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The surprise Chinese currency devaluation last Tuesday sucker-punched U.S. stock markets, but shares recovered and finished 0.7% higher by Friday's close. Higher volatility was exacerbated by light August volumes and skeleton crews at trading desks.

For a brief moment midweek, a "China Syndrome" fear about decelerating global growth took hold, sending stocks down 1% before investors regained their sang-froid. Some view the currency move as an admission by the Chinese government that the country's economic growth was slowing appreciably from its 7% historical trend.

There have been conflicting economic signals coming out of the Middle Kingdom for a while now so there was a strong reaction at first, notes Giri Cherukuri, head trader at Oakbrook Investments. The rebound indicates "people moved to a wait-and-see attitude," that perhaps it won't be a dramatic slowdown, he says.

Some take the quick snapback as a sign of resiliency. "It's the market telling you that nothing will get in its way," says Michael Marralle, head of research, sales, and trading at Investment Technology Group. Investors are nervous but not complacent, he adds.

Nevertheless, market breadth-a momentum indicator that looks at the number of rising stocks compared with falling ones-remains weak, and it's difficult to see the market getting out of its rut without improving breadth.

Last week, the Dow Jones Industrial Average gained 104 points, or 0.6%, to 17,477.40, while the Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 14, or 0.7%, to 2091.54. The Nasdaq Composite finished at 5048.24, flat on the week. The Russell 2000 advanced 0.5% to 1212.69.

Several U.S. economic figures were released last week, but none indicated that American gross domestic product would grow any faster than the lukewarm rate we've seen so far this year. Indeed, part of last week's rebound could be attributed to some investors hoping the devaluation and slowing global growth would give the Federal Reserve wiggle room to keep interest rates steady, instead of hiking, as many expect in September.

The stock market was primed for volatility last week, says Richard Weeks, a partner at Hightower Advisors, given the recent poor market internals, like breadth, and fewer trading participants around. The Chinese devaluation is a concern, "but [last week] nothing fundamental long-term changed for U.S. stocks," he says. The market internals are more concerning, he adds.

"I don't see the market falling apart, but it's going to flip-flop around here" for the next few weeks, Weeks says. It's a traditionally slow period for stocks and "there's no compelling reason" for people to take on risk by purchasing stocks now. "We are pretty much where we were in March, and it still feels, for the most part, like it's going nowhere." The market's next big milestone is that Fed meeting Sept. 16-17.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average's 2% drop year-to-date through Aug. 13 doesn't differ much from its performance in the same calendar period last year, when it was essentially flat. Peering under the Dow's hood, however, reveals substantial declines among the worst-acting names. That could be a predictor of the Dow's behavior for the rest of the year.

Last year, the Dow rallied 7.5% from mid-August through year end, but there is reason to think history won't repeat. If this year's big losers continue to struggle in 2015 -- which seems likely -- the Dow won't only not rally, it might head lower.

First, this year's 10 worst performers are all down more than 10% -- a steeper drop than last year's biggest losers had registered by this date. Three stocks, DuPont (ticker: DD), Chevron (CVX), and Intel (INTC), have fallen more than 20%. Eight of the 10 have or had stock prices in or near triple digits, making their drop especially injurious to the Dow, a price-weighted index.

The hefty drop in oil and commodity prices has pressured many of this year's 10 biggest Dow losers. The strong greenback has hurt others, and some are smarting from both. The dollar could stabilize from here, but few believe commodity prices can recover by year end.

Other issues could add to the potential for continued Dow volatility. Markets will soon enter the historically weak September-October period for stocks. And the Federal Reserve is expected to hike interest rates next month for the first time in about a decade.

Another hurdle: 2015 revenue expectations for most of those poor Dow performers continue to trend downward. Nicholas Colas, Convergex's chief market strategist, says earnings and cash flow for many Dow stocks "are fine, but revenue is not."

For example, analysts now see a collective 4% drop in third-quarter revenue for the Dow-attributable mainly to commodity-related stocks--instead of the 3% drop expected two months ago. Wall Street now expects the Dow's revenue to fall 2% in the fourth quarter, compared with prior predictions of a 1% decline.

To feel good about the Dow, you have to believe that the market will soon begin to discount a better 2016, when perhaps commodities and the dollar could stabilize.

Our conclusion is that this year's action suggests that the Dow could tread water at best, with plenty of volatility through October, possibly beyond. For the Dow to finish in the black, either the winners have to do even better or the losers have to improve. Given how badly some of these stocks are acting, it's a wonder the Dow isn't down more.

Owens-Illinois Glass Half Full

The rising U.S. dollar has KO'ed results at Owens-Illinois (ticker: OI), the world's largest glass-container maker. In the first six months of 2015, revenue fell to \$2.9 billion from \$3.4 billion in the year-earlier period, with 90% of the drop resulting from currency changes. Weak second-quarter volumes in Brazil--compared with unusually high beer consumption during the 2014 World Cup--also hurt.

The stock is down 40% to \$22.10, from \$35 last year. Earnings per share (EPS) estimates have contracted to \$2.08 this year from the \$3.22 expected 12 months ago. Just one Wall Street analyst out of 14 gives it a Buy rating, the lowest ratio since 2004.

A stock this disliked should interest the contrarian investor. Owens-Illinois faces other head winds, but there are big investors who think the company will be in better shape by the end of next year, which could bring a 20% to 40% rise in the shares.

Part of this mid-cap stock's drop can be attributed to industry changes. Major beer makers have consolidated and their volumes aren't growing, as consumers move more to smaller-batch craft beers. Bears note that Owens-Illinois sales have been stuck around \$7 billion annually and EPS at \$2.50 to \$2.80.

Additionally, results are complicated by nonoperating extraordinary items, such as pension contributions, a foreign non-income tax assessment, and asbestos-related costs. Annual 2014 EPS from continuing operations was 59 cents, but excluding various charges it was \$2.63, the figure that analysts and money managers use.

Asbestos costs--from lawsuits alleging exposure before 1958--have been falling steadily for years, along with the number of cases, and should continue to do so. Pension payments are stabilizing, and higher interest rates will help pension fund returns.

Beneath the surface of this battered company there are important changes that could brighten the picture by the end of 2016, avers Alexander Roepers, president of Atlantic Investment Management, which has been adding shares. Its 8% stake makes Atlantic one of company's largest holders.

Dollar woes have overwhelmed sentiment on the Perrysburg, Ohio-based firm, he says. But the May agreement to buy Mexico's Vitro S.A.B. de C.V. should add 30 to 40 cents of EPS by next year, and more later. The company still needs Mexican regulators' approval, which is expected and could be a near-term stock catalyst, he adds.

As tough a year as Owens-Illinois is having, he points out the company still expects EPS of \$2 to \$2.20 and free cash flow of \$250 million this year.

The stock looks cheap, at a price/earnings ratio of 8.5 times consensus analyst EPS of \$2.52 next year, compared with a median P/E of 10. If EPS does approach \$3 per share next year, the current P/E implies a stock price near \$30. Roepers believes the value could even be higher, \$32, if the P/E expands as investors gain confidence.

The stock's not without risk. Medium-term global industry volume growth is probably more like 1% at best, instead of the 2% previously expected. After the Vitro acquisition, Roepers estimates the company's net debt including asbestos liabilities at about \$5.5 billion at year-end 2016. He sees some \$1.45 billion in earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (Ebitda) next year.

The net debt-to-Ebitda ratio of 3.8 times isn't low, but the glass-container business is a stable one. Roepers looks for free cash flow generation of as much as \$350 million next year, and rising beyond, which will help bring down the debt load relatively quickly.

Market expectations and valuation are low, and it won't take much good news to push up Owens-Illinois stock. The risk/reward looks favorable here.

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Friday's Close Week's Change Week's % Chg.

DJIndustrials	17477.40	+104.02	+0.60
DJTransportation	8318.70	+67.85	+0.82
DJUtilities	604.29	+13.84	+2.34
DJ65Stocks	6206.26	+57.81	+0.94
DJUSMarket	526.31	+3.69	+0.71
NYSEComp.	10782.24	+19.09	+0.18
NYSEMKTComp.	2381.85	-6.11	-0.26
S&P500	2091.54	+13.97	+0.67
S&PMidCap	1501.72	+13.56	+0.91
S&PSmallCap	706.90	+5.69	+0.81
Nasdaq	5048.24	+4.69	+0.09
ValueLine(arith.)	4645.36	+37.89	+0.82
Russell2000	1212.69	+5.79	+0.48
DJUSTSMFloat	21813.52	+146.55	+0.68

Last Week Week Earlier

NYSE		
Advances	1,890	1,138
Declines	1,362	2,099
Unchanged	35	49
NewHighs	164	215
NewLows	379	555
AvDailyVol(mil)	3,466.3	3,749.5
Dollar (Finexspotindex)	96.52	97.56
T-Bond (CBTnearbyfutures)	158-040	158-170
Crude Oil (NYMlightsweetcrude)	42.50	43.87
Inflation KR-CRB (FuturesPriceIndex)	197.97	198.32
Gold (CMXnearbyfutures)	1112.90	1094.10

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Soros Fund Management LLC largely sold off its stakes in Chinese Internet giants Alibaba Group Holding Ltd. and Baidu Inc., while buying an ETF that tracks large-cap Chinese companies and another that follows companies in emerging markets.

Soros sold 4.39 million Alibaba shares, leaving the fund with 59,320 and reduced his position in Baidu to 42,800 shares from 358,650 at March 31. Over the same period, however, the fund also bought 1.9 million shares of the iShares China Large-Cap ETF, which tracks large Chinese companies, and 2 million shares of the iShares MSCI Emerging Markets ETF, which follows emerging market companies.

Soros also decreased its stake in Herbalife Ltd. by selling nearly half of its stake. Activist investor William Ackman has had a public and longstanding large short position in Herbalife, while Soros took the other side of the bet.

The fund also took a large stake in Time Warner Cable Inc., which is now its second-largest equities position after the SPDR **S&P500** ETF. The fund's stake is worth \$259 million.

Soros also increased its stake invested in Facebook Inc., boosting its holdings by 2.47 million shares. It previously held 124,114 shares.

The fund, which now only invests for George Soros, his family and his foundation, announced Aug. 4 that Chief Investment Officer Scott Bessent would exit at the end of this year to start his own hedge-fund firm.

Investors who manage more than \$100 million are required to disclose most securities holdings within a month and a half of the end of a quarter. The filings give the public a relatively fresh look at the portfolios of well-known investors. The quarterly deadline was Friday.

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HONG KONG--Following are expected trading ranges and outlooks for nine major currency pairs in Asia today:

Immediate Range	Larger Range
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USD/JPY 124.65-125.27	124.40-125.55
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EUR/USD 1.0985-1.1115	1.0955-1.1155
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AUD/USD 0.7280-0.7355	0.7260-0.7385
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NZD/USD 0.6515-0.6560	0.6500-0.6580
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GBP/USD 1.5550-1.5615	1.5510-1.5635
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USD/CHF 0.9800-0.9905	0.9755-0.9940
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USD/CAD 1.3030-1.3150	1.2990-1.3180
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EUR/JPY 137.45-138.70	136.75-139.15
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EUR/GBP 0.7060-0.7115	0.7035-0.7130
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(Ranges are calculated using recent high and lows, information on the placement of option strikes, and technical analysis - Fibonacci levels, trendlines and moving averages.)

USD/JPY Intraday: Upside prevails. With the US dollar index currently trading at 97.173, the green back is stable after gaining against commodity and Asian currencies yesterday upon China's central bank's surprise move of devaluating the yuan by about 2%. Overnight crude oil plunged 3.3% to \$43.45 per barrel and copper was down 2.5% to \$2.339 per pound, while gold gained 0.4% to \$1,108.9 per ounce. And the **S&P500** lost 0.96% to 2,084, while the Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 1.21%, to 17,402. Meanwhile USD/JPY has surged past its previous top and stands above the 125.00 level. The ascending 20-period intraday moving average stays above the 50-period one, while the intraday RSI remains above the neutrality level of 50, calling for further advance. Upside targets are set at 125.27 and 125.55 (both last seen in early June).

If the pair breaks below the key support at 124.65, a further decline toward 124.40 and even 124.20 is expected.

EUR/USD Intraday: Upside prevails. The pair keeps trading on the upside after coming off from its overnight high of 1.1088. It is well supported by the 20- and 50-period intraday MAs (now at 1.1037 and 1.1025 respectively). The RSI stays above the neutrality level of 50 lacking downward momentum. As long as 1.0985 holds as the key support, the upside targets are set at 1.1115 (around the high of July 31) and 1.1155. Below 1.0985 look for further downside with 1.0955 & 1.092 as targets.

AUD/USD Intraday: Key resistance at 0.7355. The pair is posting a technical rebound after touching as low as 0.7279 overnight. Meanwhile the 20-period intraday MA stays below the 50-period one. The technical rebound's extent is expected to be limited considering the strong over-head resistance at 0.7355. It is likely to return to the first downside target at 0.7280 before heading further down to 0.7260. Only a break above 0.7355 could turn the pair's intraday outlook bullish with the first alternative upside target set at 0.7385.

NZD/USD Intraday: Under pressure. The pair remains capped by its key resistance at 0.6635, and seems likely to post further decline. Both the ST and intraday outlooks are negative, as the key moving averages maintain strong selling pressure. On an intraday basis, even though a technical rebound cannot be ruled out at the current stage, its extent should be limited by 0.6560. To sum up, the pair is expected to decline to test its support base around 0.6515, if breakout, look for 0.6500 and 0.6485 as our next targets. Alternatively, above 0.6560 look for a new bounce with 0.658 & 0.66 as targets.

GBP/USD Intraday: Bias remains bullish. The pair might be forming a "bullish flag" (a bullish continuation pattern). The intraday RSI stands firmly above its neutrality level at 50, and is turning up. A strong support base around 1.5550 has also been confirmed, and should limit any downward attempt. Last but not least, the process of higher highs and lows is still intact on a 30-min chart. In these perspectives, as long as 1.5550 is not broken, look for further advance to 1.5615 & 1.5635 in extension. Alternatively, below 1.555 look for further downside with 1.551 & 1.5455 as targets.

USD/CHF Intraday: Upside prevails. The pair managed to hold above its key support at 0.9800, which has been tested for several times to confirm the significance of this level. The 20- and 50-period intraday MAs are turning up, and also play as support roles. Moreover, the intraday RSI is above the neutrality level of 50, and calls for a new bounce. In which case, as long as 0.9800 holds on the downside, the pair is expected to post a new rise to challenge 0.9905 (the nearest top) in sight, if breakout, look for 0.9940 in extension. Alternative scenario, below 0.98 look for further downside with 0.9755 & 0.9715 as targets.

USD/CAD Intraday: Rebound. The pair stays above its 20-period and 50-period intraday MAs and remains on the upside. The intraday RSI is positively oriented and lacks downward momentum. Further upside is therefore expected with the next horizontal resistance and overlap set at yesterday's high at 1.3150 at first. A break above this level would call for further advance towards Aug 10 high at 1.3180 as possible. Only a break below the horizontal support at 1.3030 would open the way to further weakness towards yesterday's low at 1.2990 at first. A second alternative downside target is set at 1.2960.

EUR/JPY Intraday: Bias remains bullish. The pair has broken above its previous high at 137.45 and is looking for a higher top. Both rising 20-period and 50-period intraday MAs maintain a bullish bias. And the intraday RSI is well directed. Further upside is therefore expected with the next horizontal resistance and overlap set 138.70 at first. A break above this level would call for further advance towards 139.15. Only a break below the horizontal support at 137.45 would open the way to further weakness towards August 11's low at 136.75 at first. A second alternative downside target is set at the horizontal support and overlap at 136.25.

EUR/GBP Intraday: Upside prevails. The pair stays above its key support at 0.7060 and is moving sideways around its 20-period and 50-period intraday MAs. The intraday RSI is around 50 and lacks momentum. Thus, even though a continuation of the consolidation cannot be ruled out, its extent should be limited. Further upside is therefore expected with the next horizontal resistance and overlap set at yesterday's high at 0.7115 at first. A break above this level would call for further advance towards 0.7130. Only a break below the horizontal support at 0.7060 would open the way to further weakness towards yesterday's low at 0.7035 at first. A second alternative downside target is set at August 7's low at 0.7015.

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0209 GMT [Dow Jones] With the US dollar index currently trading at 97.173, the greenback is stable after gaining against commodity and Asian currencies yesterday upon China's central bank's surprise move of devaluing the yuan by about 2%. Overnight crude oil plunged 3.3% to \$43.45 per barrel and copper was down 2.5% to \$2.339 per pound, while gold gained 0.4% to \$1,108.9 per ounce. The **S&P500** lost 0.96% to 2,084, while the Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 1.21%, to 17,402. Meanwhile USD/JPY has surged past its previous top and stands above the 125.00 level. The ascending 20-period intraday moving average stays above the 50-period one, while the intraday relative strength index remains above the neutrality level of 50, calling for further advance. Upside targets are set at 125.27 and 125.55 (both last seen in early June). If the pair breaks below the key support at 124.65, a further decline toward 124.40 and even 124.20 is expected.

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Yuan Devaluation Blasts Everything in Its Path -- Market Talk

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0255 GMT [Dow Jones] A tumble in the Chinese yuan Tuesday sent other emerging market Asian currencies lower and helped push China shares up. China's yuan sank 1.4% against the U.S. dollar after the central bank devalued its tightly controlled currency through its daily fixing rate. Equity markets are going to be a lot more focused on currencies and central bank policies going forward, says Gavin Perry, managing director at Perry International Trading. "In the mainland, there's going to be a lag effect because the market is more retail driven," but the effect is greater in Hong Kong where "[investors can] see it as a positive for underlying China Inc." A weaker Chinese yuan comes as the world's second largest economy continues to sputter. The Shanghai Composite Index wavers between positive and negative, but the Hang Seng Index is up 1.2% on the central bank's move. Asian currencies fall with the South Korean won and Thai baht hit hardest.

Perry says a weaker yen now adds to the pressure of a deepening commodities rout and a stronger U.S. dollar. "It's now a compounding effect." (chao.deng@wsj.com)

Editor JSM

0253 GMT [Dow Jones] The NZD/USD The pair remains in an up-trend on an intraday basis, supported by its key level at 0.6550. A bullish cross has identified between the 20- and 50-period intraday MAs, which favors a new bounce. Moreover, the intraday RSI stands firmly above its neutrality level at 50. Further advance to challenge 0.6640 (the previous top) seems likely. A second upside target is set at 0.6675. Alternatively, below 0.6585, look for further downside with 0.655 & 0.6525 as targets. This content was produced exclusively for Dow Jones by Trading Central (www.tradingcentral.com), a leading investment research and commentary service specializing in technical analysis. (kenneth.howe@wsj.com)

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0252 GMT [Dow Jones] The weaker yuan would have limited impact on Chinese consumer demand for homes abroad, despite a higher price tag for cross-border purchases, after China's central bank devalued the yuan in a surprise move Tuesday. Analysts say the decision is linked to China's flagging exports data as well as the country's bid for the yuan to join IMF's Special Drawing Rights. While the yuan's strength in recent years have helped to fuel home buying sentiment abroad, Chinese consumers are compelled by other factors when deciding to buy homes overseas, including asset diversification, immigration purposes and education for their offspring, analysts say. (esther.fung@wsj.com, @estherfung)

Editor: JFN

0251 GMT [Dow Jones] Here are six things to ponder about the surprise move to devalue the yuan, according to the head of global currency strategy at CBA, Richard Grace. First, the PBOC has said it did this because it corrects some of its earlier decisions to keep the daily fix very tight. Second, if the PBOC did, for example, a +1.0% adjustment two days in a row, it would generate large market speculation they want USD/CNY much higher. Third, this would then mean the PBOC would have to be selling large amounts of US dollars to defend the daily trading band limit. Fourth, a higher USD/CNY is effectively a depreciation in the currency and an easing of monetary conditions. Fifth, the one-off move by the PBOC has generated a large USD bid in the market, pushing other currencies in the region lower. (james.glynn@wsj.com; Twitter @JamesGlynnWSJ)

Editor: KLH

0244 GMT [Dow Jones] China's devaluation of the yuan was a sharper-than-expected move and provides some further policy easing, says Emma Lawson, senior currency strategist at NAB. The change in fixing arrangement is likely to allow for further depreciation in China, she adds. It is weighing on the Australian dollar, in line with regional currencies and as a regional proxy. Pressure on the Australian dollar is likely to continue in the short-term. (james.glynn@wsj.com; Twitter @JamesGlynnWSJ)

Editor: KLH

0243 GMT [Dow Jones] China's move to devalue its currency may negatively affect the health of other Asian economies that are competing with China's exports, says Kenichiro Ikezawa, fund manager at Daiwa SB Investments. A weaker currency tends to boost exports. "They [Chinese authorities] have tried various steps, but are finally resorting to their main tool. Their real effective exchange rate was high. Devaluing its currency is a quick fix," he says. "This may cause considerable impacts on other Asian countries." The Korean currency is down, reflecting such potential troubles ahead, Ikezawa says. USD/KRW rises to 1172.0 from 1161.8.(kosaku.narioka@wsj.com)

Editor: KLH

0241 GMT [Dow Jones] Kyushu Electric Power (TO.9508) restarted a nuclear reactor Tuesday, signifying the return of nuclear power to Japan after a nearly two-year absence, but many other reactors in the nation are still a long way from restarting. Of the 43 operable reactors, only five have passed the main level of scrutiny. Reactors operated by Tokyo Electric Power (TO.9501) in Niigata prefecture are closer to Tokyo and likely to get particular scrutiny, in part because they suffered damage in a 2007 earthquake, and Chubu Electric Power's (9502.TO) Hamaoka plant is also likely to take extra time because of its proximity to Japan's industrial belt. (peter.landers@wsj.com)

Editor JSM

0238 GMT [Dow Jones] The size of total social financing in China was small relative to the size of new loans in July. Total social financing was 718.8 billion yuan last month, down from 1.86 trillion yuan in June. This compares with 1.48 trillion yuan in new loans last month, up from 1.27 trillion yuan in June. The decline reflects distortions related to the government's bid to prop up the stock market, said Mizuho Securities economist Shen Jianguang, who added that the situation is starting to resemble a Chinese version of quantitative easing. "Because it's a QE style, the government is in the end dependent on asset prices," Shen said. "That's why the Chinese government is intervening. They don't want to see the stock market fall sharply, probably not only because of the confidence issue but also because they want to protect the value of their own assets." (mark.magnier@wsj.com; @MarkMagnier)

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0224 GMT [Dow Jones] USD/CHF Intraday: Upside prevails. Currently trading at 0.9835, the pair remains steadily on the upside. A support base at 0.979 has formed and has allowed for a temporary stabilisation. Besides, the technical indicator such as the intraday RSI favors a new rebound. As long as 0.9790 holds as the key support, the pair seems likely to challenge 0.9890 (its previous swing high) at first. Alternative scenario, below 0.9790 look for further downside with 0.9755 & 0.9715 as targets. Trading Central (tradingcentral.com) is a commentary service specializing in technical analysis.

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0223 GMT [Dow Jones] GBP/USD Intraday: Turning up. The pair managed to break above its previous declining trend line, and is heading upward now. The immediate momentum is strong, as the intraday RSI is challenging its 70 resistance without displaying any reversal signal. Both the rising 20- and 50-period intraday MAs are providing support. In which case, as long as the key support at 1.5510 is not broken, expect a new rise toward 1.5635 and 1.5670 in extension. Alternatively, below 1.5510 look for further downside with 1.5455 & 1.5420 as targets. Trading Central (tradingcentral.com) is a commentary service specializing in technical analysis. (jasper.moiseiwitsch@wsj.com)

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0221 GMT [Dow Jones] The USD/JPY may remain trapped in the 124-level with the pair straight jacketed in a tight range between technical chart lines, says Takuya Kanda, senior researcher at Gaitame.Com Research Institute in a morning note. The pair is well supported around the Ichimoku chart line of 124.29, but its upside is capped at around the 20-day moving average of 124.88. The pair (now at 124.76) was unable to find clear direction overnight as both USD and JPY were sold, amid buying on resource-related currencies. "After digesting closely-monitored U.S. jobs data (Friday), it seems position adjustment is kicking in everywhere ahead of the summer vacation," he says. (hiroyuki.kachi@wsj.com)

Editor: JFN

0220 GMT [Dow Jones] The central bank's effective devaluation of the yuan through a change in the daily fix in the exchange rate is linked to the nation's stalling exports and Beijing's bid to have the currency join the IMF's Special Drawing Rights, JPMorgan economist Haibin Zhu says. Zhu says the steep drop in July exports probably contributed to the surprise decision. The IMF has also said the parity rate was not entirely reflecting market movements. The PBOC says it made a nearly 2% devaluation of the yuan fix as the daily spot movements were moving away from the fix and weakening its role in guiding the market. The IMF decides this year on a possible adjustment of the SDR component currencies and the yuan could be included. (william.kazer@dowjones.com)

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0219 GMT [Dow Jones] USD/PHP shot up at Tuesday's open to reach a 5-year high of 45.89 from Monday's close of 45.76 in reaction to a 2.0% move higher in USD/CNY after China's central bank abruptly devalued

the yuan - a move which has battered other Asian currencies as well. The Philippine peso is now down 2.6% for 2015. The People's Bank of China said it has modified the mechanism for determining the daily yuan benchmark rate to factor in market markers' quotes as well as previous closing levels - a move to deregulate the foreign exchange market. The peso has not moved as much as other Asian currencies such as the Singapore dollar and the South Korea won - whose central banks take a more active role in benchmarking their currencies' values to regional peers due to the impact on trade and exports which their economies are heavily reliant upon. USD/PHP is now 45.83 from its Monday close of 45.76. (ewen.chew@wsj.com)

Editor: MNG

0211 GMT [Dow Jones] The Australian dollar is down after China's central bank said it will devalue its currency, underscoring the challenges the Chinese economy is facing, says Michiyoshi Kato, senior vice president of forex sales at Mizuho Bank. The AUD is sensitive to the strength of the Chinese economy. "Chinese authorities may face criticism from U.S. counterparts, but they probably don't have other choices. Their problem is that serious," he says. The AUD/JPY falls to 91.60 from 92.61. AUD/USD falls to 0.7347 from 0.7427. (kosaku.narioka@wsj.com)

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0211 GMT [Dow Jones] OCBC downgrades Hyflux (600.SG) to 'Sell' from 'Hold' and cuts its fair value estimate to S\$0.75 from S\$0.96 after it is disappointed by the water treatment firm's second quarter earnings. OCBC notes that Hyflux reported an 18% rise in revenue, but it was because it accounted for the proceeds from the sale of five water treatment plants in China. OCBC estimates that revenue was actually down 35% if the one-off items were taken out. Similarly, OCBC estimates that Hyflux would have reported a net loss but for the effect of the one-off gain from the sale. "Given the dismal showing so far, we suspect that more disappointments could be in store for the rest of the year," OCBC says. Hyflux is flat at S\$0.84, compared with a 0.1% decline in the FTSE Straits Times Index. (gaurav.raghuvanshi@wsj.com)

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A further slump in oil prices, a growing sense the Fed will soon raise interest rates, and a host of disappointing earnings reports made stocks fade like a slow summer sunset last week. The Dow notched its longest losing streak in four years, falling for the seventh straight day on Friday. Investors who weren't on their sailboats didn't seem particularly alarmed. The indexes are still much closer to their record highs than they are to bear market territory. And it's August after all.

"On a Friday in August, it's hard to draw conclusions about markets," says Scott Clemons, chief investment strategist at Brown Brothers Harriman. "I don't tend to read a whole lot into August trading patterns for the obvious reasons of thin markets and light participation."

Trading on Friday was influenced by the government's July jobs report, which came in roughly in line with expectations and solidified consensus expectations that the Fed will increase rates in September. The economy added 215,000 jobs and the unemployment rate stayed at 5.3%.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 316 points, or 1.8%, on the week, to 17,373.38. The Standard & Poor's 500 index dropped 26 points, or 1.2%, to 2077.57. The S&P has now fallen for five of the past seven weeks, and sits 2.5% below the highs it hit in May. The Nasdaq Composite fell 85 points, or 1.7%, to 5043.54.

Disney (ticker: DIS) led the Dow lower, falling 8.9% on the week after CEO Robert Iger said its sports unit, ESPN, had lost subscribers. The news hurt shares of several media companies, including Time Warner (TWX). Energy companies also slid along with the price of West Texas oil, which was down 6.9% to \$43.87. Chevron (CVX) hit a new 52-week low, dropping 5.3% on the week.

Just a handful of Dow stocks rose on the week, although one got a big boost on Friday: American Express (AXP) rose 6.3% after Bloomberg reported that ValueAct Capital had amassed a roughly \$1 billion stake in the company's shares. The activist investor did not make its intentions clear, but has proven itself by helping steer Microsoft (MSFT) to better share performance despite taking a relatively small stake in the company.

It was one of the rare bright spots for bullish investors last week. Still, the decline in U.S. stocks has raised few alarms in part because it's been gradual, and doesn't seem tied to any fundamental flaws in the economy. The natural drift of the market now is lower, because frankly, there are few obvious catalysts to lift stocks higher. Large-company U.S. stocks fetch valuations well above their historical averages, and their earnings aren't growing. Paying more for these stocks ahead of a Fed rate increase equates to "fighting the Fed," a prospect investors look upon almost as favorably as sticking their fingers in an electrical outlet.

Clemons says Brown Brothers has gotten more conservative in recent weeks -- in fact, cash levels are higher than at any time since the summer of 2008, an inauspicious season. But he doesn't see a crash coming--he expects to put that cash to work in earnest if stocks fall 10%.

David Lafferty, chief market strategist at Natixis Global Asset Management, thinks investors will soon come to terms with the eventual Fed rate increase, and grow more bullish.

"At some point, the market will realize that the initial stages of Fed tightening are not the end of the world."

Bill Ackman's Sweet Tooth

For those who think that activist investing simply amounts to financial engineering with little economic value, an announcement last week seemed to offer a perfect case in point. Bill Ackman, the activist investor and leader of hedge fund Pershing Square Capital Management, said he'd taken a 7.5% stake in Oreo-maker Mondelez International (ticker: MDLZ). Reports citing people close to Ackman indicate that he sees the company as a possible acquisition target. (Ackman himself wasn't available for comment.)

Few companies have the financial wherewithal to swallow Mondelez's \$76 billion market cap. But the name at the top of the list of potential acquirers is Kraft Heinz.

The chatter comes just three years after Kraft and Mondelez split, spinning Kraft into a new company that operated the company's North American grocery business. Kraft has since merged with Heinz, in a deal engineered by Berkshire Hathaway (BRK.A) and Brazilian private-equity firm 3G Capital Partners. Nelson Peltz, another activist investor with a stake in Mondelez, has pushed for a merger with PepsiCo's (PEP) snacks business.

Activism, mergers, and spinoffs have a long history in the snacks industry. Back in 2007, Ackman owned Cadbury Schweppes, which made the Creme Eggs now owned -- after several spinoffs, mergers, and such -- by Mondelez. The snacks keep going round and round, ruining our teeth, and generating huge fees for investment bankers.

The Street is clearly skeptical of Ackman's plans. After opening 4.9% higher on Thursday morning on the news, Mondelez shares ended the day up just 1.1%. They fell 1.5% on Friday.

But Ackman's stake in Mondelez may make more fundamental sense than he's getting credit for. Peltz has advocated for substantial cost cuts, and Ackman reportedly shares that sentiment.

Mondelez trails its competitors considerably on profit margins, because of what Morningstar analyst Erin Lash calls a "more bloated cost structure." Mondelez's 12% operating margins last year paled in comparison to Hershey's 18% margins.

The company has already committed to a restructuring plan that is expected to cut \$1.5 billion in annual costs -- about 5% of pre-tax expenses -- by 2018. Early efforts have paid off, with margins rising to about 14% for the last three quarters. The company says it expects margins to hit 15% to 16% by next year.

But Lash thinks the company can become even more efficient. Some Mondelez factories haven't been updated in more than 60 years, but previous modernization projects have shown huge potential. "Compared with the lines being retired, this upgraded technology stands to offer [10 percentage] points of margin improvement by taking up a fraction of the floor space, running two times as fast, and necessitating just one third the human capital investment (and half as much operating costs)," wrote Lash.

She sees operating margins rising to 17% by 2019 and earnings per share hitting \$2.90 per share. Lash expects the shares to rise to \$50 from a recent \$46. The acquisition chatter also helps put a floor under the stock -- food companies tend to fetch multiples of 13 to 15 times earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization -- if Mondelez shares slipped below \$40, an acquirer could snap it up.

Wells Fargo analyst John Baumgartner also sees an acquisition as a long shot right now, but views Ackman's purchase as validation that the company is undervalued. By "putting skin in the game," he "reinforces the potential" of the stock, says Baumgartner. Cost-cuts and efficiency gains at modernized factories can drive the stock, but Mondelez also has the ability to grow its revenue, which has barely budged in the last three years. The company can use its existing distribution networks to sell chocolate in China, or biscuits in India, for instance. Baumgartner sees shares rising to \$50 to \$52. "An investor who gets involved in Mondelez today should see benefits from revenue expansion," he says.

Opportunity in Apple's Woes

Apple shares (AAPL) have tumbled about 11% since its earnings report 2 1/2 weeks ago as investors anticipate a deceleration in iPhone shipments. The timing of the drop is no accident: Investors tend to get anxious during the lull between new iPhone models. In the second half of 2012, that anxiety helped sink the stock by 30%. The emergence of Chinese handset-makers has added to uncertainty about Apple's market share.

Several other stocks, of course, tend to trade in sympathy in Apple, and the recent selloff has also taken them down a peg. One of those recent laggards is Skyworks Solutions (SWKS), a wireless chipmaker that's become an increasingly important Apple supplier. The company's specialized chips allow devices made by Apple and others to connect to wireless networks. The company's chips are in especially high demand as smartphone-users upgrade to 4G technology from 3G, and they're crucial for appliances and other products that can be controlled using wireless devices -- the so-called Internet of Things.

Skyworks' stock has traded in relatively close tandem with Apple over the past couple of years, though its gains have been even more impressive -- "it's like Apple on steroids," says Peter Tuz, president and portfolio manager at Chase Investment Counsel, which holds Skyworks shares. "If Apple sneezes, Skyworks ends up with a cold."

The Massachusetts-based chipmaker is one of the fastest-growing companies in the S&P 500, posting 38% revenue growth in the most recent quarter. The stock has quintupled since the start of 2013. But its recent performance has been less stellar -- shares are down 12% in the past month despite a much better than expected third-quarter earnings report just a few weeks ago; the company issued fourth-quarter guidance that also sped past analyst estimates.

Despite its strong previous performance, the stock is arguably still undervalued. Earnings are expected to rise from \$5.26 per share this year to \$6.17 next year. At a recent \$87, shares trade at just 14.1 times next year's estimates, well below the overall market and several competitors. Analysts see earnings growing 21% in the long-term; tech stocks with similar potential tend to trade at much higher earnings multiples. "For a company with that kind of growth rate, it's very attractive right now," Tuz says, though he remains concerned about the technical backdrop. He says the stock recently broke through its 200-day moving average, so it could still see some selling pressure.

But Oppenheimer analyst Rick Shafer calls the recent pullback "an opportunity for long-term investment," as tech stocks with this kind of growth trajectory rarely trade at such low multiples. "We remain buyers, and would use recent weakness as an opportunity to build/bolster long term positions."

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NYSEComp.	10763.15	-119.13	-1.09
NYSEMKTComp.	2387.96	-31.73	-1.31
S&P500	2077.57	-26.27	-1.25
S&PMidCap	1488.16	-14.73	-0.98
S&PSmallCap	701.21	-11.43	-1.60
Nasdaq	5043.54	-84.74	-1.65
ValueLine(arith.)	4607.47	-73.89	-1.58
Russell2000	1206.90	-31.78	-2.57
DJUSTSMFloat	21666.98	-298.03	-1.36

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Declines	2,099	1,135
Unchanged	49	49
NewHighs	215	182
NewLows	555	600
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Dollar		
(Finexspotindex)	97.56	97.19
T-Bond		
(CBTnearbyfutures)	158-170	155-300
Crude Oil		
(NYMlightsweetcrude)	43.87	47.12
Inflation KR-CRB		
(FuturesPriceIndex)	198.32	202.57
Gold		
(CMXnearbyfutures)	1094.10	1094.90

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A further slump in oil prices, a growing sense the Fed will soon raise interest rates, and a host of disappointing earnings reports made stocks fade like a slow summer sunset last week. The Dow notched its longest losing streak in four years, falling for the seventh straight day on Friday. Investors who weren't on their sailboats didn't seem particularly alarmed. The indexes are still much closer to their record highs than they are to bear market territory. And it's August after all.

"On a Friday in August, it's hard to draw conclusions about markets," says Scott Clemons, chief investment strategist at Brown Brothers Harriman. "I don't tend to read a whole lot into August trading patterns for the obvious reasons of thin markets and light participation."

Trading on Friday was influenced by the government's July jobs report, which came in roughly in line with expectations and solidified consensus expectations that the Fed will increase rates in September. The economy added 215,000 jobs and the unemployment rate stayed at 5.3%.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 316 points, or 1.8%, on the week, to 17,373.38. The Standard & Poor's 500 index dropped 26 points, or 1.2%, to 2077.57. The S&P has now fallen for five of the past seven weeks, and sits 2.5% below the highs it hit in May. The Nasdaq Composite fell 85 points, or 1.7%, to 5043.54.

Disney (ticker: DIS) led the Dow lower, falling 8.9% on the week after CEO Robert Iger said its sports unit, ESPN, had lost subscribers. The news hurt shares of several media companies, including Time Warner (TWX). Energy companies also slid along with the price of West Texas oil, which was down 6.9% to \$43.87. Chevron (CVX) hit a new 52-week low, dropping 5.3% on the week.

Just a handful of Dow stocks rose on the week, although one got a big boost on Friday: American Express (AXP) rose 6.3% after Bloomberg reported that ValueAct Capital had amassed a roughly \$1 billion stake in the company's shares. The activist investor did not make its intentions clear, but has proven itself by helping steer Microsoft (MSFT) to better share performance despite taking a relatively small stake in the company.

It was one of the rare bright spots for bullish investors last week. Still, the decline in U.S. stocks has raised few alarms in part because it's been gradual, and doesn't seem tied to any fundamental flaws in the economy. The natural drift of the market now is lower, because frankly, there are few obvious catalysts to lift stocks higher. Large-company U.S. stocks fetch valuations well above their historical averages, and their earnings aren't growing. Paying more for these stocks ahead of a Fed rate increase equates to "fighting the Fed," a prospect investors look upon almost as favorably as sticking their fingers in an electrical outlet.

Clemons says Brown Brothers has gotten more conservative in recent weeks -- in fact, cash levels are higher than at any time since the summer of 2008, an inauspicious season. But he doesn't see a crash coming--he expects to put that cash to work in earnest if stocks fall 10%.

David Lafferty, chief market strategist at Natixis Global Asset Management, thinks investors will soon come to terms with the eventual Fed rate increase, and grow more bullish.

"At some point, the market will realize that the initial stages of Fed tightening are not the end of the world."

Bill Ackman's Sweet Tooth

For those who think that activist investing simply amounts to financial engineering with little economic value, an announcement last week seemed to offer a perfect case in point. Bill Ackman, the activist investor and leader of hedge fund Pershing Square Capital Management, said he'd taken a 7.5% stake in Oreo-maker

Mondelez International (ticker: MDLZ). Reports citing people close to Ackman indicate that he sees the company as a possible acquisition target. (Ackman himself wasn't available for comment.)

Few companies have the financial wherewithal to swallow Mondelez's \$76 billion market cap. But the name at the top of the list of potential acquirers is Kraft Heinz.

The chatter comes just three years after Kraft and Mondelez split, spinning Kraft into a new company that operated the company's North American grocery business. Kraft has since merged with Heinz, in a deal engineered by Berkshire Hathaway (BRK.A) and Brazilian private-equity firm 3G Capital Partners. Nelson Peltz, another activist investor with a stake in Mondelez, has pushed for a merger with PepsiCo's (PEP) snacks business.

Activism, mergers, and spinoffs have a long history in the snacks industry. Back in 2007, Ackman owned Cadbury Schweppes, which made the Creme Eggs now owned -- after several spinoffs, mergers, and such -- by Mondelez. The snacks keep going round and round, ruining our teeth, and generating huge fees for investment bankers.

The Street is clearly skeptical of Ackman's plans. After opening 4.9% higher on Thursday morning on the news, Mondelez shares ended the day up just 1.1%. They fell 1.5% on Friday.

But Ackman's stake in Mondelez may make more fundamental sense than he's getting credit for. Peltz has advocated for substantial cost cuts, and Ackman reportedly shares that sentiment.

Mondelez trails its competitors considerably on profit margins, because of what Morningstar analyst Erin Lash calls a "more bloated cost structure." Mondelez's 12% operating margins last year paled in comparison to Hershey's 18% margins.

The company has already committed to a restructuring plan that is expected to cut \$1.5 billion in annual costs -- about 5% of pre-tax expenses -- by 2018. Early efforts have paid off, with margins rising to about 14% for the last three quarters. The company says it expects margins to hit 15% to 16% by next year.

But Lash thinks the company can become even more efficient. Some Mondelez factories haven't been updated in more than 60 years, but previous modernization projects have shown huge potential. "Compared with the lines being retired, this upgraded technology stands to offer [10 percentage] points of margin improvement by taking up a fraction of the floor space, running two times as fast, and necessitating just one third the human capital investment (and half as much operating costs)," wrote Lash.

She sees operating margins rising to 17% by 2019 and earnings per share hitting \$2.90 per share. Lash expects the shares to rise to \$50 from a recent \$46. The acquisition chatter also helps put a floor under the stock -- food companies tend to fetch multiples of 13 to 15 times earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization -- if Mondelez shares slipped below \$40, an acquirer could snap it up.

Wells Fargo analyst John Baumgartner also sees an acquisition as a long shot right now, but views Ackman's purchase as validation that the company is undervalued. By "putting skin in the game," he "reinforces the potential" of the stock, says Baumgartner. Cost-cuts and efficiency gains at modernized factories can drive the stock, but Mondelez also has the ability to grow its revenue, which has barely budged in the last three years. The company can use its existing distribution networks to sell chocolate in China, or biscuits in India, for instance. Baumgartner sees shares rising to \$50 to \$52. "An investor who gets involved in Mondelez today should see benefits from revenue expansion," he says.

Opportunity in Apple's Woes

Apple shares (AAPL) have tumbled about 11% since its earnings report 2 1/2 weeks ago as investors anticipate a deceleration in iPhone shipments. The timing of the drop is no accident: Investors tend to get anxious during the lull between new iPhone models. In the second half of 2012, that anxiety helped sink the stock by 30%. The emergence of Chinese handset-makers has added to uncertainty about Apple's market share.

Several other stocks, of course, tend to trade in sympathy in Apple, and the recent selloff has also taken them down a peg. One of those recent laggards is Skyworks Solutions (SWKS), a wireless chipmaker that's become an increasingly important Apple supplier. The company's specialized chips allow devices made by Apple and others to connect to wireless networks. The company's chips are in especially high demand as smartphone-users upgrade to 4G technology from 3G, and they're crucial for appliances and other products that can be controlled using wireless devices -- the so-called Internet of Things.

Skyworks' stock has traded in relatively close tandem with Apple over the past couple of years, though its gains have been even more impressive -- "it's like Apple on steroids," says Peter Tuz, president and portfolio

manager at Chase Investment Counsel, which holds Skyworks shares. "If Apple sneezes, Skyworks ends up with a cold."

The Massachusetts-based chipmaker is one of the fastest-growing companies in the S&P 500, posting 38% revenue growth in the most recent quarter. The stock has quintupled since the start of 2013. But its recent performance has been less stellar -- shares are down 12% in the past month despite a much better than expected third-quarter earnings report just a few weeks ago; the company issued fourth-quarter guidance that also sped past analyst estimates.

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T-Bond (CBTnearbyfutures)	158-170	155-300
Crude Oil (NYMlightsweetcrude)	43.87	47.12
Inflation KR-CRB (FuturesPriceIndex)	198.32	202.57
Gold (CMXnearbyfutures)	1094.10	1094.90

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The stock market is one of three alarming bubbles in the Chinese economy. A domino effect from the stock market nosedive to the larger credit and property bubbles is unlikely, but not impossible. We expect the government to do whatever it takes to prevent this happening. But Beijing has shown that it does not always have a firm grip on the market. We have revised our rate forecast to one cut of 25 basis points in H2. A stable CNY is preferred for the purpose of financial stability and SDR inclusion.

Summer this year did not start with the usual lull. The stock market plunge in mid-June has put China in harm's way. After just two weeks' respite, the Shanghai composite index fell by 8.5% on 27 July - the largest single-day drop since February 2007.

The stock market crash has little direct impact on the real economy, mainly due to the low stock market participation rate and limited wealth effect. The Chinese economy is still set for a soft landing as the property market has recovered from last year's trough. Industrial activities will likely benefit from restored confidence in the property sector. However, the economy remains vulnerable, as reflected by the unexpectedly low flash PMI reading for July.

Our biggest concerns for the Chinese economy are the credit and property bubbles. Both are large enough to trigger a hard landing. Risk of either bubble bursting has increased lately as they have become more closely linked to the stock market. A direct link between the equity and housing market was created when retail investors were granted permission to use their housing as collateral for the margin debt used in equity investment. Given the economy's heavy reliance on the housing market, this link could be risky for growth.

The link between the equity and credit bubble is through margin debt as well. It is commonly believed that most liquidity from monetary easing over the past year went to the equity market. Corporates likely played a major role here as they are the primary borrowers from the banks. The degree of corporate involvement in debt-financed equity investment is highly alarming given the pressure on corporate profits and the already high debt level (153% of GDP).

We expect the authorities to use every tool at their disposal to prevent the stock market crash spreading to the banking and property sectors. However, the latest stock market volatility has shown that the government does not always have firm grip on the economy and the market.

According to rumours, the large plunge on the 27 July was due to the regulators' secret withdrawal of the emergency measures, which have been in place since late June, to test market resilience. Regardless of the rumour's reliability, the authorities are likely aware by now that the stock market remains highly anxious. The trailing 30-day volatility in the Shanghai composite index is 62, the highest since 1997 and many times higher than **S&P500** volatility of 13 and FTSE100 of 15. Therefore, the supportive measures will be kept in place for some time, including a sales ban for investors holding more than 5% of a company's stocks. Sovereign wealth funds would stand ready to inject more funds into the market.

Monetary policy will remain loose to prevent a third round of stock market crash and support growth. We expect a few more cuts to the reserve requirement ratio, which is high by historical standards. We have revised our expectation and now expect one more rate cut of 25 basis points in H2. This revision is mainly based on the expectation of renewed downward pressure on oil prices, as a result of the fragile Chinese demand and lifted sanction on Iran that could exacerbate oversupply, but also the heightened state of alert among Chinese leaders that is bound to have been the consequence of the equity drops. On the fiscal policy side, approval of new infrastructural projects is expected to speed up.

The CNY has been surprisingly stable since early June, despite indication of outflows from the equity sell-off. It was likely a result of heavy government intervention, reflected by the falling FX reserves. CNY stability is preferred at the moment because Beijing cannot handle volatility in both the stock and currency markets. In addition, the hope of being included in the IMF's SDR basket in October also requires yuan stability. In late July, the powerful State Council has recommended a widening of the CNY trading band. Although this has

sparked bearish bets against the CNY, it could be another move to liberalise the currency, another prerequisite for the SDR inclusion.

In spite of a robust property market recovery, the Chinese economy remains vulnerable. Downside risks to growth have increased in light of the recent stock market crash, which may have contagion effects on the already large property and credit bubble. Due to the rising growth concerns, the government will likely keep all supportive measures in place. More stimuli are expected, including one more rate cut of 25 basis points in H2. In the coming months, a firm CNY is preferred for the purpose of financial stability and SDR inclusion. If the CNY trading band is to be widened, the aim would be to show progress on financial reform.

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Kors Jumps 10% As Q1, Full Year Forecast Beat Expectations -- Barron's Blog

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Michael Kors (KORS) is up more than 10% in Thursday morning trading, as its better-than expected first quarter overshadowed mixed guidance.

Kors said it earned 87 cents a share on revenue that climbed 11.2% to \$986 million. Analysts were expecting earnings per share of 75 cents on revenue of \$944.3 million.

For the current quarter, it expects to earn between 86 cents and 90 cents on revenue between \$1.06 billion and \$1.08 billion--both metrics are below analysts' forecasts of 98 cents in per-share earnings and revenue of \$1.11 billion.

However, for the full year, Kors said it will earn between \$4.40 and \$4.50 a share, well ahead of the \$4.26 consensus. It sees revenue between \$4.7 billion and \$4.8 billion, also ahead of the \$4.66 billion analyst are expecting.

Other handbag makers Coach (COH) and Kate Spade (KATE) reported earnings earlier this week and saw their shares climb: Coach turned in a better-than-expected fourth quarter while strong sales trends overshadowed Kate Spade's second-quarter miss.

Only a couple of analysts are weighing in so far on Kors' quarter, but both are optimistic.

Cowen & Co.'s Oliver Chen reiterated an Outperform rating and \$48 price target on the stock:

KORS likely to trade slightly up to in-line given better than feared & street 2Q on comps, margins & EPS. Impressed by +13c EPS beat on higher rev., better GM & lower SG&A. As expected, mgmt revised FY16 guidance for slightly lower top-line of -LSD reported comp (flat C/C) vs. prior flat reported (+LSD C/C), but reaffirmed FY16 EPS \$4.40-\$4.50.

Nomura's Simeon Siegel reiterated a Buy rating and \$51 price target on the stock:

This morning, KORS reported an EPS beat of \$0.87 vs. the Street at \$0.75 and (importantly) reaffirmed its FY guide. This is yet another "handbag" retailer that has posted a positive surprise this quarter. Although from our discussions, it is clear that investor appetite for the group has been decimated, we believe this week's data points may serve to begin stirring dormant interest. With shares down 47% YTD (vs. **S&P500** +2%), expectations heading into the print had grown increasingly negative, with concerns that the company would not be able to stem the downward trajectory. Although we must acknowledge EPS was down YoY, we believe the company had set an appropriately low bar as it beat our estimates on every line.

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Stocks --- The Trader: Stocks Stage a Rebound, Rising 1.2% on Week

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Weak earnings results from bellwether companies such as Procter & Gamble, ExxonMobil, and Chevron couldn't topple indexes last week, as European stocks rose, and the Fed gave only halfhearted hints that it is creeping toward a rate hike. On balance, investors liked what they saw, and the major indexes rebounded from the shellacking of the previous week.

After weeks of tumult in the markets caused by meltdowns in Greece and China, trading was quieter last week.

The Fed continued to tweak its monthly statement to signal to investors that members think job growth is improving. But to many ears, the central bank's pronouncements still read like a Ouija board at a teenage slumber party.

"The Fed is essentially winging it," says Peter Boockvar, chief market analyst at the Lindsey Group. "We can parse the words, but even they may not know what they're going to do until the day they do it."

The Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 0.7%, or 122 points, to 17,690.46, while the Standard & Poor's 500 index gained 1.2%, or 24 points, to 2103.92. The Nasdaq Composite rose 0.8%, or 40 points, to 5128.28.

Traders might simply have been looking for bargains following the Dow's 2.9% slide the previous week. Some strong earnings reports also helped inspire confidence. Pfizer (ticker: PFE) jumped 5.3% on the week, to \$36.06, after beating earnings expectations and raising its guidance; a similarly strong earnings report lifted Ford (F) 3%, to \$14.83.

But energy stocks continued their slide, with a particularly punishing performance Friday. ExxonMobil's (XOM) earnings fell 52% year-over-year, and Chevron's (CVX) results included heavy charges because of low oil prices. The stocks fell 4.5% and 4.9%, respectively, on Friday. Nymex-traded crude oil fell 2.1%, or \$1.02, to \$47.12 a barrel on the week. For the month, it was down 21%.

Procter & Gamble (PG) also disappointed investors after posting a 5% drop in sales. Although the strong dollar hurt results, investors were unimpressed with the company's underlying performance. P&G ended the week down 4.5%, the worst performance in the Dow.

Nonetheless, second quarter earnings results are still "exceeding what had been feared," says Lori Heinel, chief portfolio strategist at State Street Global Advisors. "That can help fuel the market's move higher."

Second-quarter GDP rose 2.3%, slightly worse than expectations, adding to speculation that the economy is still too weak for the Fed to raise rates. Data released in the weeks ahead could add some clarity; although Janet Yellen & Co. will take a month off in August, investors are likely to stay glued to their screens. Next week, manufacturing and payrolls data could set the tone for the September meeting.

Four Drilling Stocks Look Attractive

Since the start of July, crude-oil prices have fallen about 20%, and oil stocks have been about as popular as a bowl of Kryptonite at a Kent family picnic. The possibility for increased oil supplies from Iran and mixed data on production and rig counts have led investors to believe that the slump will be more protracted than originally expected. Several strategists are staying far away until they have more information.

"Until we see the bottom we're very underweight oil-related stocks," said Bessemer Trust strategist Joe Tanius.

Ted Harper, co-manager of the Frost Natural Resources fund (FNATX), is bucking the trend, however, and betting that oil stocks have greater rebound potential than the market currently expects. While July was "no fun," Harper says, he is getting more aggressive in buying shares of some beaten-down companies.

"We're in the process of bottoming out," he says, referring more to oil stocks than the commodity. "It is going to be a more gradual grind, barring some unforeseen geopolitical dislocation."

Harper's optimistic view is colored by recent data showing that production has fallen in the U.S., and rig counts are drifting lower over time. He also believes that Iran won't be able to ramp up production as quickly as other investors seem to think. The Street has lowered its earnings expectations for oil companies so drastically that "estimate revisions are likely to be flat to slightly higher, as opposed to another 10% to 20% down."

"Certainly there will be segments of the energy complex where you're still going to see declines," he adds, singling out deepwater drilling companies.

So, where should a cautious optimist invest? Harper thinks there is less upside in large-company names such as Chevron and ExxonMobil, and in energy exchange-traded funds that have a large weighting in those "supermajors."

"Nothing against any of those companies, but to the extent that we may be closer to an inflection point, those aren't going to be the names that perform best on the way out," he says. "It's fine to own them through the cycle because of the quality of the balance sheet. During the tough times those are fantastic. But if we are at a point where things are going to stabilize or recover, those stocks aren't going to outperform."

Instead, Harper prefers the land-drillers -- companies paid by exploration companies to drill wells, particularly in the most productive shale formations. In particular, Harper likes companies that own the most technologically sophisticated rigs that can drill more efficiently and quickly. The decline in prices has caused a shakeout in the industry that has left four companies in a commanding position.

"You've basically got four players with the most capable rigs garnering the bulk of the market share going forward," he says. "We like that market structure."

The big four are Precision Drilling (PDS), Patterson-UTI (PTEN), Nabors Industries (NBR), and Helmerich & Payne (HP). Harper expects rig counts for shale players to rise later this year, and day rates to improve early next year.

His fund has been adding shares in Patterson, a Texas-based driller, because it has continued to upgrade its rigs and add new services. "They've actually taken share during the downturn," he said.

Precision also looks attractive at these levels, he added.

Masonite Is a Cheap Housing Play

Downbeat housing news caused some investors to doubt the strength of the market last week. The number of pending home sales, which measures homes under contract, slipped in June. Seasonally adjusted home prices unexpectedly fell in May, according to the Case-Shiller price gauge.

But other news painted a rosier picture of the housing market. D.R. Horton (DRI), the nation's largest home builder, said orders for homes rose 22% year-over-year in the second quarter, maintaining the brisk momentum the company had seen in the first quarter. Orders are a leading indicator for builders, so the jump ought to give investors hope for the second half of the year.

The housing market has revived from its post-crash depths, but the pace of sales remains deeply depressed. Housing starts, measured when builders break ground on new projects, rose to an annual rate of 1.2 million in June, still well below the historical average of 1.5 million.

The recession played a big role in depressing construction, as young people stayed at home longer and warring spouses delayed divorce. But job growth and household formation are now returning to more normal levels, which is putting pressure on builders to increase inventory.

The home-building stocks remain good values; D.R. Horton, which Barron's has written about positively in the past, trades for 12.6 times expected 2016 earnings

Other stocks arguably could see more upside from a sustained housing rebound. While builders could be forced to pay more for land as the market heats up, suppliers have less cost pressure. Margins for companies that make manufactured products like faucets and doors rise as orders pour in because they have high fixed costs.

Masonite (DOOR) stands out among the possible beneficiaries of an increase in home construction. The Tampa-based company makes doors for residences and commercial properties, selling about three-quarters of its products in North America. A series of recent acquisitions has turned the North American industry into a duopoly, with Masonite and Jeld-Wen each controlling about 40% of the residential market, according to RBC Capital. That has allowed Masonite to raise prices four times since the start of 2013, according to FBR Capital.

Some investors think the stock is at the start of a multiyear upswing because of the accelerating housing market and Masonite's dominant market position. Jason Bernzweig, a portfolio manager at Zelman Capital, which owns Masonite shares, says the company could see profit margins double once construction returns to normal levels. Margins on adjusted earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization (Ebitda) hit 7.5% last year, well below the 13.5% at the peak of the last cycle.

Because of the high fixed costs to operate a factory, Masonite benefits disproportionately when the market rises; that operating leverage and likely price increases mean that its incremental margins on each new door are 40%, Bernzweig estimates.

"The fundamentals of this situation support robust growth in Ebitda and cash flow as the U.S. housing and construction recovery continues," he says. Masonite expects door sales to rise at an 11% annual rate in the five years ending in 2018.

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Weak earnings results from bellwether companies such as Procter & Gamble, ExxonMobil, and Chevron couldn't topple indexes last week, as European stocks rose, and the Fed gave only halfhearted hints that it is creeping toward a rate hike. On balance, investors liked what they saw, and the major indexes rebounded from the shellacking of the previous week.

After weeks of tumult in the markets caused by meltdowns in Greece and China, trading was quieter last week.

The Fed continued to tweak its monthly statement to signal to investors that members think job growth is improving. But to many ears, the central bank's pronouncements still read like a Ouija board at a teenage slumber party.

"The Fed is essentially winging it," says Peter Boockvar, chief market analyst at the Lindsey Group. "We can parse the words, but even they may not know what they're going to do until the day they do it."

The Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 0.7%, or 122 points, to 17,690.46, while the Standard & Poor's 500 index gained 1.2%, or 24 points, to 2103.92. The Nasdaq Composite rose or 0.8%, or 40 points, to 5128.28.

Traders might simply have been looking for bargains following the Dow's 2.9% slide the previous week. Some strong earnings reports also helped inspire confidence. Pfizer (ticker: PFE) jumped 5.3% on the week, to \$36.06, after beating earnings expectations and raising its guidance; a similarly strong earnings report lifted Ford (F) 3%, to \$14.83.

But energy stocks continued their slide, with a particularly punishing performance Friday. ExxonMobil's (XOM) earnings fell 52% year-over-year, and Chevron's (CVX) results included heavy charges because of low oil prices. The stocks fell 4.5% and 4.9%, respectively, on Friday. Nymex-traded crude oil fell 2.1%, or \$1.02, to \$47.12 a barrel on the week. For the month, it was down 21%.

Procter & Gamble (PG) also disappointed investors after posting a 5% drop in sales. Although the strong dollar hurt results, investors were unimpressed with the company's underlying performance. P&G ended the week down 4.5%, the worst performance in the Dow.

Nonetheless, second quarter earnings results are still "exceeding what had been feared," says Lori Heinel, chief portfolio strategist at State Street Global Advisors. "That can help fuel the market's move higher."

Second-quarter GDP rose 2.3%, slightly worse than expectations, adding to speculation that the economy is still too weak for the Fed to raise rates. Data released in the weeks ahead could add some clarity; although Janet Yellen & Co. will take a month off in August, investors are likely to stay glued to their screens. Next week, manufacturing and payrolls data could set the tone for the September meeting.

Four Drilling Stocks Look Attractive

Since the start of July, crude-oil prices have fallen about 20%, and oil stocks have been about as popular as a bowl of Kryptonite at a Kent family picnic. The possibility for increased oil supplies from Iran and mixed data on production and rig counts have led investors to believe that the slump will be more protracted than originally expected. Several strategists are staying far away until they have more information.

"Until we see the bottom we're very underweight oil-related stocks," said Bessemer Trust strategist Joe Tanius.

Ted Harper, co-manager of the Frost Natural Resources fund (FNATX), is bucking the trend, however, and betting that oil stocks have greater rebound potential than the market currently expects. While July was "no fun," Harper says, he is getting more aggressive in buying shares of some beaten-down companies.

"We're in the process of bottoming out," he says, referring more to oil stocks than the commodity. "It is going to be a more gradual grind, barring some unforeseen geopolitical dislocation."

Harper's optimistic view is colored by recent data showing that production has fallen in the U.S., and rig counts are drifting lower over time. He also believes that Iran won't be able to ramp up production as quickly as other investors seem to think. The Street has lowered its earnings expectations for oil companies so drastically that "estimate revisions are likely to be flat to slightly higher, as opposed to another 10% to 20% down."

"Certainly there will be segments of the energy complex where you're still going to see declines," he adds, singling out deepwater drilling companies.

So, where should a cautious optimist invest? Harper thinks there is less upside in large-company names such as Chevron and ExxonMobil, and in energy exchange-traded funds that have a large weighting in those "supermajors."

"Nothing against any of those companies, but to the extent that we may be closer to an inflection point, those aren't going to be the names that perform best on the way out," he says. "It's fine to own them through the cycle because of the quality of the balance sheet. During the tough times those are fantastic. But if we are at a point where things are going to stabilize or recover, those stocks aren't going to outperform."

Instead, Harper prefers the land-drillers -- companies paid by exploration companies to drill wells, particularly in the most productive shale formations. In particular, Harper likes companies that own the most technologically sophisticated rigs that can drill more efficiently and quickly. The decline in prices has caused a shakeout in the industry that has left four companies in a commanding position.

"You've basically got four players with the most capable rigs garnering the bulk of the market share going forward," he says. "We like that market structure."

The big four are Precision Drilling (PDS), Patterson-UTI (PTEN), Nabors Industries (NBR), and Helmerich & Payne (HP). Harper expects rig counts for shale players to rise later this year, and day rates to improve early next year.

His fund has been adding shares in Patterson, a Texas-based driller, because it has continued to upgrade its rigs and add new services. "They've actually taken share during the downturn," he said.

Precision also looks attractive at these levels, he added.

Masonite Is a Cheap Housing Play

Downbeat housing news caused some investors to doubt the strength of the market last week. The number of pending home sales, which measures homes under contract, slipped in June. Seasonally adjusted home prices unexpectedly fell in May, according to the Case-Shiller price gauge.

But other news painted a rosier picture of the housing market. D.R. Horton (DRI), the nation's largest home builder, said orders for homes rose 22% year-over-year in the second quarter, maintaining the brisk momentum the company had seen in the first quarter. Orders are a leading indicator for builders, so the jump ought to give investors hope for the second half of the year.

The housing market has revived from its post-crash depths, but the pace of sales remains deeply depressed. Housing starts, measured when builders break ground on new projects, rose to an annual rate of 1.2 million in June, still well below the historical average of 1.5 million.

The recession played a big role in depressing construction, as young people stayed at home longer and warring spouses delayed divorce. But job growth and household formation are now returning to more normal levels, which is putting pressure on builders to increase inventory.

The home-building stocks remain good values; D.R. Horton, which Barron's has written about positively in the past, trades for 12.6 times expected 2016 earnings

Other stocks arguably could see more upside from a sustained housing rebound. While builders could be forced to pay more for land as the market heats up, suppliers have less cost pressure. Margins for companies that make manufactured products like faucets and doors rise as orders pour in because they have high fixed costs.

Masonite (DOOR) stands out among the possible beneficiaries of an increase in home construction. The Tampa-based company makes doors for residences and commercial properties, selling about three-quarters of its products in North America. A series of recent acquisitions has turned the North American industry into a duopoly, with Masonite and Jeld-Wen each controlling about 40% of the residential market, according to RBC Capital. That has allowed Masonite to raise prices four times since the start of 2013, according to FBR Capital.

Some investors think the stock is at the start of a multiyear upswing because of the accelerating housing market and Masonite's dominant market position. Jason Bernzweig, a portfolio manager at Zelman Capital, which owns Masonite shares, says the company could see profit margins double once construction returns to normal levels. Margins on adjusted earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization (Ebitda) hit 7.5% last year, well below the 13.5% at the peak of the last cycle.

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Our bullish thesis has suffered a setback, and it might take longer for things to sort out. But the shares look undervalued again at 14 times analysts' 2016 consensus EPS estimate of \$7. Although sales in the quarter fell 5% to \$16.3 billion, 80% of the decline was attributable to a stronger dollar. Negative comparisons due to currency will roll out of results in the next 12 months.

As in October, UTX is cheap compared to its history. But that hardly seemed relevant when the stock sank Tuesday, suffering its largest one-day percentage decline since the September 2001 World Trade Center terrorist attacks.

Henry Smith, chief investment officer of Haverford Trust, liked UTX in October, and the firm recently bought more stock for new accounts. "I still like the company long-term," he says. "It's in good businesses with secular growth prospects." In China, it faces the same issues as other U.S. multinationals, he says. Moreover, cash from the Sikorsky sale, equal to about \$10 per share, can be used to buy back stock or acquire fast-growing businesses.

United Technologies sports a stellar decade-long record of growth. It is a high-quality company with a diversified revenue base, and deserves a place in a long-term investor's portfolio. For the stock to head higher, China's economic deceleration must stop. That will happen, but it might take a while.

Regions Financial On the Mend

Bank stocks are up 6% this year, fueling a general feeling that the banks are beginning to get out from under the cloud of mistrust caused by the 2008 financial crisis.

Not so Regions Financial (RF), whose shares dropped 90% in 2009. The stock, at a recent \$10.56, is still in the penalty box for the bank's aggressive lending back then, says Jeff Bahl, a vice president at money manager Bahl & Gaynor. This large regional bank, based in Birmingham, Ala., is the third-worst performer in the KBW bank index, flat for the year. It is significantly cheaper than peers, too, trading for 88% of book value, while the group fetches 1.2 times book and higher, Bahl notes.

The discount seems too wide now that Regions' credit profile has improved markedly and operations are showing signs of life, he argues. The mainly Midwest and southern bank is undervalued and under the radar, says Bahl, whose firm has been buying shares for clients. The stock yields 2.3%.

There is some concern about the bank's energy-sector loans, about 4.4% of the total \$80 billion in loans outstanding. But second-quarter results, released last week, should put the worries to rest, he says. All of the bank's important asset-quality measures continued to improve.

Regions, whose capital is now well above many peers' and regulatory requirements, is an "aggressive capital-deployment story," says Bahl. The bank has \$1.6 billion in excess capital, which can be used either to buy back stock or make bolt-on acquisitions that could increase earnings. Since the stock is below book value, buybacks are accretive and shareholder-friendly, Bahl says.

Second-quarter results showed a number of operational improvements, too, such as a 5% rise in loans compared to the year-ago period; a 4% rise in average deposit balances; and a net interest margin of 3.16%. That fell slightly but has stabilized in the past four quarters. Management projects loan growth at 4% to 6% for 2015, higher than many banks', he adds. Funding costs could continue to fall in 2015, due to a run-off of higher-cost debt and term deposits.

With many investors still underweight bank stocks, Regions is 20% to 30% too cheap, he says. Exposure to the energy sector bears watching, but with the stock below book value and others above it, Regions offers a nice margin of safety in a market where that's tough to find, Bahl says.

Air Lease Shares Could Fly Higher

Like United Technologies, the aircraft-leasing company Air Lease (AL) suffers from worries about slowing economic growth. Another market concern is that low jet-fuel prices could encourage some airlines to make do with the current fleet and delay the purchase or lease of new planes.

The stock has dropped about 16% from this year's high to \$33.81. It now trades at a relatively inexpensive valuation.

While its issues shouldn't be ignored, says Chris Retzler, a portfolio manager with Needham Funds, the stock has sustainable tail winds to recommend it. Needham holds a significant stake in Air Lease.

Macroeconomic problems, not company-specific issues, have driven down the stock. Fuel costs have dropped, but airlines lease planes for five to 10 years. They tend to have a more long-term view of future oil prices, which could rise as crude eventually reverts to the mean, Retzler says.

Planes with higher fuel efficiency remain desirable. Additionally, airlines compete on the offerings of their models, and new ones have more amenities that travelers want, whether spiffier entertainment systems or better-designed seats.

Air Lease has a globally diversified customer base but, unlike United Technologies, isn't as exposed to the stronger dollar, since jets are sold and leased in dollars. Airlines continue to experience strong traffic growth and high load factors.

The Los Angeles-based lessor also has a strong order position at the two major jet makers, with 411 orders through 2024, half by 2019 and many among the most popular models. That stands the company in good stead with the airlines, because Air Lease can anticipate the changing needs of its customers, Retzler says. It currently owns 223 jets, most of them from Airbus Group (EADSY) or Boeing (BA). The lease book is 100% full this year and at 88% capacity next year, according to Morgan Stanley.

Air Lease has a \$3.5 billion market cap and an investment-grade credit rating, which should give it an edge when interest rates rise, says Retzler. The company has about \$7 billion in debt, 80% at fixed rates.

The shares trade for less than 11 times analysts' 2016 consensus estimate of \$3.30 a share in earnings, versus a historic median price/earnings multiple of 15. For an investor looking out a few years, that's an attractive discount for a company with robust long-term growth prospects.

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Our bullish thesis has suffered a setback, and it might take longer for things to sort out. But the shares look undervalued again at 14 times analysts' 2016 consensus EPS estimate of \$7. Although sales in the quarter fell 5% to \$16.3 billion, 80% of the decline was attributable to a stronger dollar. Negative comparisons due to currency will roll out of results in the next 12 months.

As in October, UTX is cheap compared to its history. But that hardly seemed relevant when the stock sank Tuesday, suffering its largest one-day percentage decline since the September 2001 World Trade Center terrorist attacks.

Henry Smith, chief investment officer of Haverford Trust, liked UTX in October, and the firm recently bought more stock for new accounts. "I still like the company long-term," he says. "It's in good businesses with secular growth prospects." In China, it faces the same issues as other U.S. multinationals, he says. Moreover, cash from the Sikorsky sale, equal to about \$10 per share, can be used to buy back stock or acquire fast-growing businesses.

United Technologies sports a stellar decade-long record of growth. It is a high-quality company with a diversified revenue base, and deserves a place in a long-term investor's portfolio. For the stock to head higher, China's economic deceleration must stop. That will happen, but it might take a while.

Regions Financial On the Mend

Bank stocks are up 6% this year, fueling a general feeling that the banks are beginning to get out from under the cloud of mistrust caused by the 2008 financial crisis.

Not so Regions Financial (RF), whose shares dropped 90% in 2009. The stock, at a recent \$10.56, is still in the penalty box for the bank's aggressive lending back then, says Jeff Bahl, a vice president at money manager Bahl & Gaynor. This large regional bank, based in Birmingham, Ala., is the third-worst performer in the KBW bank index, flat for the year. It is significantly cheaper than peers, too, trading for 88% of book value, while the group fetches 1.2 times book and higher, Bahl notes.

The discount seems too wide now that Regions' credit profile has improved markedly and operations are showing signs of life, he argues. The mainly Midwest and southern bank is undervalued and under the radar, says Bahl, whose firm has been buying shares for clients. The stock yields 2.3%.

There is some concern about the bank's energy-sector loans, about 4.4% of the total \$80 billion in loans outstanding. But second-quarter results, released last week, should put the worries to rest, he says. All of the bank's important asset-quality measures continued to improve.

Regions, whose capital is now well above many peers' and regulatory requirements, is an "aggressive capital-deployment story," says Bahl. The bank has \$1.6 billion in excess capital, which can be used either to buy back stock or make bolt-on acquisitions that could increase earnings. Since the stock is below book value, buybacks are accretive and shareholder-friendly, Bahl says.

Second-quarter results showed a number of operational improvements, too, such as a 5% rise in loans compared to the year-ago period; a 4% rise in average deposit balances; and a net interest margin of 3.16%. That fell slightly but has stabilized in the past four quarters. Management projects loan growth at 4% to 6% for 2015, higher than many banks', he adds. Funding costs could continue to fall in 2015, due to a run-off of higher-cost debt and term deposits.

With many investors still underweight bank stocks, Regions is 20% to 30% too cheap, he says. Exposure to the energy sector bears watching, but with the stock below book value and others above it, Regions offers a nice margin of safety in a market where that's tough to find, Bahl says.

Air Lease Shares Could Fly Higher

Like United Technologies, the aircraft-leasing company Air Lease (AL) suffers from worries about slowing economic growth. Another market concern is that low jet-fuel prices could encourage some airlines to make do with the current fleet and delay the purchase or lease of new planes.

The stock has dropped about 16% from this year's high to \$33.81. It now trades at a relatively inexpensive valuation.

While its issues shouldn't be ignored, says Chris Retzler, a portfolio manager with Needham Funds, the stock has sustainable tail winds to recommend it. Needham holds a significant stake in Air Lease.

Macroeconomic problems, not company-specific issues, have driven down the stock. Fuel costs have dropped, but airlines lease planes for five to 10 years. They tend to have a more long-term view of future oil prices, which could rise as crude eventually reverts to the mean, Retzler says.

Planes with higher fuel efficiency remain desirable. Additionally, airlines compete on the offerings of their models, and new ones have more amenities that travelers want, whether spiffier entertainment systems or better-designed seats.

Air Lease has a globally diversified customer base but, unlike United Technologies, isn't as exposed to the stronger dollar, since jets are sold and leased in dollars. Airlines continue to experience strong traffic growth and high load factors.

The Los Angeles-based lessor also has a strong order position at the two major jet makers, with 411 orders through 2024, half by 2019 and many among the most popular models. That stands the company in good stead with the airlines, because Air Lease can anticipate the changing needs of its customers, Retzler says. It currently owns 223 jets, most of them from Airbus Group (EADSY) or Boeing (BA). The lease book is 100% full this year and at 88% capacity next year, according to Morgan Stanley.

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Air Lease has a \$3.5 billion market cap and an investment-grade credit rating, which should give it an edge when interest rates rise, says Retzler. The company has about \$7 billion in debt, 80% at fixed rates.

The shares trade for less than 11 times analysts' 2016 consensus estimate of \$3.30 a share in earnings, versus a historic median price/earnings multiple of 15. For an investor looking out a few years, that's an attractive discount for a company with robust long-term growth prospects.

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Friday's Close Week's Change Week's % Chg.

DJIndustrials	17568.53	-517.92	-2.86
DJTransportation	8072.57	-221.04	-2.67
DJUtilities	562.74	-12.68	-2.20
DJ65Stocks	6102.52	-169.80	-2.71
DJUSMarket	523.20	-11.84	-2.21
NYSEComp.	10721.95	-265.22	-2.41
NYSEMKTComp.	2291.42	-82.54	-3.48
S&P500	2079.65	-46.99	-2.21
S&PMidCap	1476.74	-31.08	-2.06
S&PSmallCap	701.72	-21.63	-2.99
Nasdaq	5088.63	-121.51	-2.33
ValueLine(arith.)	4606.02	-138.72	-2.92
Russell2000	1225.99	-41.10	-3.24
DJUSTSMFloat	21704.94	-504.51	-2.27

Last Week Week Earlier

NYSE		
Advances	645	1,896
Declines	2,610	1,347

Unchanged	32	39
NewHighs	245	266
NewLows	626	281
AvDailyVol(mil)	3,550.4	3,164.5
Dollar		
(Finexspotindex)	97.20	97.96
T-Bond		
(CBTnearbyfutures)	154-190	152-030
Crude Oil		
(NYMlightsweetcrude)	48.14	50.89
Inflation KR-CRB		
(FuturesPriceIndex)	205.04	214.54
Gold		
(CMXnearbyfutures)	1085.60	1131.80

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NEW YORK, July 24, 2015 /PRNewswire/ -- S&PDow Jones Indices will make the following changes to the **S&P500**, S&P MidCap 400 and S&P SmallCap 600 indices:

-- S&P MidCap 400 constituent Signet Jewelers Limited (NYSE:SIG) will replace DIRECTV (NASD:DTV) in the S&P 500, S&P SmallCap 600 constituent PAREXEL International Corp. (NASD:PRXL) will replace Signet Jewelers in the S&P MidCap 400, and Enanta Pharmaceuticals (NASD:ENTA) will replace PAREXEL International in the S&P SmallCap 600 effective after the close of trading on Tuesday, July 28. S&P 100 & 500 constituent AT&T Inc. (NYSE:T) acquired DIRECTV in a deal completed today.

-- Barnes & Noble Education Inc. (NYSE:BNEDwi) will replace A. M. Castle & Co, Inc. (NYSE:CAS) in the S&P SmallCap 600 effective after the close of trading on Friday, July 31. S&P SmallCap 600 constituent Barnes & Noble Inc. (NYSE: BKS) is spinning off Barnes & Noble Education to shareholders in a transaction expected to be completed on that date. Barnes & Noble will remain in the S&P SmallCap 600 following completion of the transaction. A.M. Castle is ranked near the bottom the S&P SmallCap 600

-- Catalent Inc. (NYSE:CTLT) will replace JDS Uniphase Corp. (NASD:JDSU) in the S&P MidCap 400 and JDS Uniphase will replace Susquehanna Bancshares Inc. (NASD:SUSQ) in the S&P SmallCap 600 effective after the close of trading on Friday, July 31. S&P 500 constituent BB&T Corp. (NYSE:BBT) is acquiring Susquehanna Bancshares in a transaction expected to be completed on or about that date pending final approvals. JDS Uniphase is spinning off assets that will result in the company being more representative of the small-cap market space.

-- Lumentum Holdings Inc. (NASD:LITEV) will replace Comstock Resources Inc. (NYSE:CRK) in the S&P SmallCap 600 effective after the close of trading on Monday, August 3. New S&P SmallCap 600 constituent JDS Uniphase Corp. (NASD: JDSU) is spinning off Lumentum Holdings to shareholders in a transaction expected to be completed on that date. Post spin-off, JDS Uniphase, which is changing its name to Viavi Solutions Inc., will remain in the S&P SmallCap 600. Comstock Resources is ranked at the bottom the S&P SmallCap 600.

Signet Jewelers Limited engages in the retail sale of jewelry and watches. Headquartered in Hamilton, Bermuda the company will be added to the S&P 500 GICS (Global Industry Classification Standard) Specialty Stores Sub-Industry index.

PAREXEL International is a biopharmaceutical outsourcing services company. Headquartered in Waltham, MA, the company will be added to the S&P MidCap 400 GICS Life Science Tools & Services Sub-Industry index.

Enanta Pharmaceuticals is a biotechnology company. Headquartered in Watertown, MA, the company will be added to the S&P SmallCap 600 GICS Biotechnology Sub-Industry index.

Barnes & Noble Education provides bookstore operation services. Headquartered in Basking Ridge, NJ, the company will be added to the S&P SmallCap 600 GICS Specialty Stores Sub-Industry index.

Catalent provides advanced delivery technologies and development solutions for drugs, biologics, and consumer health products. Headquartered in Somerset, NJ, the company will be added to the S&P MidCap 400 GICS Pharmaceuticals Sub-Industry index.

JDS Uniphase provides network and service enablement solutions. Headquartered in Milpitas, CA, the company will be added to the S&P SmallCap 600 GICS Communications Equipment Sub-Industry index.

Lumentum is a provider of optical and photonic products. Headquartered in Milpitas, California, the company will be added to the S&P SmallCap 600 GICS Communications Equipment Sub-Industry index.

Following is a summary of the changes:

S&P 500 INDEX -- July 28, 2015

COMPANY	GICS ECONOMIC SECTOR	GICS SUB-INDUSTRY
ADDED Signet Jewelers	Consumer Discretionary	Specialty Stores
DELETED DIRECTV	Consumer Discretionary	Cable & Satellite

S&P MIDCAP 400 INDEX -- July 28, 2015

COMPANY	GICS ECONOMIC SECTOR	GICS SUB-INDUSTRY
ADDED PAREXEL International	Health Care	Life Science Tools & Services
DELETED Signet Jewelers	Consumer Discretionary	Specialty Stores

S&P SMALLCAP 600 INDEX -- July 28, 2015

COMPANY	GICS ECONOMIC SECTOR	GICS SUB-INDUSTRY
ADDED Enanta Pharmaceuticals	Health Care	Biotechnology
DELETED PAREXEL International	Health Care	Life Science Tools & Services

S&P MIDCAP 400 INDEX -- July 31, 2015

COMPANY	GICS ECONOMIC SECTOR	GICS SUB-INDUSTRY
ADDED Catalent	Health Care	Pharmaceuticals
DELETED JDS Uniphase	Information Technology	Communications Equipment

S&P SMALLCAP 600 INDEX -- July 31, 2015

COMPANY	GICS ECONOMIC SECTOR	GICS SUB-INDUSTRY
ADDED Barnes & Noble	Consumer Discretionary	Specialty Stores
Education		
JDS Uniphase	Information Technology	Communications Equipment
DELETED A. M. Castle	Materials	Steel
Susquehanna	Financials	Regional Banks
Bancshares		

S&P SMALLCAP 600 INDEX -- August 3, 2015

COMPANY	GICS ECONOMIC SECTOR	GICS SUB-INDUSTRY
ADDED Lumentum Holdings	Information Technology	Communications Equipment
DELETED Comstock Resources	Energy	Oil & Gas Exploration & Production

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Critical information ahead of the U.S. market's open

Another day, another tech rout? Investors would be forgiven for some tech apprehension today after a really ugly day for Apple.

After suffering its worst one-day loss on Wednesday, Apple (AAPL, US) is headed for its worst week since nearly the start of the year. But on the brighter side, Jani from the [CrackedMarket blog](#) points out that while techs have been bleeding billions in market cap, the selling hasn't stretched much beyond that sector.

"If the market was overbought, this was more than enough of an excuse to break down. How contained the selling was shows owners remain confident and are supporting these prices," said Jani. Read more [here](#) on that.

Some buyers are being lured in right now. Kim Caughey Forrest, portfolio manager at Fort Pitt Capital Group, that markets are starting to get tempting for value investors like herself — the crowd who look for stocks they think the market has undervalued.

Others are still unsettled. Dana Lyons, partner at J. Lyons Fund Management, has been in a state of angst over how weak the strongest areas of this market are getting. He says if many more leaders like Apple begin to crumble, "the resulting correction could feel like a 500-pound weight to the chest of investors." Read his blog [here](#).

But commodities — that other developing thorn in investors' side — may provide a distraction from the tech turmoil. Only not a real happy one. U.S. crude settled at under \$50 a barrel for the first time since early April yesterday on rising supplies. It's still below that marker this morning, as some worry .

That brings us to our call of the day. A fine time to get into oil stocks? Maybe. And our chart of the day shows how chip makers may have seen Apple's pain coming a mile away.

Key market gauges

Gains have been disappearing and the open for Wall Street is looking most cautious after Caterpillar reported. Nasdaq (NQU5, US), Dow (YMU5, US) and S&P (ESU5, US) futures are going nowhere. Europe's Stoxx 600 (SXXP, XX) are also struggling after an initial lift on news Greece's parliament passed a second round of reforms.

Asian markets (ADOW, XX) closed mainly higher, with a 2.4% bounce and another gain for the Shanghai Composite (SHCOMP, CN). Gold(GCU5, US) is fighting to stay at the \$1,100 an ounce level, while crude (CLU5, US) is holding under \$50 a barrel.

The economy

Weekly jobless claims plunged to the lowest level since 1973, and leading indicators data is coming at 10 a.m.

The stat

United Tech and IBM and now Caterpillar are among those talking of pain in their overseas markets. Well, that whining has now been backed up by official numbers. (H/T to Wolf Richter at Wolf Street blog for digging this one up.)

"World trade shrank 1.2% in May from the previous month. The index fell to 135.1, the lowest level since July 2014, having dropped nearly every month so far this year. It's down 4.7 points from its peak in December, the sharpest and longest decline since the financial crisis," Richter cites from the report.

More from that report via the [Wolf Street blog here](#).

Earnings

Biggie Caterpillar (CAT, US) after sluggish sales and a lowered outlook.

A broker lift to network-security provider Fortinet (FTNT, US) price target has sent shares soaring. That's on the heels of an earnings beat last night..

3M (MMM, US) missed estimates, but no big reaction so far. GM (GM, US) shares rose after it reported from a year ago.

Late Wednesday, Qualcomm (QCOM, US) slipped on a weak outlook, while SanDisk (SNDK, US) rallied after earnings topped forecasts.

McDonald's (MCD, US) is under pressure after decline in same-store sales.

See and MarketWatch's Earnings Wall for more.

The buzz

Cigna (CI, US) shares continued to rise Thursday after a report that rival insurer Anthem (ANTM, US) is nearing a .

Bank of America (BAC, US) has and will replace its chief financial officer.

[Wal-Mart](#) (WMT, US) has acquired full ownership of Chinese e-tailer Yihaojian.

The EU has filed an antitrust lawsuit against six U.S. film studios, saying they break EU law by restricting access to pay-TV services. Disney (DIS, US) and Warner Brothers (TWX, US) are.

Caesars Entertainment (CZR, US) shares might worth watching. They plunged Wednesday after a judge refused to block creditor lawsuits against the company. Volatility has triggered a halt to shares at least five times since Wednesday.

LeBron James is forming a with Time Warner's (TWX, US) Warner Bros. Entertainment. That's got a lot of "Space Jam 2" chatter going around.

Ferrari plans to

The chart

If you'd been reading the semiconductor-stock tea leaves, then perhaps the earnings-driven rout for Apple wasn't a big surprise. That's the theory from Andrew Thrasher, blogging for [See It Market](#). The chip index (SOX, US) has struggled, having notched a nearly 6% quarterly loss compared with a 2.5% gain for the [S&P500](#). Thrasher says he's seen semiconductor stocks as a better barometer of market sentiment risk-taking than copper since December.

"While many great traders were pointing to the lack of breadth confirmation earlier in the week, others were pointing to the strength in tech names like Apple and Google as a sign that the skies are clearing," said Thrasher.

But given the recent weakness for those big stocks, that may no longer be the case. And perhaps chip-stock performance was giving a hint that a downturn was coming. Read his full blog [here](#).

The call

The Energy Select Sector SPDR fund (XLE, US) is down 10% year to date, which is slightly worse than the 7% loss for crude-oil prices themselves. Some have been talking about bargains to be had among oil stocks.

Add Credit Suisse to that crowd ([h/t WSJ MoneyBeat](#)). Lead analyst at Credit Suisse, Mark Lear, upgraded the oil-exploration and production sector to overweight in a July research note, saying as selling continues in this space, "risk reward is now compelling." He says Credit Suisse may be a bit early on this call, but it believes there will "eventually be an upcycle" for oil.

Among their picks: EOG Resources (EOG, US), EP Energy (EPE, US), Parsley Energy (PE, US), Pioneer Natural Resources (PXD, US), Anadarko Petroleum (APC, US) and Devon Energy (DVN, US).

Weighing in on oil and related companies, Naeem Aslam, chief market analyst at AvaTrade, says that while rig numbers are bouncing back, recent data shows OPEC members are fighting for market share. So it's hard to see how that oil glut will disappear in the short term.

"Nonetheless, history does dictate one element, which is whenever there is such a rout in oil price and the demand picks up, energy companies are on the front end to bounce sharply back up," Aslam told MarketWatch.

Random reads

"Sharknado 3" brings out the [poet in someone](#).

Running with curves? [Yes](#).

James Franco is penning a book on pal [Lana Del Rey](#).

Sandra Bland's voicemail: "[I'm still just at a loss](#)."

Private citizens with guns are showing up [across military recruitment centers](#)..

Campaign filing includes an actor's pension .

Speaking of, tough luck at NASCAR last night.

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Nordic Stocks Seen Opening Slightly Lower -- Market Talk

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0656 GMT [Dow Jones]--Nordic markets are seen opening slightly lower Wednesday, with IG calling the OMXS30 down 0.4% at around 1630. "The relief rally following the Greek deal ran out of steam yesterday after **S&P500** hit the previous cycle highs from May and June on Tuesday," says Danske Bank. "It seems to have triggered some profit taking after a good run and the decline got extra fuel in afterhours trade as Apple's shipments and sales forecast disappointed." Nasdaq futures are taking a hit in Asian trading and Asian markets are also down across the board, it adds. It's another quiet day on the data front with Bank of England minutes and U.S. existing home sales later.

Earnings from Telenor, SSAB and Danske Bank are in regional focus. OMXS30 closed at 1636.42, OMXN40 at 1639.88 and OBX at 586.62. (dominic.chopping@wsj.com)

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1025 GMT German chemical association VCI raises its revenue growth outlook for 2015, citing a weaker euro as the main driver. The industry now forecasts an increase of 0.5% in revenue after previous expectations of a decline of 0.5%. But the industry's 1H figures are a mixed bag. While production picked up in 1H 2015, revenue growth has been sluggish. "The upward trend is recognizable, but it is feeble," says Marijn Dekkers, VCI president. "There's a lack of sustainable impetus from global economy." Sales grew 0.5% to EUR96.5 billion. Production is still seen rising 1.5% in 2015. The VCI expects to continue benefiting from a weaker euro and cheap oil. Prices for chemicals are however still seen about 2% below the prior year.(heide.oberhauser@wsj.com)

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0957 GMT N+1 Singer downgrades its pretax profit fiscal 2015 estimate for Restore by 5% to GBP15.8M after technical problems on a major contract resulted in cost overruns. Fiscal 2016 and 2017 forecasts are unchanged, assuming that the issues do not recur next year. The broker maintains its 330p target price and buy rating. Shares decline 3.9% to 258p. (jana.simmons@wsj.com)

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0952 GMT European oil exploration and production companies appear to be trading at significant discounts to their net asset values reflecting the uncertain direction of oil prices and balance sheets and the impact on projects that don't yet have final investment decision, says Credit Suisse in a note. This has created an opportunity to buy into Tullow Oil PLC and Africa Oil, which are upgraded to outperform from neutral, as key risks have already been priced in while projects still work at lower oil prices, the note adds. Tullow's target price is raised to 440p per share from 435p. Africa Oil to SEK21 from SEK20. (Selina.williams@wsj.com)

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0730 GMT London's FTSE 100 is 0.8% lower at 6712, following some weaker corporate earnings reports. ARM Holdings is one of the biggest decliners, down 3.9%. The computer-chip designer reported quarterly revenue rose 22% on the same quarter last year, missing forecasts. After the results, Citigroup analyst Amit Harchandani said concerns around smartphone sales would likely present a hurdle in the second half of the year. Mining stocks are also comfortably in the red, with commodity prices slipping again. At the other end of the index European budget airline easyJet PLC is the biggest riser early in the session. The group reported a 1% drop in third quarter sales but also said full-year profit would rise by up to 14%. (josie.cox@wsj.com)

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Things look bleak. Yet that's when investors should look for value. One potentially cheap stock is Wynn Resorts (WYNN), whose shares have plunged about 60%, to \$101.71, where they stood three years ago. Should results merely stop worsening -- and there is potential for revenue stabilization -- it would improve sentiment on this stock markedly. Longer term, the Macau gambling market is likely to remain the premier destination for bettors in Asia.

Blame part of the Macau gambling selloff on the Chinese government, which began clamping down last year on the number of high-roller junkets allowed to Macau from the mainland. The great majority of Macau's 31 million annual visitors are from the mainland, Hong Kong, and Taiwan. More recently, consumer sentiment probably hasn't been helped by the steep drop in the Shanghai Composite index.

Macau itself is instituting changes that dampen bettor enthusiasm, such as a likely move to a full smoking ban inside public places next January. Macau is also mulling a temporary cap on visitation from the mainland. Among institutional investors there's a sense that the authorities are not as accommodating to the industry as

they once were. A building boom in Macau's Cotai-zone district will expand casino capacity in 2016-17, adding to uncertainty.

Wynn shares have been pummeled to the point where most of the bad news seems incorporated into the stock price, says Justin Deutsch, a portfolio manager for Weybossett Research & Management, which recently has been accumulating Wynn shares for clients.

No one can call a bottom, but traffic should stabilize and Wynn's results turn, he says. Macau is Asia's Las Vegas, the biggest and most attractive gambling market on the continent, so it is reasonable to expect that it will rebound in the long term, he adds.

Wynn, with casino operations in Macau and Las Vegas that cater especially to high rollers, had a terrible first quarter, when revenues fell 28%, to \$1.1 billion. Net income swung to a 44 cents-a-share loss from a profit of \$2.22. The company, which sports a \$10.3 billion market cap, slashed the annual dividend to \$2 per share from \$6. Analyst estimates for 2015 have cratered to \$3.54 a share from the \$9 expected 12 months ago, and for 2016, to \$4.72 from \$12.

Looking ahead two to three years, says Deutsch, Wynn could double earnings per share to \$7 or \$8. That's based on a turnaround in Macau, and additional earnings from the Wynn Palace in Cotai, which opens in 2016, and from a planned Boston casino. Though there are legal challenges, Wynn should have the Boston casino up within three years.

"The worst of the bad news is behind it," Deutsche says, noting quarterly comparisons will soon become easier and show improvement, since the downturn began last summer. Moreover, Beijing has shown signs -- albeit minor ones -- of easing travel restrictions, he says. The monthly industry-revenue data have even improved slightly, down 36% in June versus negative 49% in February.

Wynn's stock valuation, relative to both the Standard & Poor's 500 and its own history, is at the low end of the range over the past five years. One of the best-managed companies in the sector, Wynn trades at about 21.5 times 2016 earnings estimates, below a median P/E of 24. If investors sense that the company could achieve 2017 earnings of \$6 -- the consensus is for \$6.38 -- the current low P/E puts the stock at \$132, up 30%.

Wynn's second-quarter results, which will be released in a few weeks, will probably be poor. But, as noted, comparisons will likely become much easier for Wynn in the second half of 2015.

If things get worse in Macau, that would ding the stock. However, stabilization by next year seems more likely, and it won't take much good news to have a salutary effect on Wynn's beaten-down stock price. In the long term, it could pay off.

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DJUtilities	575.42	+4.46	+0.78
DJ65Stocks	6272.32	+90.92	+1.47
DJUSMarket	535.05	+11.47	+2.19
NYSEComp.	10987.17	+133.25	+1.23
NYSEMKTComp.	2373.96	+6.70	+0.28
S&P500	2126.64	+50.02	+2.41
S&PMidCap	1507.82	+4.09	+0.27
S&PSmallCap	723.35	+4.13	+0.57
Nasdaq	5210.14	+212.45	+4.25
ValueLine(arith.)	4744.74	+17.85	+0.38
Russell2000	1267.09	+15.07	+1.20
DJUSTSMFloat	22209.45	+468.17	+2.15

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Advances	1,896	1,526
Declines	1,347	1,717
Unchanged	39	45
NewHighs	266	113
NewLows	281	446
AvDailyVol(mil)	3,164.5	3,568.2
Dollar (Finexspotindex)	97.96	96.03
T-Bond (CBTnearbyfutures)	152-030	149-030
Crude Oil (NYMlightsweetcrude)	50.89	52.74
Inflation KR-CRB (FuturesPriceIndex)	214.54	218.25
Gold (CMXnearbyfutures)	1131.80	1157.70

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Barclays' Geoff Meacham offers his thoughts on earnings season for biotech, which begins this week when Biogen (BIIB) and Celgene (CELG) report their second-quarter results:

Biotech 2Q earnings season kicks off this week with Celgene and Biogen reporting. The sector continues to outperform in 2015 (YTD: Nasdaq Biotech Index index: +31%; **S&P500**: +3%) driven by the combination of positive clinical events and robust M&A activity. Heading into 2Q earnings, we're bullish on Gilead Sciences (GILD), while for 2H15 some of our favorite names include Alexion Pharmaceuticals (ALXN) and Biogen in large cap...

Biogen. We are in-line with the Street on 2Q total revenues and \$0.01 ahead on non-GAAP EPS. We expect the focus to be on Tecfidera trends; we've modestly raised WW forecasts by \$20M, but are below consensus (Barclays: \$922M; cons: \$931M). We also expect updated data (July 22nd) from the phase 1b BIIB037 study in Alzheimer's to be a major focus, though data aren't likely to be as controversial as some have noted.

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Alexion. Our Soliris sales estimate in 2Q is just ahead of the Street (Barclays: \$630M vs. cons: \$628M), while we are \$0.04 below on EPS. We expect the focus to be on Soliris commercial trends as well as updates related to the nearing Strensiq and Kanuma launches. We also anticipate more specific guidance following the closing of the Synageva acquisition during the quarter.

Stifel's Thomas Shrader thinks the good news for Biogen is still a year away:

We view Biogen as a powerhouse R&D company with a remarkable neurology pipeline that has found itself in a quiet stage for pipeline news at the same time that sales of its leading MS drug have stalled. We believe that the upcoming 6 mg/kg data for BIIB037 in AD will be in line with expectations and unlikely to move the stock. We are optimistic concerning the upcoming titration arms added to the BIIB037 trial as well as anti-LINGO for MS -- but neither are near term events. We would expect the stock to continue to trade in-line with the current sector but probably to benefit from any flight-to-quality if investors tire of the endless remarkable new approaches to combat the disease.

Shares of Biogen gained 1.1% to \$408.93 today, while Celgene rose 0.5% to \$135.23, Alexion ticked up 0.1% to \$204.46, and Gilead Sciences finished off 0.1% at \$118.20.

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The past 12 months have been brutal for Macau casinos. Monthly industry revenue in the special administrative region of China has dropped consecutively in that period; it is down 37% year to date. Macau casino stocks are down 50% or more, with revenue and earnings suffering similarly.

Things look bleak. Yet that's when investors should look for value. One potentially cheap stock is Wynn Resorts (WYNN), whose shares have plunged about 60%, to \$101.71, where they stood three years ago. Should results merely stop worsening -- and there is potential for revenue stabilization -- it would improve sentiment on this stock markedly. Longer term, the Macau gambling market is likely to remain the premier destination for bettors in Asia.

Blame part of the Macau gambling selloff on the Chinese government, which began clamping down last year on the number of high-roller junkets allowed to Macau from the mainland. The great majority of Macau's 31 million annual visitors are from the mainland, Hong Kong, and Taiwan. More recently, consumer sentiment probably hasn't been helped by the steep drop in the Shanghai Composite index.

Macau itself is instituting changes that dampen bettor enthusiasm, such as a likely move to a full smoking ban inside public places next January. Macau is also mulling a temporary cap on visitation from the mainland. Among institutional investors there's a sense that the authorities are not as accommodating to the industry as

they once were. A building boom in Macau's Cotai-zone district will expand casino capacity in 2016-17, adding to uncertainty.

Wynn shares have been pummeled to the point where most of the bad news seems incorporated into the stock price, says Justin Deutsch, a portfolio manager for Weybossett Research & Management, which recently has been accumulating Wynn shares for clients.

No one can call a bottom, but traffic should stabilize and Wynn's results turn, he says. Macau is Asia's Las Vegas, the biggest and most attractive gambling market on the continent, so it is reasonable to expect that it will rebound in the long term, he adds.

Wynn, with casino operations in Macau and Las Vegas that cater especially to high rollers, had a terrible first quarter, when revenues fell 28%, to \$1.1 billion. Net income swung to a 44 cents-a-share loss from a profit of \$2.22. The company, which sports a \$10.3 billion market cap, slashed the annual dividend to \$2 per share from \$6. Analyst estimates for 2015 have cratered to \$3.54 a share from the \$9 expected 12 months ago, and for 2016, to \$4.72 from \$12.

Looking ahead two to three years, says Deutsch, Wynn could double earnings per share to \$7 or \$8. That's based on a turnaround in Macau, and additional earnings from the Wynn Palace in Cotai, which opens in 2016, and from a planned Boston casino. Though there are legal challenges, Wynn should have the Boston casino up within three years.

"The worst of the bad news is behind it," Deutsche says, noting quarterly comparisons will soon become easier and show improvement, since the downturn began last summer. Moreover, Beijing has shown signs -- albeit minor ones -- of easing travel restrictions, he says. The monthly industry-revenue data have even improved slightly, down 36% in June versus negative 49% in February.

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Wynn's stock valuation, relative to both the Standard & Poor's 500 and its own history, is at the low end of the range over the past five years. One of the best-managed companies in the sector, Wynn trades at about 21.5 times 2016 earnings estimates, below a median P/E of 24. If investors sense that the company could achieve 2017 earnings of \$6 -- the consensus is for \$6.38 -- the current low P/E puts the stock at \$132, up 30%.

Wynn's second-quarter results, which will be released in a few weeks, will probably be poor. But, as noted, comparisons will likely become much easier for Wynn in the second half of 2015.

If things get worse in Macau, that would ding the stock. However, stabilization by next year seems more likely, and it won't take much good news to have a salutary effect on Wynn's beaten-down stock price. In the long term, it could pay off.

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DJ65Stocks	6272.32	+90.92	+1.47
DJUSMarket	535.05	+11.47	+2.19
NYSEComp.	10987.17	+133.25	+1.23
NYSEMKTComp.	2373.96	+6.70	+0.28
S&P500	2126.64	+50.02	+2.41
S&PMidCap	1507.82	+4.09	+0.27
S&PSmallCap	723.35	+4.13	+0.57
Nasdaq	5210.14	+212.45	+4.25
ValueLine(arith.)	4744.74	+17.85	+0.38
Russell2000	1267.09	+15.07	+1.20
DJUSTSMFloat	22209.45	+468.17	+2.15

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NYSE		
Advances	1,896	1,526
Declines	1,347	1,717
Unchanged	39	45
NewHighs	266	113
NewLows	281	446
AvDailyVol(mil)	3,164.5	3,568.2
Dollar		
(Finexspotindex)	97.96	96.03
T-Bond		
(CBTnearbyfutures)	152-030	149-030
Crude Oil		
(NYMlightsweetcrude)	50.89	52.74
Inflation KR-CRB		
(FuturesPriceIndex)	214.54	218.25
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(CMXnearbyfutures)	1131.80	1157.70

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"We are pleased to increase dividends to our shareholders 20 percent this quarter, reflecting our strong cash flow from operations approaching \$4 billion this year," said Arnold Donald, president and CEO of Carnival Corporation & plc. "We are committed to returning value to our shareholders as we work toward our goal of providing double digit return on invested capital."

The company's board of directors approved a record date for the quarterly dividend of August 21, 2015, and a payment date of September 11, 2015.

Holders of Carnival Corporation common stock and Carnival plc ADSs will receive the dividend payable in U.S. dollars. The dividend for Carnival plc ordinary shares will be payable in U.S. dollars or sterling. In the absence of instructions or elections to the contrary, holders of Carnival plc ordinary shares will automatically receive the dividend in sterling.

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Martin's holdings include biotechnology giant Gilead (GILD), which trades at a reasonable 10.25 times the \$11.06 a share analysts expect the company to earn next year, and St. Jude Medical (STJ). The cardiovascular device maker fetches 17.25 times next year's consensus profit estimate of \$4.33 a share.

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S&PMidCap	1503.73	-2.03	-0.13
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NYSE		
Advances	1,526	977
Declines	1,717	2,260
Unchanged	45	41
NewHighs	113	115
NewLows	446	514
AvDailyVol(mil)	3,568.2	3,567.9
Dollar		

(Finexspotindex)	96.03	95.95
T-Bond		
(CBTnearbyfutures)	149-030	149-060
Crude Oil		
(NYMlightsweetcrude)	52.74	56.93
Inflation KR-CRB		
(FuturesPriceIndex)	218.25	224.55
Gold		
(CMXnearbyfutures)	1157.70	1163.00

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Martin concedes that an interest-rate hike, whenever that occurs, can be tricky for companies, though he observes that rate-sensitive and more cyclical companies tend to fall into the value camp. Growth stocks, he adds, "have reasonable valuations and still have room to run."

Martin's holdings include biotechnology giant Gilead (GILD), which trades at a reasonable 10.25 times the \$11.06 a share analysts expect the company to earn next year, and St. Jude Medical (STJ). The cardiovascular device maker fetches 17.25 times next year's consensus profit estimate of \$4.33 a share.

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As of June 30, the Russell 1000 Growth Index fetched 19.3 times forward earnings, a 20% premium to the value index's multiple of 16. The growth benchmark has traded at a 45% premium on average since the indexes were created in 1978. That supports the argument that growth stocks, while hardly cheap, still have reasonable valuations compared with value names.

Just don't expect the same level of outperformance in the second half of the year.

-- Lawrence C. Strauss

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Friday's Close Week's Change Week's % Chg.

DJIndustrials	17760.41	+30.30	+0.17
DJTransportation	8201.65	+79.15	+0.97
DJUtilities	570.96	+9.83	+1.75
DJ65Stocks	6181.40	+39.19	+0.64
DJUSMarket	523.58	-0.21	-0.04
NYSEComp.	10853.92	-10.90	-0.10
NYSEMKTComp.	2367.26	+4.91	+0.21
S&P500	2076.62	-0.16	-0.01
S&PMidCap	1503.73	-2.03	-0.13
S&PSmallCap	719.22	+1.67	+0.23
Nasdaq	4997.70	-11.52	-0.23
ValueLine(arith.)	4726.89	-29.10	-0.61
Russell2000	1252.02	+3.76	+0.30
DJUSTSMFloat	21741.28	-4.96	-0.02

Last Week Week Earlier

NYSE		
Advances	1,526	977
Declines	1,717	2,260
Unchanged	45	41
NewHighs	113	115
NewLows	446	514

AvDailyVol(mil)	3,568.2	3,567.9
Dollar		
(Finexspotindex)	96.03	95.95
T-Bond		
(CBTnearbyfutures)	149-030	149-060
Crude Oil		
(NYMlightsweetcrude)	52.74	56.93
Inflation KR-CRB		
(FuturesPriceIndex)	218.25	224.55
Gold		
(CMXnearbyfutures)	1157.70	1163.00

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U.S. Stock Funds CATEGORY RETURN	0.19% RETURN BEST FUND	RETURNS WORST FUND
Large-Cap Core -2.84	0.10 J Hancock LgCp Eqty;I / JLVIX	3.36 Virtus:Quality LC Val;A / PPTAX
Large-Cap Growth -1.64	0.83 Edgewood Growth;Inst / EGFIX	3.68 Weitz:Value;Inv / WVALX
Large-Cap Value -3.29	0.31 Touchstone:Focused;Inst / TFFIX	3.11 Voya Corp Leaders / LEXCX
Long/Short Equity -6.75	-0.55 RBB:BP Glbl Lg/Sh;Inst / BGLSX	4.10 CBRE ClarionLng/Sh;Inst / CLSIX
Mid-Cap Core /MNFI & MNFSX -4.74	-0.66 Private Cap Mgmt Value;I / VFPIX	4.63 Manning&Napier:Foc Opp;I & S
Mid-Cap Growth -4.25	0.63 Eventide Gilead;I / ETILX	5.13 Putnam Equity Spectrum;B / PYSOX
Mid-Cap Value -2.66	-0.73 Hennessy:Crnst MdCp;Inst / HIMDX	5.68 Pru Mid-Cap Value;C / NCBVX
Multi-Cap Core -7.98	-0.22 J Hancock II:Fdm ACC;NAV /	3.67 Janus Contrarian;C / JCNCX
Multi-Cap Growth RYAWX -2.36	0.74 Berkshire:Focus / BFOCX	8.96 Rydex:S&P 500 Pure Gro;H /
Multi-Cap Value -4.28	0.02 Hotchkis:Value Opps;I / HWAIX	3.78 Mt Lucas US Focus Eq;I / BMLEX
S&P 500 Index Objective GFCIX -0.66	0.18 TIAA-CREF: S&P500 Ix;Ins / TISPX	0.30 Guggenheim:Cap Stew;I /
Small-Cap Core -6.15	-0.06 Dreyfus OppnStc SC / DSCVX	7.22 Invesco Sel Co;C / ATICX
Small-Cap Growth -1.69	2.10 Turner Sm Cap Gro;Inv / TSCEX	11.13 Baron Discovery;Inst / BDFIX
Small-Cap Value -6.12	-0.51 Aegis Value;I / AVALX	8.45 Bridgeway:Ultra-Sm Co / BRUSX
Sector Funds CATEGORY RETURN	-2.23% RETURN BEST FUND	RETURN WORST FUND
Financial Services Fidelity Adv FnSv;A / FAFDX	3.91 Emerald:Bank&Finance;A / HSSAX	8.13
Health/Biotechnology -1.73	5.09 Eventide Hlthcare & LS;I / ETIHX	11.46 Fidelity Sel Med Equip / FSMEX
Natural Resources -3.70	-1.40 Fidelity Sel Enrgy Ser / FSESX	2.95 MainStay:Cushing RA;A / CRZAX
Real Estate Science & Technology -3.36	-8.83 Cole Real Est Inc Str /	1.91 Voya:Real Estate;A / CLARX -11.45
Precious Metals Equity SCGDX -2.46	0.76 Columbia:Sel C&Info;Z / CCIZX	4.44 Fidelity Sel Comm Eqp / FSDCX
Utility	-3.89 MFS Utilities;I & R4/MMUIX & MMUJX	-1.96 Fidelity Adv Util;C / FUGCX -6.55
World Equity Funds	1.41%	

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Int'l Large-Cap Core -1.54	1.10 Principal:Intl I;Inst / PINIX	5.01 Aberdeen:Intl Eqty;A / GIGAX
Int'l Large-Cap Growth -2.08	1.11 Thornburg Intl Val;R6 / TGIRX WHVIX	5.08 WHV Intl Equity;I /
Int'l Large-Cap Value NAWCX -0.08	1.22 MassMutual Sel:Dvs I;I / MMZIX	2.44 Voya:GI Value Adv;C /
Japanese 1.75	4.17 Brown Adv WCM JpnAO;Inst / BAFJX	6.65 Fidelity Japan / FJPNX
Latin American JPMorgan:Latin Am;Sel / JLTSX	1.46 T Rowe Price Int:Lat Am / PRLAX 0.79	2.10
Pacific Ex Japan Equity;Inst / AAPIX -1.97	1.35 Matthews Asia:Korea;Inst / MIKOX	6.65 Aberdeen:AXJ
China Region -0.62	7.10 Matthews Asia:Ch Dv;Inv / MCDFX	14.68 GMO:Taiwan / GMOTX
Emerging Markets Mrkt;C / TDMDTX -3.74	0.78 Brown Advisory Emerging Markets Small Cap I / BAFNX	9.86 Templeton Dev
European Region European;C / TEURX -2.45	2.02 INVESCO Euro Sm Co;Y / ESMYX	5.96 Franklin Mut

Mixed Equity Funds	- 0.50%	
CATEGORY RETURN	RETURN BEST FUND	RETURN WORST FUND
Convertible Securities	0.01 Allianz:GI Conv;Inst / ANNPX	1.28
Fidelity Adv Cnv Sec;C / FCCVX	-3.82	
Flexible Portfolio -11.64	-1.08 QS LM Strat Real Rtn;IS / LRRSX	1.13 Chou:Opportunity / CHOEX
Mixed-Asset Target 2010 WFCTX -1.36	-0.51 Fidelity Freedom K 2010 / FFKCX	-0.03 WellsFargo:DJ 2010;Inv /
Mixed-Asset Target 2015 WFSRX -1.45	-0.57 Fidelity Freedom K 2015 / FKVFX	0.02 WellsFargo:DJ 2015;R4 /
Mixed-Asset Target 2020 / PFNAX -1.51	-0.54 AB 2020 Ret Strat;K / LTHKX	0.17 PIMCO:RealPath 2020;Admn
Mixed-Asset Target 2025 2025;Admn / PENMX -1.51	-0.46 AB 2025 Ret Strat;K / LTJKX	0.41 PIMCO:RealPath
Mixed-Asset Target 2030 2030;Admn / PNLAX -1.49	-0.24 Fidelity Freedom K 2030 / FFKEX	0.76 PIMCO:RealPath
Mixed-Asset Target Alloc Consv IGTCX -3.55	-0.90 Pioneer Mlt-Asst Inc;Y / PMFYX	0.61 Transam:Dynamic Inc;C /
Mixed-Asset Target Alloc Growth ADBAK -2.19	-0.31 Invesco Eq & Income;R6 / IEIFX	1.37 Advance Cap I:Bal;Rtl /
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The bank's least-favored U.S. stocks are ExxonMobil (XOM), Dow Chemical (DOW), Caterpillar (CAT), Baxter International (BAX), and PPG Industries (PPG).

Job growth in the U.S. came in weaker than expected in June, tempering the outlook for an interest-rate hike in September. Based on fed-funds futures contracts, traders now see a rate hike as an early-2016 event. U.S. non-farm payrolls grew by 223,000 in June, weaker than the 230,000 expected. Figures for April and May were revised downward, also. The labor-force participation rate, at 62.6%, was the lowest reading since October 1977. The unemployment rate dipped to 5.3% from an expected 5.4% because 432,000 dropped out of the labor force.

Growth in home prices, as tracked by the S&P/Case-Shiller Home Price Index, slowed in April to 4.2%, below the 4.3% recorded in March. The 20-city index gained 4.9% year-over-year, well below expectations for an advance of 5.4% as well as the 5% rise posted in March and February. Still, sales of existing homes in May were up 9.2% from the year-earlier period, and new-home sales jumped 20% to reach the highest level since 2008, according to the National Association of Realtors. Pending home sales rose by 0.9% in May, lower than the 1.2% expected but still the highest level since April 2006.

Homebuilders have been buoyed by the steady improvements in sales, as evidenced by Lennar's (LEN) strong fiscal second-quarter results as well as consolidation in the sector, notably Standard Pacific's (SPF) and Ryland Group's (RYL) planned \$5.2 billion merger announced in mid-June. Standard Pacific CEO Scott Stowell forecast "a wave of consolidation in our industry."

Since early February, shares of Beazer Homes USA (BZH) have climbed 37.5% to a recent \$19.87, with most of the gains coming in recent weeks on the heels of the merger announcement and Lennar's report. But as Gimme Credit, an independent corporate-bond research outfit, pointed out in a recent report, Beazer Homes is no Lennar.

For one thing, it is likely to report lower-than-expected results when it reports its fiscal third-quarter. Atlanta-based Beazer, which caters to entry-level buyers by offering more affordably priced houses, is losing market share at a faster pace than other peers to industry leader Lennar, and its gross profit margins are considerably lower. Moreover, its debt load is among the highest in the industry as reflected in its debt-to-capital ratio of about 80%.

Gimme Credit analyst Vicki Bryan notes that Beazer's \$1.54 billion debt is only modestly exceeded by inventory of \$1.76 billion, mostly raw land probably worth less than book value. Its available cash is down 55% year to date to \$146 million. She notes, too, that Beazer's fragile financial condition makes it not only an undesirable buyout target but also would make it difficult for the company to obtain the necessary financing to make an acquisition. While there have been improvements in the housing market and the industry is showing signs of recovery, there continue to be disturbing overall trends. Indeed, homeownership rates are still falling and rentals continue to rise, even as rental prices reach an 80-year high.

Beazer shares, trading at 10.7 times the fiscal 2016 consensus earnings estimate of \$1.86, could be headed for a fall.

Forgive investors in benefits consultant Towers Watson (TW) for wondering what hit them. When they went to bed Monday night, the shares were fetching close to \$138, slightly lower than the 52-week high of \$141 a share. When they awoke Tuesday, the shares were worth \$125, the implied value resulting from a so-called merger of equals with insurance broker Willis Group Holdings (WSH) announced that morning. The all-stock deal, valued at \$18 billion, gives Willis a 50.1% stake in the new company to be called Willis Towers Watson.

Towers Watson holders will receive 2.649 shares of Willis plus a one-time cash dividend of \$4.87 a share. The companies defended the exchange ratio, saying it was determined in May and based on a 60-day moving stock-price average at which point their stock values were more closely aligned. Since early May, Towers shares have risen dramatically while Willis' have fallen.

The new company will be based in Ireland, adding a significant tax-savings component to the deal, although it might not be enough to soften the blow. Towers' shares ended the week higher at just under \$129 a share, suggesting investors think a new bidder could disrupt this deal. Towers Watson is also said to be among the final bidders for Russell Investments, the investment arm of Frank Russell owned by the London Stock Exchange, with an asking price of \$1.5 billion.

Should Towers win the bidding for Russell, that would add even more integration risk. With the shares about flat since we wrote about them in April, and up significantly since we first highlighted Towers in 2014, we'd take profits here.

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Inflation KR-CRB		
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One report said the industrial sector and others on the stock market could see a rebound in coming weeks as earnings reports beat modest expectations. "Over the last three months, second quarter 2015 consensus estimates were cut in seven out of the ten [S&P500] sectors, led by discretionary and industrials," Morgan Stanley analysts said in a research note. "Given the steep drop in oil prices since mid-2014 and the continued strengthening of the dollar, we remain on watch for profit impacts from these macro factors. We will also continue to monitor capital spending announcements (including backlog age and size and book-to-bill ratios in the technology and industrial sectors), inventory levels, and hiring."

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The bank's least-favored U.S. stocks are ExxonMobil (XOM), Dow Chemical (DOW), Caterpillar (CAT), Baxter International (BAX), and PPG Industries (PPG).

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Growth in home prices, as tracked by the S&P/Case-Shiller Home Price Index, slowed in April to 4.2%, below the 4.3% recorded in March. The 20-city index gained 4.9% year-over-year, well below expectations for an advance of 5.4% as well as the 5% rise posted in March and February. Still, sales of existing homes in May were up 9.2% from the year-earlier period, and new-home sales jumped 20% to reach the highest level since 2008, according to the National Association of Realtors. Pending home sales rose by 0.9% in May, lower than the 1.2% expected but still the highest level since April 2006.

Homebuilders have been buoyed by the steady improvements in sales, as evidenced by Lennar's (LEN) strong fiscal second-quarter results as well as consolidation in the sector, notably Standard Pacific's (SPF) and Ryland Group's (RYL) planned \$5.2 billion merger announced in mid-June. Standard Pacific CEO Scott Stowell forecast "a wave of consolidation in our industry."

Since early February, shares of Beazer Homes USA (BZH) have climbed 37.5% to a recent \$19.87, with most of the gains coming in recent weeks on the heels of the merger announcement and Lennar's report. But as Gimme Credit, an independent corporate-bond research outfit, pointed out in a recent report, Beazer Homes is no Lennar.

For one thing, it is likely to report lower-than-expected results when it reports its fiscal third-quarter. Atlanta-based Beazer, which caters to entry-level buyers by offering more affordably priced houses, is losing market share at a faster pace than other peers to industry leader Lennar, and its gross profit margins are considerably lower. Moreover, its debt load is among the highest in the industry as reflected in its debt-to-capital ratio of about 80%.

Gimme Credit analyst Vicki Bryan notes that Beazer's \$1.54 billion debt is only modestly exceeded by inventory of \$1.76 billion, mostly raw land probably worth less than book value. Its available cash is down 55% year to date to \$146 million. She notes, too, that Beazer's fragile financial condition makes it not only an undesirable buyout target but also would make it difficult for the company to obtain the necessary financing to make an acquisition. While there have been improvements in the housing market and the industry is showing signs of recovery, there continue to be disturbing overall trends. Indeed, homeownership rates are still falling and rentals continue to rise, even as rental prices reach an 80-year high.

Beazer shares, trading at 10.7 times the fiscal 2016 consensus earnings estimate of \$1.86, could be headed for a fall.

Forgive investors in benefits consultant Towers Watson (TW) for wondering what hit them. When they went to bed Monday night, the shares were fetching close to \$138, slightly lower than the 52-week high of \$141 a share. When they awoke Tuesday, the shares were worth \$125, the implied value resulting from a so-called merger of equals with insurance broker Willis Group Holdings (WSH) announced that morning. The all-stock deal, valued at \$18 billion, gives Willis a 50.1% stake in the new company to be called Willis Towers Watson.

Towers Watson holders will receive 2.649 shares of Willis plus a one-time cash dividend of \$4.87 a share. The companies defended the exchange ratio, saying it was determined in May and based on a 60-day moving stock-price average at which point their stock values were more closely aligned. Since early May, Towers shares have risen dramatically while Willis' have fallen.

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The new company will be based in Ireland, adding a significant tax-savings component to the deal, although it might not be enough to soften the blow. Towers' shares ended the week higher at just under \$129 a share, suggesting investors think a new bidder could disrupt this deal. Towers Watson is also said to be among the final bidders for Russell Investments, the investment arm of Frank Russell owned by the London Stock Exchange, with an asking price of \$1.5 billion.

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DJ65Stocks	6142.21	-57.95	-0.93
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S&P500	2076.78	-24.71	-1.18
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Nasdaq	5009.21	-71.29	-1.40
ValueLine(arith.)	4755.78	-102.43	-2.11
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MARKET	MONEY FLOW (in millions)			RATIO
	TODAY	PREV DAY		
DJIA	-0.3	-545.4	1.00	
Blocks	+47.2	-483.9	1.23	
Russell 2000	+129.5	+217.3	1.06	
Blocks	+81.1	+458.7	1.47	
S & P 500	+308.4	+777.3	1.03	
Blocks	+392.5	+831.9	1.29	
DJ U.S. Total Stock Market	+167.1	+4068.1	1.01	
Blocks	+33.2	+4677.6	1.01	
ISSUE GAINERS	SYMBOL	EXCH	LAST PRICE	MONEY FLOW RATIO
	(in millions)			
Williams Cos	WMB	NYSE	59.88	+87.1 1.17
iShares MSCI Germany ETF	EWG	ARCA	29.98	+42.9 3.35
PwrShs DB USD Bullish	UUP	ARCA	24.71	+40.2 12.01
iSh Nasdaq Biotech	IBB	NASD	382.05	+32.3 1.31
Anthem	ANTM	NYSE	172.06	+31.3 1.19
Twitter Inc.	TWTR	NYSE	35.86	+29.0 1.30
Juniper Networks	JNPR	NYSE	27.03	+26.5 3.41
Vornado Rlty Tr	VNO	NYSE	100.53	+25.8 4.35
DealerTrack Technologies	TRAK	NASD	62.80	+25.0 5.87
Merck	MRK	NYSE	58.81	+22.6 1.56
Mondelez Intl Cl A	MDLZ	NASD	41.16	+22.1 3.00
ExxonMobil	XOM	NYSE	85.03	+22.0 1.27
ProShrs Ultra MSCI EAFE	EFO	ARCA	115.76	+21.5 340.21
iShares MSCI EAFE ETF	EFA	ARCA	67.32	+21.3 1.29
iShares Russell 2000 Val	IWN	ARCA	104.83	+21.2 4.60
Cigna	CI	NYSE	164.24	+20.2 1.08
Hologic	HOLX	NASD	38.22	+19.9 9.17
WisdomTree Europe	HEDJ	ARCA	63.98	+19.5 1.59
SPDR S&P Biotech	XBI	ARCA	259.25	+19.5 1.25
AbbVie Inc.	ABBV	NYSE	70.19	+17.1 1.28
ISSUE DECLINERS	SYMBOL	EXCH	LAST PRICE	MONEY FLOW RATIO
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SPDR S&P 500	SPY	ARCA	211.75	-199.7 0.82
iShares Core S&P 500 ETF	IVV	ARCA	214.20	-153.3 0.32
Comcast	CMCSA	NASD	61.08	-102.7 0.43
SPDR DJIA Tr	DIA	ARCA	180.76	-98.3 0.40
Apple	AAPL	NASD	127.25	-61.8 0.90
iShares MSCI EMU ETF	EZU	ARCA	40.35	-52.8 0.36
Amer Intl GroupAIG	NYSE		62.59	-48.3 0.32
SPDR EURO STOXX 50	FEZ	ARCA	39.65	-45.2 0.23
iShares Russell 2000 Gwth	IWO	ARCA	159.00	-43.1 0.22
Aetna	AET	NYSE	129.29	-34.2 0.78
Facebook Inc. Cl A	FB	NASD	84.35	-30.8 0.91
Brandywine Realty Trust	BDN	NYSE	14.06	-29.5 0.11
Bank Of America	BAC	NYSE	17.47	-28.9 0.73

Tesla Motors	TSLA	NASD	259.55	-27.6	0.90
Kinder Morgan	KMI	NYSE	39.63	-27.3	0.64
Humana Inc	HUM	NYSE	196.22	-26.9	0.89
Adobe Systems	ADBE	NASD	81.55	-22.8	0.59
Citigroup	C	NYSE	56.97	-22.4	0.72
ProShares Ultra S&P500	SSO	ARCA	68.35	-22.2	0.55
Ambarella Inc.	AMBA	NASD	96.59	-21.7	0.96

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Gilead Sciences	GILD	NASD	121.25	+18.6 1.21
SW Energy	SWN	NYSE	23.60	+15.6 3.67
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MetLife	MET	NYSE	57.39	-17.9	0.58
Baxter International	BAX	NYSE	70.27	-17.8	0.62
Ambarella Inc.	AMBA	NASD	99.26	-17.4	0.96

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Stocks rose last week, lifted by signals from the Federal Reserve that interest-rate increases might come more slowly than previously thought. Nevertheless, for the second week in a row, the market gave up a portion of the gains on Friday, this time over intensifying worries that Greece might default on its debt or be forced out of the euro zone.

The Fed's dovish comments on Wednesday brought the "risk on" trade back, and investors piled on Thursday into highflying, high-momentum biotechnology stocks such as Celgene (ticker: CELG), up 5%, among others. (More on the Fed below.) The Nasdaq managed to take out its previous intraday high set back in 2000, before easing back slightly.

Pessimism over a Greek bailout got the upper hand on Friday, and stock prices faded. With little in the way of big domestic news expected this week, the market's focus is likely to stay on the small nation teetering on default.

Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras expressed optimism about a high-level emergency meeting on Monday to try to avert default, according to a Dow Jones Newswires report late Friday. But the European Central Bank also raised emergency lending for Greek banks two days after its previous increase, reacting to a quickening pace of deposit withdrawals, Dow Jones reported.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average gained 117 points, or 0.7%, on the week, to 18,015.95, while the Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 16, or almost 0.8%, to 2109.99. The Nasdaq Composite jumped 66, or 1.3%, to 5117.

The Fed's comments on interest rates were interpreted to mean that rates would stay "lower for longer, and that lit a fire under risk assets, like biotechs," says Anthony Valeri, an investment strategist at LPL Financial. This week, he says, "Greece will be a focus."

While a Greek default by itself isn't a threat to U.S. stocks, the reason investors fret over it, or Greece's potential exit from the euro zone, is the possibility of contagion, says Milton Ezrati, market strategist for Lord Abbett. Following a default, there could be a loss of confidence in other euro-zone nations with weak balance sheets, like Italy or Portugal, and money could start leaving banks in those countries, creating a domino effect, he adds.

The probability is that a Greek default won't be a problem, but the country's issues are coming to a head, and the negotiations are at the 11th hour.

"Something will have to be done soon," says John De Clue, a U.S. Bank strategist. If there's an "unpleasant" exit from the euro zone or the imposition of capital controls, "you will see a 'risk off' trade in stocks of a size that we haven't seen in some time."

U.S. stocks, which sell at a forward price/earnings ratio of almost 18 times, aren't cheap by historical standards, but nor are they extraordinarily expensive. While this column isn't particularly bearish on stocks, it seems the risks are asymmetric. That is, the bad things that could happen would probably send the market down further than good things would send it up.

Federal Reserve Behind the Curve

The Federal Reserve's interest-rate view finally caught up with the market last week. We're being facetious, but only a little.

In November 2014, this column noted that prices in the Treasury futures market were suggesting a federal-funds rate of 0.70% at the end of 2015. Back then, the central bank's policy-setting Federal Open Market Committee projected that the rate would be as high as 1.4% by year end. The fed-funds rate -- the overnight lending rate banks charge one another for funds maintained at the Fed -- is currently 0% to 0.25%.

Cut to last Wednesday, following the FOMC's latest meeting, when the Fed signaled there would probably be only one hike this year, instead of the two that officials previously expected. The FOMC's median fed-funds-rate expectation for the year end is now 0.63%, and the average is 0.57%. Both are closer to what the futures market, not policy makers, predicted, so chalk one up to the market's foresight.

Now what? Many economists and investors think the first hike will come in September, but the Treasury futures market continues to see a less aggressive rate environment than the Fed has forecast, both in the short and long term. The futures indicate there's a 52% chance the Fed will first lift rates in December. The probability of a September hike is just 17%.

The futures say a hike is "just a coin toss," even as late as December, says Nicolas Colas, chief market strategist at Convergex. Some think it will come in September because the FOMC meeting that month will be followed by a regularly scheduled press conference with Chair Janet Yellen. But the Fed follows the data, not the press schedule, Colas notes.

The Fed's expectations have come down dramatically, he adds. The Fed is now looking for 1.8% to 2% growth this year in U.S. gross domestic product, down from a projection in March of 2.3% to 2.7%. For year-end 2016, the median FOMC fed-funds projection is 1.63%, but the futures market puts the rate at 1.1%.

There is a potential political component to rate hikes that the Fed doesn't acknowledge but most Fed watchers assume. Next year is an election year, and the central bank doesn't want its interest-rate hikes to be politicized. It probably will want to be well into a tightening program before the election campaign begins in earnest.

When the Fed starts to tighten, why would bond investors wait for a "gradual" rise in rates, asks Bob Eisenbeis, chief monetary economist at Cumberland Advisors. If Treasury bonds are going to be marked down steadily, many holders could "run for the exits" in advance, he says. While some money could move into stocks from fixed-income assets, he says, a disorderly rout in the bond market is likely to rattle equity markets, too, particularly in the short term.

If the global economy continues to expand, even slowly, and the road to higher interest rates is long and gradual, history suggests stocks will weather the rate hikes after some initial selling. The smart money is betting that U.S. Treasury yields will stay lower for longer, still a broadly supportive backdrop for equities.

Transocean Is Cheap and Appealing

The world's biggest offshore oil-drilling company, Transocean, just might be the most hated stock around. Only one brokerage analyst of the 36 covering the company has a Buy rating on the shares, according to Bloomberg. That is the Street's most bearish view of Transocean since 2000, including long periods when oil was half the price it is now. The pessimism looks misguided.

Last year, Transocean (RIG) had the dubious distinction of being the worst performer in the S&P 500 index, down 63%, due to a collapse in oil prices to \$45 a barrel from a high of \$107 12 months earlier. Crude is up lately, to \$59.61, but the shares sit at \$16.65, down another 9% this year.

The bear story is straightforward and correct, so far. Supplies of oil have risen sharply, and global demand has dropped. Day rates for offshore rigs have fallen 20% to 45% in the past 12 months, according to Rigzone Data Services. Analysts' consensus earnings-per-share estimate for 2015 has plunged to \$2.22 a share from \$6 18 months ago. Next year, analysts see a 35-cent loss, though Transocean has been profitable even in the most difficult times of the past decade.

But the monolithic gloom gets our contrarian juices going. It pays to go against the herd, and a patient investor who can withstand some short-term commodity volatility will probably be rewarded longer term by an investment in Transocean.

Bernard McGinn, CEO of McGinn Investment Management in Alexandria, Va., agrees. A stock so unloved deserves a look, he says. McGinn has had a longstanding position in Transocean, and has added shares recently.

Cheap energy prices eventually spur demand, he notes. Earlier this month, the International Energy Agency raised its forecast for 2015 world oil demand by 300,000 barrels, to 94 million barrels per day. That's not enough to boost the price of crude, but should help stabilize it -- and rig rates.

Transocean has 77 rigs and a \$19.9 billion order backlog, he says. The balance sheet is healthy, with \$2.7 billion in cash, \$3 billion in credit lines, and \$9 billion in debt. Net debt is about a third of total capital. The driller is expected to produce about \$1 billion in free cash flow next year, or 4.5 times dividend coverage, McGinn says. The dividend yield is attractive, at 3.6%.

Meanwhile, valuations are near all-time lows on a P/E and price/book value basis. The P/E is less than four times last year's \$4.94 a share, excluding extraordinary items, compared with a median P/E of 14 times historically, while the price/book is 50%.

Nor do things look quite as dire as Street analysts would have it. The company's first-quarter results were better than expected, and Transocean has reacted to tough times, as in the past, by cutting expenses and stacking rigs. The negative impact of the Macondo oil-spill disaster of 2010 also is mostly behind the company, as Transocean announced a \$212 million settlement with plaintiffs in May. That's much less than the market feared, says McGinn.

Another big drop in oil prices would hurt the stock, but it is only a matter of time before world oil demand heads higher, says McGinn. With a return to a more normal drilling environment, the stock could be in the upper \$20s per share in the next 12 to 18 months, he says. The stock's cheap multiple also means it probably would outperform the market in a broad stock market correction.

For Transocean's shares to move up, day rates don't have to soar. They just have to beat the market's pessimistic expectations. The odds of that seem favorable.

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DJTransportation	8411.88	-4.92	-0.06
DJUtilities	569.68	+9.15	+1.63
DJ65Stocks	6274.68	+37.34	+0.60
DJUSMarket	532.93	+4.07	+0.77
NYSEComp.	11038.97	+29.05	+0.26
NYSEMKTComp.	2414.12	+50.38	+2.13
S&P500	2109.99	+15.88	+0.76
S&PMidCap	1540.83	+9.94	+0.65
S&PSmallCap	736.35	+10.40	+1.43
Nasdaq	5117.00	+65.90	+1.30
ValueLine(arith.)	4879.51	+35.46	+0.73
Russell2000	1284.66	+19.64	+1.55
DJUSTSMFloat	22138.49	+180.14	+0.82

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NYSE		
Advances	1,766	1,442
Declines	1,477	1,801
Unchanged	53	39
NewHighs	237	212
NewLows	241	292
AvDailyVol(mil)	3,388.4	3,010.0
Dollar (Finexspotindex)	94.09	94.97
T-Bond (CBTnearbyfutures)	151-290	150-150
Crude Oil (NYMlightsweetcrude)	59.61	59.96
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U.S. bank stocks have been on a tear over the past few months, thanks to a spell of rising bond yields. Analysts at Bernstein say the party could continue.

So far this year, the KBW Bank Index has outperformed the S&P 500 by around 460 basis points. The outperformance has occurred only since late April, when U.S. Treasury yields began to rise off the back of positive economic data.

In a note published Tuesday, Bernstein looked at nine large-cap U.S. banks; Bank of America Corp., BB&T Corp., Citigroup Inc., J.P. Morgan Chase & Co., PNC Financial Services Group Inc., Regions Financial Corp., SunTrust Banks Inc., U.S. Bankcorp, and Wells Fargo & Co.

Bernstein's two best picks are Citi and J.P. Morgan, thanks to a combination of low valuations, trading exposure and dividend yields. However, the note predicts a bull market across the large cap sector, resting on three key points:

-- Rising rates are beneficial for bank stocks.

While investors wait for the Federal Reserve to increase rates, they have spent much of their time wondering how the market will react. For Bernstein, this doesn't matter.

If the market sells off, banks will hold up well "given market expectations regarding their asset sensitivity." If a bank is asset sensitive, a rise in rates benefits its assets more than it impacts its liabilities.

And if the market rises -- as investors take a rate increase as a sign of a healthy economy -- banks are a good play on an improving economy.

-- Unlike rival sectors, profit margins at banks not at their peak

Banks are still trailing their average profitability levels. Over the first quarter of 2015, their return on assets reached 1.05%, below a pre-2008 average of 1.34%.

In comparison the net profit margin -- the percentage of revenue after costs - of the S&P 500 is at 8.5%, just down from an all-time high of 9%.

While Bernstein admits that banks are no longer the profit engines of the past, thanks to regulation and compliance, there is still some headroom for profit margins to improve .

-- Bank valuations are in line with historical averages, unlike S&P 500

Large-cap bank stocks are trading at 12.4x forward earnings, compared to an historical median of 12.2x. However the **S&P500** is trading at 17.6x forward earnings, which Bernstein points out is a significant 10-12% premium to its long-term median. If banks become more profitable thanks to rising rates, then the market might recognize that banks are undervalued.

Bernstein admits there are risks. Rates may not rise, and banks may not be as asset sensitive as they believe they are. However, the note concludes that: "Overall we think there is a credible case for the large-cap banks to outperform over the near- to intermediate-term as the interest rate environment normalizes and the broader market reacts to higher rates."

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Stocks finished a seesaw week in which the sizable gains notched by Thursday evaporated Friday. Still, the major indexes finished slightly higher and snapped losing streaks.

After rising nearly 1%, boosted by bullish retail and jobless data, markets were whacked by a breakdown in talks between the International Monetary Fund and Greece over the country's bailout. The IMF left the negotiating table Thursday. Greece has a June 18 repayment deadline, or it faces default and possible exit from the monetary union. The last nail in the rally's coffin came from Congress's vote Friday to defeat an important part of the Obama administration's proposed fast-track Pacific trade bill.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 49 points, or 0.3%, on the week, to 17,898.84. The Standard & Poor's 500 index inched up one point, or 0.1%, to 2094.11. The Nasdaq Composite fell 17, or 0.3%, to 5051.10.

Although Greece is a small country and its economic plight is well known, a default "can scare people," says Thomas Lee, head of research at Fundstrat Global Advisors. There might be some impact on risk appetite or on a particular bank, says Lee. But, he adds, "it doesn't pose the same risk it did three years ago."

Christopher Hyzy, chief investment officer of U.S. Trust Bank of America Private Wealth Management, says big investors are moving money from fixed-income assets to cash. A bullish Hyzy says ". . . that cash should go into equities once the data show there is no worry over economic growth."

The Federal Reserve Open Market Committee meets this Tuesday and Wednesday, but no action on interest rates is anticipated. Nevertheless, "expect investors to parse the Fed's words closely," says Jeffrey Kleintop, Charles Schwab's chief global investment strategist.

Macy's (ticker: M) finished Friday near a high at just below \$70 per share. Some investors are reportedly pushing it to return billions to shareholders by leveraging up or by introducing a real estate investment trust (REIT) for its extensive property assets, such as was done recently by Hudson's Bay (HBAYF) with its Saks' Fifth Avenue holdings. Although its financial condition differs, Sears Holdings (SHLD) last week launched a rights offering for a REIT it has created.

A Macy's spokesman said only that the retailer "talks with a wide variety of shareholders about maximizing shareholder value," including the potential of its extensive real estate assets, roughly half of which are unencumbered.

Various REIT structures probably have been proposed to Macy's, and the retailer is said to be open to ways of using its real estate to create value. However, a large-scale REIT deal or significantly levering up on debt to buy back stock seems unlikely right now. While some of Macy's less valuable properties might work in a REIT, the company has been selling its underperforming properties outright.

OM Group's Sellout Hurts Holders

Cleveland-based OM Group (OMG) agreed earlier this month to sell itself to funds managed by affiliates of savvy deal maker Apollo Global Management (APO) for \$34 a share, 28% above OM's closing price before the deal's announcement. That looks like a generous premium, but several institutional investors say OM's board and its chairman and CEO, Joseph Scaminace, gave away the store.

The company is a small maker of specialty chemicals, batteries, and magnetic materials (the latter business called VAC Holding). OM serves the automotive, industrial, aerospace, defense, and medical industries.

The stock, at \$34.11, is little changed from 10 years ago; shares last peaked above \$65 in 2008. Critics argue that after a decade of poor performance under Scaminace, OM is being sold at the trough of the company's business cycle. Europe, which is showing early signs of an economic recovery, accounts for 60% of sales.

OM has doubled its losses in each year since 2011, while revenue has fallen steadily since 2012. The company lost \$5.54 a share last year. With better management, strategy, capital allocation, and execution, the shares could be worth 33% to 75% more than current levels, critical investors assert.

Scaminace has had a "10-year adventure that has resulted in zero shareholder return," says Jeffrey Bronchick, a money manager at value shop Cove Street Capital, which began buying shares late last year. He says the company is worth \$45 a share.

"There is \$25 of value truncated by this deal," says Andrew M. Wallach, co-CEO of SpringOwl Asset Management, which owns about 100,000 OM shares, and intends to vote against the deal.

If OM were operated as well as its more highly valued peers, ". . . within a couple of years it could be \$60 per share or higher," Wallach says.

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Stocks finished a seesaw week in which the sizable gains notched by Thursday evaporated Friday. Still, the major indexes finished slightly higher and snapped losing streaks.

After rising nearly 1%, boosted by bullish retail and jobless data, markets were whacked by a breakdown in talks between the International Monetary Fund and Greece over the country's bailout. The IMF left the negotiating table Thursday. Greece has a June 18 repayment deadline, or it faces default and possible exit from the monetary union. The last nail in the rally's coffin came from Congress's vote Friday to defeat an important part of the Obama administration's proposed fast-track Pacific trade bill.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 49 points, or 0.3%, on the week, to 17,898.84. The Standard & Poor's 500 index inched up one point, or 0.1%, to 2094.11. The Nasdaq Composite fell 17, or 0.3%, to 5051.10.

Although Greece is a small country and its economic plight is well known, a default "can scare people," says Thomas Lee, head of research at Fundstrat Global Advisors. There might be some impact on risk appetite or on a particular bank, says Lee. But, he adds, "it doesn't pose the same risk it did three years ago."

Christopher Hyzy, chief investment officer of U.S. Trust Bank of America Private Wealth Management, says big investors are moving money from fixed-income assets to cash. A bullish Hyzy says " . . . that cash should go into equities once the data show there is no worry over economic growth."

The Federal Reserve Open Market Committee meets this Tuesday and Wednesday, but no action on interest rates is anticipated. Nevertheless, "expect investors to parse the Fed's words closely," says Jeffrey Kleintop, Charles Schwab's chief global investment strategist.

Macy's (ticker: M) finished Friday near a high at just below \$70 per share. Some investors are reportedly pushing it to return billions to shareholders by leveraging up or by introducing a real estate investment trust (REIT) for its extensive property assets, such as was done recently by Hudson's Bay (HBAYF) with its Saks' Fifth Avenue holdings. Although its financial condition differs, Sears Holdings (SHLD) last week launched a rights offering for a REIT it has created.

A Macy's spokesman said only that the retailer "talks with a wide variety of shareholders about maximizing shareholder value," including the potential of its extensive real estate assets, roughly half of which are unencumbered.

Various REIT structures probably have been proposed to Macy's, and the retailer is said to be open to ways of using its real estate to create value. However, a large-scale REIT deal or significantly levering up on debt to buy back stock seems unlikely right now. While some of Macy's less valuable properties might work in a REIT, the company has been selling its underperforming properties outright.

OM Group's Sellout Hurts Holders

Cleveland-based OM Group (OMG) agreed earlier this month to sell itself to funds managed by affiliates of savvy deal maker Apollo Global Management (APO) for \$34 a share, 28% above OM's closing price before the deal's announcement. That looks like a generous premium, but several institutional investors say OM's board and its chairman and CEO, Joseph Scaminace, gave away the store.

The company is a small maker of specialty chemicals, batteries, and magnetic materials (the latter business called VAC Holding). OM serves the automotive, industrial, aerospace, defense, and medical industries.

The stock, at \$34.11, is little changed from 10 years ago; shares last peaked above \$65 in 2008. Critics argue that after a decade of poor performance under Scaminace, OM is being sold at the trough of the company's business cycle. Europe, which is showing early signs of an economic recovery, accounts for 60% of sales.

OM has doubled its losses in each year since 2011, while revenue has fallen steadily since 2012. The company lost \$5.54 a share last year. With better management, strategy, capital allocation, and execution, the shares could be worth 33% to 75% more than current levels, critical investors assert.

Scaminace has had a "10-year adventure that has resulted in zero shareholder return," says Jeffrey Bronchick, a money manager at value shop Cove Street Capital, which began buying shares late last year. He says the company is worth \$45 a share.

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We define quality based on four characteristics: balance sheet strength, execution ability, management quality and sustainable competitive advantages. We evaluate all four using quantitative proxies: net debt to assets below 30%; free cash flow positive; non-operating income or loss of less than 20% of operating income; and ROIC materially higher than the cost of capital. We use free cash flow as a measure of execution capabilities. We use non-operating income as a measure of transparency and therefore management integrity (we argue that a quality management team will report the basis upon which they make money). ROIC reflects sustainable competitive advantage. Low debt reflects prudence.

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The stocks all look expensive on an EV/EBITDA, price-to-earnings (PE) and price-to-book (P/B) basis... and they keep on outperforming. An equal-weighted portfolio would have outperformed the MSCI Asia ex-Japan by ~15,000 basis points over the last five years and – more importantly - by 2,000 basis points in each of the last four years.

The equal weighted portfolio is up 2% year-to-date but is underperforming the MSCI Asia ex-Japan by 2%. Langan and HCL doubled in 2014 and 2013 respectively. In addition, we identify a group of seven stocks within the MSCI Asia ex-Japan that satisfy all of our requirements other than ROIC, but where ROIC is rising over both of the last two years. This group is: Sands China, Novatek, Ramsay Health Care, Sinopharm, Zhen Ding Technology, Techtronic Industries and China Oilfield Services.

The best explanation for the high and sustained ROIC in some fairly prosaic industries (paint, whiteware, supermarkets) is that competitive advantages in Asia – once established – are hard to replicate.

Running the same criteria on the **S&P500**, we found a group of 81 stocks. That group also outperformed against the benchmark each year over the last five years. However, the U.S. group contained companies with real differentiators or competitive advantages: Apple, Google, Nike, Mastercard, and a number of pharmaceutical companies. Arguably, the Asian companies simply reflect local operational frictions and inefficiencies that these companies continue to successfully exploit, achieving higher ROICs as a result.

Regardless, and more to the point, the stocks have continued to outperform.

Asia Quality Name Summary Table

#	Ticker	Name	Mkt Cap (\$ M)	Quality Criteria (Most Recent FY)				YTD Price Perf.	Type
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1	2313.HK	Shenzhou Intl	6,351	-7%	113	11%	16%	38%	Quality
2	3008.TT	Largan	14,056	-45%	464	3%	44%	36%	Quality
3	UNVR.IJ	Unilever Indonesia	23,982	3%	399	0%	91%	30%	Quality
4	1169.HK	Haier	8,234	-33%	255	17%	21%	24%	Quality
5	HCLT.IS	HCL Tech	20,381	-28%	965	16%	31%	16%	Quality
6	CSL.AT	CSL	32,304	20%	774	4%	29%	5%	Quality
7	DIVI.IS	Divi's Lab	3,712	-18%	53	5%	24%	4%	Quality
8	SGX.SP	Singapore Exchange	6,406	-46%	217	4%	34%	4%	Quality
9	APNT.IS	Asian Paints	11,358	-11%	122	6%	25%	1%	Quality
10	TCS.IS	Tata Consultancy	78,736	-26%	2858	18%	31%	1%	Quality
11	TLKM.IJ	PT Telkom	21,460	1%	832	8%	21%	0%	Quality
12	2330.TT	TSMC	116,863	-12%	4265	3%	23%	-1%	Quality
13	867.HK	China Medical System	3,907	1%	105	3%	26%	-5%	Quality
14	BST.MK	Berjaya Sports	1,187	11%	88	17%	26%	-5%	Quality
15	ADVANC.TB	Advanced Info	20,702	17%	868	1%	54%	-6%	Quality
16	DIGI.MK	DIGI.com	11,865	12%	482	1%	120%	-7%	Quality
17	WOW.AT	Woolworths	26,318	14%	1260	2%	18%	-11%	Quality
18	2707.TT	FIH	1,054	8%	23	8%	20%	-17%	Quality
19	ITC.IS	ITC	38,064	-30%	776	13%	28%	-17%	Quality
20	035420.KP	NAVER	16,588	-30%	454	10%	20%	-21%	Quality
21	BEC.TB	BEC World	2,183	-18%	197	6%	48%	-27%	Quality
22	1099.HK	Sinopharm	13,491	22%	239	5%	9%	38%	Potential
23	4958.TT	Zhen Ding Tech	2,706	13%	308	7%	12%	29%	Potential
24	669.HK	Techtronic Industries	6,285	6%	25	2%	12%	6%	Potential
25	RHC.AT	Ramsay Health Care	9,333	26%	244	11%	10%	6%	Potential
26	2883.HK	China Oilfield Services	17,320	23%	285	5%	11%	4%	Potential
27	3034.TT	Novatek	3,085	-30%	180	5%	21%	-12%	Potential
28	1928.HK	Sands China	31,325	6%	291	1%	27%	-21%	Potential

Source: Bloomberg as of June 5, 2015, Bernstein analysis

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TSMC ([2330.TT](#))

Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company Limited ("TSMC") is the world's largest dedicated independent semiconductor foundry.

Largan Precision ([3008.TT](#))

Largan Precision is a specialized optical lens maker based in Taiwan. Roughly 50% of its revenue comes from Apple, and over 80% of its revenues come from mobile phone lens. The company currently owns and operates four factories in Taiwan, two in China.

China Medical System ([867.HK](#))

China Medical System Holdings Limited ("CMS") is a pharmaceutical services provider based in China, focusing on marketing, promotion and sales of prescription drugs to hospitals.

Unilever Indonesia Tbk PT ([UNVR.ID](#))

Unilever Indonesia is primarily engaged in manufacturing, marketing and distributing fast moving consumer goods (FMCG). Unilever Indonesia is 85% held by its parent via Unilever Indonesia Holdings; the free float is 15%.

Asian Paints ([APNT.IN](#))

Asian Paints is India's largest and Asia's third largest paint company. It is also the 13th largest coating company in the world. It manufactures paints for decorative and industrial use.

CSL Limited ([CSL.AU](#))

CSL Limited is an Australian-based biopharmaceutical company that researches, develops, manufactures and markets biotherapies.

Shenzhou International ([2313.HK](#))

Shenzhou International Group Holdings Limited ("Shenzhou International") is the largest vertically integrated knitwear manufacturer in China.

Divi's Lab ([DIVI.IN](#))

Established in 1990, Divi's Laboratories Limited ("Divi's Lab") is an India-based generic drugs manufacturer.

Singapore Exchange ([SGX.SC](#))

Singapore Exchange Limited is a Singapore-based company engaged in operating the integrated securities exchange and derivatives exchange in Singapore and related clearing houses.

HCL Technologies ([HCLT.IN](#))

HCL is the fourth largest Indian IT firm with a strong presence in the U.S. and Europe.

Tata Consultancy Services ([TCS.IN](#))

Tata Consultancy Services is the largest India-based IT services company by revenue and market capitalization.

Haier Electronics ([1169.HK](#))

Haier Electronics is a Chinese white goods manufacturer. It is majority-owned (58.4%) by its immediate parent Qingdao Haier (600690.SH).

PT Telekomunikasi Indonesia ([TLKM.ID](#))

PT Telekomunikasi Indonesia ("PT Telkom") is the largest telecommunications services company in Indonesia with over 50% share in mobile revenues.

DiGi.Com Berhad ([DIGI.MY](#))

DiGi Telecommunications ("DiGi.com") is one of the top three mobile service companies in Malaysia.

FIH Regent Group ([2707.TT](#))

Formosa International Hotels Corporation ("FIH") owns the international luxury hotel brand Regent, the lifestyle hotel brand Silks Place, and the affordable business hotel chain Just Sleep.

ITC ([ITC.IN](#))

ITC is the largest cigarettes manufacturer in India with 80% market share and also has interests in FMCG, hotels, paperboard and specialty papers, packaging, agri-business and IT businesses.

Advanced Info Service ([ADVANC.TH](#))

Advanced Info Service ("AIS") is the largest mobile operator in Thailand with 44.3 million subscribers and 97% nationwide coverage.

NAVER ([035420.KR](#))

NAVER Corporation is a Korea-based internet content service operator. The company mainly engages in the search engine and social network service businesses.

Berjaya Sports Toto Berhad ([BST.MY](#))

Berjaya Sports is a holding company with subsidiaries principally engaged in the operations of Toto betting, health and fitness centers, a hotel business; leasing of on-line lottery equipment and provision of software support; the manufacture and distribution of computerized lottery and voting systems, and property investment and development.

Woolworths ([WOW.AU](#))

Woolworths Limited is a major Australian company with extensive retail interest in Australia and New Zealand.

BEC World ([BEC.TH](#))

BEC World Public Company Limited ("BEC World") is a Thailand-based media company. It was formed in 1995 by the Maleenont family to combine interests in broadcasting and media. Its principal activities involve television and radio production and broadcasting.

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Sands China ([1928.HK](#))

Sands China Ltd. ("Sands China") is engaged in the development and operation of resorts in Macao and is a subsidiary of Las Vegas Sands Group.

Novatek ([3034.TT](#))

Novatek is a Taiwanese fabless chip design company specializing in display driver ICs

Ramsay Health Care ([RHC.AU](#))

Ramsay Health Care is a private hospital group operating 212 hospitals and day surgery facilities in the UK, Australia, France, Indonesia and Malaysia.

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ValueLine(arith.)	4842.66	+16.30	+0.34
Russell2000	1261.01	+14.47	+1.16
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Dollar (Finexspotindex)	96.35	96.89
T-Bond (CBTnearbyfutures)	149-230	157-060
Crude Oil (NYMlightsweetcrude)	59.13	60.30
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Kirn also initiated Caterpillar with a Buy rating.

Shares of Caterpillar have gained 1% to \$87 at 10:22 a.m. today, leaving 26% to Societe Generale's \$110 price target.

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No single factor caused the slump, and even the "bad" news could have been a head fake. Reports indicate that Greece's talks with creditors aren't going well, adding to concerns that Greece could exit the euro zone. Chinese stocks plunged on Thursday as brokers tightened margin requirements. Manufacturing activity in Chicago was much weaker than expected. And the government said first quarter GDP fell 0.7% -- the data was backward-looking and widely expected, but it didn't help brighten the mood.

All in all, it wasn't much to hang a trader's fedora on.

"There's just a lot of indecision," says Keith Lerner, chief market strategist at SunTrust Private Wealth Management. "There's not much going on that would push the market out of its trading range."

That's plenty evident from trading patterns and investor surveys. May was the slowest month for trading this year. A poll from the American Association of Individual Investors showed that 47.9% of investors were neutral on the market, down from 49.8% last week, which was the highest neutral rating since 2003. Historically, about 31% of investors are neutral on the market, on average.

Forget the battling bulls and bears -- this market is full of cattle.

"It's difficult to get excited about stocks if you're not buying them at a deep discount," says Joseph Tanius, investment strategist at Bessemer Trust.

The Dow dropped 221 points, or 1.2%, last week, to 18,010.68. The Standard & Poor's 500 fell 19 points, or 0.9%, to 2107.39. The Nasdaq Composite index fell 19 points, 0.4%, to 5070.03. The Dow Transportation Average fell 2.2%, which some consider a bad omen for the market.

The drop still measures as barely a blip in the bull market, which has tired but is still plodding forward. Even after the largest one-week selloff in more than a month, the major indexes are still one decent rally away from eclipsing all-time highs. The S&P 500 rose 1.05% in May and the Dow was up 0.95%.

Next week, investors will have to weigh another jobs report, and the numbers could impact the timing of an interest rate hike. Few expect a rate hike in June, but the Federal Reserve could act as soon as September, which could keep the market on edge past Labor Day.

D.R. Horton's Curb Appeal

Given the job market's resurgence in the past year, it's remarkable that housing has taken so long to rebound. Even eight years after the bust, the rate of new construction remains nearly 30% below its long-term average.

But data released last week offers some hope, and should eventually lift all sorts of stocks related to home building. After trading flat for the past few months, the builders themselves could begin to pay off for investors.

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NewHighs	148	265
NewLows	132	110
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Dollar		
(Finexspotindex)	96.89	96.14
T-Bond		
(CBTnearbyfutures)	157-060	153-250
Crude Oil		

(NYMlightsweetcrude) 60.30 59.72
Inflation KR-CRB
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China's Nasdaq-style ChiNext board in Shenzhen is raising eyebrows.

The ChiNext Price Index has returned over 200% and 150% in the last one year and year-to-date, and is now valued at 117 times historical earnings. Even on a future earnings basis, ChiNext is expensive trading at 60 times. ChiNext's two largest constituents, Easy Money Information (3000059.China) and Leshi TV (300104.China) are now both valued at 300 times historical earnings and 200 times forward earnings.

In a morning note, Goldman Sachs likened ChiNext to the notorious dotcom bubble in the late 1990's:

NASDAQ significantly outperformed the **S&P500** in the US, and the absolute valuation of and relative valuations between small and large (or tech vs. non tech) in the US were comparable to where ChiNext is today: i.e., small caps are being priced at +100X trailing P/E and c.60X forward P/E, and small caps are about 3X to 5X more expensive than large caps on forward and trailing P/E, using earnings-based valuation metrics as a guide.

Obvious concerns over valuation aside - ChiNext's rise is beyond anyone's imagination - Goldman is now worried Beijing will start to clamp down on speculative trading on the ChiNext board. After all, a lot of small investors are in the game. Retail ownership of ChiNext is at 75%, well above Shanghai and Shenzhen main board's 47% and 63%. Average holding period there is only 17 days.

If ChiNext's bubble bursts, will it drag the rest of China's stock markets with it?

Goldman thinks ChiNext's impact on the broader market is small.

First, ChiNext is small. Its total market cap is only 10% of Shanghai's market. In March 2000, Nasdaq was 60% of NYSE.

Second, ChiNext is in a different hemisphere. The return correlation between ChiNext and CSI 300 is lower than 30%, so we are unlikely to see the "contagion" purely from a statistical viewpoint.

Third, overall, the A-share market is not that expensive yet. It is trading at 17 times forward earnings and 23 times without banks. "Our dividend discount model (DDM) also suggests that China A is fairly priced, but not excessively valued relative to our long-term growth projections," wrote analyst Kinger Lau and team.

By the way, what bubble burst? The ChiNext price index jumped another 4.2% this morning.

Last week, the Shanghai Composite Index dived 6.5% in one day. But ChiNext barely felt it. For the week, the iShares China Large Cap ETF (FXI) and the iShares MSCI China ETF (MCHI) fell 5% and 4.7% respectively, while the Deutsche X-Trackers Harvest CSI 300 China A-shares Fund (ASHR) dropped 4.1%. The Market Vectors China AMC SME ChiNext ETF (CNXT) dropped 1.4% only.

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Stocks slumped last week on jitters over Greece, China, and mediocre U.S. economic data. The Dow fell 1.2% and the S&P 500 was off 0.9%, with all major S&P sectors losing ground on the week.

No single factor caused the slump, and even the "bad" news could have been a head fake. Reports indicate that Greece's talks with creditors aren't going well, adding to concerns that Greece could exit the euro zone. Chinese stocks plunged on Thursday as brokers tightened margin requirements. Manufacturing activity in Chicago was much weaker than expected. And the government said first quarter GDP fell 0.7% -- the data was backward-looking and widely expected, but it didn't help brighten the mood.

All in all, it wasn't much to hang a trader's fedora on.

"There's just a lot of indecision," says Keith Lerner, chief market strategist at SunTrust Private Wealth Management. "There's not much going on that would push the market out of its trading range."

That's plenty evident from trading patterns and investor surveys. May was the slowest month for trading this year. A poll from the American Association of Individual Investors showed that 47.9% of investors were neutral on the market, down from 49.8% last week, which was the highest neutral rating since 2003. Historically, about 31% of investors are neutral on the market, on average.

Forget the battling bulls and bears -- this market is full of cattle.

"It's difficult to get excited about stocks if you're not buying them at a deep discount," says Joseph Tanius, investment strategist at Bessemer Trust.

The Dow dropped 221 points, or 1.2%, last week, to 18,010.68. The Standard & Poor's 500 fell 19 points, or 0.9%, to 2107.39. The Nasdaq Composite index fell 19 points, 0.4%, to 5070.03. The Dow Transportation Average fell 2.2%, which some consider a bad omen for the market.

The drop still measures as barely a blip in the bull market, which has tired but is still plodding forward. Even after the largest one-week selloff in more than a month, the major indexes are still one decent rally away from eclipsing all-time highs. The S&P 500 rose 1.05% in May and the Dow was up 0.95%.

Next week, investors will have to weigh another jobs report, and the numbers could impact the timing of an interest rate hike. Few expect a rate hike in June, but the Federal Reserve could act as soon as September, which could keep the market on edge past Labor Day.

D.R. Horton's Curb Appeal

Given the job market's resurgence in the past year, it's remarkable that housing has taken so long to rebound. Even eight years after the bust, the rate of new construction remains nearly 30% below its long-term average.

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Equities finished mixed last week in mostly quiet, pre-holiday trading, and slightly off new highs reached earlier. As has been the case all year, the record levels achieved are only just above the previous plateaus. Health-care, tech and financial stocks rose. U.S. financial markets will be closed for Memorial Day observance Monday.

Even with the broad market hitting all-time highs, some investors fret about the continued notable divergence of transportation sector, which has sagged since late December. In particular, investors last week bailed out of the formerly highflying airlines group, which fell a painful 11%.

In a speech Friday afternoon, Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen reaffirmed the market's view that the central bank would probably raise rates sometime later this year if the economy improves as expected. She also said the weak U.S. economic data this year don't signify there is a sustained slowdown, even if the outlook is "highly uncertain." The Fed leader expects a pickup from the poor first-quarter growth rate and also repeated that the pace of hikes would most likely be gradual.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average lost 41 points, or 0.2%, on the week, to 18,232.02 after closing at a record 18,312.39 on Tuesday. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 3, or 0.2%, to 2126.06, down from the record close Thursday of 2130.82. The Nasdaq added 41, or 0.8%, to 5089.39.

With first-quarter earnings season over and no particularly significant economic data released last week, the market returned to mulling the default factor: the timing and pace of the Fed's first interest rate hike, now expected in September.

"Investors are a fickle bunch," says Thomas Stringfellow, president of Frost Investment Advisors in San Antonio, "and they breathed a collective sigh of relief" when Yellen reaffirmed the market's expectations of a fall hike. Like the Fed chair, Stringfellow thinks the economy will improve later this year. Consequently, he thinks the airline stocks "are getting interesting again." (More on this below.)

The traditional Dow Theory of investing espouses that transport stocks need to perform alongside industrials to confirm a bull market. The idea is that if the industrials are doing well then so should the transports, since they are the companies that deliver the products.

What the Dow Theory bears are ignoring, notes Michael Purves, chief global strategist at Weeden, is a longer historical perspective. He adds that the transportation sector has outperformed for five years. Such a divergence a few years earlier in this bull rally would have been concerning, but "we are seeing a little mean reversion here," he adds.

Purves says he's less bothered by the divergence because "you are starting to see other sectors performing, like financials, for example." That sector is up 8% since January, besting the broad market. He looks for the stock market to continue to grind higher.

An American Airlines Trade

Airline stocks, which fell about 11% last week on concerns about rising capacity growth and potential fare cuts, have been ailing all year. Despite a windfall in the form of 30% lower jet fuel prices, the sector is down 20% from January highs.

In interviews with CNBC and Bloomberg last week, American Airlines Group (ticker: AAL) CEO Douglas Parker stoked the anxiety, previously quiescent, when he suggested his company would respond to capacity increases and fare cuts from competitors.

That seems innocuous, but his comments need historical context. Until recently and for many years, this sector was governed by one axiom: Investors "rented" airline stocks, never owned them. Younger readers might not realize that "Fare Sale" was the most common and most feared words in the industry in the 1990s. In a matter of a few years, carriers lost many billions of dollars -- more than all the profits the industry had garnered since the beginning of commercial service in the 1920s.

Things have changed in the past decade. The airline profit renaissance has been attributed to managements across the board exhibiting more discipline, keeping capacity increases in line with actual demand, adding baggage fees, removing free food, and avoiding those decimating fare wars.

Yet the main reason the industry has been doing so well derives from its current oligopolistic structure, thanks to bankruptcies and mergers that followed those terrible times. The number of major U.S. carriers dropped to four from eight to 10 in the past decade. In any industry, if there are just three or four rivals holding most of the market, the urge to compete on price is much diminished. In the air-travel business, this has boosted profits for carriers but has cost consumers.

That's not going to change soon, despite the fact that one of the big four, Southwest Airlines (LUV) is raising capacity a little more than expected. And a small discount carrier, Spirit Airlines (SAVE) is expected to increase it a lot, emboldened by substantial jet fuel savings. U.S. air-travel demand is rising about 2% to 3%, roughly in line with the U.S. gross domestic product, but domestic capacity in 2016 could rise by mid-single digit percentages.

As CreditSights analyst Roger King notes, "domestic capacity is whatever American, Delta, United Continental, and Southwest say it is." With these four dominant in their own hubs, the capacity moves appear marginal -- so far. Some of these carriers have nearly 100% share in key markets, so changes are more in the nature of "fine tuning," he adds.

Industry metrics, like revenue per available seat mile, have softened recently, and it's probable they will soften some more. It might be that the American CEO meant his comments to be a shot across the bow of discount airlines. A veteran, who no doubt remembers the fare wars, Parker will see 100% of his direct compensation paid entirely in stock beginning this month, so it's a good bet he will be prudent.

"The industry's capacity discipline is being tested, but once airline managements begin to see that too much capacity growth is not the right long-term decision for their shareholders, they should pull back," says Kristopher Kelley, an airline analyst at Janus Capital Group, which owned a stake in United Continental Holdings (UAL) as of April 30.

As we head into the summer, traditionally a bumper-crop period for this group, the sell-off on fears of an actual fare sale now appears premature. At \$42.61, American trades at just 4.3 times consensus analyst earnings estimates for \$9.86 a share this year -- cheap enough for a summer fling.

Longer-term, if the fare genie were to escape from the bottle, history shows it takes a long time and industry carnage to get him back in. So after the summer, extra vigilance on airline stocks might be necessary.

Air Methods: Time to Evacuate

In an era of health-care expense controls, Air Methods (AIRM), the nation's biggest air ambulance firm, hasn't felt the knife. With about 370 aircraft, mostly helicopters, and 286 bases, it has hiked its medevac transport bills an average 15% to 20% in each of the past seven years, from an average gross bill of \$13,198 per patient transport in 2007 to \$46,449 in the first quarter of 2015. Such hikes might not continue much longer, however, and its stock could suffer.

Revenue almost doubled to \$1 billion last year from \$562 million in 2010, while net income soared to \$95 million, or \$2.46 per share, from \$43 million, or \$1.13. Air medical services are about 85% of total revenue, with tourism helicopters most of the rest. Not surprisingly, the stock has shot up, rising to \$60 last year from \$10 in 2010. It has since eased back, closing Friday at \$44.61.

While all seven Wall Street analysts who cover the stock have a Buy rating on Air Methods -- a potential contrarian signal -- there are skeptics who think the big price hikes of the past will come to an end relatively soon. A quarter of the shares outstanding are sold short, according to Bloomberg.

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Equities finished mixed last week in mostly quiet, pre-holiday trading, and slightly off new highs reached earlier. As has been the case all year, the record levels achieved are only just above the previous plateaus. Health-care, tech and financial stocks rose. U.S. financial markets will be closed for Memorial Day observance Monday.

Even with the broad market hitting all-time highs, some investors fret about the continued notable divergence of transportation sector, which has sagged since late December. In particular, investors last week bailed out of the formerly highflying airlines group, which fell a painful 11%.

In a speech Friday afternoon, Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen reaffirmed the market's view that the central bank would probably raise rates sometime later this year if the economy improves as expected. She also said the weak U.S. economic data this year don't signify there is a sustained slowdown, even if the outlook is "highly uncertain." The Fed leader expects a pickup from the poor first-quarter growth rate and also repeated that the pace of hikes would most likely be gradual.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average lost 41 points, or 0.2%, on the week, to 18,232.02 after closing at a record 18,312.39 on Tuesday. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 3, or 0.2%, to 2126.06, down from the record close Thursday of 2130.82. The Nasdaq added 41, or 0.8%, to 5089.39.

With first-quarter earnings season over and no particularly significant economic data released last week, the market returned to mulling the default factor: the timing and pace of the Fed's first interest rate hike, now expected in September.

"Investors are a fickle bunch," says Thomas Stringfellow, president of Frost Investment Advisors in San Antonio, "and they breathed a collective sigh of relief" when Yellen reaffirmed the market's expectations of a fall hike. Like the Fed chair, Stringfellow thinks the economy will improve later this year. Consequently, he thinks the airline stocks "are getting interesting again." (More on this below.)

The traditional Dow Theory of investing espouses that transport stocks need to perform alongside industrials to confirm a bull market. The idea is that if the industrials are doing well then so should the transports, since they are the companies that deliver the products.

What the Dow Theory bears are ignoring, notes Michael Purves, chief global strategist at Weeden, is a longer historical perspective. He adds that the transportation sector has outperformed for five years. Such a divergence a few years earlier in this bull rally would have been concerning, but "we are seeing a little mean reversion here," he adds.

Purves says he's less bothered by the divergence because "you are starting to see other sectors performing, like financials, for example." That sector is up 8% since January, besting the broad market. He looks for the stock market to continue to grind higher.

An American Airlines Trade

Airline stocks, which fell about 11% last week on concerns about rising capacity growth and potential fare cuts, have been ailing all year. Despite a windfall in the form of 30% lower jet fuel prices, the sector is down 20% from January highs.

In interviews with CNBC and Bloomberg last week, American Airlines Group (ticker: AAL) CEO Douglas Parker stoked the anxiety, previously quiescent, when he suggested his company would respond to capacity increases and fare cuts from competitors.

That seems innocuous, but his comments need historical context. Until recently and for many years, this sector was governed by one axiom: Investors "rented" airline stocks, never owned them. Younger readers might not realize that "Fare Sale" was the most common and most feared words in the industry in the 1990s. In a matter of a few years, carriers lost many billions of dollars -- more than all the profits the industry had garnered since the beginning of commercial service in the 1920s.

Things have changed in the past decade. The airline profit renaissance has been attributed to managements across the board exhibiting more discipline, keeping capacity increases in line with actual demand, adding baggage fees, removing free food, and avoiding those decimating fare wars.

Yet the main reason the industry has been doing so well derives from its current oligopolistic structure, thanks to bankruptcies and mergers that followed those terrible times. The number of major U.S. carriers dropped to four from eight to 10 in the past decade. In any industry, if there are just three or four rivals holding most of the market, the urge to compete on price is much diminished. In the air-travel business, this has boosted profits for carriers but has cost consumers.

That's not going to change soon, despite the fact that one of the big four, Southwest Airlines (LUV) is raising capacity a little more than expected. And a small discount carrier, Spirit Airlines (SAVE) is expected to increase it a lot, emboldened by substantial jet fuel savings. U.S. air-travel demand is rising about 2% to 3%, roughly in line with the U.S. gross domestic product, but domestic capacity in 2016 could rise by mid-single digit percentages.

As CreditSights analyst Roger King notes, "domestic capacity is whatever American, Delta, United Continental, and Southwest say it is." With these four dominant in their own hubs, the capacity moves appear marginal -- so far. Some of these carriers have nearly 100% share in key markets, so changes are more in the nature of "fine tuning," he adds.

Industry metrics, like revenue per available seat mile, have softened recently, and it's probable they will soften some more. It might be that the American CEO meant his comments to be a shot across the bow of discount airlines. A veteran, who no doubt remembers the fare wars, Parker will see 100% of his direct compensation paid entirely in stock beginning this month, so it's a good bet he will be prudent.

"The industry's capacity discipline is being tested, but once airline managements begin to see that too much capacity growth is not the right long-term decision for their shareholders, they should pull back," says Kristopher Kelley, an airline analyst at Janus Capital Group, which owned a stake in United Continental Holdings (UAL) as of April 30.

As we head into the summer, traditionally a bumper-crop period for this group, the sell-off on fears of an actual fare sale now appears premature. At \$42.61, American trades at just 4.3 times consensus analyst earnings estimates for \$9.86 a share this year -- cheap enough for a summer fling.

Longer-term, if the fare genie were to escape from the bottle, history shows it takes a long time and industry carnage to get him back in. So after the summer, extra vigilance on airline stocks might be necessary.

Air Methods: Time to Evacuate

In an era of health-care expense controls, Air Methods (AIRM), the nation's biggest air ambulance firm, hasn't felt the knife. With about 370 aircraft, mostly helicopters, and 286 bases, it has hiked its medevac transport bills an average 15% to 20% in each of the past seven years, from an average gross bill of \$13,198 per patient transport in 2007 to \$46,449 in the first quarter of 2015. Such hikes might not continue much longer, however, and its stock could suffer.

Revenue almost doubled to \$1 billion last year from \$562 million in 2010, while net income soared to \$95 million, or \$2.46 per share, from \$43 million, or \$1.13. Air medical services are about 85% of total revenue, with tourism helicopters most of the rest. Not surprisingly, the stock has shot up, rising to \$60 last year from \$10 in 2010. It has since eased back, closing Friday at \$44.61.

While all seven Wall Street analysts who cover the stock have a Buy rating on Air Methods -- a potential contrarian signal -- there are skeptics who think the big price hikes of the past will come to an end relatively soon. A quarter of the shares outstanding are sold short, according to Bloomberg.

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Undeterred by another round of soft economic data released last week, investors sent the Standard & Poor's 500 index to an all-time high. This year's new highs, however, have been modestly above previous records, unlike last year's sharp moves.

Chalk that up to perverse circumstance. In normal times, investors want a growing economy and rising corporate earnings. Today, however, that otherwise rosy scenario almost certainly would mean higher interest rates. Good news would be bad news.

Rates eventually will rise, but the market consensus is that the Federal Open Market Committee, the Fed's policy-making arm, won't raise interest rates at its next meeting, scheduled for June 16-17. That helps explain why the market has been scratching its way higher. A September hike remains an open question. While jobless claims last week were decent, the latest figures on U.S. retail sales, consumer sentiment, and industrial production were all weaker than expected.

"There's nothing out there that's changing the market narrative," says Michael Matousek, head trader at U.S. Global Investors.

The market range has gotten even tighter in recent weeks, like a spring coiling. "If you get a little trading volume, it could be the start of the next leg higher," he says.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average gained 82 points, or 0.5%, on the week, to 18,272.56, and the Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 7 or 0.3%, to 2122.73. The Nasdaq added 45, or 0.9%, to 5048.29.

Last week's action says "the Fed hike is off the table for June, and perhaps even for September," says Adam Sarhan, CEO of Sarhan Capital. "The Fed has said its action is data-dependent, and the data [are] weak."

Sarhan says that a catalyst to propel the market out of its range trading could be the growing conviction that a September rate hike won't happen.

Following a weak first quarter, the economy hasn't shown much verve, notes Anwiti Bahuguna, a senior portfolio manager at Columbia Threadneedle Investments. There's no reason for the Fed to tighten, she says.

Expectations for earnings growth haven't improved in the current quarter, and consumers haven't stepped up their spending, so that doesn't bode well for second-quarter growth, Bahuguna says, adding, "It might be a rocky period."

Significant sales gains, and thus profit growth, probably won't be seen until the fourth quarter. Meanwhile, summer is a traditionally weak season for stocks, with lower trading activity. What's to get excited about? For the time being, it's low rates.

Ralph Lauren Offers a Deal

At \$1,500 to \$2,000 and up, Ralph Lauren's classic men's sport coats are expensive. The company's stock isn't, having fallen 30% since December, to \$133.11.

Ralph Lauren (ticker: RL) faces near-term challenges including a strong dollar, but none seem insurmountable or even unique. Wall Street's overly gloomy outlook seems to discount a worst-case scenario, giving little credit to the company for its track record of steadily improving results in the past decade. With a stable dollar from here and a small pickup in results, the stock could provide a total return of 15% to 20% over the next 12 to 18 months.

The dollar is a big head wind for the maker of high-end men's and women's apparel, which runs 466 stores and has 536 concession shops worldwide. The global economy is challenging, and consumer spending is restrained. Ralph Lauren also is investing heavily to expand, as it sees long-term growth opportunities around the world. Capital expenditures are expected to be \$400 million to \$500 million in the fiscal year ending March 2016, compared to \$390 million in fiscal 2015.

Ralph Lauren gave disappointing guidance Wednesday for 2016 when it reported results for the fourth quarter ended March 28. Lauren expects mid-single-digit revenue growth in fiscal 2016, but a negative impact of 4.5 percentage points from current exchange rates, while operating profit margin will be hurt by 1.8 to 2.3 percentage points for the same reason. This pain will be particularly acute in the current quarter.

Lauren reported fiscal 2015 net income of \$702 million, or \$7.88 per diluted share, but adjusted for currency effects, EPS was \$8.19. In fiscal 2014, net income was \$776 million, or \$8.43 a share.

Sales rose 2% in fiscal 2015, and 4% on a constant-currency basis. Similarly, retail comparable-store sales fell 1% last year but rose 1% adjusted for currency.

A good portion of Lauren's problem derives from the greenback, which will fall out of comparisons within 12 months, says Daniel Morgan, a portfolio manager with Synovus Trust, where the stock remains on the Buy list. The company is seeing strong wholesale growth in North America and healthy retail sales growth due to expansion in global e-commerce and the contribution from new store openings, he adds.

Lauren continues to expand its international presence and product array, which will pinch profits in the short term. But it will boost the top line in the longer term by helping the company further penetrate growth markets such as China and India, Morgan adds.

Shares trade at about 18.6 times current-fiscal-year expected earnings of \$7.16 a share. That's not dirt cheap, but is below its average of 20 over the past five years. And they're the cheapest they've been in some time relative to the market's P/E, now 17.7.

Lauren's market capitalization is essentially unchanged from four years ago, in the aftermath of the financial crisis, even though the company is more financially fit and geographically diverse, and generating much more in annual sales and earnings, Morgan notes.

Wall Street doesn't like the stock, and consensus earnings estimates most likely will drop more, but the long-term investor "has to be willing to take a step back," Morgan says. "This is a great company that has gone through good times and bad."

The stock's weakness is a chance to buy a high-quality global brand name with growth potential and a strong balance sheet, including more than \$9 per share in net cash. Don't look for things to change immediately, but results could show sustainable improvement later in the fiscal year. So could the shares.

How Windstream Could Win

Windstream Holdings (WIN) provides network communications, such as broadband Internet services, phone, and digital TV services, to businesses and residences. Based in Little Rock, Ark., it operates in 48 states, mostly in rural areas in the East and Midwest. On April 24, it spun off 80% of Communications Sales & Leasing (CSAL), a real-estate investment trust. Based on CSL's \$4.1 billion market capitalization, Windstream's remaining 19.5% stake is almost equal to its entire market cap.

CSL owns, operates, and leases telecommunications assets, such as copper and fiber-optic lines, which were formerly owned by Windstream, its only customer.

As a tax-advantaged REIT, CSL is able to pass on most of its earnings to its shareholders in the form of dividends. It offers an attractive 8.7% yield on its \$27.53 share price. The spinoff was done to capture the much higher valuations awarded to REITs than telecom operations.

Since the spinoff, Windstream shares have dropped from a high of \$13 to \$8.61, giving the company a market value of \$868 million. Windstream's remaining stake in CSL is worth about \$800 million.

Stripping out the value of CSL would leave Windstream's remaining operations with an implicit value of just \$68 million, says William Mitchell, portfolio manager of the Spinoff & Reorg fund. Windstream could generate \$5 billion in sales this year, and about \$940 million in pro forma earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization. That implies the Ebitda of the remaining operations are 14 times greater than the value of the operations themselves, says Mitchell, whose fund owns Windstream and is short CSL.

In a recent report using peer comparison valuations, Spin-Off Research, a specialist in sizing up such assets, put a \$12 price target on Windstream.

How can this carrier seemingly be so mispriced? Mitchell says both parent and spinoff aren't well-known names on Wall Street and operate in a small segment of an industry not particularly popular with investors. Moreover, before the spinoff, many Windstream shareholders were probably high-yield-seeking investors. Following the spinoff, they probably kept CSL, with its generous yield, but sold Windstream, which was yielding 1.1%, not including dividends from its remaining CSL stake.

Is the nation's largest rural carrier, with annual revenue of more than \$5 billion, really going to have a market value of just \$68 million? Probably not, Mitchells says.

Windstream has its problems, and operates in a challenging industry. Revenue continues to decline. Operating margins are expected to contract from 37% last year to 34% or so this year, and possibly less in the future. Windstream has debt of \$5.25 billion, some of which it intends to pay down through the sale of its remaining CSL stake, compared to \$856 million in shareholders' equity, pro forma. Mitchell notes that long-term debt doesn't mature until 2019, "giving it plenty of breathing space" to put its business on a better footing.

Windstream is a short-term buy, not a long-term investment, and vigilance is required. Institutional investors might consider buying Windstream and shorting CSI to focus on the investment in Windstream alone, although individual investors might not be so intrepid on the short side.

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The S&P 500 and the Dow Jones Industrial Average might have hit new highs today, but it was the Nasdaq Composite and the small-company Russell 2000 that had the big gains.

The S&P 500 gained 0.3% to 2,129.20, its ninth record close of the year, while the Dow Jones Industrial Average ticked up 0.1% to 18,298.88, its fifth record high. The Nasdaq Composite, however, climbed 9.6% to 5,078.44, while the Russell 2000 jumped 1.1% to 1,257.52.

Morgan Stanley's Adam Parker and team make the case for stocks heading even higher:

So why are we still bullish given the overall sentiment is rooted in some real concerns? There are three simple points. Firstly, we think the bottom-up earnings estimates are too low. They embed just over \$119 in EPS for 2015, and we forecast a top-down outlook of \$124 for **S&P500** earnings. While it is unusual for bottom-up numbers to be too pessimistic (it has happened only 6 times in the 39-year history of the forward earnings estimates), we think we have already seen the trough in numbers, given the upward revisions in six of ten sectors during the recent earnings season and a bar that was too dramatically lowered earlier in the year. We would not be surprised to see higher numbers in consumer, healthcare, financials, and energy, among other sectors. Secondly, we think the US economy will improve. While the US and global economies have been more tepid than our team had expected, Ellen Zentner, our Chief US Economist, is forecasting an improving economy in the second half of the year, in part fueled by modest dis-savings from an increasingly confident consumer. Thirdly, we think sentiment about US equities is relatively low compared to other regions (like Europe, Japan, or China A-Shares) and they clearly remain quite attractive on a valuation basis vs. nearly every government bond around the world.

Nuveen's Bob Doll urges investors to be patient:

The bull market celebrated its sixth birthday in March and is starting to show its age. Since it began, this bull market has been fueled by both rising corporate earnings and increasing valuations. Compared to where we were six years ago, valuations are now higher, and with the Fed poised to begin a rate hike cycle, it would be hard to argue that valuations will drive the next leg of the bull market. That leaves earnings, but as we indicated earlier, the corporate earnings outlook is a bit troubled.

This is not to say that we have a pessimistic outlook toward equities; rather, we think now is a time for patience. We expect the economy will improve over the coming months, which should allow for an earnings rebound. Since the end of the Great Recession, equity markets have soared ahead of a lagging economy. For years we have been more confident about the direction of the equity market than the direction of the economy. But that is no longer the case. Now we believe the economy will begin to lead the equity markets, and the U.S. economy appears to be operating on more cylinders than it has for some time

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The S&P 500 and the Dow Jones Industrial Average might have hit new highs today, but it was the Nasdaq Composite and the small-company Russell 2000 that had the big gains.

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Aberdeen Global	FCO	8.9	0.07
Amer Cap Senior Floating	ACSF	8.8	0.097
Ares Management L.P.	ARES	5.1	0.25
Barrett Business Svcs	BBSI	2.4	0.22
Bluerock Res Growth REIT	BRG	8.5	0.09667
Cablevision Sys	CVC	2.9	0.15
Carnival	CCL	2.1	0.25
Carnival ADS	CUK	2.0	0.25
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ClearBridge Amer Engy	CBA	7.5	0.305
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EatonVnce TxAdv Opport	ETO	8.7	0.18
EatonVncc SrFltRate	EFR	6.5	0.078
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Griffon	GFF	1.0	0.04
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Hawaiian Elec	HE	4.0	0.31
Healthcare Services Group	HCSG	2.3	0.1775
Heartland Fincl USA	HTLF	1.1	0.10
Hecla Mining	HL	0.3	0.0025
HSBC HldgsHSBC	4.1	0.50	
Inteliquent Inc.	IQNT	3.3	0.15
Kite Realty Grp Tr Pfd. A	KRGpA	7.8	0.51563
Legg Mason BW Glbl Incm	BWG	9.7	0.13
LeMaitre Vascular	LMAT	1.6	0.04
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LMP Real Estate Inco Fd	RIT	5.7	0.06
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Nature's Sunshine	NATR	3.1	0.10
NexPoint Credit Strat Fd	NHF	9.1	0.06
Nu Skin Enterprises	NUS	2.7	0.35
Ocean Rig UDW	ORIG	8.5	0.19
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Putnam Muni Opportunities	PMO	5.9	0.0595
Putnam Premier	PPT	6.0	0.026
Putnam Tr	PMM	6.0	0.0363
Rentech Nitrogen Ptrs LP.	RNF	9.3	0.36
Robert Half Intl	RHI	1.4	0.20
RR Media	RRM	4.0	0.07
Schweitzer-Maudit Intl	SWM	3.6	0.38
Source Capital	SOR	4.6	0.85
South State Corp.	SSB	1.3	0.24
Spok Holdings Inc.	SPOK	2.8	0.125
Tiptree Financial Cl A	TIPT	1.5	0.025
Tortoise Energy	TYG	5.8	0.645
Tortoise Engy Ind Fd	NDP	8.4	0.4375
Tortoise MLP Fund	NTG	6.7	0.4225
Tortoise P&Enyg Infrstr	TPZ	5.9	0.1375
Tortoise Pipeline & Enyg	TPP	6.2	0.45
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West Asst HY Def Opp Fd	HYI	8.0	0.11
Western Asset Income Fd	PAI	5.1	0.0575
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Undeterred by another round of soft economic data released last week, investors sent the Standard & Poor's 500 index to an all-time high. This year's new highs, however, have been modestly above previous records, unlike last year's sharp moves.

Chalk that up to perverse circumstance. In normal times, investors want a growing economy and rising corporate earnings. Today, however, that otherwise rosy scenario almost certainly would mean higher interest rates. Good news would be bad news.

Rates eventually will rise, but the market consensus is that the Federal Open Market Committee, the Fed's policy-making arm, won't raise interest rates at its next meeting, scheduled for June 16-17. That helps explain why the market has been scratching its way higher. A September hike remains an open question. While jobless claims last week were decent, the latest figures on U.S. retail sales, consumer sentiment, and industrial production were all weaker than expected.

"There's nothing out there that's changing the market narrative," says Michael Matousek, head trader at U.S. Global Investors.

The market range has gotten even tighter in recent weeks, like a spring coiling. "If you get a little trading volume, it could be the start of the next leg higher," he says.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average gained 82 points, or 0.5%, on the week, to 18,272.56, and the Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 7 or 0.3%, to 2122.73. The Nasdaq added 45, or 0.9%, to 5048.29.

Last week's action says "the Fed hike is off the table for June, and perhaps even for September," says Adam Sarhan, CEO of Sarhan Capital. "The Fed has said its action is data-dependent, and the data [are] weak."

Sarhan says that a catalyst to propel the market out of its range trading could be the growing conviction that a September rate hike won't happen.

Following a weak first quarter, the economy hasn't shown much verve, notes Anwiti Bahuguna, a senior portfolio manager at Columbia Threadneedle Investments. There's no reason for the Fed to tighten, she says.

Expectations for earnings growth haven't improved in the current quarter, and consumers haven't stepped up their spending, so that doesn't bode well for second-quarter growth, Bahuguna says, adding, "It might be a rocky period."

Significant sales gains, and thus profit growth, probably won't be seen until the fourth quarter. Meanwhile, summer is a traditionally weak season for stocks, with lower trading activity. What's to get excited about? For the time being, it's low rates.

Ralph Lauren Offers a Deal

At \$1,500 to \$2,000 and up, Ralph Lauren's classic men's sport coats are expensive. The company's stock isn't, having fallen 30% since December, to \$133.11.

Ralph Lauren (ticker: RL) faces near-term challenges including a strong dollar, but none seem insurmountable or even unique. Wall Street's overly gloomy outlook seems to discount a worst-case scenario, giving little credit to the company for its track record of steadily improving results in the past decade. With a stable dollar from here and a small pickup in results, the stock could provide a total return of 15% to 20% over the next 12 to 18 months.

The dollar is a big head wind for the maker of high-end men's and women's apparel, which runs 466 stores and has 536 concession shops worldwide. The global economy is challenging, and consumer spending is restrained. Ralph Lauren also is investing heavily to expand, as it sees long-term growth opportunities around the world. Capital expenditures are expected to be \$400 million to \$500 million in the fiscal year ending March 2016, compared to \$390 million in fiscal 2015.

Ralph Lauren gave disappointing guidance Wednesday for 2016 when it reported results for the fourth quarter ended March 28. Lauren expects mid-single-digit revenue growth in fiscal 2016, but a negative impact of 4.5 percentage points from current exchange rates, while operating profit margin will be hurt by 1.8 to 2.3 percentage points for the same reason. This pain will be particularly acute in the current quarter.

Lauren reported fiscal 2015 net income of \$702 million, or \$7.88 per diluted share, but adjusted for currency effects, EPS was \$8.19. In fiscal 2014, net income was \$776 million, or \$8.43 a share.

Sales rose 2% in fiscal 2015, and 4% on a constant-currency basis. Similarly, retail comparable-store sales fell 1% last year but rose 1% adjusted for currency.

A good portion of Lauren's problem derives from the greenback, which will fall out of comparisons within 12 months, says Daniel Morgan, a portfolio manager with Synovus Trust, where the stock remains on the Buy list. The company is seeing strong wholesale growth in North America and healthy retail sales growth due to expansion in global e-commerce and the contribution from new store openings, he adds.

Lauren continues to expand its international presence and product array, which will pinch profits in the short term. But it will boost the top line in the longer term by helping the company further penetrate growth markets such as China and India, Morgan adds.

Shares trade at about 18.6 times current-fiscal-year expected earnings of \$7.16 a share. That's not dirt cheap, but is below its average of 20 over the past five years. And they're the cheapest they've been in some time relative to the market's P/E, now 17.7.

Lauren's market capitalization is essentially unchanged from four years ago, in the aftermath of the financial crisis, even though the company is more financially fit and geographically diverse, and generating much more in annual sales and earnings, Morgan notes (see the table on page M4).

Wall Street doesn't like the stock, and consensus earnings estimates most likely will drop more, but the long-term investor "has to be willing to take a step back," Morgan says. "This is a great company that has gone through good times and bad."

The stock's weakness is a chance to buy a high-quality global brand name with growth potential and a strong balance sheet, including more than \$9 per share in net cash. Don't look for things to change immediately, but results could show sustainable improvement later in the fiscal year. So could the shares.

How Windstream Could Win

Windstream Holdings (WIN) provides network communications, such as broadband Internet services, phone, and digital TV services, to businesses and residences. Based in Little Rock, Ark., it operates in 48 states, mostly in rural areas in the East and Midwest. On April 24, it spun off 80% of Communications Sales & Leasing (CSAL), a real-estate investment trust. Based on CSL's \$4.1 billion market capitalization, Windstream's remaining 19.5% stake is almost equal to its entire market cap.

CSL owns, operates, and leases telecommunications assets, such as copper and fiber-optic lines, which were formerly owned by Windstream, its only customer.

As a tax-advantaged REIT, CSL is able to pass on most of its earnings to its shareholders in the form of dividends. It offers an attractive 8.7% yield on its \$27.53 share price. The spinoff was done to capture the much higher valuations awarded to REITs than telecom operations.

Since the spinoff, Windstream shares have dropped from a high of \$13 to \$8.61, giving the company a market value of \$868 million. Windstream's remaining stake in CSL is worth about \$800 million.

Stripping out the value of CSL would leave Windstream's remaining operations with an implicit value of just \$68 million, says William Mitchell, portfolio manager of the Spinoff & Reorg fund. Windstream could generate \$5 billion in sales this year, and about \$940 million in pro forma earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization. That implies the Ebitda of the remaining operations are 14 times greater than the value of the operations themselves, says Mitchell, whose fund owns Windstream and is short CSL.

In a recent report using peer comparison valuations, Spin-Off Research, a specialist in sizing up such assets, put a \$12 price target on Windstream.

How can this carrier seemingly be so mispriced? Mitchell says both parent and spinoff aren't well-known names on Wall Street and operate in a small segment of an industry not particularly popular with investors. Moreover, before the spinoff, many Windstream shareholders were probably high-yield-seeking investors. Following the spinoff, they probably kept CSL, with its generous yield, but sold Windstream, which was yielding 1.1%, not including dividends from its remaining CSL stake.

Is the nation's largest rural carrier, with annual revenue of more than \$5 billion, really going to have a market value of just \$68 million? Probably not, Mitchells says.

Windstream has its problems, and operates in a challenging industry. Revenue continues to decline. Operating margins are expected to contract from 37% last year to 34% or so this year, and possibly less in the future. Windstream has debt of \$5.25 billion, some of which it intends to pay down through the sale of its remaining CSL stake, compared to \$856 million in shareholders' equity, pro forma. Mitchell notes that long-term debt doesn't mature until 2019, "giving it plenty of breathing space" to put its business on a better footing.

Windstream is a short-term buy, not a long-term investment, and vigilance is required. Institutional investors might consider buying Windstream and shorting CSI to focus on the investment in Windstream alone, although individual investors might not be so intrepid on the short side.

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DJUtilities	585.74	+1.91	+0.33
DJ65Stocks	6409.46	+0.69	+0.01
DJUSMarket	534.98	+2.00	+0.38
NYSEComp.	11228.36	+31.86	+0.28
NYSEMKTComp.	2482.95	+2.56	+0.10
S&P500	2122.73	+6.63	+0.31
S&PMidCap	1531.28	+12.51	+0.82
S&PSmallCap	715.08	+4.70	+0.66
Nasdaq	5048.29	+44.74	+0.89
ValueLine(arith.)	4874.31	+29.75	+0.61
Russell2000	1243.95	+9.02	+0.73
DJUSTSMFloat	22174.33	+87.45	+0.40

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NYSE		
Advances	1,883	1,379
Declines	1,323	1,851
Unchanged	58	39
NewHighs	198	162
NewLows	118	153
AvDailyVol(mil)	3,141.1	3,521.7
Dollar (Finexspotindex)	93.23	94.82
T-Bond (CBTnearbyfutures)	155-190	156-070
Crude Oil (NYMlightsweetcrude)	59.69	59.39
Inflation KR-CRB (FuturesPriceIndex)	231.46	229.16
Gold (CMXnearbyfutures)	1225.50	1189.10

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IDEXX Laboratories-IDXX (Nasdaq)		2-for-1	5-18	6-16	6-15
Insys Therapeutics-INSY (Nasdaq)		2-for-1	5-26	6-08	6-05
ProSh Large Cap Core Plus-CSM (NYSE ARCA)		2-for-1	5-18	5-20	5-19
ProShares Ultra Dow30-DDM (NYSE ARCA)		2-for-1	5-18	5-20	5-19
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ProShares Ultra Hlth Care-RXL (NYSE ARCA)		2-for-1	5-18	5-20	5-19
ProShares Ultra QQQ-QLD (NYSE ARCA)		2-for-1	5-18	5-20	5-19
ProShares Ultra S&P500 -SSO (NYSE ARCA)		2-for-1	5-18	5-20	5-19
ProShares Ultra SC600-SAA (NYSE ARCA)		2-for-1	5-18	5-20	5-19
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2247 EDT - Bank of America Corp. (BAC) shares are up a slim 10% since Brian Moynihan took over as CEO at the start of 2010. Yet he sounds more confident than ever in his ability to finish the bank's turnaround, according to a page-one article in The Wall Street Journal. "We have work ahead of us, there's no question. But [we're] driving the thing in the right direction," he says in an interview. (@chris_rexrode; Christina.Rexrode@wsj.com)

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18:59 EDT [Dow Jones] Paycom Software, a provider of cloud-based human resources and payroll management software, said funds affiliated with Welsh Carson Anderson & Stowe are offering 8 million shares of its common stock in a secondary offering. Upon completion of the offering, Welsh Carson would reduce its stake to 20.4% from 29.1%, according to a Securities and Exchange Commission filing. Paycom offers talent acquisition, time and labor management, payroll, talent management and HR management services to businesses. Private-equity firm Welsh Carson acquired a majority stake in the company in 2007 for about \$56 million. Shares of Paycom closed at \$39.24 Thursday, up 2.9%. (chitra.vemuri@wsj.com)

1850 EDT [Dow Jones] Oil and natural gas company Jones Energy Inc. (JONE) priced a secondary offering of 5 million shares of its Class A common stock owned by affiliates of private-equity firm Metalmark Capital at \$10 a share. The offering's prospectus said entities affiliated with Metalmark will hold stakes adding up to 49.4% of Jones's Class A shares following the offering. Before the offering, these affiliates held stakes adding up to 75.3%, according to the filing. Metalmark backed Jones Energy's \$289 million acquisition of bankrupt Crusader Energy Group in 2010. Jones Energy raised equity capital from Metalmark to fund that transaction. Shares of Jones Energy were down \$1.54 a share, or 13.57%, at \$9.81 at close of trading Thursday. (chitra.vemuri@wsj.com)

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After sliding 2% at one point last week, the stock market reversed and climbed within spitting distance of previous highs. Boosted by bullish employment data Friday and a softer dollar, the Dow Jones Industrial Average, made up of mega-caps with lots of overseas sales, rose 167 points, or nearly 1%, to 18191.11. A surprising electoral victory Thursday by the U.K. Conservative Party fuelled gains in Europe, which spilled over to U.S. stocks.

Despite the rally, the market was again unable to break out of a tight range that began last November. Investors aren't enthusiastic enough about macroeconomic data to send shares to new highs. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 0.4%, or 8 points to close at 2116.10, just below the previous high, 2117.69. The Nasdaq finished flat, at 5003.55.

Friday, the Labor Department said the U.S. added 223,000 jobs in April, broadly in line with expectations and much better than the 85,000 in March. The unemployment rate fell to 5.4% from 5.5%.

Those numbers were warm enough to assuage slowdown fears caused by a rise of just 0.2% in first-quarter gross domestic product, reported late last month, says Daniel Morris, global investment strategist at TIAA-CREF. Yet they weren't hot enough to spark worries that the Federal Reserve will raise interest rates sooner than September, marking the first rate hike in nine years.

There is strong resistance at the 2120 level on the S&P 500, says Yousef Abbasi, a market strategist at JonesTrading Institutional Services. "Investors don't want to pay more than the market's price/earnings ratio of 18 times, when the U.S. economy might grow in the range of 1% to 2% in the first half," he says.

"It's hard to come up with a scenario where you get a real positive surprise that would boost the market further," adds Morris.

Brian Lazorishak, a portfolio manager at Chase Investment Counsel, is looking for a correction near-term, although perhaps not a 10% drop. "Valuations aren't cheap; we've gone years without a real correction, and the May-October period is historically a weak period for equities," he says.

Even a 5% pullback might be good for the bull, as it would "suck out some optimism and bring in enough pessimism" to set up the market for a rally in the back half of 2015, he says.

With about 90% of S&P 500 index companies having reported first quarter earnings, the blended growth rate is 0.1%, better than expectations of negative 4.7% on March 31, according to FactSet's John Butters. EPS growth is 7.7% without the energy sector. With results mostly out of the way, investors can focus on unsettling headlines likely to be coming out of Greece and Russia in coming weeks.

JNJ's Portfolio Rx

It's unusual, but Johnson & Johnson shares (ticker: JNJ) and the broad market have gone their separate ways. In the past 11 months, J&J stock is down slightly, compared to an 10% rise in the Dow Jones Industrial Average -- of which J&J is a member -- and a 23% jump in the health-care sector. Friday, the stock jumped \$1.81 to \$101.47, but shares are off 7% from a high of \$109.49.

The strong dollar and worries about the health-care giant's pharmaceuticals growth can be blamed for the weakness, but long-term investors interested in a high-quality name with both income and price-gain potential might take a second look. As the clouds dissipate, J&J could deliver a double-digit annual total return.

One issue has been the muscular greenback. J&J gets more than half its sales overseas, and the rising dollar had a negative impact of nearly 5% in the fourth quarter, and another 7% in the recently reported first quarter,

causing sales declines in both periods -- yet another unusual thing. Sales comparisons will likely be pressured for another quarter or two.

The more important concern is Remicade, J&J's autoimmune medication that, at \$6.9 billion last year, made up 9% of total sales of \$74.3 billion. Its future growth could be dented by new competition and adverse U.S. patent rulings. It recently went off patent in a number of European countries.

Celltrion (068270.Korea) is attempting to introduce its CT-P13 biosimilar in the U.S., and J&J has filed a lawsuit alleging infringement on its Remicade patents. Additionally, a Remicade patent is being challenged by recent decisions from the U.S. Patent & Trade Office, though appeals are ongoing.

The Remicade battles shouldn't be ignored, but a long-term investor has the luxury of viewing the head winds facing a giant like J&J in a wider context. This is a healthcare firm with unrivaled product and geographic diversity; a bulletproof balance sheet; a culture of capital discipline; a strong pipeline of medicines; and a stable consumer business made up of powerful brands such as Tylenol. Moreover, the Remicade issues will probably take some time to play out

J&J isn't overly reliant on any single product, notes Darren Pollock, a portfolio manager at Cheviot Value Management. It has been a consistent performer over decades, "a profits machine," he says. Cheviot has added lately to a longstanding J&J stake. Underlying trends remain strong. Adjusted for the dollar, sales in the most recent two quarters were up a healthy 3% to 4%, he points out. Deleterious currency effects should roll out of comparisons in the next 12 months.

In recent years, J&J has changed its pharma approach and become more nimble, adds Jack Oliver, managing partner at RBO Investment Management, which has also added J&J shares lately. The company is more amenable to partnering on products, instead of taking on the entire development, cost, and risk, he says.

J&J's valuation, at a P/E ratio of 16.5 times this year's midpoint guidance of \$6.12, is roughly in line with its historical average. However, relative to the market, the shares trade near the bottom of their long-term range.

There should be no discount, says Pollock. J&J has more consistent cash flow, better operating metrics, a higher dividend yield, and a stronger balance sheet than most companies in the market. During the past 20 years, J&J's valuation carried an average premium to the market of 20%, he says. Pollack looks for a \$120 stock at some point in the next three years, which, combined with a 3% dividend yield, would be close to a double-digit annual total return.

"J&J is a tough company to bet against," says RBO's Oliver. "If you have reasonable expectations in an aging bull market, then J&J stock works."

The risk is that Remicade biosimilars will be available in the U.S. this year, but it is more likely that challenges to the drug will be held up in courts for another 12 to 18 months. Remicade goes off patent in 2018. In the meanwhile, J&J continues to develop its drug pipeline, about which investors will learn more on May 20, when the company will give a pharma-division outlook.

J&J stock won't shoot the lights out, but it should outperform in a downturn and provide a stable but steady rise in a bull market. What's wrong with that?

How Special Is Whole Foods?

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DJ65Stocks	6408.77	+28.35	+0.44
DJUSMarket	532.97	+1.83	+0.34
NYSEComp.	11196.51	+56.15	+0.50
NYSEMKTComp.	2480.39	-10.75	-0.43
S&P500	2116.10	+7.81	+0.37
S&PMidCap	1518.77	+5.26	+0.35
S&PSmallCap	710.38	+3.05	+0.43
Nasdaq	5003.55	-1.84	-0.04
ValueLine(arith.)	4844.56	+5.69	+0.12
Russell2000	1234.93	+6.82	+0.56
DJUSTSMFloat	22086.87	+79.02	+0.36

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NYSE		
Advances	1,379	1,046
Declines	1,851	2,180
Unchanged	39	48
NewHighs	162	220
NewLows	153	91
AvDailyVol(mil)	3,521.7	3,747.3
Dollar		
(Finexspotindex)	94.79	95.21
T-Bond		
(CBTnearbyfutures)	156-070	157-200
Crude Oil		

(NYMlightsweetcrude) 59.39 59.15
Inflation KR-CRB
(FuturesPriceIndex) 229.16 227.95
Gold
(CMXnearbyfutures) 1189.10 1174.50

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After sliding 2% at one point last week, the stock market reversed and climbed within spitting distance of previous highs. Boosted by bullish employment data Friday and a softer dollar, the Dow Jones Industrial Average, made up of mega-caps with lots of overseas sales, rose 167 points, or nearly 1%, to 18191.11. A surprising electoral victory Thursday by the U.K. Conservative Party fuelled gains in Europe, which spilled over to U.S. stocks.

Despite the rally, the market was again unable to break out of a tight range that began last November. Investors aren't enthusiastic enough about macroeconomic data to send shares to new highs. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 0.4%, or 8 points to close at 2116.10, just below the previous high, 2117.69. The Nasdaq finished flat, at 5003.55.

Friday, the Labor Department said the U.S. added 223,000 jobs in April, broadly in line with expectations and much better than the 85,000 in March. The unemployment rate fell to 5.4% from 5.5%.

Those numbers were warm enough to assuage slowdown fears caused by a rise of just 0.2% in first-quarter gross domestic product, reported late last month, says Daniel Morris, global investment strategist at TIAA-CREF. Yet they weren't hot enough to spark worries that the Federal Reserve will raise interest rates sooner than September, marking the first rate hike in nine years.

There is strong resistance at the 2120 level on the S&P 500, says Yousef Abbasi, a market strategist at JonesTrading Institutional Services. "Investors don't want to pay more than the market's price/earnings ratio of 18 times, when the U.S. economy might grow in the range of 1% to 2% in the first half," he says.

"It's hard to come up with a scenario where you get a real positive surprise that would boost the market further," adds Morris.

Brian Lazorishak, a portfolio manager at Chase Investment Counsel, is looking for a correction near-term, although perhaps not a 10% drop. "Valuations aren't cheap; we've gone years without a real correction, and the May-October period is historically a weak period for equities," he says.

Even a 5% pullback might be good for the bull, as it would "suck out some optimism and bring in enough pessimism" to set up the market for a rally in the back half of 2015, he says.

With about 90% of S&P 500 index companies having reported first quarter earnings, the blended growth rate is 0.1%, better than expectations of negative 4.7% on March 31, according to FactSet's John Butters. EPS growth is 7.7% without the energy sector. With results mostly out of the way, investors can focus on unsettling headlines likely to be coming out of Greece and Russia in coming weeks.

JNJ's Portfolio Rx

It's unusual, but Johnson & Johnson shares (ticker: JNJ) and the broad market have gone their separate ways. In the past 11 months, J&J stock is down slightly, compared to an 10% rise in the Dow Jones Industrial Average -- of which J&J is a member -- and a 23% jump in the health-care sector. Friday, the stock jumped \$1.81 to \$101.47, but shares are off 7% from a high of \$109.49.

The strong dollar and worries about the health-care giant's pharmaceuticals growth can be blamed for the weakness, but long-term investors interested in a high-quality name with both income and price-gain potential might take a second look. As the clouds dissipate, J&J could deliver a double-digit annual total return.

One issue has been the muscular greenback. J&J gets more than half its sales overseas, and the rising dollar had a negative impact of nearly 5% in the fourth quarter, and another 7% in the recently reported first quarter, causing sales declines in both periods -- yet another unusual thing. Sales comparisons will likely be pressured for another quarter or two.

The more important concern is Remicade, J&J's autoimmune medication that, at \$6.9 billion last year, made up 9% of total sales of \$74.3 billion. Its future growth could be dented by new competition and adverse U.S. patent rulings. It recently went off patent in a number of European countries.

Celltrion (068270.Korea) is attempting to introduce its CT-P13 biosimilar in the U.S., and J&J has filed a lawsuit alleging infringement on its Remicade patents. Additionally, a Remicade patent is being challenged by recent decisions from the U.S. Patent & Trade Office, though appeals are ongoing.

The Remicade battles shouldn't be ignored, but a long-term investor has the luxury of viewing the head winds facing a giant like J&J in a wider context. This is a healthcare firm with unrivaled product and geographic diversity; a bulletproof balance sheet; a culture of capital discipline; a strong pipeline of medicines; and a stable consumer business made up of powerful brands such as Tylenol. Moreover, the Remicade issues will probably take some time to play out

J&J isn't overly reliant on any single product, notes Darren Pollock, a portfolio manager at Cheviot Value Management. It has been a consistent performer over decades, "a profits machine," he says. Cheviot has added lately to a longstanding J&J stake. Underlying trends remain strong. Adjusted for the dollar, sales in the most recent two quarters were up a healthy 3% to 4%, he points out. Deleterious currency effects should roll out of comparisons in the next 12 months.

In recent years, J&J has changed its pharma approach and become more nimble, adds Jack Oliver, managing partner at RBO Investment Management, which has also added J&J shares lately. The company is more amenable to partnering on products, instead of taking on the entire development, cost, and risk, he says.

J&J's valuation, at a P/E ratio of 16.5 times this year's midpoint guidance of \$6.12, is roughly in line with its historical average. However, relative to the market, the shares trade near the bottom of their long-term range.

There should be no discount, says Pollock. J&J has more consistent cash flow, better operating metrics, a higher dividend yield, and a stronger balance sheet than most companies in the market. During the past 20 years, J&J's valuation carried an average premium to the market of 20%, he says. Pollack looks for a \$120 stock at some point in the next three years, which, combined with a 3% dividend yield, would be close to a double-digit annual total return.

"J&J is a tough company to bet against," says RBO's Oliver. "If you have reasonable expectations in an aging bull market, then J&J stock works."

The risk is that Remicade biosimilars will be available in the U.S. this year, but it is more likely that challenges to the drug will be held up in courts for another 12 to 18 months. Remicade goes off patent in 2018. In the meanwhile, J&J continues to develop its drug pipeline, about which investors will learn more on May 20, when the company will give a pharma-division outlook.

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(NYMlightsweetcrude)	59.39	59.15
Inflation KR-CRB		
(FuturesPriceIndex)	229.16	227.95
Gold		
(CMXnearbyfutures)	1189.10	1174.50

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Despite recent weakness in the sector we see AbbVie and BioMarin outperforming near-term and would buy Celgene/Alexion on any weakness for 2H15 upside. The NYSE Arca Biotech Index, or BTK, and the Nasdaq Biotechnology Index, or NBI, have both underperformed the broader markets in last 2 weeks with down 5% and 4% respectively vs. **S&P500** being flat during that period. Alexion and Celgene are both -- 7%, while AbbVie has outperformed, +4%. We note that Biotech is typically weak in the summer, especially post-strength w/ minimal catalysts. We see continued weakness coming out of 1Q15 for many of our large caps because of focus more on "pipeline" vs. earnings, & lack of catalysts until 2H15.

AbbVie could continue to outperform near-term with key readouts in '15; \$15-25/sh upside over time...Most important - Analyst day likely 3Q15 where color on operating margins, possible margin guidance, company view of their pipeline, and how to think about Biosimilars...

BioMarin: Potential for some volatility, but only 3/5 pipeline readouts need to work in '15. Takeout valuation could be \$194-217/sh if 111, DMD, and hemophilia are positive...

Celgene: May not be strong in the immediate near-term, however we see Revlimid growth into '16 and upside as patent overhang could be removed. Blockbuster lymphoma data opportunity comes early '16.

Alexion: Works later in the yr as we get more color on the pipe that is not in current valuations, every \$1B in pipe sales post-'18 is \$38/sh to our DCF.

Shares of AbbVie have dropped 1.2% to \$63.88 at 2:30 p.m. today, while BioMarin has fallen 2% to \$113.96, Alexion Pharmaceuticals has declined 1.6% to \$168.58, and Celgene is off 2.2% at \$107.45.

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Company	Symbol	Yld Per	Amount	Payable	Record
Increased					
Agree Realty	ADC	6.1 Q	.465	.45	Jul 14 Jun 30
Bank Mutual	BKMU	2.8 Q	.05	.04	May 29 May 15
Enterprise Fincl Services	EFSC	1.2 Q	.06	.0525	Jun 30 Jun 15
First Merchants	FRME	2.0 Q	.11	.08	Jun 19 Jun 05
Intercontinental Exchange	ICE	1.3 Q	.75	.65	Jun 30 Jun 16
Macquarie Infrastructure	MIC	5.0 Q	1.07	1.02	May 19 May 14
MKS Instruments	MKSI	1.9 Q	.17	.165	Jun 12 Jun 01
SB Financial Group Inc.	SBFG	1.8 Q	.05	.045	May 29 May 15
Sturm Ruger	RGR	2.3 Q	.32	.17	May 29 May 15
Western Refining Logistic	WNRL	4.5 Q	.3475	.3325	May 26 May 15
Initial					
Calamos Dyn Conv & Incm	CCD			.167	Jun 15 Jun 10
Great Ajax	AJX		.18		May 29 May 15
Regular					
A-Mark Precious Metals	AMRK	1.9 Q	.05		May 25 May 14
Amer Intl Group	AIG	0.9 Q	.125		Jun 25 Jun 11
BG Staffing	BGSF	8.5 Q	.25		May 25 May 11
Bio-Techne	TECH	1.3 Q	.32		May 29 May 15
Bloomin' Brands Inc.	BLMN	1.1 Q	.06		May 27 May 15
Boardwalk Pipeline	BWP	2.4 Q	.1		May 21 May 14
C N A Fincl	CNA	2.5 Q	.25		Jun 03 May 18
Cablevision Sys	CVC	2.9 Q	.15		Jun 12 May 22
CatchMark Timber Trust	CTT	4.2 Q	.125		Jun 15 May 29
Cincinnati Fincl	CINF	3.6 Q	.46		Jul 15 Jun 17
Cognex	CGNX	0.6 Q	.07		Jun 19 Jun 05
Consumers Engy \$4.50 pfd.	CMSpB	4.5 Q	1.125		Jul 01 Jun 01
Eli Lilly	LLY	2.8 Q	.5		Jun 10 May 18
Ellington Financial	EFC	13.0 Q	.65		Jun 15 Jun 01
Estee Lauder	EL	1.1 Q	.24		Jun 15 May 29
Evolution Petroleum Ser A	EPMpA	8.0 M	.1771		Jun 01 May 15
First Bus Fincl Services	FBIZ	2.0 Q	.22		May 29 May 15
GAIN Capital Holdings	GCAP	2.1 Q	.05		Jun 23 Jun 12
Gastar Exploration Pfd A	GSTpA	9.3 M	.1797		Jun 01 May 15
Gastar Exploration Pfd B	GSTpB	10.8 M	.224		Jun 01 May 15
Genie Energy	GNE	1.9 Q	.06		May 22 May 15
La-Z-Boy	LZB	1.2 Q	.08		Jun 10 May 28
Linn Energy LLC	LINE	9.2 M	.1042		May 14 May 11
Olympic Steel	ZEUS	0.5 Q	.02		Jun 15 Jun 01
Rouse Properties	RSE	4.2 Q	.18		Jul 31 Jul 15
South Jersey Indus	SJI	2.0 Q	.2513		Jul 02 Jun 10
STAG Industrial	STAG	6.3 M	.1125		Aug 17 Jul 31
STAG Industrial	STAG	6.3 M	.1125		Sep 15 Aug 31
STAG Industrial	STAG	6.3 M	.1125		Oct 15 Sep 30
Starwood Property Trust	STWD	7.9 Q	.48		Jul 15 Jun 30

Sunstone Hotel Investors	SHO	1.3	Q	.05	Jul 15	Jun 30
Tractor Supply Co	TSCO	0.7	Q	.16	Jun 02	May 18
Trinity Industries	TRN	1.4	Q	.1	Jul 31	Jul 15
Universal Health Cl B	UHS	0.3	Q	.1	Jun 15	Jun 01
Vectren Corp	VVC	3.6	Q	.38	Jun 01	May 15
WSFS Financial Corp.	WSFS	0.8	Q	.15	May 29	May 15

Funds, Investment Cos.						
Amer Cap Senior Floating	ACSF	8.8	M	.097	Jun 02	May 22
Amer Cap Senior Floating	ACSF	8.8	M	.097	Jul 02	Jun 19
Amer Cap Senior Floating	ACSF	8.8	M	.097	Aug 04	Jul 24
Brkfld Mortgage Opp Incm	BOI	9.3	M	.1271	May 28	May 14
Brookfield Hi Incm Fd	HYH	10.1	M	.075	May 28	May 14
Brookfield TR Fund	HTR	9.7	M	.19	May 28	May 14
BrookfieldGblLstdInfrInc	INF	7.2	M	.1167	May 28	May 14
Calamos Dyn Conv & Incm	CCD	8.0	M	.167	Jul 15	Jul 10
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DE Enhncd Glbl Div Inco	DEX	7.7	M	.075	May 29	May 15
Delaware Grp Div & Income	DDF	6.2	M	.0525	May 29	May 15
Delaware Invest Colo	VCF	4.9	M	.0575	May 29	May 15
Delaware Invest Minn	VMM	4.6	M	.0525	May 29	May 15
Delaware Invest Ntl Muni	VFL	6.0	M	.065	May 29	May 15
Dreyfus Mun Bd Infr Fd	DMB	6.1	M	.0625	Jun 01	May 18
Flaherty & Crumrine	PFD	7.0	M	.09	May 29	May 21
Flaherty & Crumrine Dyn	DFP	8.1	M	.16	May 29	May 21
Flaherty & Crumrine Pfd	FFC	8.0	M	.136	May 29	May 21
Flaherty & Crumrine Pfd	PFO	7.2	M	.073	May 29	May 21
Flaherty & Crumrine TR Fd	FLC	8.0	M	.136	May 29	May 21
Goldman Sachs MLP Energy	GER	8.5	Q	.33	May 26	May 18
Goldman Sachs MLP Inc Opp	GMZ	7.4	Q	.34	May 26	May 18
NexPoint Credit Strat Fd	NHF	9.2	M	.06	May 29	May 22
PennantPark Floatg Rt Cap	PFLT	8.0	M	.095	Jun 01	May 20

Foreign						
Brookfield Infrastructure	BIP	4.8	Q	.53	Jun 30	May 29
Goldcorp	GG	3.2	M	.05	May 22	May 14
Industrias Bachoco	IBA	2.1	S	.584	May 26	May 13
Santander Fin FR Sers 6	SANpB	4.6	Q	.26	Jun 05	May 15
Teva Pharmaceutical ADS	TEVA	2.2	S	.34	Jun 04	May 19
Transocean Partners	RIGP	9.4	Q	.3625	May 27	May 15
Westpac Banking	WBK	5.4	S	.7287	Jul 13	May 14

Stock Dividends and Splits						
ProSh Large Cap Core Plus	CSM		Pct	2:1 Split	May 19	May 18
ProSh Ult Bloombg Nat Gas	BOIL			1:4 Reverse Split		
ProSh Ultra Bloomberg Com	UCD			1:4 Reverse Split		
ProShares Ultra Dow30	DDM			2:1 Split	May 19	May 18
ProShares Ultra Finls	UYG			2:1 Split	May 19	May 18
ProShares Ultra Hlth Care	RXL			2:1 Split	May 19	May 18
ProShares Ultra QQQ	QLD			2:1 Split	May 19	May 18
ProShares Ultra S&P500	SSO			2:1 Split	May 19	May 18
ProShares Ultra SC600	SAA			2:1 Split	May 19	May 18
ProShares Ultra Tech	ROM			2:1 Split	May 19	May 18
ProShares UltraPro Dow 30	UDOW			2:1 Split	May 19	May 18
ProSharesUltVIXST	UVXY			1:5 Reverse Split		
ProShrs Short Russell2000	RWM			1:4 Reverse Split		
ProShrs UltraPro S&P 500	UPRO			2:1 Split	May 19	May 18
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S&PMidCap	1513.51	-20.33	-1.33
S&PSmallCap	707.33	-17.75	-2.45
Nasdaq	5005.39	-86.69	-1.70
ValueLine(arith.)	4838.87	-69.04	-1.41
Russell2000	1228.11	-39.43	-3.11
DJUSTSMFloat	22007.85	-175.93	-0.79

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NYSE		
Advances	1,046	2,215
Declines	2,180	1,009
Unchanged	48	42

NewHighs	220	266
NewLows	91	42
AvDailyVol(mil)	3,747.3	3,291.4
Dollar		
(Finexspotindex)	95.21	96.86
T-Bond		
(CBTnearbyfutures)	157-200	162-180
Crude Oil		
(NYMlightsweetcrude)	59.15	57.15
Inflation KR-CRB		
(FuturesPriceIndex)	227.95	224.05
Gold		
(CMXnearbyfutures)	1174.50	1175.20

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Forward Splits

Twelve ETFs will forward split shares 2-for-1:

Ticker	ProShares ETF	Split Ratio
CSM	Large Cap Core Plus	2:1
SAA	Ultra SmallCap600	2:1
UMDD	UltraPro MidCap400	2:1
SSO	Ultra	
S&P500		2:1
UPRO	UltraPro S&P500	2:1
DDM	Ultra Dow30	2:1
UDOW	UltraPro Dow30	2:1
RXL	Ultra Health Care	2:1
QLD	Ultra QQQ	2:1
UYG	Ultra Financials	2:1
ROM	Ultra Technology	2:1
BIB	Ultra Nasdaq Biotechnology	2:1

All splits will apply to shareholders of record as of the close of the markets on May 18, 2015, payable after the close of the markets on May 19, 2015. The funds will trade at their post-split price on May 20, 2015. The ticker symbol and CUSIP numbers for the funds will not change.

The splits will decrease the price per share of each fund with a proportionate increase in the number of shares outstanding. For example, for the 2-for-1 splits, every pre-split share will result in the receipt of two post-split shares, which will be priced at half the net asset value ("NAV") of a pre-split share.

Illustration of a Forward Split

The following table shows the effect of a hypothetical 2-for-1 split:

Period	# of Shares Owned	Hypothetical NAV	Value of Shares
Pre-Split	100	\$100.00	\$10,000.00
Post-Split	200	\$50.00	\$10,000.00

Reverse Splits

Nine ETFs will reverse split shares at the following split ratios:

Ticker	ProShares ETF	Split Ratio	Old CUSIP	New CUSIP
SRS	UltraShort Real Estate	1:4	74348A871	74348A244
SCC	UltraShort Consumer Services	1:4	74348A616	74348A236
RXD	UltraShort Health Care	1:4	74347B102	74348A228
RWM	Short Russell2000	1:4	74347R826	74348A210
BOIL	Ultra Bloomberg Natural Gas	1:4	74347W122	74347W296
UCD	Ultra Bloomberg Commodity	1:4	74347W106	74347W288
YCL	Ultra Yen	1:4	74347W866	74347W270
UVXY	Ultra VIX Short-Term Futures	1:5	74347W346	74347W312
UCO	Ultra Bloomberg Crude Oil	1:5	74347W650	74347W320

All reverse splits will be effective at the market open on May 20, 2015, when the funds will begin trading at their post-split price. The ticker symbol for the funds will not change. All funds undergoing a reverse split will be issued a new CUSIP number, listed above.

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Illustration of a Reverse Split

The following table shows the effect of a hypothetical 1-for-4 reverse split:

Period	# of Shares Owned	Hypothetical NAV	Value of Shares
Pre-Split	1,000	\$10.00	\$10,000.00
Post-Split	250	\$40.00	\$10,000.00

Fractional Shares from Reverse Splits

For shareholders who hold quantities of shares that are not an exact multiple of the reverse split ratio (for example, not a multiple of 4 for a 1-to-4 reverse split), the reverse split will result in the creation of a fractional share. Post-reverse split fractional shares will be redeemed for cash and sent to your broker of record. This redemption may cause some shareholders to realize gains or losses, which could be a taxable event for those shareholders.

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0633 GMT [Dow Jones]--Nordic markets are seen opening slightly higher Wednesday with IG calling the OMXS30 up 0.4% at around 1686. "Global stock markets are trading more or less flat ahead of today's FOMC meeting," says Danske Bank. "Hence, in yesterday's US trading **S&P500** and Dow Jones were slightly up and Nasdaq dropped a tad," it adds. "Overall we do not expect major changes in the [FOMC] statement and hence it should still keep in play a rate hike later in 2015." Ahead of the FOMC meeting the first estimate for 1Q GDP growth will be released in the U.S. with Danske expecting GDP growth to have eased markedly to just 0.8% on the quarter.

In the Nordics, the Swedish Riksbank announces its policy decision this morning while in Germany, April inflation figures are released. OMXS30 closed at 1679.52, OMXN40 at 1653.49 and OBX at 583.55.
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Stocks --- The Trader: Stocks Climb 2% as Nasdaq Tops 15-Year Record

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Stock prices rose almost 2% last week, led by the tech sector's march to new highs. The tech-heavy Nasdaq Composite finally surpassed its March 2000 closing high of 5048 on Thursday, and extended its gains to finish the week at 5092, up 3.3%.

The tech sector jumped 4%, helped by better-than-expected first-quarter results from heavyweights such as Microsoft (ticker: MSFT), Google (GOOGL), and even Amazon.com (AMZN), which reported a loss but matched analysts' projections. Shares of all three rose sharply.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average added 254 points, or 1.4%, on the week, to 18,080.14, and the Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 37, or 1.8%, to 2117.69, also a new high.

Sluggish economic growth, weak earnings, a rising dollar, and the prospect of higher interest rates have kept U.S. stocks in a trading range since November. But the Nasdaq's move to new highs, along with similar gains globally, "makes it hard to argue against the resiliency of the market," says Ryan Larson, head of equity trading at RBC Global Asset Management.

Earnings reports last week were "better than feared," he says, noting profit expectations had dropped sharply.

Brad McMillan, chief investment officer at Commonwealth Financial, said a newly snorting Nasdaq and decent earnings reports could be the catalysts that finally get the broader market out of its rut.

For last week's rally to continue, investors will have to "look past distractions" in coming weeks, says David Kelly, chief global strategist for JPMorgan Asset Management. For example, the preliminary read on U.S. first-quarter gross domestic product growth will be issued Wednesday, with a consensus expectation of a 1% rise. While it will likely show government spending down about 3% in the quarter, he says, private-sector GDP probably rose 1.8%. Weakness caused by lower energy prices and the strong dollar will fade, he says.

Crunch Time for athenahealth

On Thursday investors will scrutinize first-quarter results from athenahealth (ATHN). Although the shares have fallen about 16% this year, to \$125.30, the stock remains richly valued, and further weakness is possible. After a couple of years of strong growth, athenahealth faces an increasingly competitive and even saturated market.

Based in Watertown, Mass., athenahealth offers "cloud-based services and mobile applications," including billing, record-keeping, and communications for health-care providers. It primarily serves small medical practices and ambulatory-care facilities, and charges a percentage of collections. Its network of 62,000 providers has grown by about 20% annually.

Bears on athenahealth say that future growth won't justify investors' high expectations, and that the stock could drop to as low as \$80. Analysts' consensus earnings-per-share estimates have come down for the past 12 months, and more cuts could be ahead.

Athenahealth trades for 107 times this year's expected earnings of \$1.17 a share -- a mammoth price/earnings multiple under any circumstance, but especially so as 2015 earnings will be below last year's \$1.31 a share.

Tail winds that have benefited the company are disappearing, says David Trainer, president of independent stock researcher New Constructs. Certain government subsidies will end soon, he notes. Industry growth has eased, with the conversion to electronic health-care records showing mixed success in better cost containment and patient care.

Trainer notes that competitor Allscripts Healthcare Solutions (MDRX) has triple athenahealth's users. In the bigger inpatient market, entrenched rivals such as Cerner (CERN) and Epic Software Solutions will be difficult to dislodge, given their size and the cost of changing systems. Winning such business won't come cheap.

With roughly 30,000 doctors of the nation's 675,000 remaining to serve, athenahealth is "running out of fish in the small-practice pond," says RBC Capital Markets analyst David Francis, who rates the stock Underperform.

The market's growth expectations for the second half of 2015 and 2016 are aggressive, and athenahealth's high multiple is at risk, Francis says. Cerner, with comparable growth, fetches 35 times expected earnings.

Additionally, Wall Street has gone along with athenahealth's flattering adjustments to generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) in calculating earnings. The company strips out stock-compensation expense and amortization of intangible assets, among other costs. The practice is common at tech companies, but when such expenses are added back to 2014 results, GAAP earnings per share swung to an eight-cent loss.

An athenahealth spokeswoman says pessimistic views don't take into account that athenahealth will be targeting business in a soon-to-begin replacement cycle for these services, and that the company's retention rate is 97%. Industry statistics show that 27% of ambulatory providers with electronic health records are now looking to replace their EHR systems. And 50% of large hospitals are looking to replace their systems by 2016. Athenahealth's sales-growth rate guidance for 2015 is a healthy 22%, the spokeswoman adds.

Still, the replacement market will be tougher to crack than original installations. This year could prove whether the cloud valuation sticks or investors have their heads in the clouds.

Wrestling with WWE's Valuation

World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE) fans are rarely disappointed, but the company's shareholders are another story. The stock, which peaked just above \$31 in March 2014, lately has been bouncing around \$14.50. It could be headed even lower if subscriber growth for WWE's digital entertainment network falls short of the market's still-high expectations.

WWE announced on March 30 that the network's subscriber ranks had just about doubled, to 1.3 million, in the prior 12 months. Launched with great fanfare in February 2014, the Internet-based network offers subscribers an all-you-can-eat menu of new and old wrestling events for \$9.99 a month. WrestleMania 31, the latest version of the company's annual wrestling extravaganza, held March 29, was the most-viewed WrestleMania in history, which would seem to bode well for the network.

Yet WWE's stock fell 15% on the news, as discerning readers of the company's press release quickly realized that the latest subscriber boost came mainly from a free one-month promotion in February that contributed 200,000 new subs. WWE crowed that 154,000 subs were retained, but that was only after the company scrapped a six-month commitment requirement.

November 2014 was another free-sign-up month, as is this April. That means annual revenue per sub, for the 12 months ending April 30, could amount to as low as \$90 for some subscribers, instead of \$120.

WWE has said the network "has the potential to drive significant economic returns." But it also noted last month that there could be seasonality in the "quarterly-adoption curve." Translation: There could be churn. In other words, viewers could sign up for just one month to get WrestleMania 31 for \$9.99, something that used to cost fans \$45 on televised pay-per-view.

WWE said in 2013 that it could "double or triple" 2012's \$63.2 million in operating income before depreciation and amortization, or OIBDA, by 2015. Yet OIBDA fell to \$30.4 million in 2013 and was a negative \$15.5 million last year.

Investors will get a first look at 2015 on Thursday, when WWE reports first-quarter results. A year ago, analysts expected WWE to earn \$1.53 a share this year, but the latest estimate is only 25 cents. Based on the stock's current price, WWE trades for 58 times earnings.

There is nothing wrong with the product. TV ratings remain strong, and revenue from other divisions, such as live entertainment, could be made to grow. Total revenue rose 7% last year, to \$543 million.

Investors confuse WWE's loyal fan base with a wide fan base. A look at the sign-up data shows that from the digital-network launch in February 2014 until April 7 of that year, the average sign-up rate exceeded 16,000 fans per day. Those were the early adopters. Since then, daily sign-ups have tailed off to a few thousand, even with free promos (see chart nearby).

New subscription growth appears to be driven by free promotions and the annual WrestleMania event, says Emmanuel Lemelson, chief investment officer of Lemelson Capital Management. The retention of these subs is unclear. After the initial jump, subscriptions hardly changed until the November free promo, he points out. "WWE never seems to achieve what they say they will," says Lemelson, who has been both long and short the stock in the past. He holds one share now.

George Barrios, chief strategy and financial officer of WWE, says investors need to look at a "long arc of time" in considering subscriptions, and that the company expects three million to four million global subs long-term. He says the network hasn't been around long enough to get "a cadence" for sign-up trends.

WWE now gives a range of estimated OIBDA based on average paid subscribers. It estimates \$45 million to \$65 million in OIBDA for one million subs to \$210 million to \$230 million for 2.5 million subs. Average paid subs in 2014's fourth quarter were 567,000, up from 406,000 in the second quarter.

It looks like the company has a long way to go to achieve its targets. If it encounters problems, the stock could fall plenty more.

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DJTransportation	8880.17	+232.67	+2.69
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DJ65Stocks	6435.22	+123.90	+1.96
DJUSMarket	534.66	+8.87	+1.69
NYSEComp.	11192.94	+134.48	+1.22
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S&P500	2117.69	+36.51	+1.75
S&PMidCap	1533.84	+18.04	+1.19
S&PSmallCap	725.08	+10.51	+1.47
Nasdaq	5092.08	+160.27	+3.25
ValueLine(arith.)	4907.91	+57.38	+1.18
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In a report titled We are Full of Bull, Morgan Stanley's Adam Parker and team explain why they still like U.S. stocks:

The consensus is firmly that we will be choppy and end the year up mid-single digits -- at best. Investors highlight an abundant array of risks, from geopolitical, including Russia and Greece, to a US economic slowdown, to a misstep by the Fed, to a strong dollar as their chief current concerns. We like US stocks, right here right now. Why? Firstly, we expect a 2014 economic replay. We think the economy in the US will accelerate in the 2nd and 3rd quarters as a number of temporary and tactical issues that impacted Q1 abate. Secondly, we think the bottom-up consensus earnings expectations are too low. This has happened only 6 times in the last 39 years, and never before mid-cycle. While the sample size isn't statistically significant, the multiple typically has expanded when the bottom-up numbers have risen. Our top-down forecast is \$124 in 2015 EPS for the **S&P500**, vs. the bottom-up expectations of \$119. Thirdly, we don't see sentiment on US equities as ebullient and we like the fact that net hedge fund exposures in the US appear to be exactly in line with 5-year averages, and sentiment about other equity regions is clearly more positive than for the US. That's a good set-up for meaningful appreciation.

The wild card, Parker says, is market valuation, something that is difficult--if not impossible--to predict. He explains:

The unforecastable variable, as always, is the price-to-earnings ratio for the **S&P500**, which is way more important than earnings in gauging the market level. And knowing that we are one standard deviation above the long-term average on price-to-forward earnings, at 17 and change, has ZERO predictive value for the multiple in the next couple of years. Moreover, it is hard to argue that the US equity market is in a bubble when the valuations of government bond yields, select corporate bond yields and other asset classes (Hong Kong, London, New York, Silicon Valley, and South Beach homes, to name a few) are clearly more stretched. Not to mention the valuation of men's ties and women's purses, which have inflated at 20% per annum for a decade. So, yes, it is possible that 17x can turn into 20x over the next few years, and perhaps equally possible that it reverts back to 15x, which is closer to the consensus view. A multiple of 20x forward isn't our base case forecast, but we wouldn't be surprised if it happens before cycle end. Maybe we are being a shade romantic, but we think we might be contrarian bulls.

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 Morgan Stanley: 'We are Full of Bull'

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In a report titled We are Full of Bull, Morgan Stanley's Adam Parker and team explain why they still like U.S. stocks: The consensus is firmly that we will be choppy and end the year up mid-single digits – at best. Investors highlight an ...

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By Vito J. Racanelli

Stock prices rose almost 2% last week, led by the tech sector's march to new highs. The tech-heavy Nasdaq Composite finally surpassed its March 2000 closing high of 5048 on Thursday, and extended its gains to finish the week at 5092, up 3.3%.

The tech sector jumped 4%, helped by better-than-expected first-quarter results from heavyweights such as Microsoft (ticker: MSFT), Google (GOOGL), and even Amazon.com (AMZN), which reported a loss but matched analysts' projections. Shares of all three rose sharply.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average added 254 points, or 1.4%, on the week, to 18,080.14, and the Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 37, or 1.8%, to 2117.69, also a new high.

Sluggish economic growth, weak earnings, a rising dollar, and the prospect of higher interest rates have kept U.S. stocks in a trading range since November. But the Nasdaq's move to new highs, along with similar gains globally, "makes it hard to argue against the resiliency of the market," says Ryan Larson, head of equity trading at RBC Global Asset Management.

Earnings reports last week were "better than feared," he says, noting profit expectations had dropped sharply.

Brad McMillan, chief investment officer at Commonwealth Financial, said a newly snorting Nasdaq and decent earnings reports could be the catalysts that finally get the broader market out of its rut.

For last week's rally to continue, investors will have to "look past distractions" in coming weeks, says David Kelly, chief global strategist for JPMorgan Asset Management. For example, the preliminary read on U.S. first-quarter gross domestic product growth will be issued Wednesday, with a consensus expectation of a 1% rise. While it will likely show government spending down about 3% in the quarter, he says, private-sector GDP probably rose 1.8%. Weakness caused by lower energy prices and the strong dollar will fade, he says.

Crunch Time for athenahealth

On Thursday investors will scrutinize first-quarter results from athenahealth (ATHN). Although the shares have fallen about 16% this year, to \$125.30, the stock remains richly valued, and further weakness is possible. After a couple of years of strong growth, athenahealth faces an increasingly competitive and even saturated market.

Based in Watertown, Mass., athenahealth offers "cloud-based services and mobile applications," including billing, record-keeping, and communications for health-care providers. It primarily serves small medical practices and ambulatory-care facilities, and charges a percentage of collections. Its network of 62,000 providers has grown by about 20% annually.

Bears on athenahealth say that future growth won't justify investors' high expectations, and that the stock could drop to as low as \$80. Analysts' consensus earnings-per-share estimates have come down for the past 12 months, and more cuts could be ahead.

Athenahealth trades for 107 times this year's expected earnings of \$1.17 a share -- a mammoth price/earnings multiple under any circumstance, but especially so as 2015 earnings will be below last year's \$1.31 a share.

Tail winds that have benefited the company are disappearing, says David Trainer, president of independent stock researcher New Constructs. Certain government subsidies will end soon, he notes. Industry growth has

eased, with the conversion to electronic health-care records showing mixed success in better cost containment and patient care.

Trainer notes that competitor Allscripts Healthcare Solutions (MDRX) has triple athenahealth's users. In the bigger inpatient market, entrenched rivals such as Cerner (CERN) and Epic Software Solutions will be difficult to dislodge, given their size and the cost of changing systems. Winning such business won't come cheap.

With roughly 30,000 doctors of the nation's 675,000 remaining to serve, athenahealth is "running out of fish in the small-practice pond," says RBC Capital Markets analyst David Francis, who rates the stock Underperform.

The market's growth expectations for the second half of 2015 and 2016 are aggressive, and athenahealth's high multiple is at risk, Francis says. Cerner, with comparable growth, fetches 35 times expected earnings.

Additionally, Wall Street has gone along with athenahealth's flattering adjustments to generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) in calculating earnings. The company strips out stock-compensation expense and amortization of intangible assets, among other costs. The practice is common at tech companies, but when such expenses are added back to 2014 results, GAAP earnings per share swung to an eight-cent loss.

An athenahealth spokeswoman says pessimistic views don't take into account that athenahealth will be targeting business in a soon-to-begin replacement cycle for these services, and that the company's retention rate is 97%. Industry statistics show that 27% of ambulatory providers with electronic health records are now looking to replace their EHR systems. And 50% of large hospitals are looking to replace their systems by 2016. Athenahealth's sales-growth rate guidance for 2015 is a healthy 22%, the spokeswoman adds.

Still, the replacement market will be tougher to crack than original installations. This year could prove whether the cloud valuation sticks or investors have their heads in the clouds.

Wrestling with WWE's Valuation

World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE) fans are rarely disappointed, but the company's shareholders are another story. The stock, which peaked just above \$31 in March 2014, lately has been bouncing around \$14.50. It could be headed even lower if subscriber growth for WWE's digital entertainment network falls short of the market's still-high expectations.

WWE announced on March 30 that the network's subscriber ranks had just about doubled, to 1.3 million, in the prior 12 months. Launched with great fanfare in February 2014, the Internet-based network offers subscribers an all-you-can-eat menu of new and old wrestling events for \$9.99 a month. WrestleMania 31, the latest version of the company's annual wrestling extravaganza, held March 29, was the most-viewed WrestleMania in history, which would seem to bode well for the network.

Yet WWE's stock fell 15% on the news, as discerning readers of the company's press release quickly realized that the latest subscriber boost came mainly from a free one-month promotion in February that contributed 200,000 new subs. WWE crowed that 154,000 subs were retained, but that was only after the company scrapped a six-month commitment requirement.

November 2014 was another free-sign-up month, as is this April. That means annual revenue per sub, for the 12 months ending April 30, could amount to as low as \$90 for some subscribers, instead of \$120.

WWE has said the network "has the potential to drive significant economic returns." But it also noted last month that there could be seasonality in the "quarterly-adoption curve." Translation: There could be churn. In other words, viewers could sign up for just one month to get WrestleMania 31 for \$9.99, something that used to cost fans \$45 on televised pay-per-view.

WWE said in 2013 that it could "double or triple" 2012's \$63.2 million in operating income before depreciation and amortization, or OIBDA, by 2015. Yet OIBDA fell to \$30.4 million in 2013 and was a negative \$15.5 million last year.

Investors will get a first look at 2015 on Thursday, when WWE reports first-quarter results. A year ago, analysts expected WWE to earn \$1.53 a share this year, but the latest estimate is only 25 cents. Based on the stock's current price, WWE trades for 58 times earnings.

There is nothing wrong with the product. TV ratings remain strong, and revenue from other divisions, such as live entertainment, could be made to grow. Total revenue rose 7% last year, to \$543 million.

Investors confuse WWE's loyal fan base with a wide fan base. A look at the sign-up data shows that from the digital-network launch in February 2014 until April 7 of that year, the average sign-up rate exceeded 16,000

fans per day. Those were the early adopters. Since then, daily sign-ups have tailed off to a few thousand, even with free promos (see chart nearby).

New subscription growth appears to be driven by free promotions and the annual WrestleMania event, says Emmanuel Lemelson, chief investment officer of Lemelson Capital Management. The retention of these subs is unclear. After the initial jump, subscriptions hardly changed until the November free promo, he points out. "WWE never seems to achieve what they say they will," says Lemelson, who has been both long and short the stock in the past. He holds one share now.

George Barrios, chief strategy and financial officer of WWE, says investors need to look at a "long arc of time" in considering subscriptions, and that the company expects three million to four million global subs long-term. He says the network hasn't been around long enough to get "a cadence" for sign-up trends.

WWE now gives a range of estimated OIBDA based on average paid subscribers. It estimates \$45 million to \$65 million in OIBDA for one million subs to \$210 million to \$230 million for 2.5 million subs. Average paid subs in 2014's fourth quarter were 567,000, up from 406,000 in the second quarter.

It looks like the company has a long way to go to achieve its targets. If it encounters problems, the stock could fall plenty more.

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DJTTransportation	8880.17	+232.67	+2.69
DJUtilities	597.81	+14.53	+2.49
DJ65Stocks	6435.22	+123.90	+1.96
DJUSMarket	534.66	+8.87	+1.69
NYSEComp.	11192.94	+134.48	+1.22
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S&P500	2117.69	+36.51	+1.75
S&PMidCap	1533.84	+18.04	+1.19
S&PSmallCap	725.08	+10.51	+1.47
Nasdaq	5092.08	+160.27	+3.25
ValueLine(arith.)	4907.91	+57.38	+1.18
Russell2000	1267.54	+15.68	+1.25
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NYSE		
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Declines	1,009	1,942
Unchanged	42	47
NewHighs	266	258
NewLows	42	34
AvDailyVol(mil)	3,291.4	3,429.7
Dollar		
(Finexspotindex)	96.86	97.45
T-Bond		
(CBTnearbyfutures)	162-180	165-150
Crude Oil		
(NYMlightsweetcrude)	57.15	55.74
Inflation KR-CRB		
(FuturesPriceIndex)	224.05	223.94
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Shares of Starbucks (SBUX) are percolating after the coffee seller reported stronger-than-expected sales and offered third-quarter guidance that could be above analyst forecasts. It also said same-store sales rose 7% globally. Wells Fargo's Bonnie Herzog is excited by the results:

Starbucks reported Q2 diluted adj EPS of \$0.33 (+18% growth), in line with estimates. Solid performance was driven by impressive 7% global same-store sales (SSS) growth (3% from traffic) with strong results across all regions and an exceptional qtr for Channel Development. Results were all the more impressive given both topline and earnings growth were negatively impacted by 2 points from unfavorable FX. Starbucks continues to successfully balance and execute on its many initiatives, particularly food, which added 2 points to SSS with growth in every day part, platform and region; and tea and beverage innovation each added 1 point to SSS and also helped drive incremental food attachment. Mobile order & pay (MOP) continues to be one of Starbucks' most exciting digital initiatives and is expanding nationwide this year. Despite Starbucks' significant investments in FY2015, most notably across its digital ecosystem and in its employees, we believe Starbucks is poised to deliver strong results through innovation and its vast international opportunity, setting the stage for further incremental growth in FY2016 and beyond. We believe Starbucks is positioned for impressive results and reiterate our Outperform rating. We raise our FY2015E EPS by \$0.02 to \$1.58 and raise our valuation range by \$5 to \$59-61, reflecting the MOP rollout which is occurring even faster than we anticipated.

JPMorgan's John Ivankoe and team worry that the good news might already reflected in Starbucks shares:

Starbucks reported a strong quarter with \$0.33 at the high end of \$0.32-0.33 guidance and in-line with our estimate. Headline comps in the Americas were 7%, ahead of our 6% estimate. Starbucks has been a long-term core Overweight for us, and we continue to see a number of drivers to global store, margin, and comp expansion, in addition to an already established and growing CPG business allowing 15-20% earnings growth to continue for several years. That said, the stock has also run up 20% YTD (and another 5% after-market yesterday) vs. the S&P which is up 3% suggesting the pace of stock appreciation may slow. Nevertheless we are cognizant of both the market multiple expansion and Starbucks historical growth multiples. With strong visibility to continued earnings growth now aided by likely favorable coffee/dairy price tailwinds in F16, we are comfortable using a 26.5x multiple on C16E EPS of \$1.95 for a Dec-15 price target of \$52. This target multiple is relative to the stock's historical 22.5x average since 2007, and is near the historical 8x Starbucks premium to the **S&P500**.

Shares of Starbucks have gained 4.2% to \$51.52 at 11:11 a.m. today.

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2343 GMT [Dow Jones] Japan stocks are likely to trade in a narrow range Friday, as investors move to consolidate profits after three straight winning sessions, including Wednesday's decisive push by the Nikkei through the 20000 mark. Overnight, U.S. bourses scored modest gains, with the Nasdaq Composite setting a new, all-time closing record and IBM's (IBM) shares surging. General Motors (GM) closed sharply lower, however, after a quarterly earnings miss. "The high Japan/U.S. relative share price ratio, especially between the Topix and **S&P500**, should continue to guide Japan market movements," says Barclays chief Japan equity strategist Hajime Kitano, indicating high correlation between U.S.

and Japan stock movements recently, especially financials such as brokerages and banks. "This is irrespective of considerations of further central bank policy directives, as long as dollar-yen levels remain essentially stable." He puts the index range for the session at 20100 to 20300.

Nikkei 225 June futures ended yesterday's Chicago trading down 85 points at 20165 vs their close earlier yesterday in Osaka at 20170. In the cash market, the Nikkei closed up 0.3% at 20187.65 Thursday.
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MARKET	MONEY FLOW (in millions)			RATIO
	TODAY	PREV DAY		
DJIA	+266.3	+987.9	1.08	
Blocks	+326.8	+1012.8	1.82	
Russell 2000	+119.7	+2277.8	1.04	
Blocks	+42.7	+2197.3	1.14	
S & P 500	+838.5	+191.6	1.05	
Blocks	+864.1	+115.8	1.43	
DJ U.S. Total Stock Market	+197.7	+3114.7	1.01	
Blocks	+117.5	+2834.8	1.02	
ISSUE GAINERS	SYMBOL	EXCH	LAST PRICE	MONEY FLOW RATIO
			(in millions)	
General Electric	GE	NYSE	26.62	+370.7 3.28
Freeport-McMoRan Inc.	FCX	NYSE	20.23	+126.3 4.75
Vanguard FTSE Emerg Mkt	VWO	ARCA	43.78	+71.0 2.67
Vanguard FTSE DevMkts	VEA	ARCA	41.42	+63.8 3.85
Vanguard Total Stock Mkt	VTI	ARCA	108.96	+57.2 2.77
Mondelez Intl Cl A	MDLZ	NASD	36.51	+46.8 1.80
Vanguard Small-Cap	VB	ARCA	123.08	+42.5 6.00
Johnson & Johnson	JNJ	NYSE	100.32	+41.3 1.75
Pentair PLC	PNR	NYSE	61.93	+41.0 1.86
Viacom B	VIAB	NASD	70.42	+39.7 4.83
Vanguard Mid-Cap	VO	ARCA	130.27	+37.9 4.66
iShares MSCI EAFE SC	SCZ	ARCA	51.41	+34.3 10.90
iSh Core MSCI EAFE ETF	IEFA	ARCA	60.72	+31.4 4.53
iShares MSCI Emg Markets	EEM	ARCA	42.96	+31.4 1.50
iShares China Large-Cap	FXI	ARCA	51.52	+30.6 1.64
CDK Global	CDK	NASD	47.79	+29.7 5.86
McDonald's	MCD	NYSE	94.99	+28.9 1.47
Vanguard REIT	VNQ	ARCA	82.13	+26.6 1.86
iSh iBoxx \$ Inv Gr Cp Bd	LQD	ARCA	121.96	+25.7 1.66
CSX	CSX	NYSE	35.05	+25.6 1.29
ISSUE DECLINERS	SYMBOL	EXCH	LAST PRICE	MONEY FLOW RATIO
			(in millions)	
Vanguard Short-Term Bond	BSV	ARCA	80.50	-290.0 0.05
Apple	AAPL	NASD	127.03	-114.9 0.84
Vanguard ShTm Infltn-Prot	VTIP	NASD	48.71	-104.0 0.01
iShares MSCI ACWI ETF	ACWI	NASD	61.95	-101.0 0.07
Sht Term Intl Treas	BWZ	ARCA	30.43	-98.3 0.00
Mylan	MYL	NASD	73.61	-81.2 0.82
SPDR S&P O&G Exp & Prd	XOP	ARCA	52.97	-72.0 0.39
Vanguard Total Intl Bd	BNDX	NASD	53.99	-66.7 0.06
iShares TIPS Bond ETF	TIP	ARCA	114.73	-66.3 0.13
iShares Floating Rate Bd	FLOT	ARCA	50.63	-65.5 0.06
IBMIBM	NYSE	164.46	-57.2 0.81	
Teva Pharmaceutical ADS	TEVA	NYSE	64.52	-54.4 0.82
Select Sector SPDR-Ind	XLI	ARCA	56.36	-46.3 0.34

SPDR S&P 500	SPY	ARCA	209.67	-45.9	0.96
Vanguard Shrt-Trm Crp Bnd	VCSH	NASD	80.27	-44.6	0.19
PwrShrs QQQ Tr Series 1	QQQ	NASD	108.18	-43.3	0.77
SPDR Barclays Intl Trea	BWX	ARCA	53.21	-42.7	0.05
Starwood Hotels	HOT	NYSE	83.85	-39.2	0.41
Facebook Inc. Cl A	FB	NASD	83.78	-38.6	0.91
Vanguard S&P500	VOO	ARCA	192.18	-35.5	0.40

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Stocks --- The Trader: Soft Earnings and Jitters Produce a Selloff

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If only the week had ended Thursday. Instead, stocks dropped sharply, the major indexes giving up at least 1% last week, with most of the selling on Friday. Equities remain stuck in a rut -- albeit at high levels -- first hit last November, and last year's momentum seems a faraway thing.

As the market again neared all-time highs, a confluence of factors caused investors to take profits. The market turned jittery over moves by China to rein in its hot stock market, by lifting restrictions on short selling and raising margin requirements, says Douglas Cote, chief market strategist at Voya Investment management.

A selloff in Europe earlier Friday, as the outlook for a Greek debt pact worsened, compounded anxiety on this side of the Atlantic, Cote adds. The brinkmanship between Greece and its creditors continues, as the two groups meet over the weekend, but prospects for an immediate deal look dim. The debt-mired nation has a major IMF bill to pay May 11, and investors should look for more thrills and spills as the market frets in coming weeks over a potential Greek debt default and "Grexit," an exit from the euro zone.

As for first quarter earnings, while expectations are low, the first major examples of Corporate America's profits from the likes of General Electric (ticker: GE) and American Express (AXP) weren't particularly impressive.

Last week, the Dow Jones Industrial Average dropped 231 points, or 1.3%, to 17,826.30, while the Standard & Poor's 500 index gave up 1%, or 21 points, to 2081.18. The Nasdaq Composite lost 64, or 1.3%, to 4931.81.

The market's been hurt by an "underlying drip feed of soft U.S. economic data," says E. William Stone, chief investment strategist at PNC Wealth Management. Earnings expectations are sufficiently low, he says, yet there's a question of how much the macroeconomic picture will bleed in.

The heart of earnings season begins this week and will run for about three weeks. Given weak U.S. macroeconomic data for the first quarter, "chances are good that earnings will be weaker even than expected," says Tim Ghriskey, chief investment officer of Solaris Asset Management.

Guidance for the second quarter and rest of the year is more important, but here too, for the same reasons, it's unlikely CEOs will stick their necks out to forecast a rebound. "First quarter expectations have been brought down, but they still might be above the reality," worries Ghriskey, who projects a weak earnings environment, punctuated by more disappointments.

Friday, the Labor Department said the March consumer price index rose a seasonally adjusted 0.2% from February, a little higher than forecast.

IBM Prospects Not So Cloudy

IBM has been out of favor for a while. This Dow stock is the index's worst performer for the three-and-a-half years ended March 2015, down 8% versus the Dow's 63% rise. It closed Friday at \$160.67, down from a high of \$215 two years ago. After hitting \$107 billion in 2011, revenue declined to \$93 billion last year, and double-digit earnings per share growth stems mainly from prodigious share buybacks. Investors have tired of IBM's financial engineering.

The firm is viewed by some as a technology dinosaur, bringing to mind an era of giant computers using reel-to-reel data tapes. IBM supposedly has missed the cloud revolution. But the reality is not so gloomy.

Expectations and sentiment for the Armonk, N.Y.-based tech giant seem so low now that it's time to take a second look. A small fundamental improvement could ignite a nice stock rise. Like a supertanker, IBM (ticker: IBM) takes a while to change direction but there's identifiable change coming.

For example, IBM is pruning businesses to get rid of poor performers. Last year, it sold three units that produced \$7 billion in sales but lost about \$500 million.

One bullish IBM convert, Lloyd Khaner, who runs Khaner Capital Management, says that while IBM has been slow to the cloud party, it's not too late. By virtue of its size and efforts, "IBM will eventually be a major player in the cloud." Many investors might not realize that IBM spent \$2.2 billion in cloud investments last year and plans to pump \$4 billion more this year.

In 2014, IBM's cloud business grew 60% to \$7 billion. The company, which expects to operate 46 cloud centers by the end of this year, projects the cloud industry opportunity at \$400 billion by 2018.

IBM should get its fair share of that business, adds Martin Leclerc, a money manager at Barrack Yard Advisors. The company has a wide moat and few rivals are trusted to supply technology and services to the world's global banks, oil, retail, and health-care firms, he says. A vote of confidence came last year from Apple (AAPL), which chose IBM to help it penetrate the mobile enterprise applications business.

When sales from big data and analytics, mobile, social, and security software is added to the cloud revenue, the total was \$25 billion last year, growing by a healthy 16%. Those areas are 27% of total sales, double the proportion five years ago. IBM expects these business combined to grow to \$40 billion by 2018, or 40% of sales.

For all the dinosaur talk, hardware sales of \$10 billion last year -- down 23% -- still were only about 11% of the total. Khaner says a new server cycle should be starting, and that's not priced into the stock. These cycles typically run about three years and bring along lots of add-on software and services revenue. At year end, IBM's service revenue backlog was \$128 billion.

Both money managers acknowledge IBM is in transition but the stock trades at just 10 times consensus analyst estimates of \$16.43 a share of earnings next year. After 2015, IBM guidance is for low single-digit percentage sales growth and mid-single-digit percent EPS growth, helped along by 2% to 3% in share buybacks.

IBM's low price/earnings multiple is appealing, LeClerc says, when viewed against a broad stock market at valuation levels exceeded only a few times in history.

Khaner views the Street's earnings estimates as too low. He thinks EPS could come in at \$17.88 next year and, if IBM begins to surprise, eventually the P/E could move to 12 times. He says downside is about 10%, but if things improve as he expects the shares could be worth \$195 in the intermediate term to as much as \$260 in 2018.

In the meantime, IBM's 2.7% dividend yield beats the 10-year Treasury yield. Barrack has had a longstanding IBM position and has been adding lately. "I'm betting IBM isn't always going to be mired in transition," LeClerc says.

IBM reports first-quarter results Monday, but change will still take some time to bloom. IBM is never going to grow like a cloud tech company, but it doesn't have to for its stock to rise. It just needs to grow a little faster than the market's low expectations, something that seems unchallenging.

Avoid the Crowd

Last week we took Wall Street analysts to task for their poor aggregate long-term record on Sell-rated stocks. As it turns out, the buyside can give out contrarian signals, according to a recent report from Savita Subramanian, Bank of America Merrill Lynch's equity and quantitative strategist. When stocks are at extreme sentiment levels, she says, it pays to go against the crowd.

Employing a rolling list of 10 stocks in the S&P 500 index that were most hated last year by large-cap fund managers, she found that an equal-weighted portfolio of these names rose 29.3%, topping the S&P 500's 11.4% rise, while the 10 most loved stocks fell 2.3%. The list is updated quarterly, and the hated stocks outperformed for all five quarters ended March, 2015.

The best-loved stocks had the greatest overweighting, compared to their benchmark's rating, by large-cap fund managers. Conversely, the most unloved stocks were those most heavily underweighted.

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Tokyo Shares Stage Minor Loss as Global Bourses, Dollar Fall

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TOKYO--Tokyo stocks staged a modest fall Monday, as profit-taking following steep falls in U.S., European, and other Asian bourses took a toll on investor sentiment as well as the dollar.

Japan shares did not appear to be overly perturbed over China's surprise weekend cut in banks' reserve requirement, but traders did speculate openly about possible Bank of Japan dip-buying.

The Nikkei Stock Average fell 0.1% at 19,634.49 following Friday's 1.2% decline. It has now lost ground in five of the past seven sessions. Total losses over the span total just 1.5%, however.

Stocks lost ground likely abruptly at the open after both U.S. and European bourses took sharp losses on Friday in the wake of high valuations, and intensifying Greek default fears.

On Monday, Shanghai and Hong Kong led regional stock markets largely lower.

China's surprise one-percentage-point cut in banks' reserve requirement was interpreted negatively as illustrating heightened government concern over the nation's decelerating economic growth, which is now projected to fall to 7% on-year--the slowest pace in six years.

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"Japan stocks are not immune from the global market gyrations than have pushed up volatility levels in recent sessions, but price support from the Bank of Japan, as well as dip-buying by pension funds, have helped stem the losses to a large degree," said Eiji Kinouchi, chief technical analyst at Daiwa Institute of Research.

The Nikkei's ability to hold above its 25-day moving average--now just under 19600--will be one barometer by which to judge if further downside is in store for the market, he said. The index has held mostly above the 25DMA since mid-January.

The dollar ended the stock trading session at Y118.57, down from Y119.01 Friday, while the euro was at Y127.90, down from Y128.09. A stronger yen is generally bad for major Japanese exporters, who cannot price their goods more affordably overseas.

Among major market movers, SoftBank dropped 1.1%, while Honda Motor lost 1.2%. Real estate developers were hit by profit-taking as a group as the yen ticked higher, with Mitsui Fudosan losing 1.7% and Mitsubishi Estate dropping 2.8%.

Panasonic bucked the negative market trend, rising 2.0% following a Nikkei business daily report that the firm's net profit likely soared 70% to about 200 billion yen for the year ended March 31, helped by successful structural reforms and strong sales of auto and housing-related products.

Barclays also raised its target price to 1,630 yen from 1,500 yen while keeping its equal-weight rating, citing conservative company guidance.

Machinery maker Okuma added 5.1% after a Mitsubishi UFJ Morgan Stanley Securities upgraded to overweight from underweight and 71% target price to Y1,470, citing energy saving investments and substantial capex in industrial machinery systems at the company.

Retailer United Arrows shed 1.3% following a J.P. Morgan Securities Japan downgrade to neutral from overweight on valuations concerns. Shares remain up nearly 15% and up 96% since end-2012.

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0208 GMT [Dow Jones] The Australian dollar rallied to a one-month high against the U.S. dollar thanks to improving commodities prices and the 1 percentage point cut to reserve requirement ratios by the People's Bank of China over the weekend to revive its flagging economy. "The prospects of firmer commodity prices, stimulatory measures announced by China's central bank, and the likelihood of the U.S. Federal Reserve to raise interest rates this summer diminishing has given the Aussie some muscle," said Stephen Innes, Senior Trader at OANDA Asia Pacific. (james.glynn@wsj.com; Twitter @JamesGlynnWSJ)

Editor JSM

0204 GMT [Dow Jones] Taiwan shares are down 0.2% at 9556.20, reflecting Friday's losses on Wall Street, says Yong-cheng International Securities Investment Consultant analyst William Chen. "But the market is likely to pare losses if China stocks keep rising following China's sharp cut in its banks' reserve ratio requirement Sunday," he says. The outlook of the Taiex on a technical basis turned bearish after the index fell below several near-term supports, so the index will likely try to defend its major support at its 60-day-moving-average of around 9525, he adds. Hon Hai Precision (2317.TW) is down 0.2% at NT\$92.10, Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. (2330.TW) is flat at NT\$142.50, but HTC (2498.TW) is up 1.2% at NT\$130.50. Financials are mixed, with Cathay Financial (2882.TW) down 0.4% at NT\$50.40 but Fubon Financial (2881.TW) is up 0.7% at NT\$57.20. (fanny.liu@wsj.com)

Editor: KLH

0204 GMT [Dow Jones] Chinese stocks are turning higher after a roller-coaster ride in the first 20 minutes of trade, as investors weigh Beijing's aggressive credit easing and what that says about the state of the economy. The benchmark Shanghai Composite Index is now up 0.2% at 4297.22, after falling slightly over 1% shortly after the open. While banks are the biggest gainers following yesterday's surprise cut in reserve requirements for lenders, many other sectors are laggards due to the gloomy outlook for the world's second-largest economy. A healthy, technical correction remains warranted for an index that has doubled in just 12 months, analysts say. (hong.shen@wsj.com)

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0155 GMT [Dow Jones] New Zealand's first-quarter headline and non-tradable inflation (so-called domestic inflation that does not track price changes in internationally traded goods) came in above the Reserve Bank's

March monetary policy statement expectations, but core inflation remained benign, says ANZ in a note. It adds that inflation looks set to remain low over 2015 but uncertainty remains about pressures beyond that as there is mixed signals and avid debate regarding whether the country is in "a period of structurally low inflation or simply experiencing an unusual confluence of shocks." ANZ says at the margin core figures add more weight to the structural thesis. (lucy.craymer@wsj.com; Twitter: @lucy_craymer)

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0143 GMT [Dow Jones] RBC Capital continues to expect the Reserve Bank of New Zealand to cut the cash rate by 50 bps over the coming year, says RBC economist Michael Turner in a note. "Evidence remains clear enough in our view that money overall is and has been too tight, and that the RBNZ will rectify this over the course of this year via 50bps of easing." Turner adds that RBNZ Deputy Gov. Spencer's guidance that rate hikes were an inappropriate response to housing market pressures suggests "more regulation is in store", which should give the RBNZ flexibility on the cash rate. (lucy.craymer@wsj.com; Twitter: @lucy_craymer)

Editor: KLH

0142 GMT [Dow Jones] Forget the crackdown on margin financing--Sunday's reserve requirement ratio cut from the People's Bank of China (PBOC) shows official support for the stock market rally is intact, says HSBC, advising clients to rotate into financial stocks. "The magnitude of the easing is more aggressive than we had expected," the bank says. "A 100 basis point RRR cut only happened once during 2008 financial crisis," HSBC adds. "However, this move is not a total surprise as China's latest macro data surprised on the downside. The move clearly aims at neutralizing the negative impact of the CSRC's [China Securities Regulatory Commission] new rules to restrict margin financing and encourage stock lending." Buy on the dips, "if any", HSBC adds. The Hang Seng Index is down 0.6%, while H-shares tumble as the Shanghai Composite sinks 0.8%; the Hang Seng China Enterprises Index falls 0.9%. (gregor.hunter@wsj.com; Twitter: @gregorhunter)

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0139 GMT [Dow Jones] Crude-oil prices rose in early Asian trade Monday after a surprise rate cut by China over the weekend. Last week, Brent was unable to break above \$65/bbl as participants took profits ahead of the weekend, ANZ says. "U.S. rig counts fell again for the nineteenth straight week and a smaller-than-expected rise in U.S. crude inventories is supporting the argument that U.S. shale output will start to decline soon," the bank says. Nymex WTI crude is up 60 cents at \$56.34/bbl, Brent crude is up 59 cents at \$64.04/bbl. (eric.yep@wsj.com)

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0118 GMT [Dow Jones] Chinese house price data released Saturday shows Beijing's efforts to stabilize the property market are working, says ING. Newbuild house prices rose month-on-month in 12 cities during March out of 70 surveyed by the National Bureau of Statistics, up from two in February. "Micro policy easing--the lifting of municipal- or provincial-level house purchase restrictions--and macro policy easing--the RRR [reserve requirement ratio] and policy interest rate cuts--are bearing fruit," says ING. "We expect policy loosening to be felt first in home sales, then in home prices and finally in housing starts. We expect to see positive year-over-year increases in new home price indexes in tier 1 cities by year-end." (gregor.hunter@wsj.com; Twitter: @gregorhunter)

Editor JSM

0118 GMT [Dow Jones] New Zealand's 1Q CPI makes life difficult for the Reserve Bank of New Zealand with core inflation particularly showing weakness, says ASB Senior Economist Jane Turner. "That leaves the RBNZ with the ongoing tensions of low current inflation but the prospect of inflation pressures picking up steam as trend growth remains firm." Statistics New Zealand says that the 1Q consumer price index rose just 0.1% on the year vs expectations of a 0.2% rise. In 1Q the index fell 0.3% on quarter vs expectations of a 0.2% fall. Turner says for now the consumer price index sidelines cash rate moves but the result itself won't

make the RBNZ more dovish. "We still see the risk of the RBNZ cutting rates this year, with the NZD's strength the most pressing issue." (lucy.craymer@wsj.com;Twitter: @lucy_craymer)

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0112 GMT [Dow Jones] USD/KRW has opened lower and likely continues in the same direction - implying a stronger South Korea won versus the greenback - after the risk-boosting stimulus measures announced by China on Sunday. The safe haven U.S. dollar is broadly down in Asia in reaction to China's sharp cut in its banks' reserve ratio requirement that seeks to promote more lending and thereby economic growth. The USD/KRW daily Bollinger downtrend channel now caps the pair at 1,088 and likely presses the dollar toward the 1,080 round-figure trading barrier - which if breached could trigger stoploss related selling. In the background, the yield on the benchmark U.S. 10-year Treasury remains depressed, thus adding to pressure on the greenback. USD/KRW is now 1,083.0 versus its Friday close of 1,083.7. (ewen.chew@wsj.com)

Editor: MNG

0111 GMT [Dow Jones] USD/TWD has fallen back into the daily Bollinger downtrend channel, which now caps at 31.230, and may be on its way to the round-figure trading barrier at 31.000 next. The safe-haven U.S. dollar is broadly lower after China's Sunday announcement of monetary liquidity-boosting measures, which has sparked a surge in risk appetite globally. Aside from pro-risk sentiment building over the weekend, the U.S. dollar index fell for a fourth consecutive session Friday, thus adding to bearish USD/Asia pressure. The price difference between the benchmark 1-month USD/TWD nondeliverable forward contract in the offshore market versus that of the spot contract has gone deeper into discount, suggesting that the speculative community is now more negative on the U.S. dollar. USD/TWD closed Friday at 31.162.
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If only the week had ended Thursday. Instead, stocks dropped sharply, the major indexes giving up at least 1% last week, with most of the selling on Friday. Equities remain stuck in a rut -- albeit at high levels -- first hit last November, and last year's momentum seems a faraway thing.

As the market again neared all-time highs, a confluence of factors caused investors to take profits. The market turned jittery over moves by China to rein in its hot stock market, by lifting restrictions on short selling and raising margin requirements, says Douglas Cote, chief market strategist at Voya Investment management.

A selloff in Europe earlier Friday, as the outlook for a Greek debt pact worsened, compounded anxiety on this side of the Atlantic, Cote adds. The brinkmanship between Greece and its creditors continues, as the two groups meet over the weekend, but prospects for an immediate deal look dim. The debt-mired nation has a major IMF bill to pay May 11, and investors should look for more thrills and spills as the market frets in coming weeks over a potential Greek debt default and "Grexit," an exit from the euro zone.

As for first quarter earnings, while expectations are low, the first major examples of Corporate America's profits from the likes of General Electric (ticker: GE) and American Express (AXP) weren't particularly impressive.

Last week, the Dow Jones Industrial Average dropped 231 points, or 1.3%, to 17,826.30, while the Standard & Poor's 500 index gave up 1%, or 21 points, to 2081.18. The Nasdaq Composite lost 64, or 1.3%, to 4931.81.

The market's been hurt by an "underlying drip feed of soft U.S. economic data," says E. William Stone, chief investment strategist at PNC Wealth Management. Earnings expectations are sufficiently low, he says, yet there's a question of how much the macroeconomic picture will bleed in.

The heart of earnings season begins this week and will run for about three weeks. Given weak U.S. macroeconomic data for the first quarter, "chances are good that earnings will be weaker even than expected," says Tim Ghriskey, chief investment officer of Solaris Asset Management.

Guidance for the second quarter and rest of the year is more important, but here too, for the same reasons, it's unlikely CEOs will stick their necks out to forecast a rebound. "First quarter expectations have been brought down, but they still might be above the reality," worries Ghriskey, who projects a weak earnings environment, punctuated by more disappointments.

Friday, the Labor Department said the March consumer price index rose a seasonally adjusted 0.2% from February, a little higher than forecast.

IBM Prospects Not So Cloudy

IBM has been out of favor for a while. This Dow stock is the index's worst performer for the three-and-a-half years ended March 2015, down 8% versus the Dow's 63% rise. It closed Friday at \$160.67, down from a high of \$215 two years ago. After hitting \$107 billion in 2011, revenue declined to \$93 billion last year, and double-digit earnings per share growth stems mainly from prodigious share buybacks. Investors have tired of IBM's financial engineering.

The firm is viewed by some as a technology dinosaur, bringing to mind an era of giant computers using reel-to-reel data tapes. IBM supposedly has missed the cloud revolution. But the reality is not so gloomy.

Expectations and sentiment for the Armonk, N.Y.-based tech giant seem so low now that it's time to take a second look. A small fundamental improvement could ignite a nice stock rise. Like a supertanker, IBM (ticker: IBM) takes a while to change direction but there's identifiable change coming.

For example, IBM is pruning businesses to get rid of poor performers. Last year, it sold three units that produced \$7 billion in sales but lost about \$500 million.

One bullish IBM convert, Lloyd Khaner, who runs Khaner Capital Management, says that while IBM has been slow to the cloud party, it's not too late. By virtue of its size and efforts, "IBM will eventually be a major player in the cloud." Many investors might not realize that IBM spent \$2.2 billion in cloud investments last year and plans to pump \$4 billion more this year.

In 2014, IBM's cloud business grew 60% to \$7 billion. The company, which expects to operate 46 cloud centers by the end of this year, projects the cloud industry opportunity at \$400 billion by 2018.

IBM should get its fair share of that business, adds Martin Leclerc, a money manager at Barrack Yard Advisors. The company has a wide moat and few rivals are trusted to supply technology and services to the world's global banks, oil, retail, and health-care firms, he says. A vote of confidence came last year from Apple (AAPL), which chose IBM to help it penetrate the mobile enterprise applications business.

When sales from big data and analytics, mobile, social, and security software is added to the cloud revenue, the total was \$25 billion last year, growing by a healthy 16%. Those areas are 27% of total sales, double the proportion five years ago. IBM expects these business combined to grow to \$40 billion by 2018, or 40% of sales.

For all the dinosaur talk, hardware sales of \$10 billion last year -- down 23% -- still were only about 11% of the total. Khaner says a new server cycle should be starting, and that's not priced into the stock. These cycles typically run about three years and bring along lots of add-on software and services revenue. At year end, IBM's service revenue backlog was \$128 billion.

Both money managers acknowledge IBM is in transition but the stock trades at just 10 times consensus analyst estimates of \$16.43 a share of earnings next year. After 2015, IBM guidance is for low single-digit percentage sales growth and mid-single-digit percent EPS growth, helped along by 2% to 3% in share buybacks.

IBM's low price/earnings multiple is appealing, LeClerc says, when viewed against a broad stock market at valuation levels exceeded only a few times in history.

Khaner views the Street's earnings estimates as too low. He thinks EPS could come in at \$17.88 next year and, if IBM begins to surprise, eventually the P/E could move to 12 times. He says downside is about 10%, but if things improve as he expects the shares could be worth \$195 in the intermediate term to as much as \$260 in 2018.

In the meantime, IBM's 2.7% dividend yield beats the 10-year Treasury yield. Barrack has had a longstanding IBM position and has been adding lately. "I'm betting IBM isn't always going to be mired in transition," LeClerc says.

IBM reports first-quarter results Monday, but change will still take some time to bloom. IBM is never going to grow like a cloud tech company, but it doesn't have to for its stock to rise. It just needs to grow a little faster than the market's low expectations, something that seems unchallenging.

Avoid the Crowd

Last week we took Wall Street analysts to task for their poor aggregate long-term record on Sell-rated stocks. As it turns out, the buyside can give out contrarian signals, according to a recent report from Savita Subramanian, Bank of America Merrill Lynch's equity and quantitative strategist. When stocks are at extreme sentiment levels, she says, it pays to go against the crowd.

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Stocks jumped a second consecutive week in quiet trading, with the major indexes up nearly 2% and again approaching all-time highs. The move came partly on a lagged reaction to the news on payrolls the previous Friday, April 3, when markets were closed for Good Friday. Reawakened animal spirits also buoyed investors, after some major deal announcements, which lifted the industrials sector 3.3%.

Markets returned to seeing bad news as good news since the much weaker than expected March payrolls suggested interest rates will remain lower for longer. That was countered Thursday, however, by weekly jobless claims, which fell to a 15-year low. Energy stocks rose 3%, helped along by higher crude prices.

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S&PMidCap	1534.96	+11.02	+0.72
S&PSmallCap	722.79	+1.52	+0.21
Nasdaq	4995.98	+109.04	+2.23
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Russell2000	1264.77	+9.12	+0.73
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Dollar (Finexspotindex)	99.34	96.74
T-Bond (CBTnearbyfutures)	163-160	164-180
Crude Oil (NYMlightsweetcrude)	51.64	49.14
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Gold (CMXnearbyfutures)	1204.60	1200.90

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Writing for Barron's magazine, I argued last weekend that Hong Kong-listed Chinese stocks are in a bull market and the rally is likely to continue: "Hong Kong Shares Headed Higher".

ReOrient Group's strategist Uwe Parpart had a punchy note out over the weekend, arguing that the Hong Kong rally can continue, as well.

Parpart gave three reasons. First, compared to S&P 500, the Hang Seng China Enterprises Index is dirt cheap:

The **S&P500** currently trades at a price-to-earnings ratio of 18.6 and a price/cash flow ratio of 11.45. The Shanghai Composite Index's price-to-earnings is 19.85, its price/cash flow 9.32. The Hang Seng Index pe is 11.48, price/cash flow 8.04. The HSCEI (HSI China Enterprises) pe is 9.96, price/cash flow 4.28. So, what's cheap, what's expensive? What's risky, what less so? The S&P and SHCOMP are roughly at a par, with a more comfortable price/cash flow ratio for the SHCOMP. But then when it comes to Hong Kong and Hong Kong's China Enterprises, it's clearly no longer a close call.

Second, many of China's largest publicly listed companies are listed in Shanghai and Hong Kong, and their Hong Kong shares are a lot cheaper. As long as the Shanghai stock market stays firm, Hong Kong will play catch-up, sooner or later, when money flows from the north:

Most H-shares (except for banks) continue to trade at a substantial discount to the equivalent Shanghai A-shares. We fully expect the H-share/A-share convergence rally to continue and full utilization of the southbound through-train quota as realized for the first time last week is likely to become common place.

Third, the Shanghai stock market is likely to stay firm, because Beijing has switched to a cyclical growth mode:

What speaks for continuation is the same combination of REFLATION + REFORM we have flagged as the main index driver since last November. The March CPI number of 1.4% y-o-y (unchanged from Feb) was marginally higher than we had expected. But PPI again came in a very low -4.5% y-o-y. There's no inflation in the system and no reason why the PBOC should not continue cutting both its benchmark rates and banks' RRRs. Interbank liquidity has improved since it spiked in mid-Feb, but Chinese real rates remain too high and we expect another 25bps in rate cuts and at least 50bps in RRR cuts this quarter.

In the last two months, the Shanghai stock market was very liquidity-driven, with over 100,000 new trading accounts opened every day. (See my April 6 column "Shanghai's Stock Market Has Room to Run, ".) Market participants were worried that Beijing may start to rein in the stock bull. But its new regulation over the weekend is a nod that the bull can have its run.

Last week, the Hang Seng China Enterprises Index rose 10.5%, the Hang Seng Index gained 7.9% and the Shanghai Composite Index advanced 4.4%. The iShares China Large-Cap ETF (FXI) and the iShares MSCI China ETF (MCHI) jumped a stunning 11.2% and 11%. Helped by China, the iShares MSCI Emerging Markets ETF (EEM) and the Vanguard FTSE Emerging Markets ETF (VWO) rose 3% and 4.1%. the Deutsche X-trackers Harvest CSI 300 China A-Shares Fund (ASHR) rose 6.3%.

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