

Market Watch

Name	5D TR	1M TR	YTD TR	1YTR
Dow Jones Industrial Average	-0.11%	1.76%	4.09%	22.24%
MSCI EAFE	0.68%	3.45%	3.25%	15.82%
Nasdaq Composite	1.74%	6.05%	8.55%	44.19%
S&P 500	0.95%	4.87%	7.97%	32.12%

Today's Topics

What We Are Watching

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Market Outlook

Key Market Levels

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strength in the Technology sector.

The S&P 500 ended Friday's session at 5,137, up from the previous

Market Outlook

The S&P 500 index rose to a fresh record close last week on continued

Friday's closing level of 5,089, which was also a record at the time. It reached another closing high on Thursday as the index ended February with a 5.2% gain before moving higher on Friday.

The technology sector led the climb following stronger-than-expected fiscal Q4 results last week from chip maker NVIDIA (NVDA). Strong demand for NVIDIA's generative artificial intelligence helped boost investors' appetite for many other stocks in the Tech and Al sectors. The technology sector climbed 2.5%, followed by a 2.1% rise in real estate and a 2% increase in consumer discretionary.

together this timely data showing how the sectors' valuations look when also considering their growth rates (i.e. PEG ratios): With technology up double-digits year to date and trading at 29 times consensus 2024 earnings estimates, the sector looks expensive and due for a pullback. Semiconductors, led by NVIDIA (NVDA), and up 37% year to date as a group, look especially ripe for at least a technical

artificial intelligence enthusiasm, though earnings support is much

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communication services sector, it's logical to think that group might be in the same boat. However, ranking sectors by P/E to growth (PEG), based on consensus long-term earnings growth expectations, reveals that communication services offers growth at a reasonable price—with

the lowest PEG among all sectors. Technology is the middle of the

With two mega-cap technology companies making up the bulk of the

consolidation. Comparisons to 1999 have become more widespread amid

growth sectors, with an overweight to communication services and a modest tilt toward technology despite elevated valuations. At the same time, the Strategic and Tactical Asset Allocation Committee (STAAC) is watching technicals closely to help assess whether it makes sense to take some gains off the table with a large cap growth trim. On the flip side, consumer staples and real estate, two STAAC

underweights, look expensive on this metric. Energy, which also looks pricey on this metric, offers much more value based on cash

LPL Research remains comfortable emphasizing these two

flows. Source: LPL Research, FactSet 03/05/24

higher yields over the past month.

16x

5,700.

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■ 2024 P/E-to-Growth Ratio



primarily because of higher yields and economic uncertainty. However, the index has been able to exhibit some relative strength in the face of

As you can see below, there is still plenty of gas in the tank from a

valuation perspective on both small and mid-cap stocks.

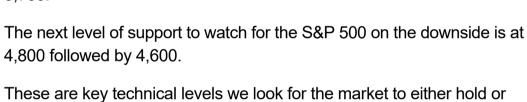
Exhibit 8: Valuation of small-caps and mid-caps remain below historical averages as of February 29, 2024 26x 24x Consensus forward P/E 22x 20x S&P 500

20x (SPX) 18x

S&P 400

S&P 600





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.

The next level of resistance to watch for the S&P 500 on the upside is at

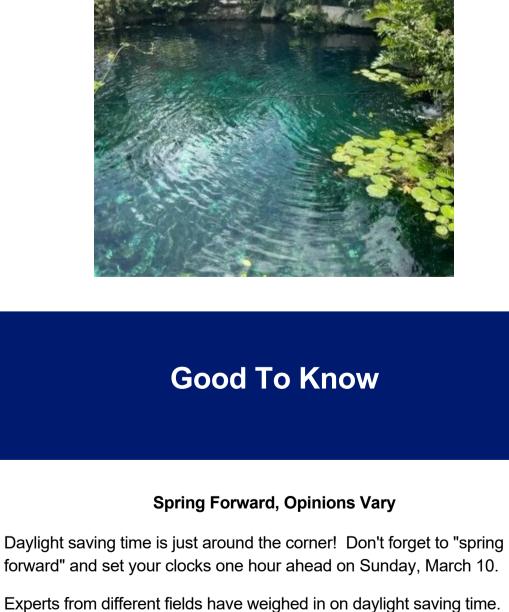
JWM Adventure Series:

of Mich. Consumer Sentiment (Feb. Final)



Sarah Wood and her family recently visited the hot and sunny beaches of Cancun and Tulum. The highlight of the trip? Taking a relaxing dip in the crystal clear waters of an open-air cenote - highly recommend!

Fun In The Sun!



Permanent daylight saving time existed during the wartime years of 1918 to 1919 and 1942 to 1945 to conserve energy. The U.S. also experimented with permanent daylight saving time in January 1974 in the face of a mounting oil crisis. That ended in October 1974 because of public

While most sleep scientists prefer permanent standard time, many

economists and business experts favor permanent daylight saving time.

Supporting permanent daylight saving time, analysts say that more daylight in the evening could improve public safety, increase social and commercial activity, and lower electricity use. 1

1. http://www.sleepfoundation.org/sleep-news/latest-updates-daylight-saving-time-

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