

# The **NO BS** Growth and Income Portfolio

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**Trades: Four Trades this week**

**Buy Bunge (NYSE: BG), Nexstar (Nasdaq: NXST), Douglas Dynamics (NYSE: PLOW), Village Super Market (Nasdaq: VLGEA)**

**Sell (OTC: CGECF), FMC (NYSE: FMC), Valero (NYSE: VLO), Sunoco (NYSE: SUN)**

**Current Portfolio November 11, 2024**

Ticker	Name	Return	Days Held	Sector
BG	Bunge Global SA	0.00%	NEW	Consumer Non-Cyclicals
CBKM	Consumers Bancorp, Inc.	10.49%	171	Finance
EFIN	Eastern Michigan Financial Corp.	19.01%	104	Finance
FUSB	First US Bancshares, Inc.	27.37%	220	Finance
HY	Hyster-Yale, Inc.	-7.45%	87	Industrials
MCEM	The Monarch Cement Co.	35.71%	423	Non-Energy Materials
NXST	Nexstar Media Group, Inc.	0.00%	NEW	Consumer Services
PLOW	Douglas Dynamics, Inc.	0.00%	NEW	Industrials
RSKIA	George Risk Industries, Inc.	28.10%	185	Technology
VLGEA	Village Super Market, Inc.	0.00%	NEW	Consumer Non-Cyclicals



## Trump Won, Now What?

In 1996, I read James P. O'Shaughnessy's *What Works on Wall Street* (WWOS), one of the most important investment books of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. At the time, O'Shaughnessy was the only person with market data back to the 1950s. He could test all sorts of strategies that no one else could, which gave him a massive edge in understanding the markets over time.

In 1997, I wrote to Mr. O'Shaughnessy seeking an internship while in college. Shortly after writing that letter, I sat at his desk, writing code in Fortran and testing strategies from over 40 years ago. This wasn't an internship filled with busy work, brewing coffee, or fetching the mail.

The firm had a 1-gigabyte Dell computer—top class, like a Cadillac—that cost \$10,000. It's amazing to think about sitting there nearly 30 years ago, how time flies, and what a 1-gigabyte computer could do.

The most important thing I learned in testing those strategies is that not much matters. Think about all the stuff that happened between 1951 and 1997: Wars, elections, booms, busts, famine, health crises, inflation, and the Yankees winning several World Series.

You know, mostly the stuff we deal with today, except for the Yankees winning.

*None* of it matters. What matters is *sticking with the system*.

That's it.

If you have an edge, you need to stick with the system. As I point out in my book *Unbounded Wealth*, you need to stick with the system through thick, thin, hell, or high water.

You don't know when your edge will work in your favor, so you must hang around long enough to make it work for you. Even the best strategy has periods of under-performance. Like Mike Tyson said, "Everyone has a plan until they get punched in the nose." Doubt creeps in. Then, the strategy gets abandoned. People move on to the next hot thing. And so they're a mouse on the treadmill and don't get anywhere. They especially don't get any closer to financial security.

In all my testing, the most important factor is following the trend. The trend is your friend. The trend also accounts for war, inflation, health crises, booms, busts, and elections.

Price is what matters.

Identifying a trend is easy. *Following the trend is not*. Otherwise, everyone would do it. That said, there's nothing more profitable.

Following the trend also means you don't need to pay attention to the news—it's just noise. As I note in *Unbounded Wealth*, the news is detrimental to your mental, physical, and financial well-being, and I highlight studies to prove it.

Which leads me to Trump.

I have been inundated by friends, family, and others asking me what I think Trump's election win means for the market.

I don't know, but I do know the trend is up. And market risks are elevated due to the duration of the stock move up and the concentration of a few stocks driving those returns. That's it. That's all that matters. So, my account is at an all-time high, and I'm staying out of my own way. But I am on alert.

I do not think Trump's victory is a surprise. I have a few friends who bet professionally. The brain power, discipline, and dedication required to earn a living betting for 30-50 years is tremendous. Applied to some other endeavor, these people could easily compete with Elon Musk in a race to Mars.

Instead, they have chosen to bet on a one-toed, hoofed mammal running in a circle at 35 MPH with a midget on top of it. If you can make a living over decades betting on thoroughbred racehorses, you can do *anything*.

Those people, as well as their contacts, the *smart* money, had bet Trump so big that there was no edge in either the Electoral College or the popular vote. It was essentially a foregone conclusion. The only thing left to do was to vote and count those votes.

There was possibly an edge in betting that a candidate – presumably either Trump or Harris – would win six of seven "swing states."

But that's about it.

All the meltdowns and gloating on TV and online are from people who had no clue it wouldn't even be close. Like a cold-blooded killer, the smart money calmly collected their winnings and will move on to the next opportunity.

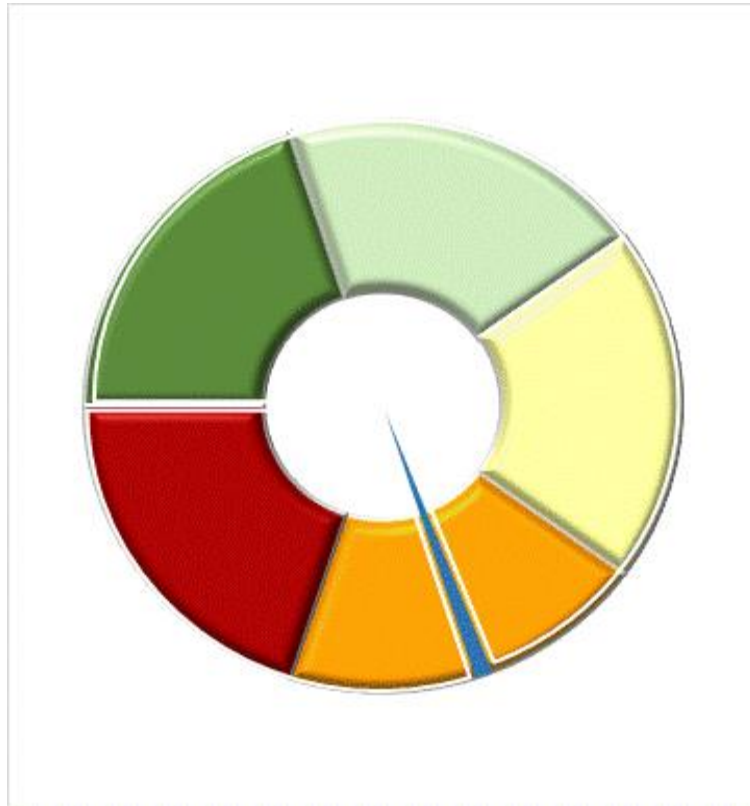
Of course, I have friends and family on both sides of the political spectrum.

It's a very divisive time in our country and the world.

I voted. I hope you voted. I don't give a shit who you voted for. It makes no difference to me and has no bearing on how I feel about my friends, family, or anyone else.

The market will go up. It will go down. Sometimes, it will be volatile. Sometimes, it won't.

The trend will factor in all of that. *It really is that simple*. Follow the trend, stick with the system, and manage risk. Take care of those, and you'll be just fine



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