

## **MARKET WATCH**

Market Index	Close	Week	Y-T-D
DJIA	34,299.12	+1.25%	+3.48%
NASDAQ	13,689.57	+3.25%	+30.79%
MSCI-EAFE	2,161.49	+2.42%	+11.19%
S&P 500	4,409.59	+2.58%	+14.85%

**Today's Topics** 

Key Market Levels

Market Outlook - Key Market Topics to Know This Week

Checklist: When a Loved One Passes

6.70%.

100

Wednesday to offer his twice-yearly report on monetary policy and the economy to the House Financial Services Committee and then again to the Senate Banking Committee on Thursday. Investors will watch for any additional clarity on how the path of interest rates will look the rest of the year. The market is still digesting the Fed's hawkish dot plot from last week that projected two more rate increases this year. **Earnings Season Right Around the Corner** – Q2 earnings season is set to begin in about 3-4 weeks and could help decide the market's next

move after a strong start to the year. According to FactSet, estimated Q2 earnings are expected to decline -6.4%. If -6.4% is the actual decline for the quarter, it will mark the largest earnings decline reported by the index since Q2 2020 (-31.6%). The forward 12-month P/E ratio for the S&P 500

Powell Testimony This Week - Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome

Powell will appear before both House and Senate committees starting on

is 18.5x. This P/E ratio is below the 5-year average (18.6x) but above the 10-year average (17.3x). Has the Housing Market Bottomed? – There are more and more signs that the US residential housing market has already bottomed. Housing market data this week came in stronger than anticipated and is adding more fuel to the thesis that the worst of the recent housing market struggles may be behind us. High mortgage rates are clearly still a

headwind though with the average 30-yr mortgage currently sitting at

NAHB Home Builders Index for June came in at 55, marking the sixth straight month rise in home builders' confidence. This index has long been used as a leading indicator for the US housing market and broad US economic activity in general (see chart below).

NAHB Housing Market Index

Housing Data continued, Chart below – On Monday of this week, the



Housing is rebounding? Will the economy follow? Housing indices tend to lead peaks and troughs in the economy



The largest names in the S&P 500 have dominated the index this year Exhibit 7: YTD, indexed to 100, price return 150 145 140

the 490 stocks going forward though before calling it a trend, but still a

positive, nonetheless.



The next level of resistance to watch for the S&P 500 on the upside is at 4,590. The next levels of support to watch for the S&P 500 on the downside are at around 4,300 and 4,200. These are key technical levels we look for the market to either hold or push through when look at the potential for future moves. Common support levels can be the 50- and 200-day moving averages as well as other technical levels such as previous market highs or lows.

WHAT WE ARE WATCHING

The following economic data is slated to be released this week:

Monday: Markets closed for Juneteenth National Independence Day,

## NAHB Home Builders Index (June) **Tuesday:** Housing Starts (May) **Wednesday: Fed Chair Powell testifies to House Panel**

Friday: --

**CHECKLIST** 

Thursday: Weekly Initial Jobless Claims, Existing Home Sales (May), US

Leading Economic Index (May)



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