S&P 500 Index Top-Line Growth Estimates

S&P 500 & S&P 500 Sectors

(Estimated Annual Y-O-Y Revenue Growth Rates)

	As of 2/6/15		As of 8/21/15		As of 11/6/15	
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
S&P 500 Index	2.1%	5.5%	0.0%	5.5%	-0.4%	4.8%
Consumer Discretionary	5.0%	5.8%	2.9%	5.7%	2.9%	5.9%
Consumer Staples	4.6%	4.6%	2.4%	3.8%	2.3%	2.9%
Energy	-25.0%	9.7%	-31.0%	9.8%	-32.9%	4.0%
Financials	2.7%	4.7%	2.5%	4.2%	1.6%	3.5%
Health Care	8.8%	6.5%	9.8%	8.6%	9.7%	8.8%
Industrials	2.3%	2.9%	-3.6%	3.1%	-4.5%	2.1%
Information Technology	7.2%	5.6%	4.9%	4.4%	5.3%	3.9%
Materials	-1.0%	6.3%	-5.9%	5.1%	-8.7%	3.1%
Telecomm. Services	6.4%	5.6%	5.6%	5.5%	5.9%	5.7%
Utilities	1.2%	3.2%	-0.3%	3.8%	-1.5%	3.4%

Source: Bloomberg. Consensus estimates using fiscal year revenue from each company.

View from the Observation Deck

1. Today's blog post is one we do ongoing so that investors can monitor changes in the expected revenue growth of the companies that comprise the S&P 500 Index.
2. The S&P 500 closed the trading session on 11/9/15 at 2078.58. It stood 2.45% below its all-time high of 2130.82 (5/21/15), according to Bloomberg.
3. While there have been some significant downward adjustments to 2015 revenue projections since 2/6/15 (excluding Health Care), the projections for 2016 indicate that a rebound in revenue growth is anticipated.
4. As indicated in the chart, the estimated revenue growth rate for the S&P 500 for 2015 was -0.4%, as of 11/6/15. When you exclude Energy, however, the rate jumps to 3.3%, according to Bloomberg.
5. Goldman Sachs reported that it believes there is a 60% chance the current U.S. economic expansion, which is at 76 months (6.33 years) and counting, could reach the 10-year mark, according to Bloomberg.