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Online Chapter Presidents' committee Message

Are Tariffs Coming in 2025?

The President Elect has been considering tariffs on all imported goods. How should we evaluate our investments to understand and mitigate the potential impacts?

Are Corporations:

- Diversifying their supply chains?
- Increasing domestic production?
- Implementing cost savings to offset increased costs due to tariffs?
- Price adjusting – can they pass on increased costs?
- Lobbying to influence tariff policies and advocate for favorable trade terms?

As an investor are you considering:

- Identifying sectors most likely to be affected?

- Diversifying across sectors and geography?
- Evaluating Companies with the above?
- Planning for the long term – looking for volatility and buying opportunities in good companies hurt by tariffs?

What are you and your club doing to prepare? We'd love to hear from you.

Presidents' Committee,

Jie Eagleson, Susanne Koster, Chris McCarron, JoAnne Obata

OLC Mentoring Workshop

If you missed the November meeting, Phil Souder conducted a SSG workshop. Phil's excellent presentation on the Online Chapter's [YouTube channel](#) or on the [OLC page](#) of BetterInvesting.org.

Our next Mentoring Workshop will be on January 15, 2025 (3rd Wednesday) at 8:30 PM ET. Mark your calendar for an exciting session.

When: Wednesday, January 15, 2025, 8:30 PM (ET)

Topic: TBD

How: Register for the Zoom meeting. You will receive a confirmation and a link to join the meeting.

The meeting will also be simulcast on the BetterInvesting Online Chapter [Facebook](#).

Contact **Chris McCarron**, Membership Training & Education Chair if you have any feedback or ideas for future workshops.

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Call for Presenters

Have you presented an educational topic to your club?

Would you like to share your investment tips or insights?

Have you conducted research on a topic of your interest and are eager to share your findings?

If so, we'd love to hear from you!

Contact [Chris McCarron](#) for more details.

Education Tip of the Month

BetterInvesting keeps a list of all the recent updates to the Online Stock Tools- <https://www.betterinvesting.org/find-great-stocks/online-tools/updates>.

2024-2025 OLC Portfolio Challenge

December 1, 2024: The Election Month Bump Up

November 2024 was a good month for the S&P 500 and an even better month for the Portfolio Contest entries; up 4.8% and 5.9% respectively. A likely factor: Trump's election. Since the September 1 start of the contest, the portfolio entrants now enjoy greater gains than the S&P benchmark, 9.7% to 6.8%. This follows a pattern seen in past contests: contestants select holdings with above average betas and when the market increases, entrants' portfolios usually do well.

Previously first ranked Two Rivers Investment Group had the largest monthly gain (14%), increasing its lead over all other entrants. Its AI, Trump beneficiary, Palantir Technologies ([PLTR](#)), was up 60%. With regard to increasing efficiency in the U. S. Defence Department, Jim Cramer suggested "Palantir is up a lot because I believe Musk is going to turn to them [PLTR] and say, 'The Defense Department, it's yours ... get rid of all those people'".

During November the Magic Traders Club had the portfolio that most increased its standing, going from eighth ranked to second on a 13.6% gain. Their two best performing stocks Toast ([TOST](#)) and Targa Resources (TRGP) increased 44% and 22%, respectively. Toast supplies software to the restaurant industry and is benefitting from incorporating artificial intelligence in its products. TRGP is in the energy sector, moving natural gas to its destinations, likely helped by Trump's energy policies.

You can see information about the portfolios by clicking on [2024-2025 Online Portfolio Contest](#). For other questions or comments, please email contact@online.betterinvesting.net with "Portfolio Contest" in the subject line.

Dan Perlman, Portfolio Contest Chair

Membership and Club Visits

Exciting News for Club Visits!

Our club visit schedule is filling up quickly, and we're now booking into 2025! Contact us today to schedule a visit to your club.

A big shout out to the club we visited last month:

Swan Investments – Celebrating 30 years of BetterInvesting with a portfolio discussion.

Whether it's via Zoom or another virtual meeting platform, we're ready to connect with you. And the best part? It's completely FREE! The insights and energy you'll gain? Absolutely priceless.

Customize Your Club Visit

If your club would like, the presentation can be accompanied by a free training session from our dedicated volunteers, tailored to fit your club's specific needs.

Possible Topics for the Presentation:

- Club Portfolio Discussion
- Finding Stocks to Study
- SSG Stock Study Tips
- First Cut Tips
- How to Research a Company
- Club Operations
- Conducting Effective Meetings
- Q&A Session on BetterInvesting

We're here to provide the knowledge and tools your club needs to thrive. Reach out to us today and let's make your club visit an unforgettable experience!

Visit our [Chapter Website](#) for more details or email: membership@online.betterinvesting.net.

Volunteers

Interested in volunteering with our chapter? Not sure how to get started? Training is provided and your contribution can be as large or small as your time permits. Please contact us at membership@online.betterinvesting.net for more information.

For all our current volunteers – THANK YOU! Our Chapter runs on your valuable contribution.

Model Investment Club Meetings

Model Investment Club meetings are sponsored by the BetterInvesting Online Chapter. They are FREE and open to all.

[Yankee Model Stock Investing Club - REGISTER](#)

- Meets the 2nd Saturday of each month
- Next Meeting: Saturday, December 14 at 11:00 AM ET

[International Model Stock Investing Club - REGISTER](#)

- Meets the 3rd Monday of each month except 2nd Monday in December
- Next Meeting: Monday, December 9 at 8:30 PM ET

Recurring “Quick Access Links”

BetterInvesting™ National News

Part of your membership benefit package is enrollment in *BI Weekly*. Every Thursday, BetterInvesting™ emails all members a bulletin listing national webinar registrations, StockUps, TickerTalks, First Cut Stock Reports and more. You don't want to miss it!

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