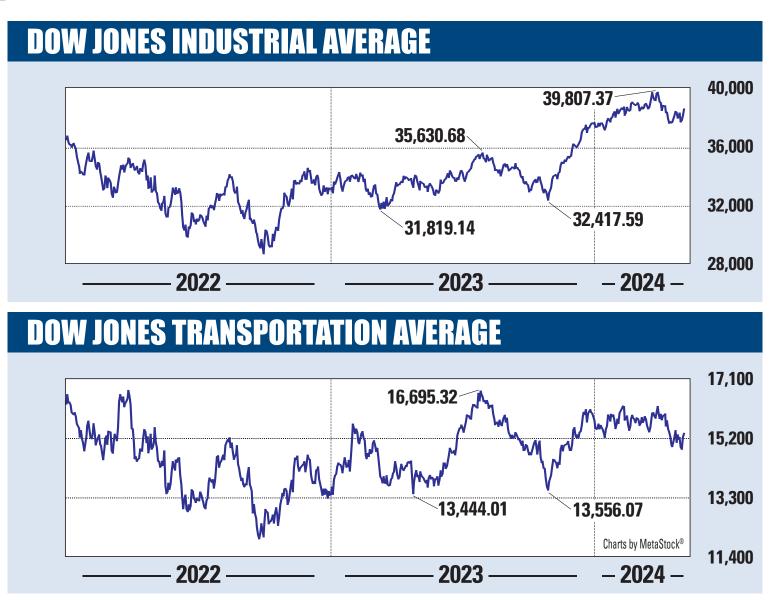


### Mid-Year Stock Market Outlook 2024

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**MAY 6, 2024** 

#### **Bull Market Continues**



January 1, 2022 through May 3, 2024

<u>Dow Jones Industrial Average</u>: Invented by Charles Dow in 1895, the Dow Jones Industrial Average is a price-weighted average of 30 significant U.S. stocks traded on the New York Stock Exchange and the Nasdaq.

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#### 200-Day Chart

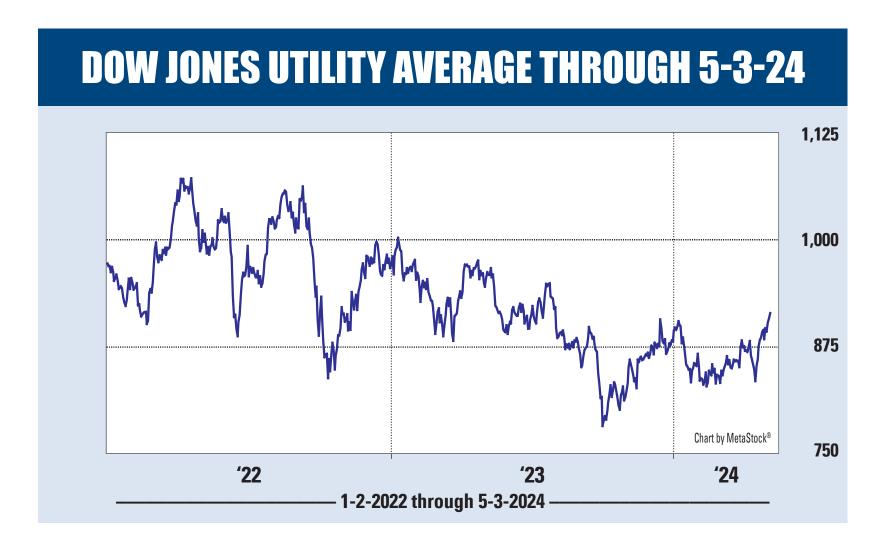
#### **INTERMEDIATE POTENTIAL RISK THROUGH 5-3-24**



The Intermediate Potential Risk chart reflects the percentage of stocks on the New York Stock Exchange trading above their 200-day moving average. When more than 70% of the stocks on the NYSE are trading above their 200-day moving average, stocks are said to be in "higher risk" territory and due for a correction. Conversely, when less than 40% of the stocks on the New York Stock Exchange are trading above their 200-day average, stocks are in low-risk territory.



#### **DJ** Utility Avg.



January 1, 2022 through May 3, 2024

**Dow Jones Utility Average:** is a price-weighted average of 15 U.S. utility stocks.



# Utility Favorites

- NextEra Energy (\$71; NEE)
- National Fuel Gas (\$56; NFG)
- Atmos Energy (\$119; ATO)
- **Vistra** (\$83; VST)



# Large Cap Favorites

- Alphabet (\$167; GOOGL)
- **Broadcom** (\$1,298; AVGO)
- Dell Technologies (\$128; DELL)
- Parker-Hannifin (\$548; PH)
- QUALCOMM (\$181; QCOM)



## Small Cap Favorites

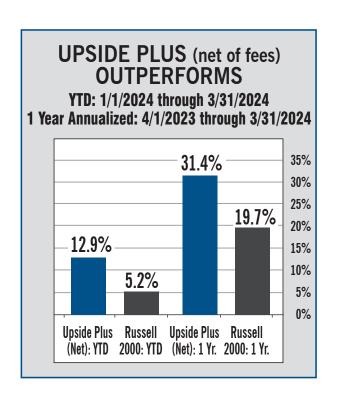
- **EMCOR (\$375; EME)**
- Powell Industries (\$168; POWL)
- **Vertiv (\$97; VRT)**
- Victory Capital (\$53; VCTR)



#### **Upside Plus**

# Horizon Investment Services Upside Plus Strategy

Inception Date: 11/30/2003
Benchmark: Russell 2000 Index



#### **Performance Summary**

----Annualized---YTD 1 Yr. 3 Yr. 5 Yr. 10 Yr.

Upside Plus (Net) 12.9% 31.4% 5.5% 13.3% 6.5%

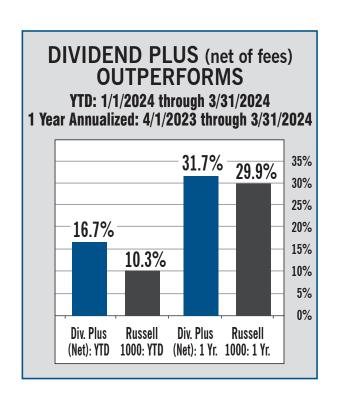
Russell 2000 Index 5.2% 19.7% -0.1% 8.1% 7.6% (Benchmark)



#### **Dividend Plus**

# Horizon Investment Services Dividend Plus Strategy

Inception Date: 7/31/2006
Benchmark: Russell 1000 Index



#### **Performance Summary**

----Annualized---YTD 1 Yr. 3 Yr. 5 Yr. 10 Yr.

Dividend Plus (Net) 16.7% 31.7% 6.7% 10.9% 8.4%

Russell 1000 Index (Benchmark) 10.3% 29.9% 10.5% 14.8% 12.7%



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	Total Firm	Composite Assets		Annual Performance Results				3 Yr. Standard Deviation	
	Assets	(USD)	Number of		Gross	Net	Composite		
Year End	(millions)	(millions)	Accounts	Benchmark	Composite	Composite	Dispersion	Benchmark	Composite
2023	258.2	6.8	10	16.9%	24.8%	23.2%	1.0%	21.1%	21.5%
2022	224.0	5.3	9	(20.4)%	(23.5)%	(24.4)%	0.5%	26.0%	25.1%
2021	281.2	10.7	11	14.8%	39.3%	37.7%	2.0%	23.4%	21.5%
2020	215.3	6.7	9	19.9%	13.0%	11.6%	0.9%	25.3%	23.3%
2019	198.8	6.9	13	25.5%	29.8%	28.2%	1.6%	15.7%	16.3%
2018	193.9	5.8	16	(11.0)%	(23.8)%	(24.8)%	0.4%	15.8%	14.8%
2017	295.5	13.4	60	14.7%	17.9%	16.4%	0.7%	13.9%	12.4%
2016	265.7	11.8	59	21.3%	7.3%	5.9%	0.9%	15.8%	13.6%
2015	320.0	14.3	79	(4.4)%	(5.9)%	(7.2)%	0.6%	14.0%	13.4%
2014	259.5	11.3	33	4.9%	11.2%	9.8%	0.6%	13.1%	13.2%

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