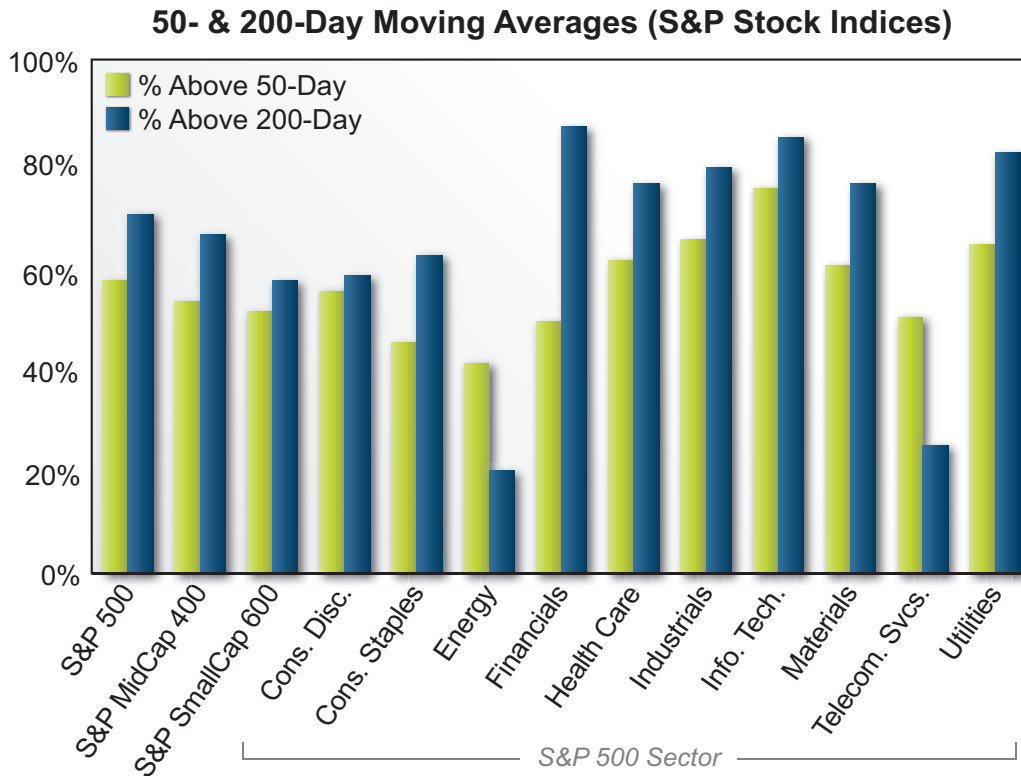


A Snapshot Of Moving Averages



Source: Bloomberg. As of 5/15/17. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

View from the Observation Deck

1. In today's post, we are showing the percentage of stocks in a number of major U.S. stock indices that are trading above their respective 50-Day and 200-Day moving averages.
2. Moving averages tend to smooth out day-to-day price fluctuations and can be a useful tool for traders to identify both positive trends and reversals, in our opinion.
3. The S&P 500 Index stood at its all-time closing high (2,402.32) on 5/15/17, according to Bloomberg. The S&P MidCap 400 Index stood 1.54% below its all-time closing high (1,758.27 on 3/1/17), while the S&P SmallCap 600 Index stood 2.16% below its all-time closing high (863.08 on 4/26/17).
4. The percentage of stocks in the S&P 500, S&P MidCap 400 and S&P SmallCap 600 Indices trading above their 50-Day moving averages were 57%, 53% and 51%, respectively.
5. The percentage of stocks in the S&P 500, S&P MidCap 400 and S&P SmallCap 600 Indices trading above their 200-Day moving averages were 70%, 66% and 57%, respectively.
6. The percentage of stocks trading above their 50-Day moving average by sector ranged from 41% (Energy) to 75% (Information Technology).
7. The percentage of stocks trading above their 200-Day moving average by sector ranged from 25% (Telecommunication Services) to 87% (Financials).

This chart is for illustrative purposes only and not indicative of any actual investment. The illustration excludes the effects of taxes and brokerage commissions and other expenses incurred when investing. Investors cannot invest directly in an index. The S&P 500 Index is a capitalization-weighted index comprised of 500 stocks used to measure large-cap U.S. stock market performance, while the 11 major S&P 500 Sector Indices (Real Estate was added as the 11th major sector in 2016 but data is not available for this chart) are capitalization-weighted and comprised of S&P 500 constituents representing a specific sector. The S&P MidCap 400 Index is a capitalization-weighted index that tracks the mid-range sector of the U.S. stock market. The S&P SmallCap 600 Index is a capitalization-weighted index that tracks U.S. stocks with a small market capitalization.