## The Only Constant Is Change – Most Of The Time



Top Three S&P 500 Sectors Over Past Four Quarters

Source: Bloomberg. Note: Returns are price-only.

## View from the Observation Deck

- 1. One of the most common questions we field on an ongoing basis is the following: What is your favorite sector?
- 2. Sometimes the answer is more evident, in our opinion, than at other times.
- 3. For example, you didn't need a crystal ball to tout Information Technology in 1998 and 1999 (top performing S&P 500 sector both years) or Energy from 2004-2007 (top performer in 2004, 2005 & 2007), according to S&P.
- From 2008-2012, however, no S&P 500 sector was able to repeat as top performer.
- 5. Here were those results: 2008 (Consumer Staples); 2009 (Information Technology); 2010 (Consumer Discretionary); 2011 (Utilities); and 2012 (Financials), according to S&P.
- 6. In case anyone is interested, Financials are making a charge at being a repeat top performer in 2013. Financials are neck and neck with Health Care for the #1 ranking year-to-date through June 3, 2013.

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