

Mid-Year Outlook 2025

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The Dow Theory

DOW JONES INDUSTRIAL AVERAGE



DOW JONES TRANSPORTATION AVERAGE



January 1, 2024 through July 25, 2025

Dow Jones Industrial Average: 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.

Dow Jones Transportation Average: is a price-weighted average of 20 U.S. transportation stocks.

INTERMEDIATE POTENTIAL RISK THROUGH 7-25-25

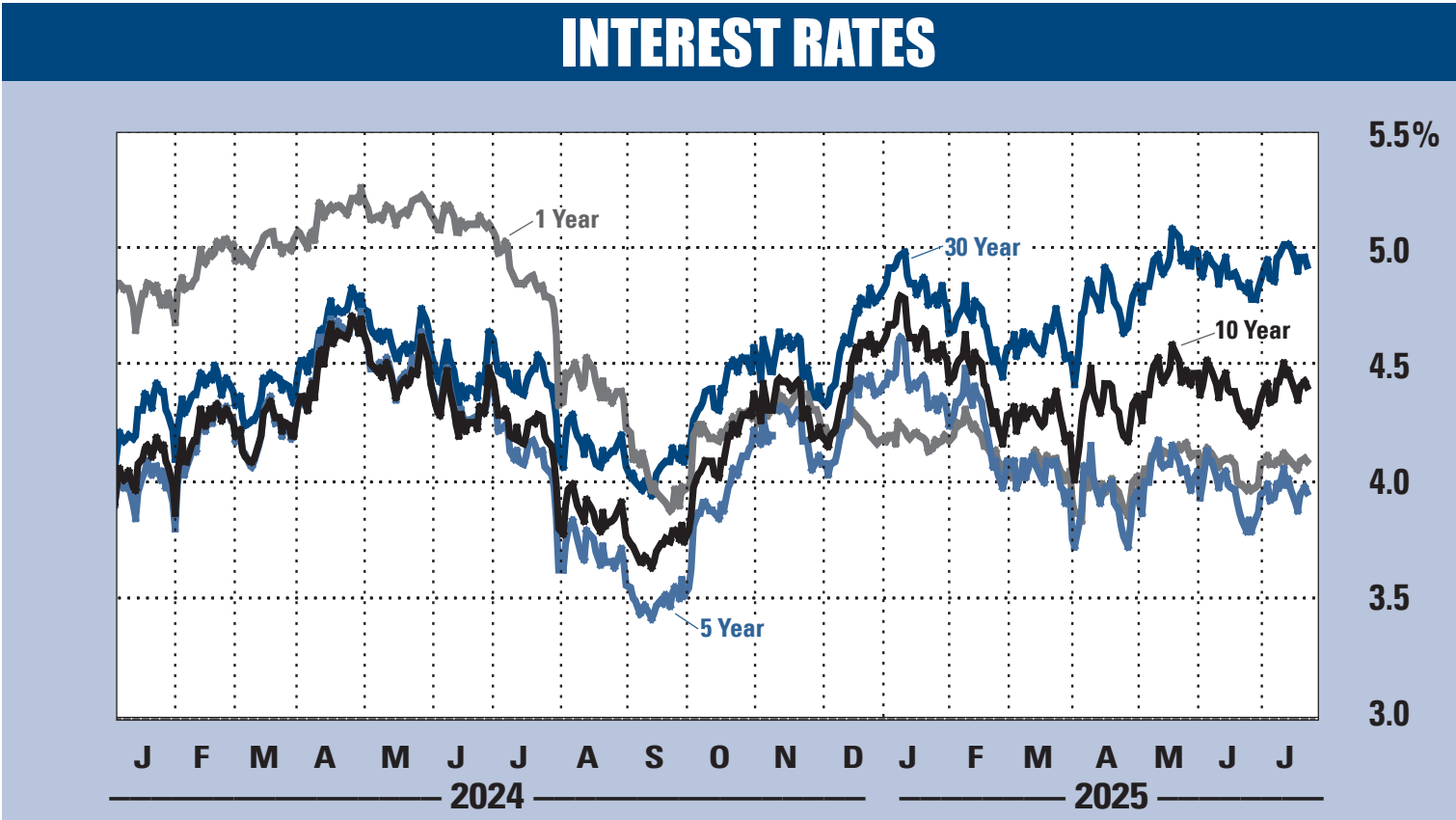


The Intermediate Potential Risk chart reflects the percentage of stocks on the New York Stock Exchange trading above their 200-day moving average. When more than 70% of the stocks on the NYSE are trading above their 200-day moving average, stocks are said to be in “higher risk” territory and due for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

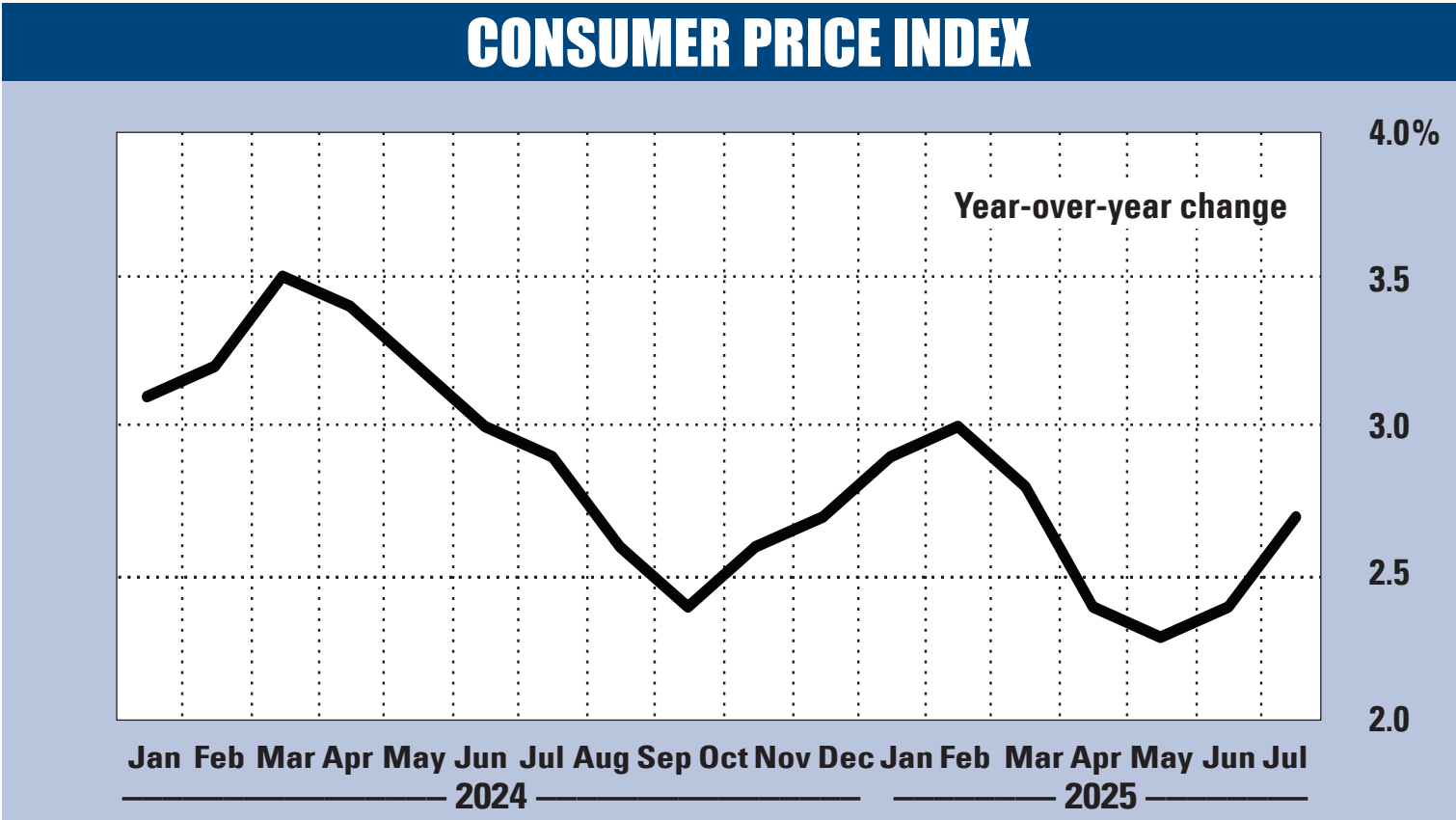
Risks

- 1. Interest Rates**
- 2. Inflation**
- 3. Corporate Profits**

Interest Rates



Inflation



Corporate Profits

5 Tariff-Friendly Stocks

- **ADT (\$8; ADT)**
- **Axos Financial (\$85; AX)**
- **Carriage Services (\$45; CSV)**
- **Esquire Financial (\$99; ESQ)**
- **Paycom Software (\$239; PAYC)**

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5 Favorites For Second Half of 2025

- **Alphabet (\$193; *GOOGL*)**
- **Amphenol (\$105; *APH*)**
- **Exelixis (\$46; *EXEL*)**
- **Uber Technologies (\$91; *UBER*)**
- **UGI (\$36; *UGI*)**

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Best Ideas Strategy

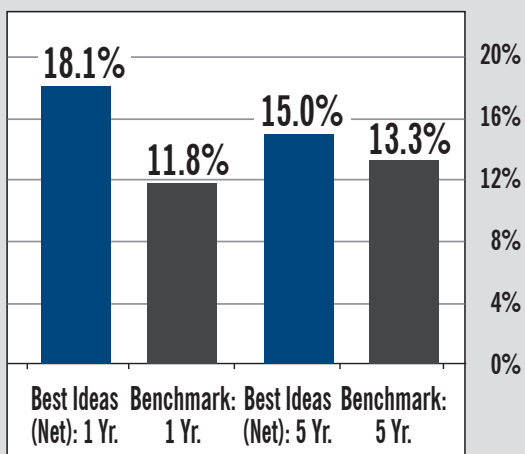
Inception Date: 7/31/2003

Benchmark: 50/50 Blend — Russell 1000/Russell 2000 Indexes

Best Ideas (net of fees) OUTPERFORMS

1 Year Annualized: 7/1/2024 through 6/30/2025

5 Year Annualized: 7/1/2020 through 6/30/2025



Performance Summary

	-----Annualized-----				Since
	YTD	1 Yr.	3 Yr.	5 Yr.	Inception
Best Ideas (Net)	4.6%	18.1%	17.5%	15.0%	8.9%
Benchmark	2.1%	11.8%	14.9%	13.3%	9.9%

(Benchmark: 50/50 Blend Russell 1000/Russell 2000 Indexes)

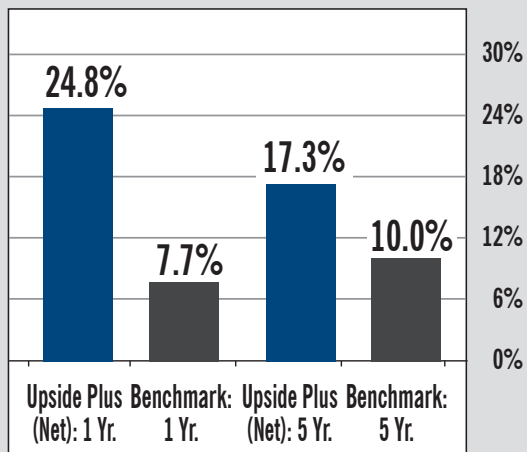
Horizon Investment Services Upside Plus Strategy

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

Upside Plus (net of fees) OUTPERFORMS

1 Year Annualized: 7/1/2024 through 6/30/2025

5 Year Annualized: 7/1/2020 through 6/30/2025



Performance Summary

	-----Annualized-----				Since
	YTD	1 Yr.	3 Yr.	5 Yr.	Inception
Upside Plus (Net)	4.9%	24.8%	20.8%	17.3%	8.2%
Benchmark	-1.8%	7.7%	10.0%	10.0%	8.0%

(Benchmark: Russell 2000 Index)

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Forecasts Total Market

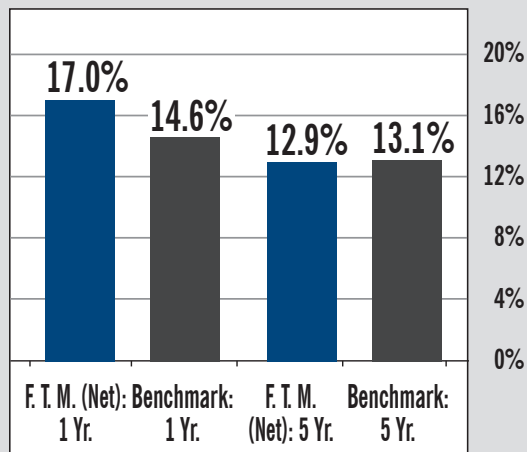
Inception Date: 9/30/2019

Benchmark: Blend — 70% Russell 3000, 17% MSCI EAFE, 11% Barclays Aggregate Bond, 2% FTSE 3-Month T-Bill

Forecasts Total Market (net of fees) OUTPERFORMS

1 Year Annualized: 7/1/2024 through 6/30/2025

5 Year Annualized: 7/1/2020 through 6/30/2025



Performance Summary

	———Annualized———				
	YTD	1 Yr.	3 Yr.	5 Yr.	Since Inception
Forecasts Total Market (Net)	6.4%	17.0%	16.0%	12.9%	11.9%
Benchmark	7.8%	14.6%	16.5%	13.1%	12.1%
(Benchmark: Blend — 70% Russell 3000, 17% MSCI EAFE, 11% Barclays Aggregate Bond, 2% FTSE 3-Month T-Bill)					

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Best Ideas Composite GIPS® Composite Report

Year End	Total Firm Assets (millions)	Composite Assets		Annual Performance Results				3 Yr. Standard Deviation	
		(USD) (millions)	Number of Accounts	Custom Blended Benchmark	Gross Composite	Net Composite	Composite Dispersion	Custom Blended Benchmark	Composite
2024	316.0	29.1	48	18.1%	29.6%	28.0%	2.8%	19.7%	18.0%
2023	258.2	30.9	50	21.9%	22.9%	21.4%	1.4%	18.6%	17.5%
2022	224.0	27.2	55	(19.7)%	(23.2)%	(24.2)%	0.9%	23.2%	21.2%
2021	281.2	40.7	54	20.7%	34.3%	32.6%	1.6%	20.0%	18.0%
2020	215.3	31.3	49	20.8%	18.7%	17.3%	1.9%	21.9%	19.8%
2019	198.8	28.6	54	28.5%	30.5%	28.9%	1.5%	13.5%	13.9%
2018	193.9	27.2	66	(7.9)%	(19.1)%	(20.2)%	0.8%	13.0%	12.9%
2017	295.5	47.3	87	18.2%	23.4%	21.9%	1.0%	11.4%	11.2%
2016	265.7	39.0	82	16.7%	1.2%	(0.1)%	1.0%	12.7%	12.4%
2015	320.0	48.1	97	(1.7)%	(0.9)%	(2.2)%	0.6%	11.7%	12.0%

Best Ideas Composite contains fully discretionary Best Ideas commission accounts and, for comparison purposes, is measured against a custom blended benchmark of 50/50 Russell 1000 and 2000 Indices, as calculated monthly by Horizon. The Best Ideas strategy is an all-equity portfolio consisting of Horizon's favorite stocks that Horizon believes offer the best total-return potential over the next 12 months. The portfolio is typically 40% to 65% large-cap stocks and 35% to 60% small and midcap stocks. Initial individual positions are approximately equal-weighted and typically are not allowed to account for more than 5% of an investor's portfolio. Certain sectors are overweighted or underweighted in the portfolio based on opportunities available in individual stocks, although it is unlikely that one sector will account for more than 40% of the total portfolio. While the portfolio may be 100% invested in stocks, cash and fixed income investments may be held depending on macro market conditions and the availability of attractive stock opportunities. The Russell 1000 Index is an unmanaged total-return index designed to measure the performance of the largest 1,000 companies in the Russell 3000 Index of the 3,000 publicly held U.S. companies in terms of market capitalization. The Russell 2000 Index is an unmanaged total-return index designed to measure the performance of the smallest 2,000 companies in the Russell 3000 Index of the 3,000 publicly held U.S. companies in terms of market capitalization.

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Upside Plus Composite

GIPS® Composite Report

Year End	Total Firm Assets (millions)	Composite Assets		Annual Performance Results				3 Yr. Standard Deviation	
		(USD) (millions)	Number of Accounts	Benchmark	Gross Composite	Net Composite	Composite Dispersion	Benchmark	Composite
2024	316.0	5.8	10	11.5%	32.6%	31.0%	0.9%	23.3%	22.8%
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%

Upside Plus Composite contains fully discretionary Upside Plus commission and bundled fee-paying accounts and, for comparison purposes, is measured against the Russell 2000 Index. The Upside Plus strategy is an all-equity portfolio consisting of Horizon's favorite small and midcap stocks that Horizon believes offer the best total-return potential over the next 12 months. Initial individual positions are approximately equal-weighted and typically are not allowed to account for more than 5% of an investor's portfolio. Certain sectors are overweighted or underweighted in the portfolio based on opportunities available in individual stocks, although it is unlikely that one sector will account for more than 40% of the total portfolio. While the portfolio may be 100% invested in stocks, cash and fixed-income investments may be held depending on macro market conditions and the availability of attractive stock opportunities. The Russell 2000 Index is an unmanaged total-return index designed to measure the performance of the smallest 2,000 companies in the Russell 3000 Index of the 3,000 publicly held U.S. companies in terms of market capitalization.

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2019	198.8	0.6	5 or fewer	7.8%	9.3%	9.0%	N.A.		

N.A. - Information is not statistically meaningful due to an insufficient number of portfolios in the composite for the entire year.

*Inception date 9/30/2019

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