S&P 500 Valuation Snapshot

S&P 500/Sector Price-to-Earnings (P/E) Ratios & 2013 Earnings Per Share (EPS) Growth Rate Estimates



Source: Bloomberg. As of 6/10/13.

View from the Observation Deck

- 1. Year-to-date through 6/10/13, the S&P 500 posted a total return of 16.30%.
- 2. The index level stood at 1642.81 on 6/10/13, approximately 1.6% below its all-time high of 1669.16 on 5/21/13.
- 3. Despite the fact that the S&P 500 has completely rebounded from the previous bear market and moved on to set a new alltime high, investors can still find value, in our opinion.
- 4. With the exception of Utilities, most of the major sectors are sporting forward-looking estimated P/E ratios below their 20-Year averages.
- 5. In some cases, such as Information Technology and Materials, forward-looking estimated P/E ratios are significantly below the their respective 20-Year averages. Both sectors are cyclical in nature.
- 6. We believe that cyclical stocks, on the whole, will garner more interest from investors than defensive-oriented stocks, like utilities, in the second half of 2013.

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