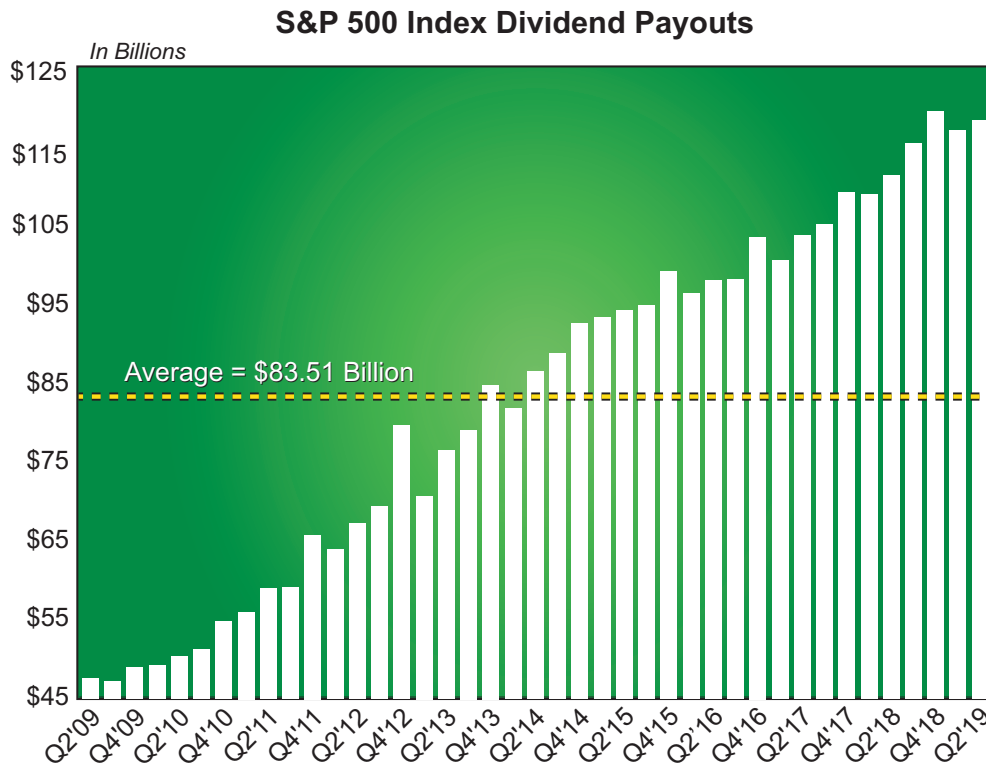


S&P 500 Index's Dividend Payout Expected To Set An All-Time High In Q3'19



Source: S&P Dow Jones Indices. Q2'19 data is preliminary. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

View from the Observation Deck

1. S&P 500 Index companies paid out \$118.68 billion in cash dividends in Q2'19 (preliminary data). The all-time high was \$119.81 billion in Q4'18.
2. It marked the 11th consecutive quarter in which cash dividend distributions exceeded \$100.00 billion. The average payout over those 11 quarters was \$110.54 billion.
3. Over the past 41 quarters through Q2'19 (see chart), the average quarterly dividend payout was \$83.51 billion.
4. The low point in the chart was the \$47.21 billion paid out in Q3'09, the first quarter of the current economic expansion. From Q3'09 to Q2'19, the index's quarterly dividend payout increased by 151.39%.
5. Four sectors contributed 53.85% of the S&P 500 Index's dividend payout as of 6/28/19. Here was the breakdown: 16.17% (Information Technology); 14.11% (Financials); 12.84% (Health Care); and 10.73% (Consumer Staples), according to S&P Dow Jones Indices.
6. The potential for record-setting dividend distributions moving forward is encouraging. S&P Dow Jones Indices estimates that the dividend payout in Q3'19 could set an all-time high of around \$122 billion.
7. The boosting of dividend distributions suggests that Corporate America is still on solid footing, in our opinion.

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