

JUICED UP:

THE LAST YEAR OF HUGE PROFITS THIS DECADE!



- PERSONAL PORTFOLIO MODEL 2018 -

26.47	5.36%	305.05	6.77	-3.03	50.05
25.85	1.36%	377.25	7.56	-3.77	29.78
29.45	4.36%	375.25	5.56	-2.56	20.05
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Seth Klarman is one of the best investors of all times. On a 34-year timeline, the annual returns for clients of his Buapost fund have been 20% a year.

That's triple the average gain of the S&P 500 and 10-times better than the return of the average investor, who has underperformed the index for decades!

It's quite amazing to see that by pushing one button and never thinking about it again, you can own a portion of 500 superior businesses, which will, with high assurance, earn you 7.6% annually (which they've done for decades). Yet, most investors try to time their positions, constantly buying and selling at the worst possible times, letting their greed and fear guide them, instead of historical averages.

S&P 500 (INDEXSP:.INX)

Add to portfolio

2,853.35 +14.10 (0.50%)

Range 2,846.18 - 2,855.46
52 week 2,267.21 - 2,855.46
Open 2,847.48
Vol. 650.87M



Real-time: 11:18AM EST
INDEXSP real-time data - Disclaimer

Compare:



As you can see, since 1978, not including dividends, which represent about 40% of the overall return, just holding the S&P 500, through thick and thin, no matter how lousy U.S. politicians are managing the Federal budget and our foreign policy, or how corrupt central banks may be in deliberately toying with our credit availability and deflationary and inflationary cycles, the sheer brilliance and entrepreneurial spirit of everyday Americans, who run and manage these companies, has produced a staggering amount of wealth.

Accounting for inflation and adding dividends in order to get the full picture makes the end result even more incredible – a 4,311% return.

That's enough to turn \$15,000 into \$645,000 in 40 years, or \$150,000 into \$6,450,000 in that same period.

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Seth Klarman's performance, though, is even wilder. At 20% a year, in 34 years of investing with him, your \$15,000 would be \$7,383,000 today. Yes, in fewer years (34 years with Seth as opposed to 40 years in the example), and with a tenth of the money (\$15,000 with Seth as opposed to \$150,000 in the example), you'd be one million dollars wealthier (\$7.3M vs. \$6.4M).

You see, time is the friend of the value investor and the enemy of the emotional one.

Seth Klarman, whose book is often sold for over \$1,000 a copy on Amazon, says that the ultimate advantage of the best investors is patience and a long-term outlook.

Examples of this are everywhere, but I think the clearest one is Warren Buffett's investment in Heinz a number of years ago. When asked why he bought it, his reply sent chills down my spine. He said that he had held a file on Heinz going back to 1980 and the timing was perfect.

Warren Buffett waited 30 years for Heinz to be priced correctly, yet the average investor holds stocks for an average period of 46 days!

Now, it is important to understand that not all stocks are long-term investments. In other words, my style of investing is 70% allocated into dividend-growers (long-term) and 30% allocated to speculative trades (a few weeks to 3-5 years).

This has allowed me to generate a 12.7% return over my 18-year career, which started at the age of 16. But, more recently, it has allowed me to generate a 15.6% return over the past decade (ages 23-33), which I believe will be more indicative of my long-term performance.

According to many investment books, a 15% annual return puts you in the 0.032% highest bracket of investors worldwide, which is why I launched Wealth Research Group 2 years ago.

My passion is to share my principles with other investors because a rising tide lifts all boats.

So, my message to you, before we get into the details of the 2018 portfolio model allocation, is that the stock market works!

\$1 invested in U.S. stocks 210 years ago, as of 2012, would be worth \$704,997. Notice that bonds came in second, gold's inflation-adjusted return is 400% in 200 years, and cash, well, only losers invest in fiat currencies over the long haul.

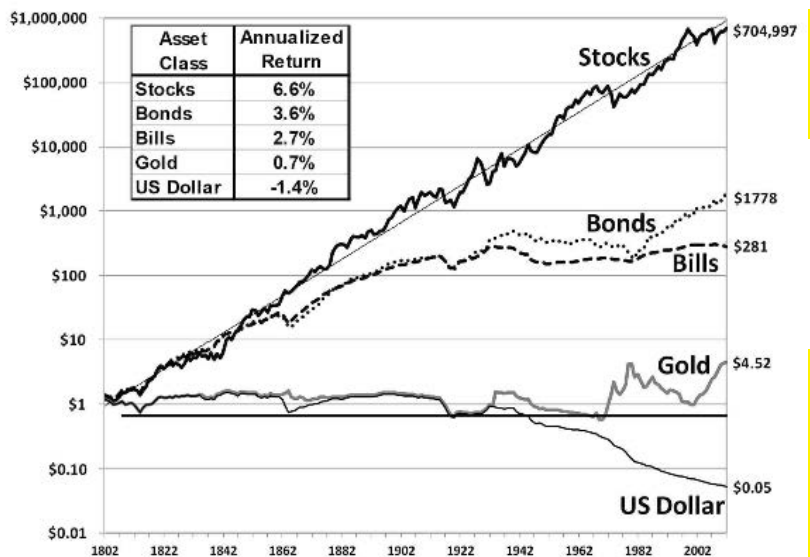


FIGURE 1-1
Total Real Returns on U.S. Stocks, Bonds, Bills, Gold, and the Dollar, 1802-2012

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Think of the stock market as a Formula One car. It is like a perfect machine for generating wealth, but if you don't have the skills to handle the immense horsepower of this car, you'll crash fast and hard.

So, decide today that you'll spend time understanding stocks by reading the classic books of investing: *Stocks for the Long Run*, *The Intelligent Investor*, *Market Wizards*, and others.

Remember, you can earn 7.3% annually by simply investing in the index. Yes, it will take you 30-40 years to turn a \$50,000 portfolio into a \$1,000,000, but it is the safest way.

Personally, I don't buy the index because my strategy is designed to double the return of the index. I also add other sectors, which the broad index doesn't provide leverage to – cannabis and cryptocurrencies.

I prefer to do more research (know everything I can about a small number of companies), investigate companies deeply and thoroughly (meet with the management team), and find the best among the group, those that are the absolute ultimate bargain at any given time (the 20 stocks that will make us wealthy out of the 3,000 stocks that are worth looking at in our markets at any given time).

My second message to you is that in order to become a successful investor, your primary goal is to understand that it is like a second career – become married to the idea that you've just signed up for a lifelong school of great rewards, especially mental ones, which come from knowing the economic machine.

Becoming wealthy is the noblest goal to aim at because it gives you the tool (money) to express yourself – be it for the purposes of the physical body (fine clothes, nourishing food, a well-constructed home, and the time to exercise your body), be it for the purposes of the mind (having time to meet friends, travel our world and see different cultures, read books, or spend time alone resting and kicking back), or be it for the purposes of the soul (spoiling your loved ones with gifts and shared experiences, altruistic generosity, and the time to help those who need to be helped).

With that said, here's my 2018 Asset Allocation Model:

1. **Protection:** Any portfolio, at the core, is based on the notion that no one is always right, and the possibility that we're not paying attention to certain key events or not analyzing them properly, certainly exists.

I've read and listened to most of the world's highly successful investors and businessmen for the past 18 years – the most common traits they share are their fear of losing capital, their need to be humble, and becoming a student of the markets in order not to suffer a catastrophic loss.

Former billionaire, now millionaire hedge-fund manager, Bill Ackman, learned this lesson well, when he lost 80% on one position, which was his biggest one.

Therefore, my portfolio is based on one fundamental principle: Proper Asset Allocation (PAA). It is the only way to avoid devastating losses and keep your head poised.

Therefore, I INSURE my portfolio.

Here are my insurance policies for 2018:

A. Cash Emergency Fund (CEF): Keep a stash of cash notes in the dominating currencies: USD, EUR, AUD, CHF, GBP, CAD, and JPY, tucked away. Personally, I calculate my lifestyle burn rate on a monthly basis and hold 1 year of expenses at hand.

If the worst happens, this is my “start-over” money.

B. Gold and Silver (Precious Metals): 4%-6% of my net worth at any given time is stored as coins and bars. Gold and silver are chaos hedges and alternative forms of currency, which perform well, just as most anything else is fluctuating and crashing.

As we all know, our world is rapidly advancing and becoming richer and more abundant, but holding precious metals has proven itself over thousands of years – it is too important to ignore, but also a very misunderstood subject.

In general, people do not become rich by holding gold and silver, but they do retain their purchasing power if the nation they live in goes into a disastrous and vicious economic crisis compared with holders to the national currency.

It's the ultimate “Grave Dancer” asset and I own it because governments are irresponsible, people around me spend more than they earn, and central banks are outright financial terrorists.

C. Second Passport, offshore accounts, and real estate: If you have the opportunity to study your eligibility to obtain another passport, do it. The advantage of this is that another country welcomes you with open arms.

In terms of diversification, it offers you the ability to also have a bank account and own land or rental real estate easily.

Personally, I have 2 citizenships and am applying for a 3rd now. I have bank accounts in 5 countries and real estate in 4. The precious metals I store are diversified in 5 countries as well.

Remember, in diversifying, overdoing it is most of the time unnecessary, but if you ever need it, it's best to have political and geographical presence in several areas.

Your accountant might know how to get this process started, but there are also companies that specialize in this niche – find them, if you want to have this layer of protection added to your life.

2. **Core offense**: After covering the assets that protect you from meltdowns, the next topic is the main one – how to become wealthier every year, with more predictability and assurance, by putting capital to work alongside the best.

As I explained earlier, investing is a lifelong process, and your core offense is always CASH FLOWING ASSETS.

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Become addicted to this notion – you need to wake up and figure out how to have more cash flow – that’s the name of the game. Financial independence, or the ability to pay for your lifestyle from passive income streams, depends on this.

That’s why, before anything, you **MUST** put aside at least 30% of any income you earn for the sake of investing it in assets. Personally, I started at 10% and got up to more than 60% nowadays. The more you earn, the more you can save – it’s a self-reinforcing cycle, just like the poverty cycle can become hard to get out of.

I know two multimillionaires, who sacrificed big-time for close to a decade by living at home and sticking with a strict regime of saving in order to accumulate assets. If your goal is wealth, SACRIFICE.

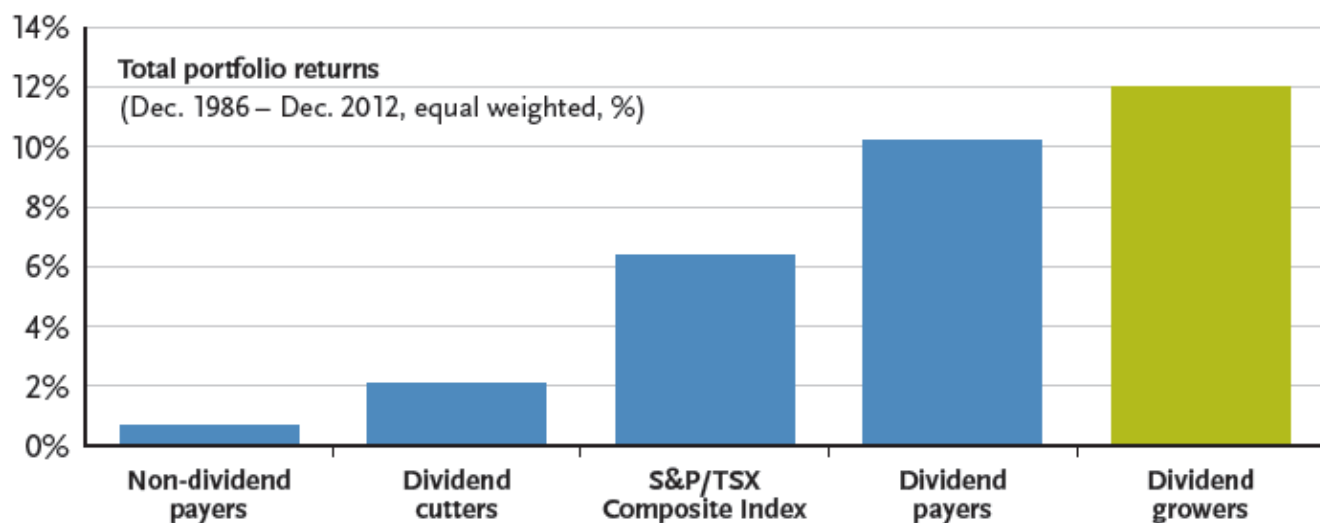
My own story is that my father went bankrupt 3 separate times within a 10 year period, starting when I was 13 and ending when I was 23. So, I started working very early and learned how to sell and negotiate in my teens. For 6 years, I worked 12 hours a day, 7 days a week, but that gave me the ability to be cashed-up in 2009, and I capitalized on this by buying stocks at a generational-low valuation and residential real estate as well.

2,100 days of hard work paid-off and my businesses survived the 2008 crisis, while many competitors didn’t.

With that, let’s go over the core offense assets:

A. Dividend-Growers: This is the engine back of any successful investor you speak to- from Shark Tank’s Kevin O’Leary, to Berkshire Hathaway’s Warren Buffett, to the godfather of all modern investors, Benjamin Graham.

Dividend growth leads to stronger long-term results[†]



Source: RBC Capital Markets Quantitative Research as of December 31, 2012.

It doesn’t matter how long into the past you examine this fact, it is always true.

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As it stands, there are absolutely no more than 5 cheap Dividend-Growers left.

After 9 years of a bull market, it is very difficult to find value – therefore, I'm currently not adding to this part of my portfolio, but when I will, Wealth Research Group will feature these rare gems.

My strategy is called **reinvesting compounding** and if you remember nothing else from this Special Report, please remember this.

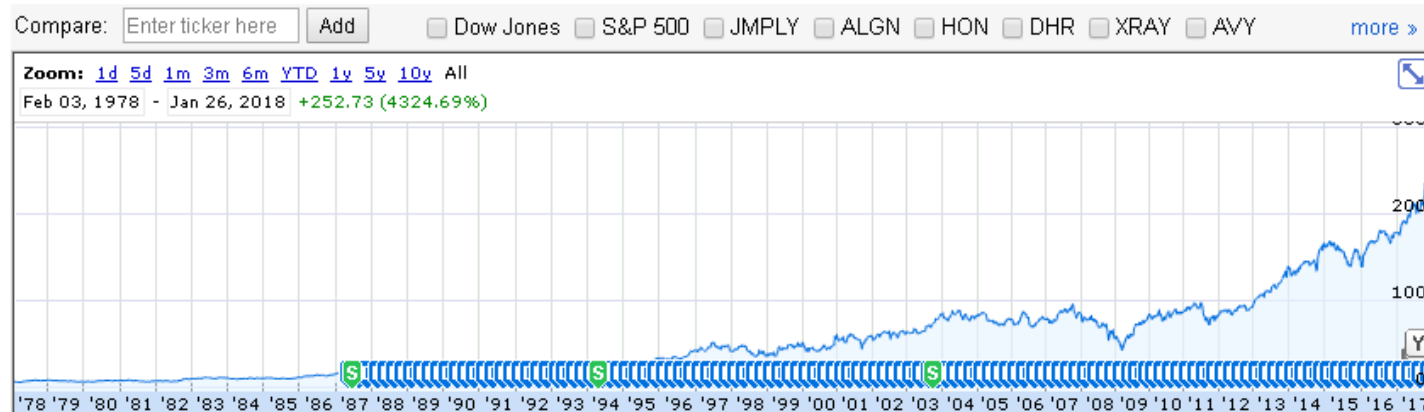
I'll provide a real-world example. In 2006, I bought 3M (NYSE: MMM), which you may or may not have heard about, but if you search their website and look at their products, you'll probably discover that you're using plenty of them.

3M Co (NYSE:MMM)

258.63 +6.27 (2.48%)

Jan 26 - Close
NYSE real-time data - Disclaimer
Currency in USD

Range 253.39 - 259.77 Div/yield 1.36/2.10
52 week 173.55 - 259.77 EPS 7.93
Open 253.43 Shares 594.88M
Vol / Avg. 3.73M/2.10M Beta 1.10
Mkt cap 154.04B Inst. own 69%
P/E 32.61



As you can see, 3M's total return, not including dividends, has beaten the S&P 500 over the past 40 years (4,324% vs. 3,120%). Not only that, but the dividend growth has been astonishing.

Since 2006, the dividend has tripled from \$0.46 per share to \$1.36 per share.

I want to show you how that affects the position in a simplified manner.

In 2006, shares traded for \$75 and the yield was 2.4%, because I was paid \$0.46 every quarter, or \$1.84 in cash a year for every share I owned.

Well, today, I get paid in cash \$5.44 a year for those exact same shares I bought for \$75. That means that the yield on them has increased to 7.2% and 10 years from now, it will increase to approximately 14%.

That's how Warren Buffett is yielding 50% from Coca Cola shares 30 years after he bought them!

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The companies Wealth Research Group profiled in this category are all trading at 52-week highs: AbbVie, Abbott Labs, W.W. Grainger (best-performing stock of January 2018 in the S&P 500), Cardinal Health, C.H. Robinson, and others.

If you're not invested in these already, consider sitting it out, until an opportunity emerges.

At any given time, 40% of my portfolio is allocated to this type of investment, which pays-off big, as you can see, after 25-35 years.

A. Real estate: I love rental properties because they are outside of the stock market.

If you've never invested in real estate, know that there are strategies to buy homes with as little as a 0%-3% down payment, and I've done it.

The most important thing in real estate investing is to know how to do it and that requires reading books on successful strategies, attending courses, and getting mentored.

Wealth Research Group doesn't cover real estate investing, but I can tell you that 76% of the world's millionaires have come from this vocation, so understand it is incredibly lucrative.

2018: AGGRESSIVE TRADING MODEL!

Now, what differentiates individual investors, such as myself, from hedge-fund managers, is the flexibility I have to invest in speculative companies, which fund managers cannot.

This gives us a clear advantage because we can specialize on a group of stocks that the best investors in the world can't even buy, so our competition is lessened!

When I realized that most fund managers do not invest in junior mining companies, in cannabis stocks, and now with cryptocurrencies, I immediately was attracted to them.

In fact, my first brush with mining shares came after the NASDAQ bubble, when I saw they were generationally cheap, but no professional fund wanted in.

Then, with cannabis companies starting in 2014, I realized they are shying away from them and the same goes for cryptocurrencies.

In light of this, here is the 2018 asset allocation model:

A. **Cash**: Normally, I hold 22% of my net worth in cash, but 2018 is an aggressive trading year. There is plenty of institutional cash on the sidelines, which will come in at 2018-2019, and so I want to be already positioned when they throw trillions of dollars at the market, because it means that my positions will double, most likely, due to the fact that they'll chase up my contrarian moves today.

Therefore, I only have 11% in cash for 2018.

Since I'm not buying any Dividend-Growers as well, it leaves a greater percentage (32%) to speculative sectors.

* **Cannabis**: 9% of my net worth will be allocated here – this is a major leap from the 2017 allocation of 3%. The way I see it, with California now legalized and Canada becoming fully legal this July, the market for these stocks will be super-hot. Instead of waiting 20 years to generate a 600% return, I see these types of moves available in 1-2 years!

* **Natural Resources**: for 7 years, the deleveraging of the banking system and the slow growth has been brutal on commodities, but 2018 is shaping up completely different from previous years.

The time has arrived.

The USD is crashing and raw materials are up across the board, but the mining shares have yet to join the rally!

This is the ideal set-up, which I see as an opportunity of a lifetime. In fact, I just bought my daughter's first ever stock (she is 18 month old) and it was with a mining company.

9% of my net worth is allocated here, up from 5% in 2017, and I might hold back on purchasing real estate in 2018 in order to raise this to 15%.

* **Blockchain**: this, right here, is the mother lode.

Currently, I have 14% of my net worth in blockchain companies and cryptocurrencies-related speculations, but I'm draining my private lending accounts (Lending Club and Prosper) in order to reach a 20% allocation to this.

It's the biggest opportunity in my 18 year career – bar none.

In 2018, Wealth Research Group will cover the absolute best companies in these 3 sectors because all of our efforts are devoted to this.

This is the year to make juiced-up returns, the type that only comes around once in a generation!

I'm very aggressive this year; you need to educate yourself and become prepared for a great year ahead.

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