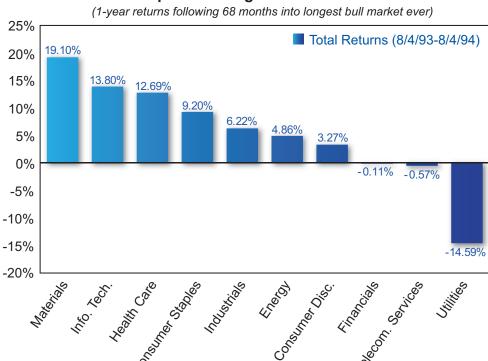
## A Snapshot From The Longest & Best Bull Market Ever

## **Top Performing S&P 500 Sectors**



Source: Bloomberg. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

## View from the Observation Deck

- 1. The longest U.S. bull market in stocks spanned 4,494 days from 12/4/87-3/24/00, according to Bespoke Investment Group. The S&P 500 posted a cumulative total return of 841.11%, the best gain of any bull to date.
- 2. The current bull market has lasted 2,072 days (3/9/09-11/10/14), and ranks as the fourth longest in history. That puts it at 68 months and counting. The S&P 500 posted a cumulative total return of 239.57% during that period.
- Since most bull markets do not last this long, we thought it might be interesting to show how the 10 major sectors performed over the 1-year period following the 68th month mark of the longest and best bull market ever.
- 4. What is not included in the chart is the return on the S&P 500. From 8/4/93-8/4/94, the S&P 500 posted a total return of 5.03%.
- 5. Today (11/11/14), Abby Joseph Cohen, equity strategist at Goldman Sachs, released a 12-month target of 2150 for the S&P 500. Based on a closing value of 2038.26 on 11/9/14, that calculates to an estimated gain of 5.48% (excluding dividends).
- 6. The start date of 8/4/93 is noteworthy in that it was six months before the Federal Reserve began to raise the federal funds rate. From 2/94-2/95, it raised the funds rate by three percentage points.
- 7. Today, economists and investors are pondering when the Fed could begin to raise interest rates. While forecasts may vary, mid-2015 has been cited often in the financial media.
- 8. As we noted in the chart: Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Having said that, investors can still garner some valuable perspective via a snapshot in time, in our opinion.

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