Sector Performance Via Market Cap. (2020-2021 and YTD-1/25/22)

Large-, Mid- & Small-Cap Total Returns

	12/31/19-12/31/21		12/31/21-1/25/22			
Category	S&P 500		S&P MidCap 400		S&P SmallCap 600	
Index	52.34%	-8.54%	41.76%	-8.64%	40.98%	-7.46%
Comm. Services	50.27%	-10.55%	2.12%	-10.55%	52.63%	-6.50%
Consumer Disc.	65.87%	-12.70%	67.26%	-9.65%	76.99%	-9.10%
Consumer Staples	31.38%	-2.89%	34.55%	-6.98%	42.98%	-8.27%
Energy	2.37%	17.95%	2.80%	6.35%	-3.53%	10.95%
Financials	32.50%	-1.47%	30.71%	-0.69%	16.56%	-1.09%
Health Care	43.09%	-9.02%	45.06%	-15.00%	39.26%	-14.27%
Industrials	34.48%	-4.75%	49.62%	-9.50%	40.79%	-9.19%
Info. Tech.	93.56%	-13.12%	54.82%	-13.45%	62.10%	-12.92%
Materials	53.67%	-8.08%	46.30%	-8.72%	45.03%	-3.61%
Real Estate	42.97%	-9.54%	19.48%	-7.52%	17.46%	-9.38%
Utilities	18.29%	-6.24%	3.15%	-4.86%	12.47%	-7.91%

Source: Bloomberg. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

View from the Observation Deck

- 1. Equities appear to be on the cusp of delivering the market correction, as measured by the S&P 500 Index, that many pundits have been forecasting.
- 2. A correction is usually defined as a 10.00% to 19.99% decline in the price of a security or index from its most recent peak. A bear market is defined as a 20.00% or greater decline in the price of a security or index.
- 3. As of the close on 1/25/22, the S&P 500 Index stood 9.18% below its all-time closing high of 4,796.56 (1/3/22), just shy of correction territory, according to Bloomberg.
- 4. 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.
- 5. For comparative purposes, at the close of 1/25/22, the S&P MidCap 400 and S&P SmallCap 600 Indices stood 10.84% and 11.55% below their respective all-time highs. Both are already in correction territory.
- 6. Large-cap stocks performed significantly better than their mid- and small-cap counterparts from 2020-2021 (black columns). YTD through 1/25/22, large-caps were in line with the performance of mid-caps, but were down a bit more than small-caps for the period (see table above). From 12/31/19 through 1/25/22 (period covered in the table that captures the COVID-19 pandemic), the S&P 500, S&P MidCap 400 and S&P SmallCap 600 Indices posted cumulative total returns of 39.38%, 29.55% and 30.61%, respectively, according to Bloomberg.
- 7. Sector performance can vary widely by market cap (see table). A couple of the more extreme cases (2020-2021) include Information Technology, Real Estate and Utilities.
- As of the close on 1/26/22, the percentage of stocks in the S&P 500, S&P MidCap 400 and S&P SmallCap 600 Indices trading above their 50-day moving averages were 30%, 18% and 21%, respectively.
- 9. The percentage of stocks in the S&P 500, S&P MidCap 400 and S&P SmallCap 600 Indices trading above their 200-day moving averages were 42%, 29% and 32%, respectively.
- 10. Moving averages tend to smooth out day-to-day price fluctuations and can be a useful tool for traders and investors to identify both positive trends and reversals, in our opinion.

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