Real GDP Growth

Will improve but not boom.

Retail Sales

Mild gains

Home Prices, 20 Major Cities

Good

+ 5%

source: S&P/Case-Shiller

ISM Index: Manufacturing

formerly Purchasing Managers Index

See my manufacturing forecast at Forbes.com

50 indicates stable economy
Employee Quits

Confidence improving

U.S. Exports

A bright spot

U.S. Mergers & Acquisitions

Q1 a fluke; trend upward.

data courtesy of MergerMarket.com

Real Estate Investment Trusts

all-equity price index

4% dividend is attractive
Consulting

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