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Update on our D.I.C.E.™ strategy

Ours is a family of gamers, but not the more common use of the word as in "video gamers." As many of you already know, we are a more traditional family and prefer tactile games when we get together. Sometimes it's a card game like euchre or cribbage, or when everyone is around the table it's usually Mexican trains. But more often than not, we prefer to play board games together. We get to roll the dice, move our pawns on the board and sometimes team up on each other! Some of our favorite board games are Catan, Ticket To Ride and most recently H.Y.S.T.- How You Steal Things. We highly recommend H.Y.S.T., which we recently found while visiting The 15% Board Game Café in Tacoma Washington, which we also recommend. This board game is unique in such that it uses a four-sided die called a ***tetrahedron***.

Beyond the standard six-sided die, there are many other *polyhedral dice* used in games, each with a name based on the number of faces. In addition to the pyramid shaped tetrahedron, there's a 12-sided die called a ***dodecahedron***.

There is even a 20-sided die called an ***icosahedron***. Many new board games are starting to incorporate these unique dice to spice up their games.

The fact that dice do not have to be just "normal" dice any longer made me realize that it is okay to expand upon Double Eagle Partner's D.I.C.E.™ strategy. As you recall, we've been operating under our multi-asset, multi-sector D.I.C.E.™ framework for almost three years now. We have had annualized returns in excess of 15% with lower volatility and risk than the standard 60/40 investment portfolio. Our strategy has focused on **Dividend** paying stocks, **International** stocks, **Commodities** and **Emerging** industries. But just like the new multi-sided gamer dice, we are now expanding the number of possible investment choices under the D.I.C.E.™ strategy.

The current portfolio positioning reflects a world undergoing rapid geopolitical, technological, and economic transformation. The goal is to ensure your capital is aligned with the forces shaping the next decade, not the last one. Our thematic strategies are not short-term trades; they represent structural shifts in global capital flows, supply chains, demographics, and national priorities. This portfolio construction reflects a belief that the traditional 60/40 model is no longer sufficient for investors who need both resilience and growth in a world defined by volatility and opportunity.

"D" is for Dividends, Diversification, and the Global Defense Industry

Having a strategy that recognizes a simple reality: global defense spending is rising, and not marginally. The world has entered a period of sustained geopolitical tension, and nations across Europe, Asia, and North America are re-arming at levels not seen in decades. Our allocations to U.S. aerospace and defense (ITA and Raytheon), transatlantic defense (NATO, SHLD, EUAD), and robotics (KRKNF and JEDI) are designed to capture this secular trend. A secular rotation is when long term structural shifts reshape the market over a period of several years or decades.

These holdings have already delivered strong multi-year returns and exhibit moderate beta, meaning they contribute positively to performance without introducing excessive volatility. Defense is no longer a niche sector, it is a global priority, and we believe it will remain so for years to come.

Within the U.S., we maintain exposure to small-cap and mid-cap cash-flow leaders (SCHD, VIG, CALF), as well as an equal-weight S&P 500 strategy (RSP). This approach reduces concentration risk—particularly important in a market where the Mag-7 mega-cap names dominate traditional indices. By emphasizing valuation discipline and diversified factor exposure, we aim to capture broad-based U.S. growth without overreliance on any single sector (like tech) or company (Nvidia).

"I" is for International, Innovation, Intelligence and the New Industrial Cycle

We will continue to focus on innovation, particularly in semiconductors, robotics, and AI-driven emerging industries. Semiconductors are the new oil—foundational to every modern technology from cloud computing to autonomous vehicles. Our exposure to semiconductor ETFs (SOXX & SMH), along with individual positions in Microsoft, Intel, and Tesla, reflects our conviction that we are still early in the AI adoption curve.

We also maintain exposure to robotics and automation through Teradyne and related holdings. As labor shortages persist and productivity demands rise, automation will become a necessity across industries. These companies are positioned at the intersection of technological advancement and industrial necessity.

Commodities, "Cash" & Real Assets: A Hedge Against Instability and Inflation

The third pillar is real assets—specifically gold, silver, uranium, rare earth minerals and real-asset ETFs (RAAX & REMX). In an era of fiscal deficits, currency volatility, and geopolitical uncertainty, real assets serve as a stabilizing force within the portfolio. Our allocations to physical gold and silver, along with uranium miners and nuclear-energy ETFs (NLR & NUKZ), provide both defensive ballast and exposure to long-term structural demand.

Uranium, in particular, represents a unique opportunity. As nations seek carbon-neutral baseload power, nuclear energy is experiencing a renaissance. Supply constraints and rising global demand create a compelling long-term setup for this sector which we access through the uranium miners ETF, URNM.

Our fixed-income sleeve is housed within this strategy pillar and includes AAA rated CLOs (collateralized loan obligations ETF, JAAA) and ultra-short Treasuries (JPST & SGOV), providing yield and stability. These instruments help buffer volatility while maintaining liquidity for opportunistic rebalancing throughout the year. We also include small allocations to crypto-linked ETFs (IBIT, ETHA, WGMI), reflecting the growing institutional acceptance of digital assets as an alternative store of value.

Emerging Markets and Emerging Industries: Growth Where the Growth Is

Having a pillar of global diversification with a focus on emerging markets outside China should continue to prove fortuitous again this year. Demographics, supply-chain realignment, and rising middle-class consumption make India, Latin America, and Pacific markets attractive destinations for capital. Our exposure to Emerging Markets (ex-China), India, and Latin America are designed to capture this growth while avoiding the structural headwinds facing China's economy.

We complement these positions with "cash-cow" strategies that emphasize profitability and free-cashflow to garner shareholder yield—an important discipline in markets where volatility can be high. Exchange traded funds used to capture this exposure are VIGI, ECOW, GCOW and ICOW.

A Portfolio Built for the Next Decade

The D.I.C.E.™ strategy is intentionally forward-looking. It is built for investors who understand that wealth creation requires both conviction and discipline. By combining structural growth themes with real-asset hedges and global diversification, we aim to deliver a portfolio that can navigate uncertainty while capturing the opportunities of a rapidly changing world. There are as many opportunities to profit as sides on a 20-sided die.

Feel free to play along with me and let's roll the dice!

Cheers,

Jim Claire