4
Turkey	3.3	7.7

United States Dividend Yields



United Kingdom Dividend Yields



Japan Dividend Yields



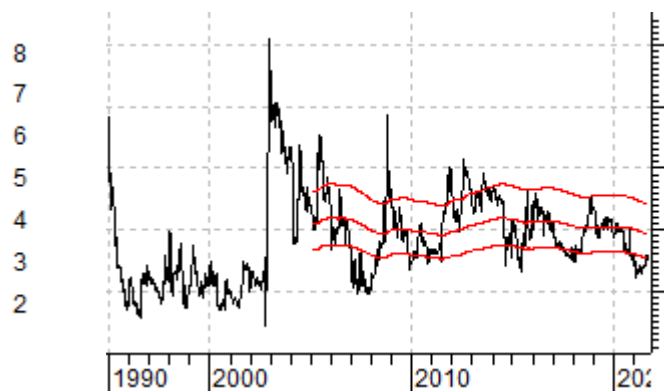
Canada Dividend Yields



France Dividend Yields



China Dividend Yields



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Switzerland Dividend Yields



Taiwan Dividend Yields

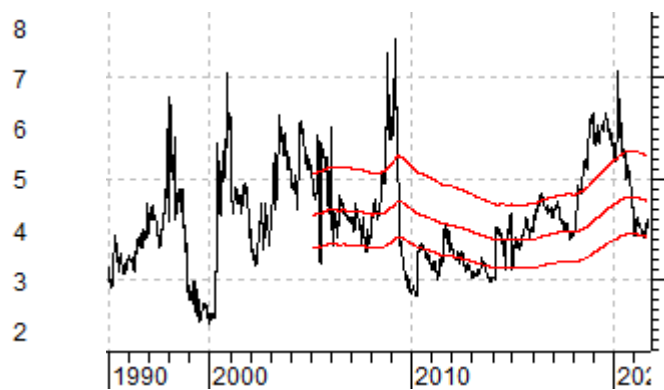


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Australia Dividend Yields



South Korea Dividend Yields

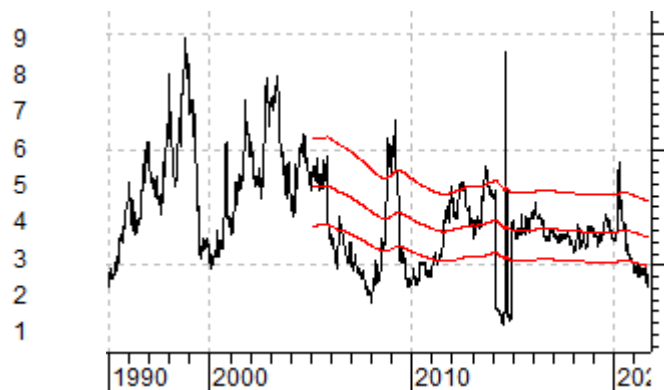


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Germany Dividend Yields



India Dividend Yields



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World Stockmarket Capitalisations

Country	Market Capitalisation (US\$ Billions)	Percentage of Total	Country	Market Capitalisation (US\$ Billions)	Percentage of Total
United States	46,052	39.31	Czech Republic	55	0.05
China	13,425	11.46	Luxembourg	52	0.04
Japan	6,789	5.79	Bangladesh	52	0.04
Hong Kong	5,999	5.12	Nigeria	50	0.04
France	3,570	3.05	Romania	48	0.04
India	3,428	2.93	Egypt	47	0.04
United Kingdom	3,375	2.88	Oman	44	0.04
Canada	3,218	2.75	Hungary	34	0.03
Germany	2,632	2.25	Bahrain	26	0.02
Saudi Arabia	2,621	2.24	Kenya	26	0.02
South Korea	2,372	2.02	Jordan	22	0.02
Switzerland	1,965	1.68	Croatia	21	0.02
Taiwan	1,939	1.65	Sri Lanka	20	0.02
Australia	1,883	1.61	Iceland	18	0.02
Netherlands	1,622	1.38	Panama	14	0.01
Iran	1,427	1.22	Ghana	11	0.01
Sweden	1,330	1.14	Slovenia	11	0.01
Spain	1,315	1.12	Lebanon	11	0.01
South Africa	1,298	1.11	Ivory Coast	10	0.01
Brazil	1,055	0.90	Tunisia	9	0.01
Italy	872	0.74	Bulgaria	7	0.01
Denmark	696	0.59	Mauritius	6	0.01
Singapore	668	0.57	Lithuania	6	0.01
Thailand	582	0.50	Uzbekistan	6	0.01
Indonesia	510	0.44	Serbia	5	0.00
UAE	484	0.41	Malta	5	0.00
Mexico	475	0.41	Estonia	5	0.00
Finland	414	0.35	Bosnia & Herzegovina	5	0.00
Belgium	400	0.34	Palestine	4	0.00
Norway	389	0.33	Ukraine	4	0.00
Malaysia	389	0.33	North Macedonia	4	0.00
Philippines	370	0.32	Botswana	3	0.00
Poland	337	0.29	Costa Rica	2	0.00
Israel	318	0.27	Malawi	2	0.00
Russia	273	0.23	Cyprus	2	0.00
Vietnam	217	0.19	Mozambique	2	0.00
Turkey	209	0.18	Slovakia	2	0.00
Ireland	183	0.16	Georgia	1	0.00
Chile	182	0.16	Latvia	1	0.00
Qatar	176	0.15	Mongolia	1	0.00
Austria	159	0.14	Sudan	1	0.00
New Zealand	134	0.11	Syria	1	0.00
Peru	131	0.11			
Kuwait	128	0.11			
Colombia	94	0.08			
Argentina	94	0.08			
Portugal	87	0.07			
Greece	77	0.07			
Morocco	73	0.06			
Kazakhstan	67	0.06			
			TOTAL	\$117,159	100.00%

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