

Investment Income: Four Roads to Solid Yields

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Investors' fear of rising rates have caused a big disconnect: The fundamentals of [many dividend stocks look strong](#). "Corporate earnings trends remain robust, which reflects solid economic growth and the benefits of tax reform," argues a recent UBS Wealth Management report.

Market sectors associated with dividends, such as telecom, consumer staples, and real estate, have lost ground as rates edged up. Consumer-staples shares have lost 13.9% this year, the worst performance among the S&P's 11 sectors.