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## World Stockmarket Forecasts

Stockmarket	One-Year Forecast	Fundamental Indicators	Technical Indicators	Monetary Indicators	Economic Indicators	Historical Performance (in US\$)			Share Index
						3 mths	6 mths	12 mths	
Australia _____	71%	Neutral	Neutral	Bullish	Bullish	+6.5%	+25.3%	-6.7%	5,838.69
Austria _____	43%	Bearish	Bearish	Bullish	Bullish	+1.8%	+18.9%	-21.3%	2,232.62
Belgium _____	55%	Neutral	Bullish	Neutral	Bullish	+7.0%	+30.7%	-3.9%	3,351.24
Canada _____	82%	Neutral	Bullish	Bullish	Bullish	+9.7%	+23.9%	-1.9%	16,222.46
Denmark _____	69%	Bearish	Bullish	Bullish	Bullish	+13.2%	+43.8%	+37.6%	1,315.16
Finland _____	70%	Neutral	Bullish	Neutral	Bullish	+15.1%	+45.9%	+12.9%	10,028.03
France _____	67%	Bearish	Bullish	Bullish	Bullish	+9.8%	+30.6%	-4.5%	3,901.11
Germany _____	74%	Neutral	Bullish	Bullish	Bullish	+16.2%	+52.4%	+13.2%	13,202.84
Ireland _____	70%	Bearish	Bullish	Bullish	Bullish	+13.9%	+31.8%	+8.4%	6,369.16
Italy _____	65%	Neutral	Bullish	Bullish	Bullish	+10.6%	+32.7%	-4.0%	21,678.23
Japan _____	74%	Neutral	Bullish	Bullish	Bullish	+6.1%	+36.3%	+8.2%	23,406.49
Netherlands _____	64%	Bearish	Bullish	Bullish	Bullish	+6.5%	+35.9%	+2.3%	552.01
New Zealand _____	89%	Bearish	Bullish	Bullish	Bullish	+11.5%	+24.3%	+1.2%	1,672.50
Norway _____	77%	Bearish	Bullish	Bullish	Bullish	+11.1%	+41.8%	-6.4%	933.97
Spain _____	55%	Bullish	Bearish	Bullish	Bullish	-0.1%	+10.6%	-20.0%	684.70
Sweden _____	72%	Bearish	Bullish	Bullish	Bullish	+20.5%	+50.3%	+24.3%	1,279.23
Switzerland _____	62%	Bearish	Bullish	Bearish	Bullish	+11.6%	+30.5%	+13.2%	10,439.52
Un. Kingdom _____	64%	Neutral	Bearish	Bullish	Bullish	+0.8%	+17.2%	-16.2%	6,032.09
USA _____	75%	Bearish	Bullish	Bullish	Bullish	+9.9%	+23.2%	+11.1%	3,340.97
Argentina _____	72%	Bearish	Bullish	Bullish	Bullish	-2.1%	+35.0%	+30.6%	45,839.99
Brazil _____	63%	Neutral	Bearish	Bullish	Bullish	+0.7%	+8.7%	-27.0%	98,363.21
Czech Rep. _____	70%	Bullish	Bearish	Bullish	Bullish	+2.1%	+14.9%	-11.1%	897.77
Chile _____	68%	Bullish	Bearish	Bullish	Bullish	-3.0%	+8.8%	-31.3%	18,848.87
China _____	53%	Bearish	Bullish	Neutral	Bearish	+15.7%	+15.8%	+11.4%	3,260.35
Greece _____	68%	Bullish	Bearish	Bullish	Bullish	+3.5%	+22.8%	-20.6%	636.03
Egypt _____	71%	Bullish	Bearish	Bullish	Bullish	+4.9%	-1.8%	-24.1%	11,070.84
Hong Kong _____	63%	Neutral	Bearish	Bullish	Bullish	+0.8%	+2.3%	-9.6%	24,503.51
Hungary _____	45%	Bearish	Bearish	Bullish	Bullish	-4.9%	+3.1%	-14.2%	34,837.99
India _____	84%	Bearish	Bullish	Bullish	Bullish	+18.8%	+14.7%	+0.7%	38,854.55
Indonesia _____	67%	Bullish	Bearish	Bullish	Bullish	-3.7%	-0.5%	-26.3%	5,016.71
Israel _____	48%	Bearish	Bearish	Bullish	Bullish	-4.9%	+18.3%	-10.5%	1,334.15
Korea _____	79%	Neutral	Bullish	Bullish	Bullish	+14.1%	+38.0%	+16.1%	2,396.69
Malaysia _____	68%	Bullish	Neutral	Bullish	Bullish	+0.1%	+15.2%	-5.7%	1,504.85
Mexico _____	59%	Bullish	Bearish	Bullish	Bullish	+0.8%	-1.7%	-22.6%	36,334.89
Philippines _____	67%	Neutral	Bearish	Bullish	Bullish	-4.6%	+8.7%	-20.1%	5,967.96
Poland _____	69%	Bearish	Bullish	Bullish	Bullish	+6.2%	+37.6%	-9.4%	50,737.57
Portugal _____	78%	Bullish	Bullish	Bullish	Bullish	+7.4%	+26.3%	+5.5%	3,168.58
Russia _____	71%	Bullish	Bearish	Bullish	Bullish	-8.0%	+19.1%	-23.4%	1,223.05
Singapore _____	69%	Bullish	Bearish	Bullish	Bullish	-5.6%	-2.2%	-22.2%	2,490.09
Sth Africa _____	99%	Neutral	Bullish	Bullish	Bullish	+6.5%	+23.3%	-14.5%	56,087.84
Taiwan _____	74%	Neutral	Bullish	Bullish	Bullish	+12.5%	+28.7%	+23.6%	12,675.95
Thailand _____	61%	Bullish	Bearish	Bullish	Bullish	-8.0%	+15.0%	-86.0%	1,279.96
Turkey _____	58%	Bearish	Neutral	Bullish	Bullish	-8.5%	-2.3%	-18.6%	110,270.00
Venezuela _____	79%	Bullish	Bullish	Bearish	Bullish	+55.8%	+386.7%	+823.5%	515,007.40

**One Year Forecasts** predict the probability that a stock-market will rise over the next year. Investors should seek to invest in markets with forecasts of 60-100%, while avoiding markets with forecasts of 0-40%. Bullish = Favourable. Bearish = Unfavourable.

# World Stockmarket Outlook

The *Average Dividend Yield* is a good forecaster of future stock prices, especially over the longer term.

When stockmarkets fell in March, average Dividend Yields in most countries rose towards historical highs. High yields indicate that stock prices are under-valued . . . and stock prices have rallied strongly from those lows!

In response to Covid-19, many companies have cut dividends, either as business activity is depressed or owing to *uncertainty*. Lower dividends equal lower dividend yields. See the charts on pages 4 and 5.

Share prices have also risen strongly over the last six months. Higher share prices equal lower dividend yields.

Dividend Yields are now near historical lows in many markets. Low yields indicate that stock prices are over-valued. This is a time to be cautious!

We recommend continuing to hold a 25-30% cash reserve and 25-30% of counter cyclical sectors (i.e. Gold Mining, Utilities and Energy).

## Recommended Funds Geographic Portfolio Spread

Fund Name	Size (Mil)	Leverage (%debt)	Top 10 Hldgs (%)	Portfolio invested in (%):													
				Cash	HK	Australia	Malay	Taiwan	Korea	Sing.	Thail'd	Phil.	China	India			
Aberdeen Std Asian	£405	10	30.9	2.9	8.0	0.1	8.2	8.3	5.3	8.8	12.5	6.1	2.2	13.8	Indo 7.1		
India Capital Growth	£91	Nil	44.7	1.2										98.8			
Scottish Oriental Sm Coys	£277	Nil	33.1	6.2	8.1		0.1	4.3		1.2		12.3	7.2	40.3	Indo 13.7		
				Cash	USA	UK	Europe	Japan	Canada	Aust	Russia	China	Sth Afr	Sweden	Peru		
Aberforth Small Cos Trust	£942	6	27.7			100.0											
Baillie Gifford Shin Nippon	£564	11	30.3	2.3				97.7									
Fidelity Japan Trust plc	£240	26	48.8	1.8				98.2									
Herald Investment Trust	£1299	Nil	19.0	9.7	25.2	48.9	7.4	8.8									
iShares Oil & Gas Exp	£89	Nil	63.0	0.6	51.6			2.9	14.0	10.2	10.5	7.3		1.7			
iShares S&P500 Utilities	£25	Nil	63.5		100.0												
VanEck Gold Miners	£641	Nil	63.4		17.2				55.5	13.0		1.3	6.8		1.0		
VanEck Junior Gold Miners	£289	Nil	44.9		2.8				49.8	18.8			17.4		6.9		

# *Recommended International Investment Funds*

## Share Repurchases

**Aberforth Smaller Companies plc** made 11 on-market share purchases over the last five weeks to acquire a total of 610,000 shares for £5,226,071.

**Aberdeen Standard Asia Focus** also made 11 share repurchases, acquiring 180,000 of its own shares and returning £1,774,333 to investors.

**Scottish Oriental Smaller Companies** made a total of 14 on-market trades, repurchasing 177,314 shares for £1,527,369.

**Herald Investment Trust plc** made just one share repurchase of 59,725 shares, returning £1,028,184 to investors.

Current Advice	Investment Fund	EPIC Code	Initial Recommendation		Prem/Disc to Net Assets	Recent Price		Gain or Loss %	
			--- Date ---	Offer Price		Bid-Offer or Last Sale	NZ Cents		
<b>United States</b>									
HOLD	iShares S&P500 Utilities	IUSU	13/08/18	422.3p	819.4		490.15p	940.8	+15
<b>United Kingdom</b>									
HOLD	Aberforth Smaller Cos Trt plc	ASL	15/07/03	375.5p	1042.0	-16%	841.0p	1614.2	+55
<b>Gold Mining</b>									
BUY	VanEck V. Gold Miners	GDGB	14/01/19	1731.0p	3253.8		3439.0p	6600.8	+103
BUY	VanEck V. Junior Gold Miners	GJGB	14/01/19	2011.0p	3780.1		3887.0p	7460.7	+97
<b>Asian Regional</b>									
HOLD	Aberdeen Std Asia Focus	AAS	09/09/03	89.2p	247.8	-13%	1015.0p	1948.2	+686
HOLD	Scot Oriental Smaller Coy	SST	11/11/03	121.9p	330.5	-12%	876.0p	1681.4	+409
<b>India</b>									
BUY	India Capital Growth plc	IGC	07/11/16	80.5p	137.6	-18%	65.4p	125.5	-9
<b>Japan</b>									
HOLD	Baillie Gifford Shin Nippon plc	BGS	11/01/94	31.2p	88.1	+1%	209.0p	401.2	+356
HOLD	Fidelity Japan Trust plc	FJV	10/01/06	126.0p	322.7	-7%	188.0p	360.8	+12
<b>International</b>									
HOLD	Herald Investment Trust	HRI	12/10/04	310.8p	820.1	-18%	1570.0p	3013.4	+267
BUY	iShares Oil & Gas Exp & Prod	SPOG	08/04/19	1287.0p	2491.8		680.75p	1306.6	-48

\* United Kingdom based Unit Trust

The average Gains/Losses of all current investments from initial recommendation is +176.7%. This is equal to an average annual rate of +16.3%, based upon the length of time each position has been held. The average annual rate of gain of ALL recommendations (both the 11 current and 70 closed out) is +12.5%.

# World Stockmarket Valuations

Country	Dividend Yield	Price/Earn. Ratio
Australia	3.5	18.4
Austria	0.9	9.9
Belgium	2.4	20.8
Canada	3.1	23.5
Denmark	1.4	27.4
Finland	2.8	19.8
France	2.1	18.4
Germany	2.5	22.5
Ireland	0.9	30.7
Italy	3.0	20.6
Japan	2.2	21.6
Netherlands	1.6	20.5
New Zealand	2.3	27.4
Norway	2.8	40.1
Spain	4.9	13.4
Sweden	0.8	15.7
Switzerland	2.7	20.4
Un. Kingdom	3.5	12.5
USA	1.6	29.6
Argentina	1.1	NE
Brazil	3.0	19.3
Czech Rep.	5.1	8.6

Country	Dividend Yield	Price/Earn. Ratio
Chile	4.1	14.9
China	1.7	18.1
Greece	4.5	15.0
Egypt	3.1	8.2
Hong Kong	2.8	12.9
Hungary	0.2	11.5
India	1.1	27.9
Indonesia	3.6	14.5
Israel	1.1	22.7
Korea	2.0	19.7
Malaysia	3.2	21.0
Mexico	2.9	19.5
Philippines	1.9	34.8
Poland	0.8	14.8
Portugal	4.6	21.7
Russia	6.6	9.0
Singapore	4.9	14.5
Sth Africa	2.2	17.1
Taiwan	3.3	19.0
Thailand	3.7	21.3
Turkey	1.5	9.1

United States Dividend Yields



United Kingdom Dividend Yields



Japan Dividend Yields



Canada Dividend Yields



**France Dividend Yields**



**China Dividend Yields**



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**Switzerland Dividend Yields**



**Taiwan Dividend Yield**

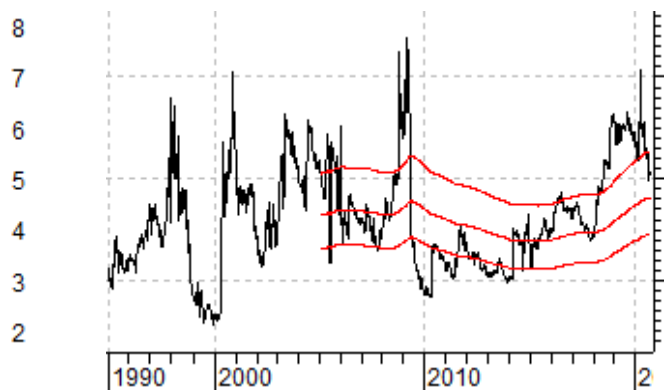


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**Australia Dividend Yield**



**South Korea Dividend Yield**

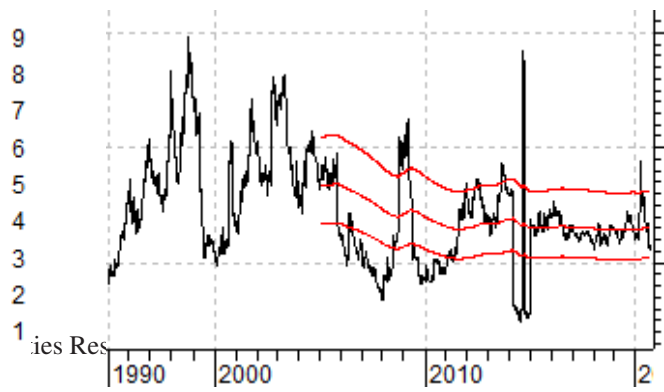


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**Germany Dividend Yield**



**India Dividend Yield**



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