



Berkshire

DIVIDEND STRATEGY

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"Casual Friday" Commentary

Casual Friday: Updated Marketing Materials + History of Taxation – April 12th, 2019

U.S. stocks and Berkshire Dividend Strategy enjoyed strong first quarter results as markets digest several macro cross currents. Energy, technology, and industrial sectors led Berkshire's advance. Monetary policy is starting to shift, and growth expectations may be slowing (especially in Europe). But U.S. large cap stocks appear attractive relative to bonds and other global alternatives.

Enclosed is updated material for Q1 2019:

[Dividend Strategy Fact Sheet 3.31.2019](#)

[Dividend Strategy Scorecard 3.31.2019](#)

Tax Day Looms

The first federal income tax rate? 1%!

Here are other interesting visuals on the history of taxation in the U.S.:

<https://www.visualcapitalist.com/history-u-s-taxation/>

Have a great weekend!

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Dividend Highlights

- Dividend growth can often provide transparent insight into a company's fundamentals and vitality.
- Dividend growth can provide an attractive stream of increasing cash flow to satisfy many financial objectives.