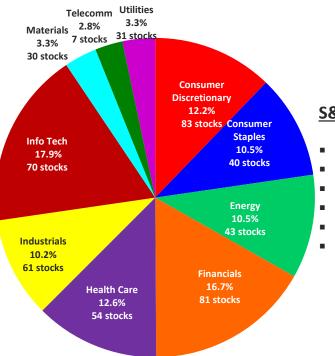
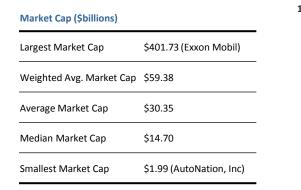
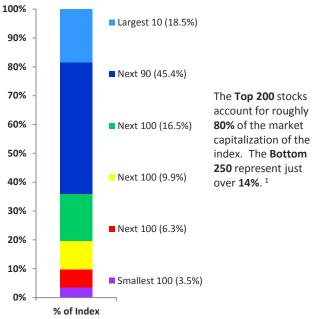
MARKET MICROSCOPE – Breaking Down the S&P 500 (as of 6/30/13)

We hear about the S&P 500 on the news every night. But what is it?

The S&P 500 Index was created in 1957. While many companies in the S&P 500 are among the 500 largest in the US, the index is **not** based purely on size. The S&P 500 is actually designed to represent "leading companies" across a variety of sectors and industries. The stocks are selected by a committee based on a series of factors including minimum market capitalization (new additions must exceed \$4.6B), maintenance of adequate liquidity and public float among others. The S&P 500 constituent companies are changed on an "as needed" basis as stocks violate/meet their inclusion criteria.







S&P 500 By the Numbers:

- \$15.39 Trillion Approximate total market capitalization of the S&P 500 as of 8/30/13
- 1,725.52 New record-high closing value for the S&P 500 Price Index, reached on 9/18/13
- 676.53 Closing value at the bottom of the last recession, recorded on 3/9/09
- 67 Companies that have been part of the S&P 500 since the index took its current form in 1957
- 10 New companies added to the S&P 500 so far in 2013
- 9 Current S&P 500 companies that call Wisconsin home: Bemis Corp, Fiserv Inc, Snap-On Inc, Rockwell Automation, Kohl's Corp, WI Energy Corp, Johnson Controls, Joy Global, and Harley-Davidson

¹The chart showing index weight per number of stocks uses the Vanguard 500 Index fund as a proxy. All other data taken from us.spindices.com. and standardandpoors.com.

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