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The Sure Analysis Research Database Weekly Update

The Sure Analysis Top 10

The current top 10 stocks based on expected total returns in the Sure Analysis Research Database with A ratings for Dividend Risk and Retirement Suitability are:

1. Walgreens Boots Alliance (WBA)
2. Unum Group (UNM)
3. National Fuel Gas (NFG)
4. UGI Corp. (UGI)
5. Matthews International (MATW)
6. Black Hills Corporation (BKH)
7. Community Trust Bancorp (CTBI)
8. AbbVie (ABBV)
9. Archer Daniels Midland (ADM)
10. Franklin Resources (BEN)

Request New Securities In The Sure Analysis Research Database

New securities are added to The Sure Analysis Research Database in large part based on the number of times they are requested by our audience.

If there are any specific companies you'd like added to the Sure Analysis database, please click here and let us know. Your feedback matters and will have an impact on which securities are added next.

Sure Analysis Report New Reports & Report Updates

We added 3 new securities to The Sure Analysis Research Database since last week's update.

1. Great Elm Capital Corp (GECC)
2. Preferred Apartment Communities Inc (APTS)
3. U.S. Global Investors, Inc. (GROW)

We also added quarterly updates on the following 19 securities since last week's update.

1. ABM Industries Inc. (ABM)
2. Alliant Energy Corp. (LNT)
3. Amcor Plc (AMCR)
4. Best Buy Co. Inc. (BBY)
5. British American Tobacco Plc (BTI)
6. Brixmor Property Group Inc (BRX)
7. Broadcom Inc (AVGO)
8. Brown-Forman Corp. (BF.B)
9. Costco Wholesale Corp (COST)
10. Dollar General Corp. (DG)
11. Fluor Corporation (FLR)
12. Greif Inc (GEF)
13. HSBC Holdings plc (HSBC)
14. Inter Pipeline Ltd. (IPPLF)
15. John Wiley & Sons Inc. (JW.A)
16. Nordson Corp. (NDSN)
17. Pfizer Inc. (PFE)
18. Welltower Inc (WELL)
19. Yamana Gold Inc. (AUY)

New From Sure Dividend

Our newest research plus compelling and sponsored content we find elsewhere is below. This content either reinforces important investing lessons and methods or provided compelling income investing ideas.

- Bill Gates' Stock Portfolio: All 24 Holdings Analyzed
  By Bob Ciura on Sure Dividend
  Note: Download your Gates stocks spreadsheet here

- Valley Forge Capital Management Stock Holdings & Investment Analysis
  By Nikos Sismanis on 13F Smart Money

- Will DoorDash Ever Pay A Dividend?
  By Aristofanis Papadatos on Sure Dividend

- 7 Value Stocks Ready for Rotation
  By Tom Taulli on InvestorPlace

- Let Your Dividends Pay Your Phone Bills
  By and on Dividend Growth Investor

- Altimeter Capital Management Stock Holdings & Investment Analysis
  By Nikos Sismanis on 13F Smart Money

- Will Airbnb Ever Pay A Dividend?
  By Josh Arnold on Sure Dividend

Stock Market News

The stock market news below is focused primarily on income producing securities to help keep you up-to-date with income investing events as they occur.

- **Alexander & Baldwin, Inc. (ALEX)** reinstates its quarterly dividend at $0.15, which is a 21.1% decrease from the last dividend paid on March 24, 2020. The stock has a new yield of 3.6%. The dividend is payable January 12, 2021 to shareholders of record at the close of business on December 28, 2020.

- **Balchem Corporation (BCPC)** increases its quarterly dividend 11.5% to $0.58, giving the stock a new yield of 2.0%. The dividend is payable January 22, 2021 to shareholders of record at the close of business on December 28, 2020.

- **The Coca-Cola Company (KO),** in a move largely anticipated by analysts**,** plans to reduce its global workforce by 12% or 2,200, including 1,200 in the U.S.

- **COVID-19:** The European Commission president announced that COVID-19 vaccinations will begin December 27, 2020. **Pfizer (PFE)** and **BioNTech's (BNTX)** vaccine is expected to be approved Monday. **Moderna's (MRNA)** vaccine will have to wait for January 6, 2021 to be approved by the European Commission. Pfizer also submitted its vaccine for approval to Japan's Ministry of Health, the first company to do so. Oxford University and **AstraZeneca's (AZN)** vaccine candidate produced a better immune response when a full two dose regime is administered instead of a full-dose followed by a half-dose. Finally, Johnson & Johnson (JNJ) says that it has fully enrolled almost 45,000 participants in its first late-stage trial for its single-dose vaccine. The company plans to submit an emergency use authorization application to the U.S. Food & Drug Administration in February if the vaccine proves to be safe and effective.

- **Darden Restaurants, Inc. (DRI)** reports second quarter GAAP EPS of $0.74, a 34% decrease from the previous year, but $0.01 above estimates. Revenue fell 19.4% to $1.66 billion, which was $30 million less than expected. The company also increased its dividend 23.3% to $0.37, giving the stock a new yield of 1.3%. The dividend is payable February 1, 2021 to shareholders of record at the close of business on January 8, 2021.

- **DuPont de Nemours, Inc. (DD)** announced that its board had approved of the separation of its Nutrition & Biosciences business through an exchange offer, or split-off. DuPont shareholders can elect to tender shares of DuPont common stock in exchange for shares in the new Nutrition & Biosciences company. Following this separation, Nutrition & Biosciences will be combinedwith **International Flavors & Fragrances (IFF)** in a Reverse Morris Trust transaction where all shares of Nutrition & Biosciences common stock will be converted into shares of International Flavors & Fragrances.

- **The Ensign Group, Inc. (ENSG)** increases its quarterly dividend 5% to $0.0525, giving the stock a new yield of 0.3%. The company has raised its dividend for 18 consecutive years. The dividend is payable January 31, 2021 to shareholders of record at the close of business on December 31, 2020.

- **FedEx Corporation (FDX)** reports second quarter adjusted EPS of $4.83, a 92% increase from last year and $0.82 better than expected. Revenue improved 19.1% to $20.6 billion, $1.15 billion ahead of estimates.

- **Honeywell International (HON)** receives a $1.11 billion award modification contract for the Automotive Gas Turbine 1500 engine program from the U.S. Army.

- **Lamb Weston Holdings, Inc. (LW)** increases its quarterly dividend 2.2% to $0.235, giving the stock a new yield of 1.2%. The dividend is payable March 5, 2021 to shareholders of record at the close of business on February 5, 2021.

- **PermRock Royalty Trust (PRT)** decreases its monthly dividend 27% to $0.0149, giving the stock a new yield of 5.6%. The dividend is payable January 15, 2021 to shareholders of record at the close of business on December 31, 2020.

- **PPG Industries (PPG)** announced that it had acquired Tikkurila, a leading Nordic paint and coating company, for €25.00 per share in cash. Including the assumption of debt, the total value of the deal is ~€1.1 billion. The transaction is expected to close in the second quarter of 2021.

- **Scholastic Corporation (SCHL)** reports second quarter GAAP EPS of $1.02, a 49.5% decrease year-over-year and $0.36 less than analysts' estimates. Revenue fell 32% to $406.2 million, which was $121.8 million below expectations.

- **Spirit of Texas Bancshares, Inc. (STXB)** increases its quarterly dividend 29% to $0.09, giving the stock a new yield of 2.1%. The dividend is payable January 19, 2021 to shareholders of record at the close of business on January 5, 2021.

- **Two Harbors Investment Corp. (TWO)** increases its quarterly dividend 21.4% to $0.17, giving the stock a new yield of 10.2%. The dividend is payable January 29, 2021 for shareholders of record at the close of business on December 30, 2020.

- **Washington Trust Bancorp, Inc. (WASH)** increases its quarterly dividend 2% to $0.52, giving the stock a new yield of 4.5%. The dividend is payable January 8, 2021 for shareholders of record at the close of business on January 4, 2021.