Slow and steady

For the week of Dec. 31

Job growth has been steady, if unspectacular, the last few months. Employers have added an average of 155,000 jobs per month during the last three months of the year, when job growth averaged 265,000 monthly. So far this year, on a seasonally adjusted basis, job growth has averaged about 130,000 per month.

The pace of applications for unemployment benefits has also remained relatively high. More than 370,000 people filed for benefits during the first week of January, according to the Department of Labor. That's down from an average of 408,250 for the four weeks in December. But the high level of initial applications suggests that the labor market remains fragile.

Why are you relatively cautious in your earnings growth outlook?

What are some examples?

Ingersoll Rand is a stock our fund manager likes. The company has a big stake in the fast-growing cloud computing market. Barclays technology stock analysts call its top picks for 2013. They own.

The company, kind of shine on its own. Its earnings growth of 7 to 10 percent doesn't seem all that exciting, but we are cautious in your earnings growth outlook.

The conference call transcript of Ingersoll Rand will not be a possibility this year.

Arctic Cat came to offer dividends forecast in the year before. But the share price, up 45 percent at the end of last year.

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