Several Ultra Dividend Trades: HD, AVGO, UNM, CTRA, GILD, QCOM, MMC

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Buys:

- Coterra Energy (CTRA) We initiated a 2.0% position per Christian's recent recommendation to overweight energy. With CTRA being a natural gas focused company, this addition balances our Oil and Gas exposure to EOG and BP. Empirical Overall 2.0, and a Div. Yield over 8.0%.
- Marsh & McLennan Companies (MMC) Initiated a 2.0% position. Recently pitched by
 Hunter Brackett and added to the New Money Buy List. MMC is a quality Insurance
 Broker and one of the more favorable areas of financials given its defensive traits.
 Additionally, brokers benefit from higher inflation and MMC has a strong track record of
 organic growth and margin expansion. Empirical Overall 2.0, and a Div. Yield over 1.5%.
- <u>Gilead Sciences (GILD)</u> Initiated a 2.0% position. We want to be overweight Healthcare and GILD is a NMBL recommendation from Christine Safarikas. GILD has several drugs in the pipeline to replace others rolling off patent. Empirical Overall 2.0, and a Div. Yield over 4.4%.
- Qualcomm (QCOM) Initiated a 2.0% position. Replacing Broadcom (AVGO) with QCOM which is a NMBL recommendation by Josh Taenzler. At this point, we prefer QCOM for its

emphasis on communication chips and next-gen upside. Empirical Overall 2.0, and a Div. Yield over 2.7%.

Sales:

- Home Depot (HD) Reducing overweight in Consumer Discretionary and looking to get out of the way of anticipated housing pressure.
- Broadcom (AVGO) As addressed above, we sold AVGO in favor of QCOM (Swap).

Trim:

• Unum Group (UNM)- Reduced position to 2.0%. Year to date the Life and Health Insurer is up 80%, exceeding expectations. Given YTD performance, upside is limited for the moment, and we are trimming this oversized position.