DECEMBER 2023





YTD as of 11/30/2023

Alpha Portfolio 4.43% Smart Yield 3.72%

MARKETS

DOW JONES	8.65%
S&P 500	9.35%
NASDAQ 100	46.02%
REIT INDEX	
SMALL CAP	3.04%
HIGH YIFI D	2 82%

BOND YIELDS

10 YR TREAS	4.35%
YTD CHANGE	
30 YR TREAS	4.51%
YTD CHANGE	

SINCE INCEPTION

 Through December 31, 2022

 BROXTON
 424.77%

 S&P 500
 333.17%

 DOW JONES
 363.43%





SMART YIELD

Market Rebound & Down? Investors suddenly showed a voracious demand for stocks with the hope that the federal reserve had finished raising rates and it was all clear for stocks!! We also saw a small return to growth in earnings, with S&P 500 earnings growing 2.4% for the fourth quarter. However, the



recent move took us to an extreme high end of around 20 X forward S&P 500 earnings. We usually trade around 15 X forward. Above the light blue line (price) usually trades below the dark blue line (earnings). So if we pull back to the normal range the S&P 500 would drop back around 20% to 3900. This is 15 or 16 X forward earnings.



Macy's (M) recently received a takeover bid From real estate investment firms Arkhouse Management and Brigade Capital (whom already own shares) for around \$21 per share. After the Covid rebound in 2021 and 22, department store retailer Macy's revenue gains stagnated and began slipping this year. This is worrisome because of the good economy and the fact that a few other retailers have been able to increase revenues, such as Lululemon and Abercrombie. In our initial report we noted that: "It

is fairly likely that Macy's owned real estate exceeds its' current enterprise value." We reported that: There are questions regarding the long-term survivability for Macy's and a low bid may be the best alternative for the company. It is probable that investors would vote to sell, and management could capitulate due to survivability questions, but we believe it could be difficult to substantially improve the bid! REPORT

DocuSign (DOCU): A recent rumor surfaced that Docusign might find a buyer. We always root for the company but we believe that It is difficult to envision this scenario. The company is facing pricing pressure from competition, new management initiatives have yet to



be proven and growth continues to slide. So, we felt that DOCU is fully priced without a foreseeable catalyst. The company has no debt and a cash position of \$1.6 billion but the current cash flow yield is around 6%, leading to our Hold recommendation and price target of \$55. <u>REPORT</u>



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