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## InvestorsObserver Workshop

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- Charts
- What Else is Happening?
- Hot Right Now
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  - Can prepare slides for questions submitted ahead of time: Mention "workshop"

#### S&P 500



S&P 500 One Year

### NASDAQ



Nasdaq One Year

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### **Russell 2000**



Russell 2000 One Year

# S&P 500 vs. Equal Weight

#### One Year



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### Growth vs. Value

#### VTV vs. VUG One year



## **Hot Right Now**

- Energy
  - Thermal Coal
  - o Oil & Gas Midstream
  - Oil & Gas Drilling
- Utilities
  - Independent Power Producers
  - Regulated Electric
  - Regulated Gas
- Real Estate
  - REIT Hotel & Motel
  - REIT Retail
  - REIT Specialty
- Industrials
  - Infrastructure Operations
  - Airports & Air Services
  - Uranium
- Consumer Defensive
  - Confections
  - Food Distribution
  - Grocery Stores

#### What Else is Going On?

- Interest Rates / Inflation / Federal Reserve
  - > No one knows
    - Inflation data looked "good" this morning
    - Econ data giving the Fed more room to raise
      - Job market looks good
      - Financial conditions loosening
    - Big drop in energy prices, could see a surge in winter
- Recession?
  - Two quarters of negative GDP...
    - Job market, consumer spending, other indicators point to strongish economy
    - If you want to call that a "recession" it seems to make the word less useful
  - Some talk of "labor hoarding" which is companies being overstaffed for demand
    - Suggests expectation is for a quick recovery from any weakness
  - Some regular hoarding also happening
    - Lessons of supply chain crisis are to have reserves of things you need, lessen reliance on "just in time"
    - This makes companies somewhat less profitable, but more resilient.
  - Recent talk of "hard-hard landing" vs. "soft-hard landing"
- Earnings
  - Mostly good, lots of companies had lowered the bar.

#### **Questions?**

How do i get started? How do I watch the stocks I buy? – Kenneth

- Getting Started:
  - Buy an index fund
    - Instant diversification. Market returns.
  - What do you like or what are you interested in?
    - Start small, don't invest money you can't afford to lose
    - Ease into things. Get a feel for how stocks move.
  - Figure out your strategy and goals
    - Why are you investing?
    - When do you think you'll need the money?
    - How much time do you want to spend?

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- Monitoring a Portfolio:
  - Remember your goals/plan
    - Why did you buy this stock?
      - Are those reasons still valid?
    - Risk allocation
      - Did you hit a homerun?
        - Consider trimming large, risky positions
        - Put those profits into safer assets
  - Periodic rebalancing
    - Even without homeruns, some positions can get too big over time
      - Trim winners
      - Buy new things, or add to lagging positions that you still believe in
    - Cut your losses.
      - If the reasons you bought the stock are no longer valid, sell.
      - Not losing money is generally easier than making money.

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