Sector Performance Via Market Capitalization (Since Trump Was Elected)

Large-, Mid- & Small-Cap Index Total Returns (11/8/16-11/4/20)

Category	S&P 500	S&P MidCap 400	S&P SmallCap 600
Index	73.96%	39.72%	32.54%
Comm. Services	49.89%	-34.57%	17.72%
Consumer Disc.	108.20%	51.64%	57.18%
Consumer Staples	37.13%	25.67%	32.94%
Energy	-49.48%	-70.15%	-81.61%
Financials	33.29%	16.02%	12.33%
Health Care	73.48%	106.16%	113.47%
Industrials	44.41%	60.75%	40.13%
Info. Tech.	172.80%	98.63%	55.59%
Materials	50.55%	23.19%	14.36%
Real Estate	34.34%	-3.20%	-2.03%
Utilities	48.79%	13.65%	20.68%

Source: Bloomberg. Total returns are cumulative. Past performance is no quarantee of future results.

View from the Observation Deck

- 1. The three major indices featured in the table comprise the S&P Composite 1500 Index, which represents approximately 90% of total U.S. equity market capitalization (cap), according to S&P Dow Jones Indices.
- 2. Large-cap stocks, as measured by the S&P 500 Index, have significantly outperformed their mid- and small-cap counterparts, as measured by the S&P MidCap 400 and S&P SmallCap 600 Indices, since Donald J. Trump was elected four years ago.
- 3. When calculating the total returns on an average annualized basis (returns in table are cumulative), the S&P 500, S&P MidCap 400 and S&P SmallCap 600 Indices returned 14.89%, 8.76% and 7.38%, respectively, according to Bloomberg.
- 4. For comparative purposes, from 1926 through 2019 (94 years), data from Morningstar/Ibbotson Associates indicates that the S&P 500 Index posted an average annual total return of 10.20%, while the Ibbotson® Small Company Stock Index returned 11.91% on average.
- 5. With respect to large-caps, the top-performers by far were Information Technology and Consumer Discretionary. As it turns out, these two sectors were the beneficiaries of the shelter-at-home response to the COVID-19 pandemic, in our opinion.
- 6. Sector performance can vary widely by market cap. Consumer Staples appears to have the least amount of disparity in performance across the three market caps (see table). Communication Services stands out for its poor showing in the S&P MidCap 400 Index. Keep in mind, there are only 10 constituents in that sector.
- 7. As of the close of trading on 11/4/20, the S&P 500, S&P MidCap 400 and S&P SmallCap 600 Indices stood 3.84%, 5.90% and 17.19% below their respective all-time highs, according to Bloomberg.

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