## i-Share Investment Group

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## **Objective**

'Provide an interesting, stimulating, informative and enjoyable forum in which members and invited guests exchange ideas and come away more knowledgeable about the Market and their individual investments. This includes the whole spectrum of investing.'

Our group is a wonderful mix of diversity in terms of age, gender, race, religion, education and indeed knowledge of and investments in the market.

We share a common interest in investing and it is our feeling, everyone who has an interest in the market and a reasonable understanding of how it functions can contribute to the overall value of our meetings.

Discussing relevant news, current events, reviewing stocks to consider buying or selling; suggestions of different strategies such as using stop losses, watch lists, asset allocation etc. provides us with a wide range of potential subjects to make and keep our meetings very worthwhile.

Typical discussions touch on a wide variety of subjects from the potential for a USA recession, the sub prime impact on the USA real estate market, defensive positions to protect ourselves in Bear markets, what do we do about the change in the income trusts, review of some interesting speculative stocks and a wide cross section of other issues generally make it an outstanding evening.

The group now uses a laptop, WIFI internet [currently free] and a projector the group purchased.

We also currently have an excellent group website where many of the invaluable presentations and other information is posted. This site is available to members. Deleted in 2011 by the webmaster and no longer available

This allows us to surf the net and use the unlimited information available to review in detail opportunities in the market place, research historic data and exponentially add to our overall knowledge.

There is no guarantee these tools will always continue to be available. Although they have changed the dynamics of our meetings in a very positive way we have discovered even when we do not have them for whatever reason – the content of the meetings continues to be fantastic.

The dynamics of our meetings are very unpredictable and depend to a large extent on who is able to join us on specific evening. From my perspective I can say without qualification I have found every gathering to be a very worthwhile event, I always learn something new and get to spend

time with a diverse [from an investment perspective] and very interesting group of people who share a common interest in the world of investing.

Some of the informal rules we keep in mind during our meetings and in our communications with each other are:

- 1. We are all individually responsible for our own investments. Although we encourage members to share their views and suggestions with each other, each individual member within the group is only responsible for their own investments.
- 2. We do have a group mailing list [email] which we distribute to all of the formal members with the understanding they will not share it with any other organizations and that all communications with the members will be contain appropriate content.
- 3. We will use good judgment, common courtesy, respect and good manners in all of our dealings with each other.
- 4. None of our members will offer to sell any securities to other members. In other words we are not a networking group for stock brokers.
- 5. It is critical everyone recognizes we can only have one speaker at a time. Without this rule we cannot function well or grow beyond where we are now. This fundamental courtesy allows everyone to share whatever they want and have everyone hear it. It makes the meetings more meaningful and enjoyable.

At the present time we hold our meeting on the i-Share Zoom platform because of the Covid-19 pandemic. At some point in the future we hope to begin meeting in person at some restaurant as we used to.

**Cliff Murphy**