

The Morning Dividend

Daily dividend investing news from Sure Dividend

Good morning,

Today's August 23rd, 2019 edition of The Morning Dividend covers the following new income investing stories:

- [The Sure Analysis Research Database Weekly Update](#)
- [The 6 Best Tobacco Stocks Now, Ranked In Order](#)
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Markets - 2019-08-23		
S&P 500	2923	-0.05%
Dow Jones	26252	0.19%
NASDAQ	7991	-0.36%
Oil	\$55.36	-1.25%
Gold	\$1,496.29	0.11%
10-Year Treasuries	1.64%	2 bps

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The Sure Analysis Research Database Weekly Update

The current top 10 stocks in the [Sure Analysis Research Database](#) with A ratings for Dividend Risk and Retirement Suitability are:

1. [Ameriprise Financial Inc. \(AMP\)](#)
2. [Walgreens Boots Alliance Inc. \(WBA\)](#)
3. [Bank OZK \(OZK\)](#)
4. [Inter Pipeline Ltd. \(IPPLF\)](#)
5. [Caterpillar Inc. \(CAT\)](#)
6. [Eaton Vance Corp. \(EV\)](#)
7. [Cardinal Health Inc. \(CAH\)](#)
8. [Cullen/Frost Bankers, Inc. \(CFR\)](#)
9. [Leggett & Platt Inc. \(LEG\)](#)
10. [Parker-Hannifin Corp. \(PH\)](#)

We added quarterly updates on the following 38 securities since last week's update:

1. [ABB Ltd \(ABB\)](#)
2. [Albemarle Corp. \(ALB\)](#)
3. [Apple Hospitality REIT Inc. \(APLE\)](#)
4. [Assurant Inc. \(AIZ\)](#)
5. [BP plc \(BP\)](#)
6. [Cisco Systems Inc. \(CSCO\)](#)
7. [Connecticut Water Service Inc. \(CTWS\)](#)
8. [Ecolab Inc. \(ECL\)](#)
9. [Energy Transfer LP \(ET\)](#)
10. [Enterprise Products Partners LP \(EPD\)](#)
11. [Exxon Mobil Corp. \(XOM\)](#)
12. [Ferrari NV \(RACE\)](#)
13. [Hawaiian Holdings Inc. \(HA\)](#)
14. [International Flavors & Fragrances Inc. \(IFF\)](#)
15. [Invesco Ltd \(IVZ\)](#)
16. [Kulicke & Soffa Industries Inc.\(KLIC\)](#)
17. [Manulife Financial Corp. \(MFC\)](#)
18. [Marathon Petroleum Corp. \(MPC\)](#)
19. [National Oilwell Varco Inc. \(NOV\)](#)
20. [NetApp Inc. \(NTAP\)](#)
21. [Newell Brands Inc. \(NWL\)](#)
22. [Norfolk Southern Corp. \(NSC\)](#)
23. [Novo Nordisk A/S \(NVO\)](#)
24. [Parker-Hannifin Corp. \(PH\)](#)
25. [Perrigo Co. plc \(PRGO\)](#)
26. [Physicians Realty Trust \(DOC\)](#)
27. [PPL Corp. \(PPL\)](#)
28. [Royal Dutch Shell plc \(RDS.B\)](#)
29. [Summit Hotel Properties Inc. \(INN\)](#)
30. [Swiss Re Ltd \(SSREY\)](#)

31. [Tenaris SA \(TS\)](#)
32. [The Kraft Heinz Co. \(KHC\)](#)
33. [The Sherwin-Williams Co. \(SHW\)](#)
34. [The Southern Co. \(SO\)](#)
35. [The Western Union Co.\(WU\)](#)
36. [Visa Inc. \(V\)](#)
37. [WestRock Co. \(WRK\)](#)
38. [Wynn Resorts Ltd \(WYNN\)](#)

If there are any specific companies you'd like to get added to The Sure Analysis database, [let us know here](#).

Your feedback matters; we add companies in large part based on how frequently they are requested.

The 6 Best Tobacco Stocks Now, Ranked In Order

As a business owner, selling products that have high profit margins along with strong brand awareness and an exceptionally loyal customer base is strongly desirable.

The cigarette industry fits this model, despite declines over time in the number of customers that use its products. Tobacco stocks are particularly attractive to income-oriented investors thanks to their generous dividends and defensive characteristics during recession.

In this article, we will analyze the prospects of 6 of the largest tobacco stocks:

- [Universal Corp. \(UVV\)](#)
- [Philip Morris International \(PM\)](#)
- [British American Tobacco \(BTI\)](#)
- [Vector Group \(VGR\)](#)
- [Altria Group \(MO\)](#)
- [Imperial Brands PLC \(IMBBY\)](#)

But first, we'll take a look at the tobacco industry's primary concern, which is declining tobacco usage.

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Dividend News

- **New guest contribution on Sure Dividend:** Looking For A Good Robot Stock? Try Japan
- **Foot Locker (FL)** drops 11% in premarket trading after reporting diluted earnings-per-share down 27% and sales down 0.4% in the second quarter
- **The Toro Company (TTC)** reports third quarter sales growth of 27.9% (driven primarily by the acquisition of Charles Machine Works) while adjusted EPS increased 22.1%
- **Ross Stores (ROST)** reports Q2 sales up 6.0% while EPS increased 9.6%; comparable stores sales growth of 3% significantly beat consensus expectations
- **Hasbro (HAS)** strikes a deal to acquire **Entertainment One (ENTMF)** in an all-cash transaction valued at approximately \$4.0B
- **Nordstrom (JWN)** creates chief merchandising officer role
- 32 leading fashion companies sign environmental pact
- **Disney Studios' (DIS)** D23 Expo event begins today
- **Raytheon (RTN)** to build 200,000 square foot facility in Texas
- **YouTube (GOOG)** shuts down 210 channels posting video content about the Hong Kong protests