

# Stock Market Briefing: NIPA vs. S&P 500 Dividends

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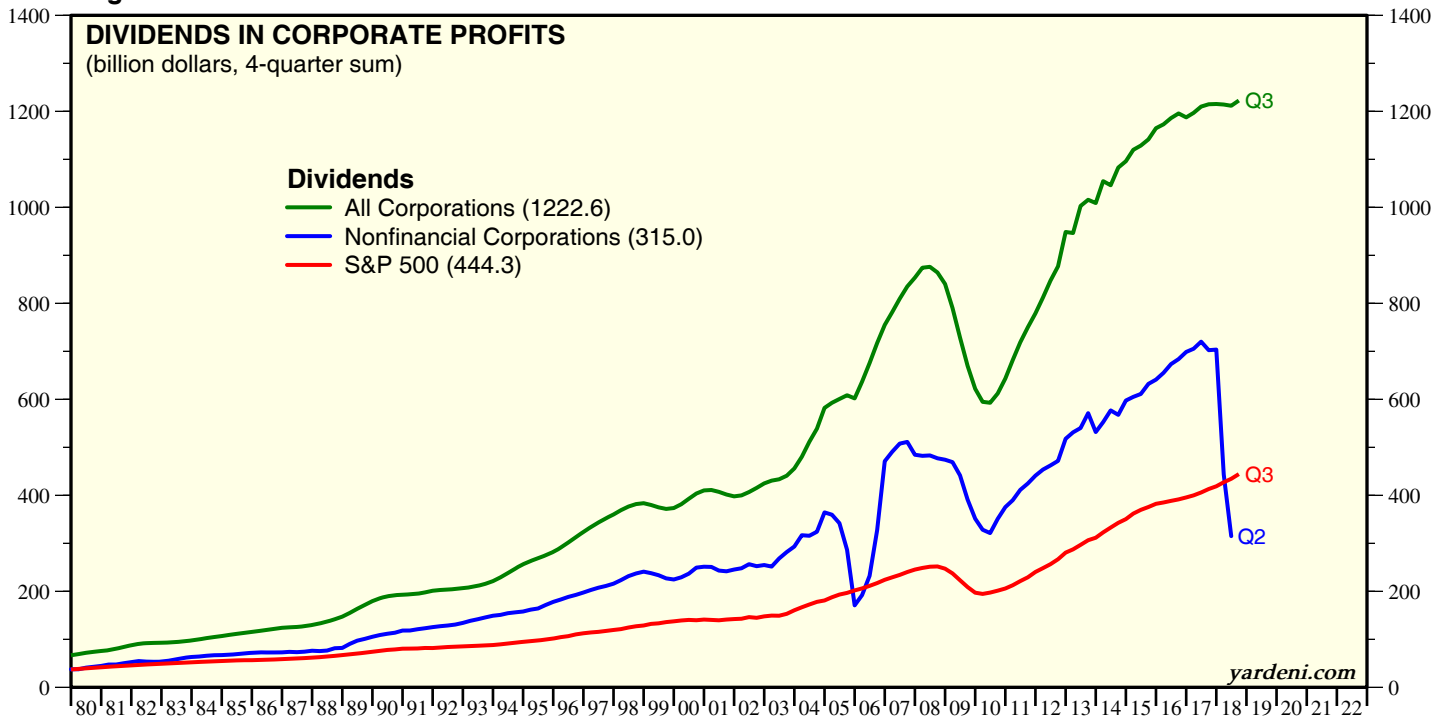
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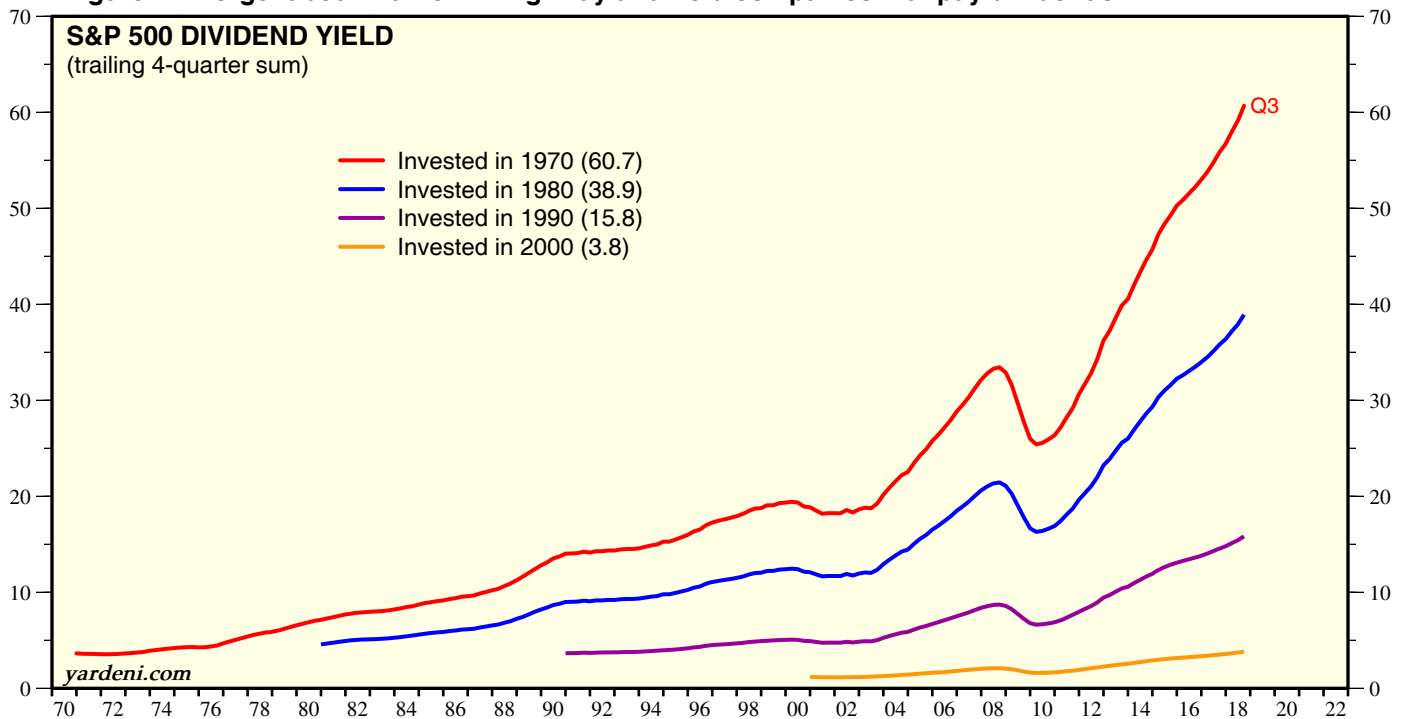
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Figure 1.



Source: Federal Reserve Board, Financial Accounts of the United States, Standard & Poor's and Bureau of Economic Analysis.

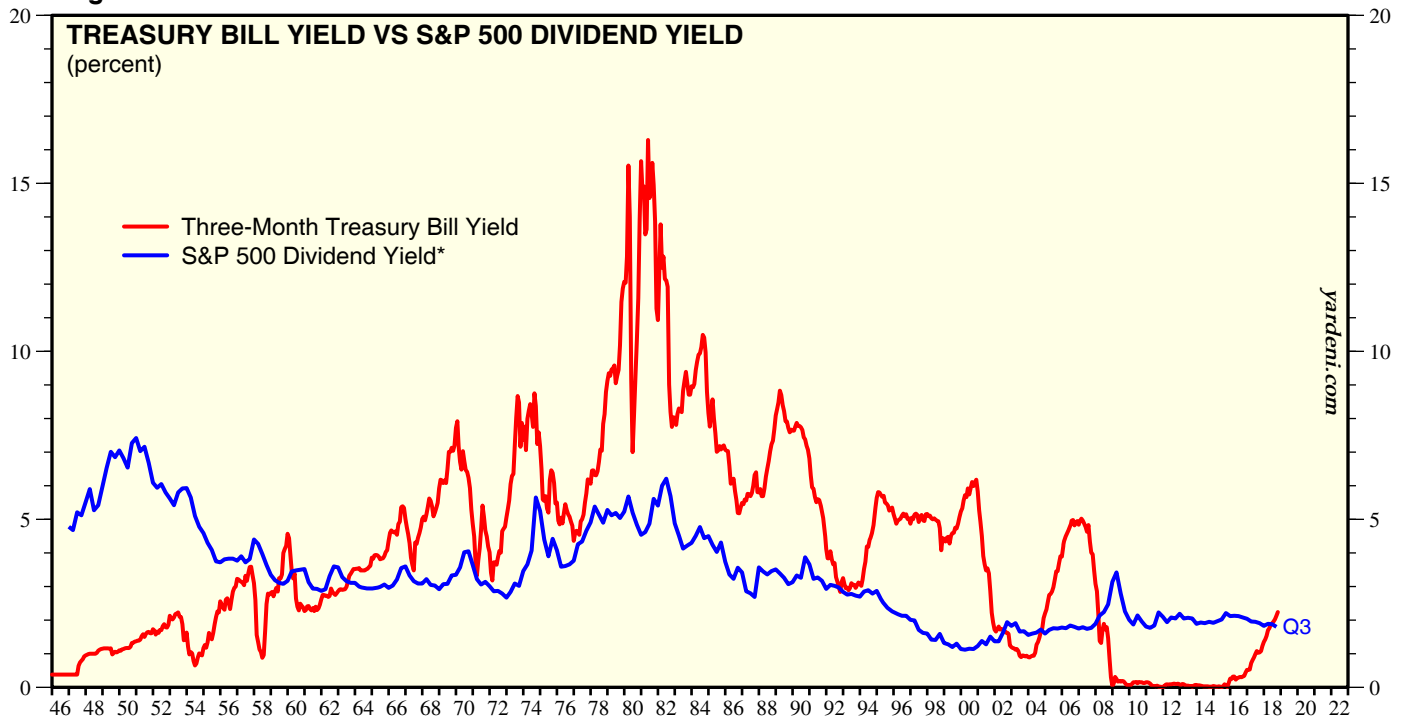
Figure 2. Forget about market timing: Buy and hold companies that pay dividends.



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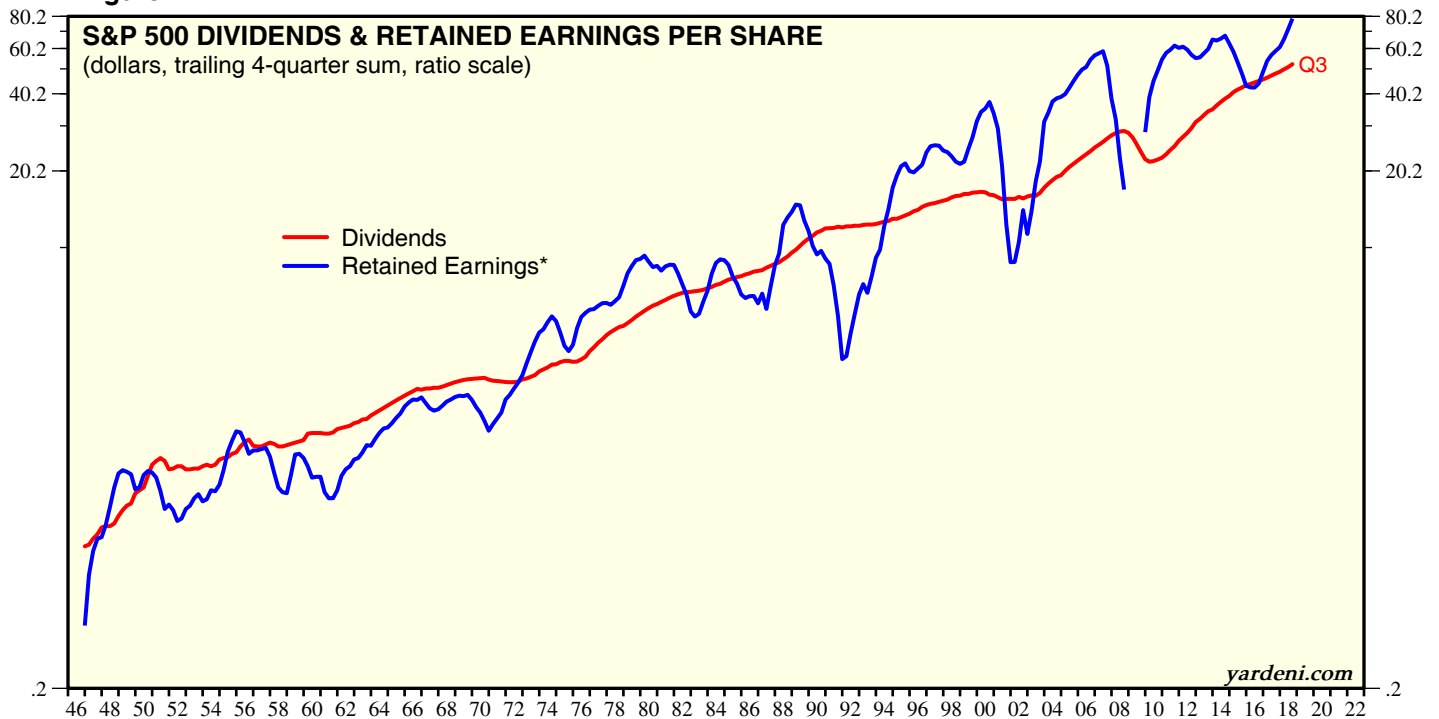
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Figure 3.



\* S&P 500 four-quarter trailing dividends per share divided by quarterly closing value of the S&P 500 index.  
Source: Standard & Poor's and Federal Reserve Board.

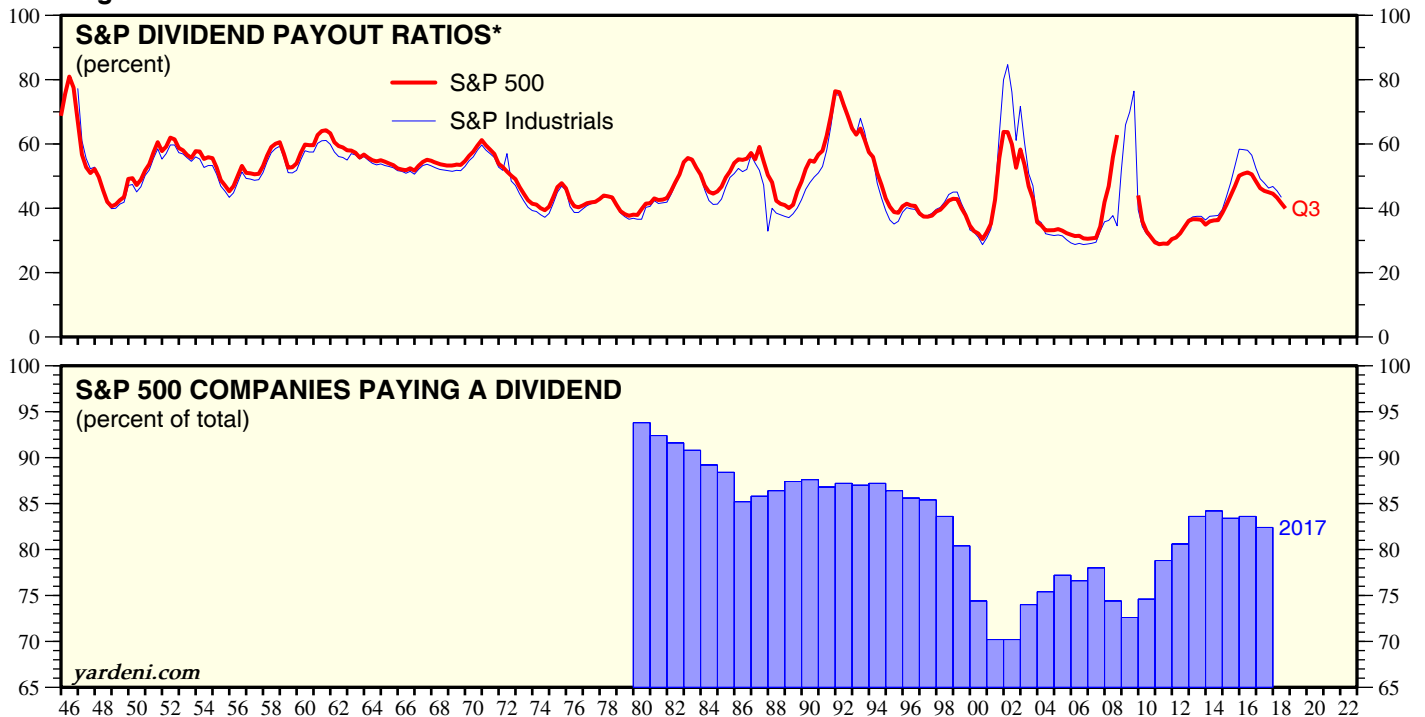
Figure 4.



\* Reported earnings minus dividends per share.  
Source: Standard & Poor's Corporation.

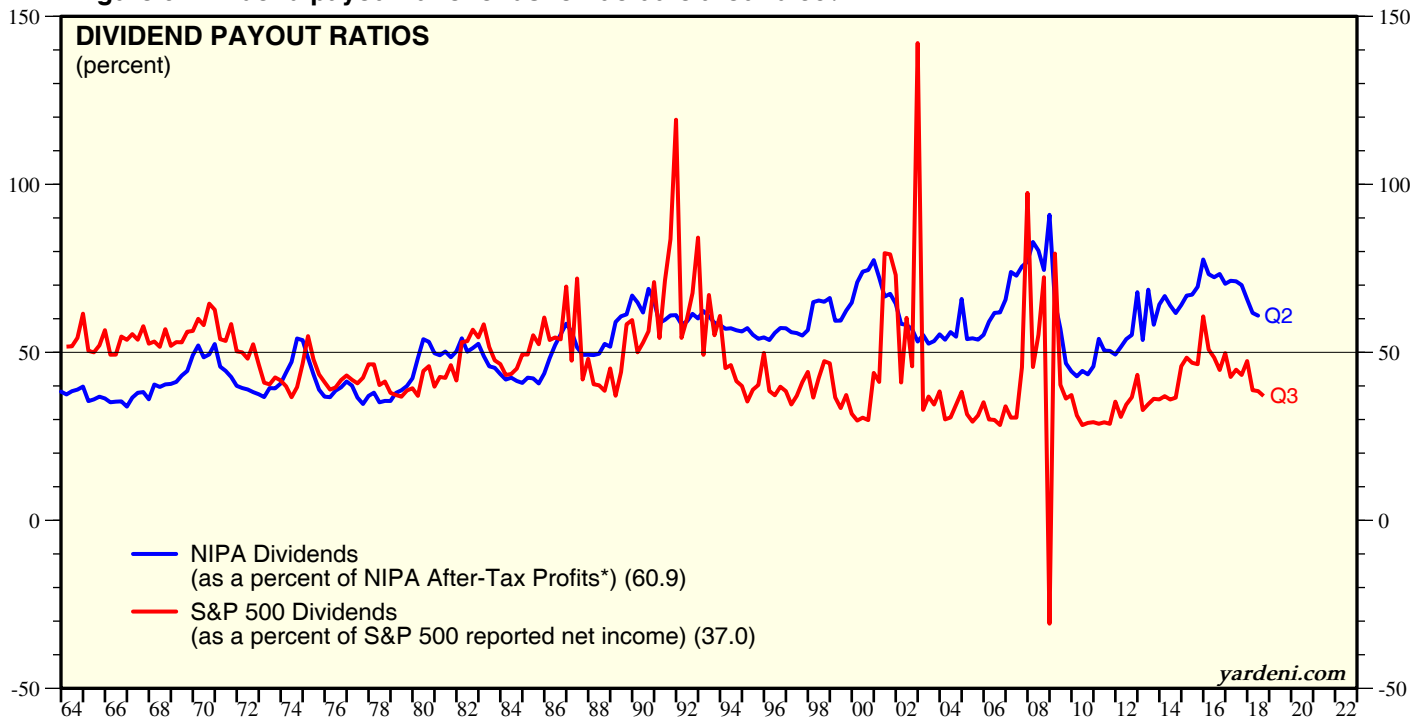
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Figure 5.



\* Four-quarter trailing dividends per share divided by four-quarter trailing reported earnings.  
Source: Standard & Poor's Corporation and FactSet.

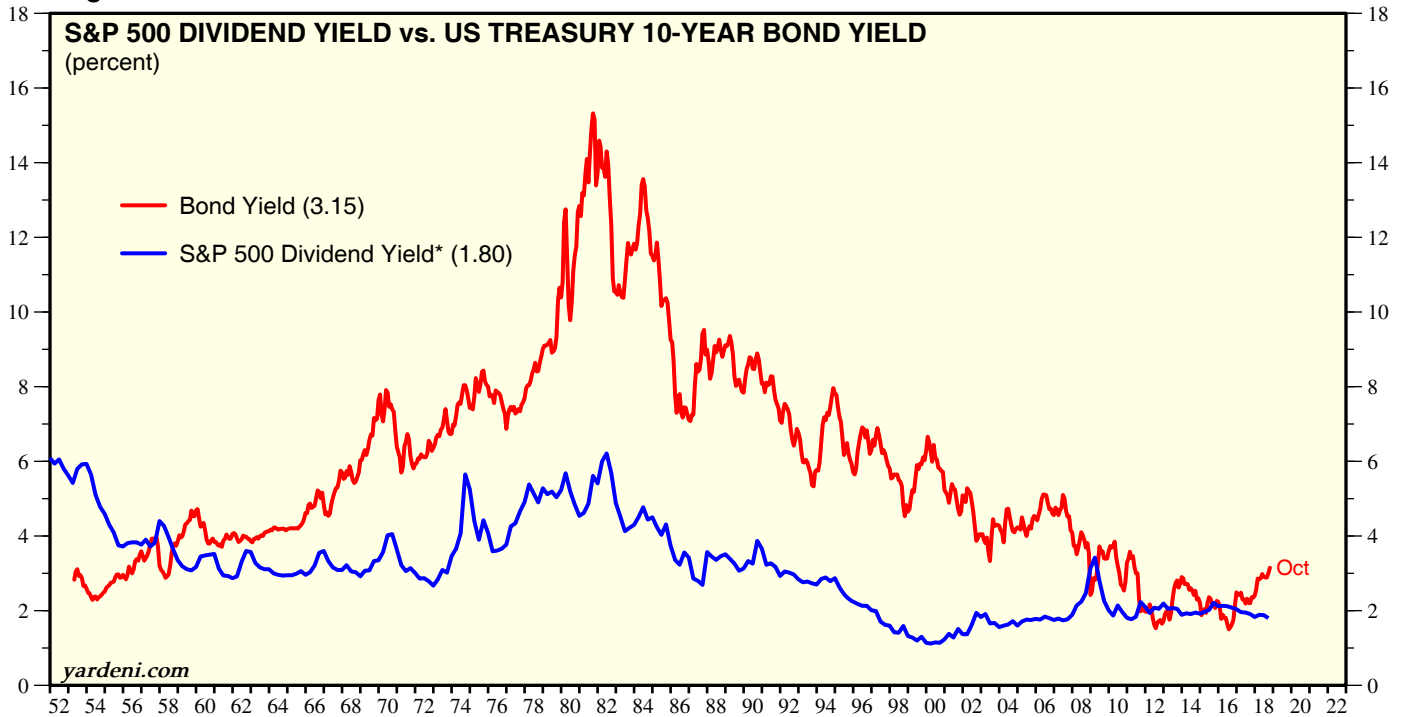
Figure 6. Dividend payout ratio tends to fluctuate around 50%.



\* From Current Production. Including IVA & CCadj. These two adjustments restate the historical cost basis used in profits tax accounting for inventory withdrawals and depreciation to the current cost measures used in GDP.  
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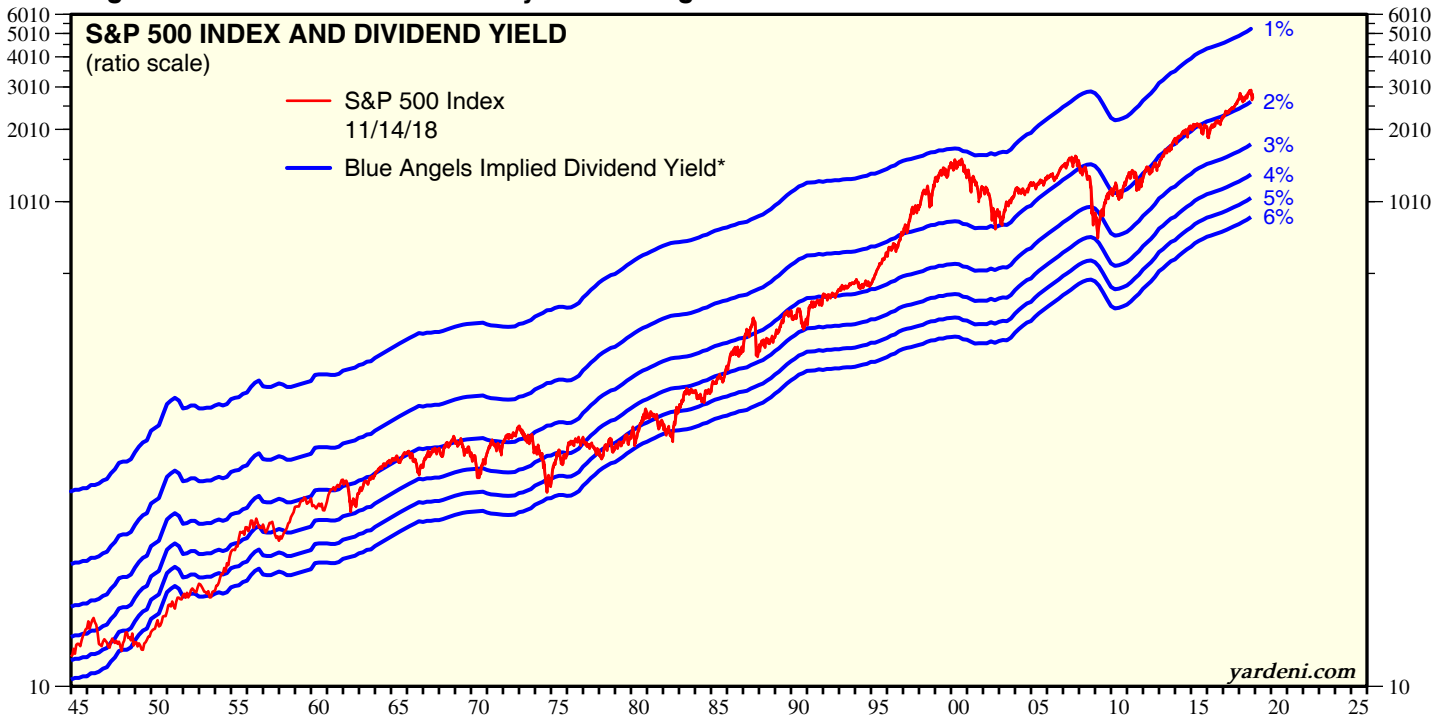
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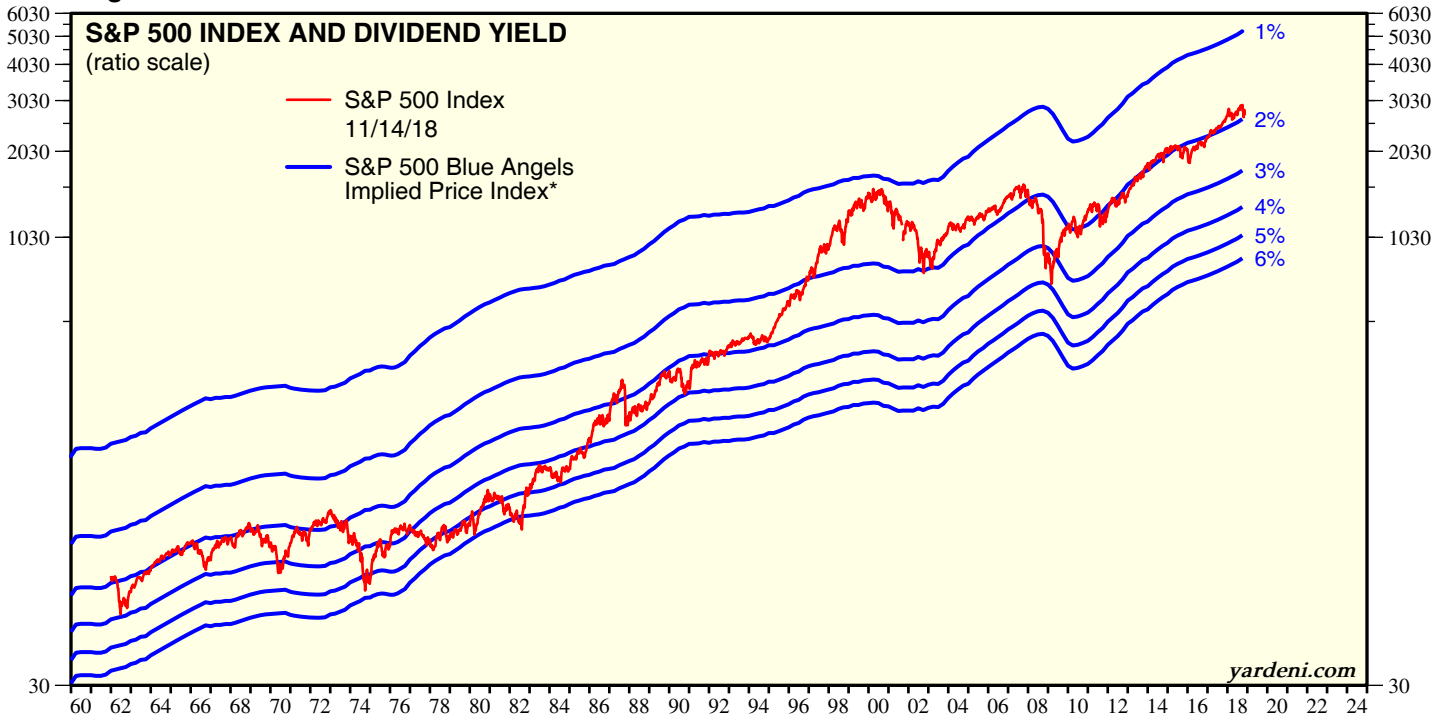
Figure 8. Dividends and dividend yields driving the market.



\* Blue lines show hypothetical values of S&P 500 stock price index using actual S&P 500 dividend (4-quarter trailing sum) divided by dividend yields from 1.0% to 6.0%  
Source: Standard & Poor's.

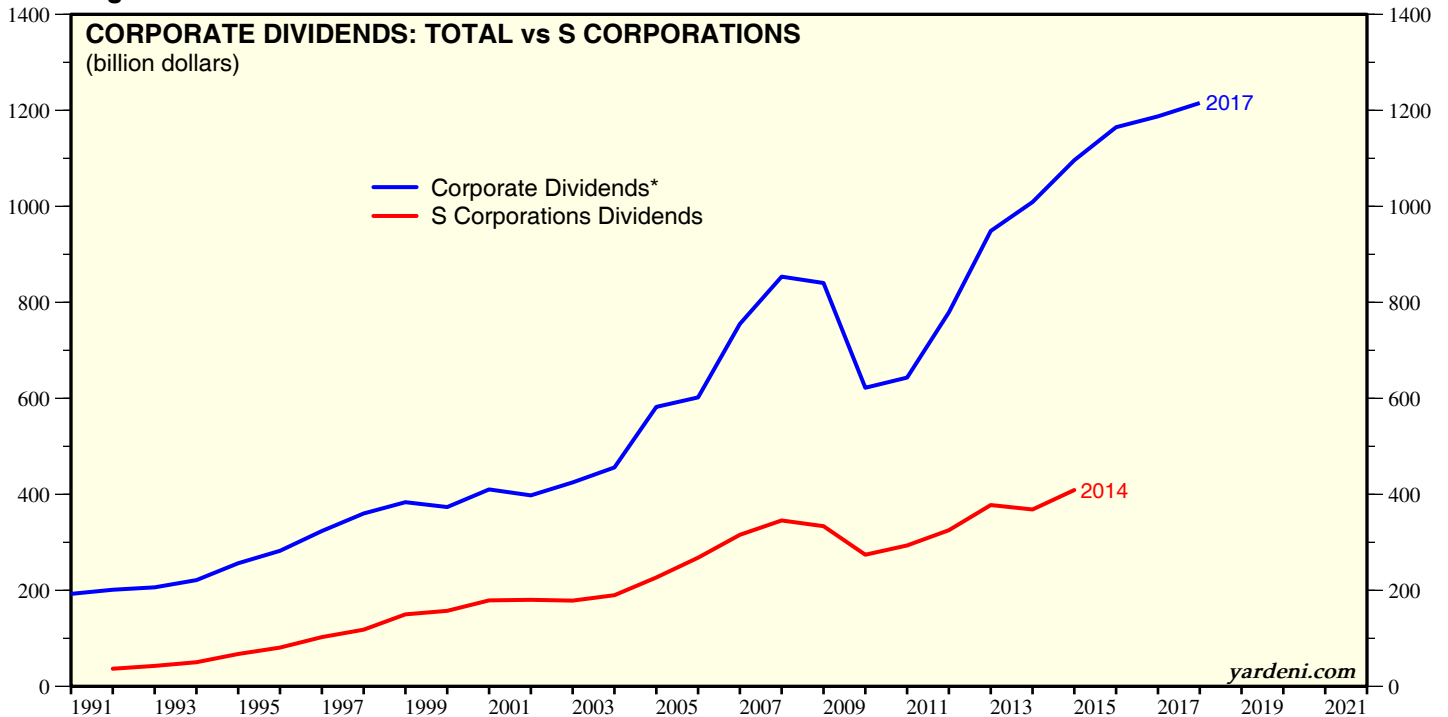
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\* Blue lines show hypothetical values of S&P 500 stock price index using actual S&P 500 dividend (4-quarter trailing sum) divided by dividend yields from 1% to 6%  
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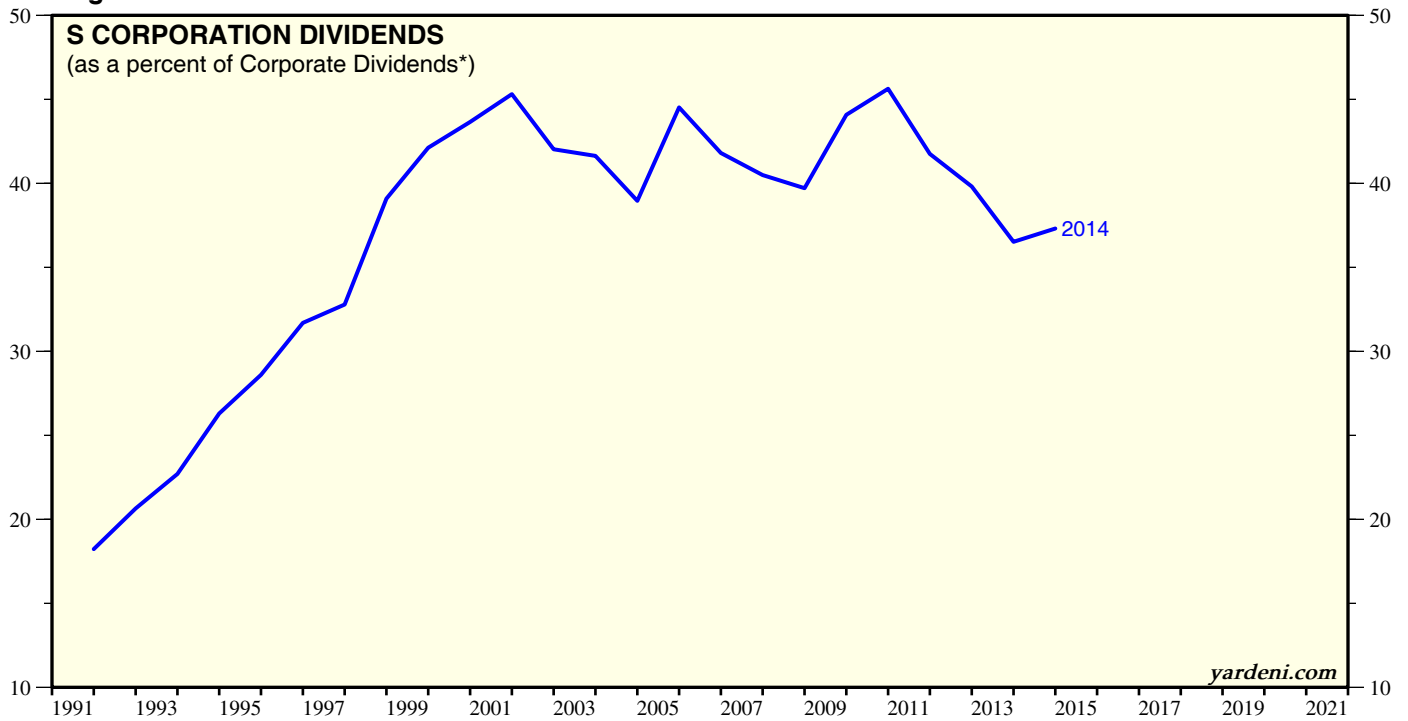
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\* Annual sum of quarterly data.  
Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis and IRS Statistics of Income.

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Figure 11.



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