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Summary: Apple Inc. and Microsoft Corp. have never held more sway over the S&P 500 Index. The world's two most-valuable companies saw their combined weightings in the benchmark jump to a record 14% this week after strong earnings reports from Microsoft and others fueled a rally in technology stocks. When you include Alphabet Inc., Amazon.com Inc., Meta Platforms Inc. and Nvidia Corp, nearly a quarter of every dollar put into the S&P 500 is now split between just six names. Apple and Microsoft alone have added more than \$1 trillion in combined market value in 2023, nearly half of the gains for the entire S&P 500.

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