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With the markets and the 2 for 1 Index at all-time highs, we are faced with several issues when it comes to finding good companies to buy. The first is the fact that, in general, the good companies are trading at or near their all-time highs, making it hard to find good values. Second is the hesitation to buy anything at all because, even though we know timing the market is impossible, our natural inclination is to want to try and, when the market is high, we should be selling, not buying, right? And then, for investors that like stock splits, we have a third problem. We have had no qualifying split announcements over the last month.

Taking these issues one by one, yes, many companies are at their all-time highs with PEs and Price-to-Book ratios far higher than we like. However, there are always exceptions to the rule and I'm of the belief that we can probably find a good company to add to the index if we dig deep enough. Second, the history of the 2 for 1 Index has proven that our success, with an add and delete almost every month for almost thirty years, does not relate to the market's highs and lows - we follow the methodology. And third, on a few occasions in the past, when there were no splits to choose from, I have added companies to the Index that had all the attributes I look for except a split announcement.

This month I'm going to do that, with a little twist. I went back into the list of companies that have come and gone through the Index and picked out about twenty of our most successful winners. Some have merged or disappeared for one reason or another, but I came up with seven good possibilities. To compare I ran them all through the screens I use every month and did come up with an addition for this month.

Oshkosh Corp. (OSK) returned 26.3% annualized for the time it was in the Index in the early 2000's. Oshkosh is a \$9B specialty truck manufacturer turning out garbage trucks and most of the concrete trucks you see on the road. The company also does a lot of business with the defense department. OSK has had an eye-popping run-up in price over the last year but still has very reasonable valuation numbers. The company operates with a conservative balance sheet, earnings have been strong, and it pays a 1.3% dividend. If OSK does only half as well as it did the last time it was in the Index it will still be a winner.

SSRM, our gold mining stock, is at the top of the ladder but I'm going to wait until next month to take it out of the Index. I'm gambling that gold will continue to do well and we could get a little more out of this position if I wait.

In summary, **Oshkosh Corp. (OSK) will be added and there will be no deletion**, bringing the Index to 28 companies. The Index will be rebalanced to equally weighted positions at market close on Tuesday 1/20/26. The markets will be closed on Monday for Martin Luther King, Jr. day.

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SSRM	SSR MINING INC.	FEB-23	RYAAY	RYANAIR HOLDINGS	SEP-24	2 for 1 Index inception 7/31/1996
GCBC	GREENE COUNTY BANCORP	MAR-23	ODC	OIL DRI CORP	OCT-24	
AAON	AAON INC.	JUL-23	RLI	RLI CORP.	NOV-24	Value at inception = 100
CPRT	COPART, INC.	AUG-23	MTH	MERITAGE HOMES	DEC-24	
SRE	SEMPRA	AUG-23	SNEX	STONEX GROUP INC.	NOV-23	Value as of 1/15/26 = 2872.38
NVO	NOVO NORDISK	SEP-23	IX	ORIX CORP	FEB-25	
MLI	MUELLER INDUSTRIES	OCT-23	ORLY	O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE, INC.	APR-25	All time high - 1/15/26 = 2872.38
HUBG	HUB GROUP, INC.	JAN-24	FAST	FASTENAL, INC.	MAY-25	
ODFL	OLD DOMINION FREIGHT LN	MAR-24	CALM	CAL-MAINE FOODS, INC.	JUL-25	52-week low - 4/8/25 = 2090.30
COO	COOPER INC.	MAR-24	BN	BROOKFIELD CORP.	AUG-25	
USLM	US LIME AND MINERALS	MAY-24	NRIM	NORTHRIM BANCORP	SEP-25	Overall annualized return = 12.07%
APH	AMPHENOL	JUN-24	NFLX	NETFLIX INC.	NOV-25	
NVDA	NVIDIA	JUN-24	TPL	TEXAS PACIFIC LAND	DEC-25	Comparable S&P total return = 10.42%
WRB	W.R. BERKLEY	JUL-24				