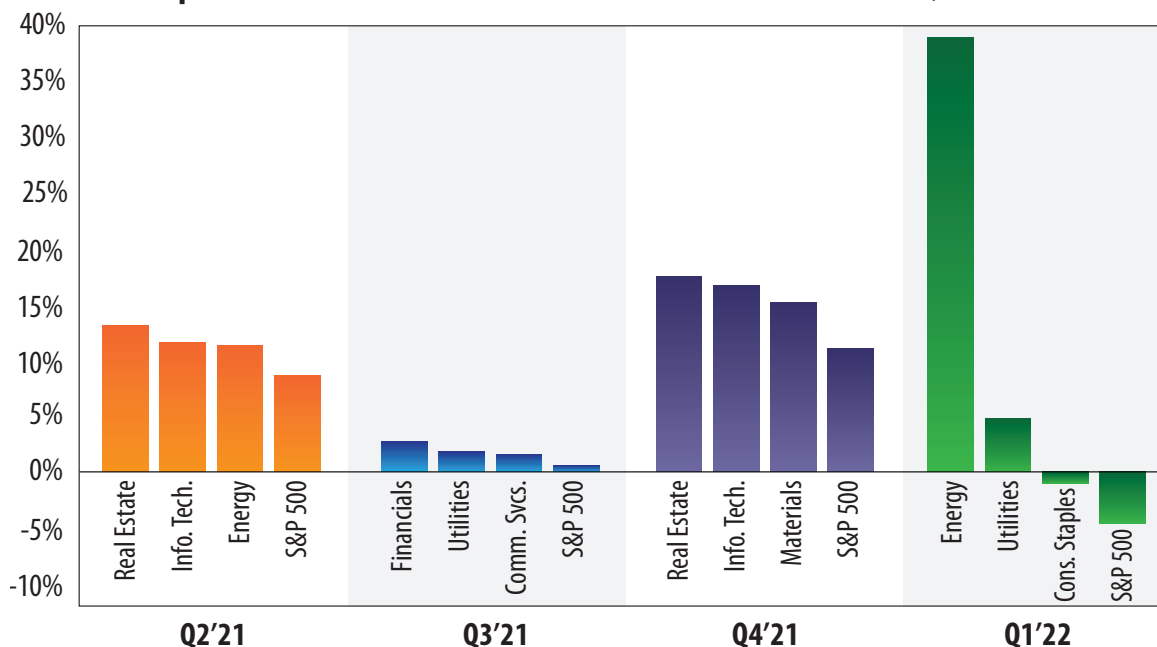


# The Only Constant Is Change

**Top Three S&P 500 Index Sectors In Each Of The Past Four Quarters**



Source: Bloomberg. Returns are total returns. **Past performance is no guarantee of future results.**

## View from the Observation Deck

- One of the most common questions we field on an ongoing basis is the following: What are your favorite sectors?
- Sometimes the answer is more evident than at other times, such as Energy in the current climate, and sometimes it only makes sense via hindsight, in our opinion.
- The top-performing sectors in Q1'22 were as follows (total returns): 38.99% (Energy), 4.77% (Utilities) and -1.01% (Consumer Staples). The total return on the S&P 500 Index was -4.60%. The other eight sectors generated total returns ranging from -11.92% (Communication Services) to -1.48% (Financials).
- Here is how many times each of the major sectors have made it into the top 3 on a quarterly basis since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic (12/31/19-3/31/22): 5 (Energy); 4 (Information Technology); 3 (Financials); 3 (Industrials); 2 (Consumer Discretionary); 2 (Consumer Staples); 2 (Materials); 2 (Real Estate); 2 (Utilities); 1 (Communication Services); and 1 (Health Care), according to Bloomberg.
- For comparative purposes, the following shows the cumulative total returns for these sectors over that same period: 77.38% (Information Technology); 50.89% (Consumer Discretionary); 50.01% (Materials); 42.28% (Energy); 39.40% (Health Care); 33.93% (Real Estate); 32.36% (Communication Services); 31.30% (Industrials); 30.53% (Financials); 30.05% (Consumer Staples); and 23.93% (Utilities), according to Bloomberg. The S&P 500 Index posted a cumulative total return of 45.33% during the period.
- [Click here](#) to access the post featuring the top-performing sectors in Q2'20, Q3'20, Q4'20 and Q1'21.

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