

BetterInvesting's™ Online Chapter Monthly Bulletin

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Online Chapter Presidents' Committee Message

Happy New Year

What Does 2025 Hold in Store for Investors?

In the USA, the new President promises to “shake things up.” What does this mean for you - the investor? While predicting the exact impact on the market can be challenging, let's explore a more focused assignment: the investment case for Electric Vehicles (EVs) in 2025.

Consumers are increasingly drawn to EVs for their newer models, longer driving ranges, better performance, and lower prices. The EV market remains fiercely competitive, driven by continuous technological advancements and expanding infrastructure. Leading the charge are companies like Tesla, Volkswagen, General Motors, Stellantis, and BYD. BYD is gaining global market share with its affordable models, expanding rapidly in Mexico, Japan, and Thailand. Absent in the BYD Market is the USA which is

wary of BYD due to national security concerns, protecting domestic auto industries, and geopolitical tensions.

While the USA makes strides in EV adoption, the UK and Turkey have seen increased adoption, whereas France and Germany experienced a decline in sales. Meanwhile, in China—the world’s largest auto market—EVs have surged to account for 50% of new car sales, including pure battery EVs and hybrids.

For investors, it might be more lucrative to focus on companies that manufacture essential components for electric cars. Anticipated are significant advancements in solid-state lithium-metal batteries, which promise faster charging times and improved safety.

Which companies will lead in vehicle autonomy technology - propelling self-driving cars into the mainstream? Will it be Google, Amazon, Tesla, Nvidia, Qualcomm, Micron Technology, General Motors, or Ford?

And what about the critical charging infrastructure? Are there government, corporate, or private ventures poised to expand the networks necessary for mass EV adoption?

Investing in EV ETFs is one approach, allowing diversification across various industries. Whether you choose broad ETFs investing in the entire sector or more narrowly focused ones targeting EV components or disruptive companies, there are ample opportunities.

Despite the excitement, the sector faces challenges: customer confusion, affordability, market saturation, and fierce competition. How will you address these challenges in your investment strategy? Will you add “something” EV to your portfolio in 2025?

We appreciate our readers’ thoughts and comments. Please share yours at: contact@online.betterinvesting.net

Presidents’ Committee,

Jie Eagleson, Susanne Koster, Chris McCarron, JoAnne Obata

OLC Mentoring Workshop

Do you want to jump on the AI Bandwagon?

Are you Struggling to find companies with enough history to research?

Do you wish you had a crystal ball?

Join us for our January’s Mentoring Open Forum when Sam Mortellaro will share his knowledge and research on AI companies! Sam’s presentation will be live streamed on the OLC Facebook page or register for the Zoom call using the button below.

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 15th, 8:30 PM (ET)

Topic: Investing in AI with Sam Mortellaro

How: Register for the [Zoom](#) meeting. You will receive a confirmation and a link to join the meeting.

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 30, 2024

2024 Does Not End with a Boom, but Rather with a Whimper

After what I saw as an election bump up in November, the market reversed course in December, ending the year on a down trend. The S & P 500 dropped 2.8 percent, while the average portfolio dropped less, 2.4 percent. For portfolio holdings, falling stocks outnumber gainers more than 2 to 1. Nonetheless, the average portfolio is up 7.1 percent since the start of the contest. Furthermore, in December both AVGO (Broadcom) and Teva pharmaceuticals rose sharply, 45 and 33 percent, respectively. Broadcom is riding the AI boom, is among the best performing S & P 500 stocks since 2022, and is poised for major gains in 2025, as reported by

CNBC ([click here](#)). Teva's good fortune was largely due to an announcement that the company's Duvakitug drug met its primary goals to treat ulcerative colitis and Crohn's disease.

The previously first ranked Two Rivers Investment Group continues to have the greatest cumulative gains (35%) and had a profitable December (up over 2%).

Contestants will have an opportunity to change holdings with the change date being February 14.

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

Our club visit schedule is filling up fast, and we are booking now for the 2025! Don't miss out - contact us today to schedule your FREE virtual visit. ALL clubs are eligible for a visit.

Why Schedule a Club Visit?

Whether through Zoom or another virtual platform, we're excited to connect with you. The best part? There's no cost involved, and the insights and energy you'll gain are truly priceless.

Customize Your Experience

Each club is unique, and our dedicated volunteers are here to tailor the presentation to fit your specific needs. From free training sessions to engaging discussions, we've got you covered.

Topics We Offer:

- **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**

Introducing Our "Coffee Chat" Visit

Join us for a casual, friendly "Coffee Chat" visit where we answer questions from members in a relaxed atmosphere. It's a great way to get personalized advice and insights.

Let's Make It Happen!

We're here to provide the knowledge and tools your club needs to thrive. Reach out 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, January 11 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, January 20 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!

If you are not receiving your *BI Weekly*, go to your [BI member profile](#) and update your *Email and Product Subscription Information* selections to let BI know you would like to routinely receive this valuable weekly bulletin.

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