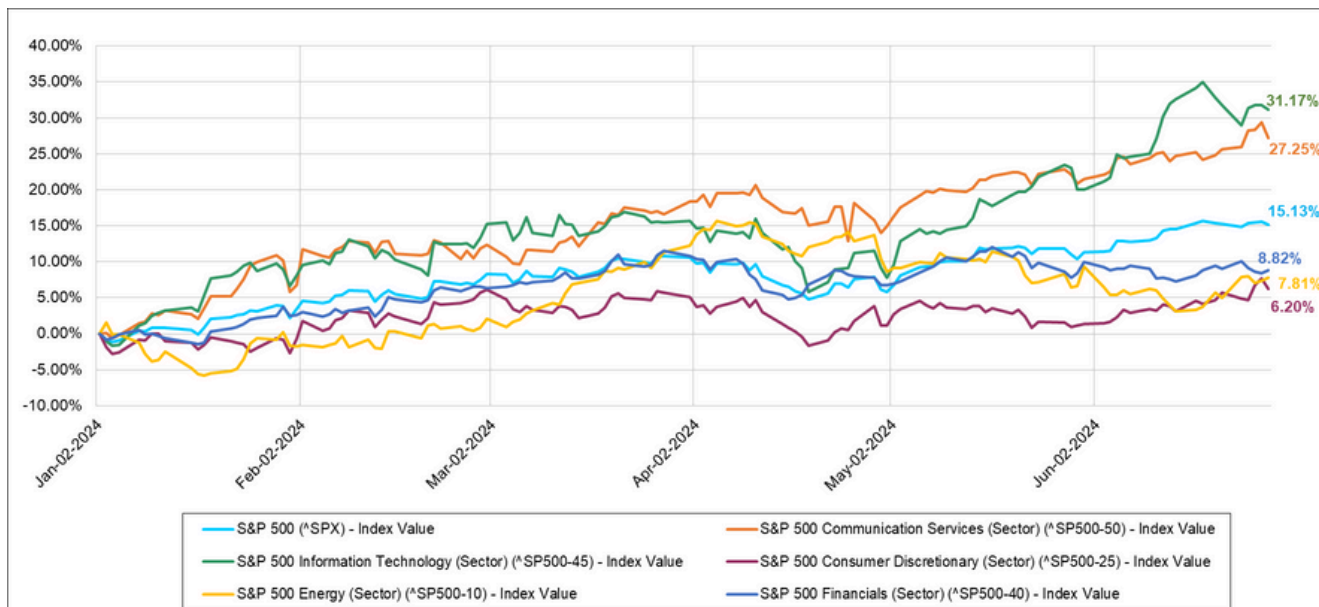




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The S&P 500 kicked off 2024 with a positive momentum, closing the first half at a healthy 15.13% gain. This impressive performance was driven by a broad rally in the first quarter, with most sectors experiencing positive returns. However, the ride wasn't without its bumps.

The S&P 500 delivered positive returns in the 1H2024, but the journey wasn't without its ups and downs. While the top-heavy nature of the index raises some concerns, the new closing highs are a positive sign. For a more comprehensive understanding, explore the resources mentioned below. (Above graphs shows S&P 500 and top sector performance in 1H2024)

The positive performance of the S&P 500 in the 1H2024 can be attributed to a confluence of factors:

Shifting Federal Reserve Policy: A major driver was a change in Federal Reserve policy. After a series of interest rate hikes in 2023 to combat inflation, the Fed hinted at a potential shift towards a more accommodative stance in 2024, with the possibility of rate cuts. This signaled a potentially more favorable environment for stock market growth.

Sector-Specific Growth: The dominance of Technology and Communication Services reflects strong fundamentals within those sectors. Continued demand for semiconductors, cloud computing, social media platforms, and telecommunication services fueled their impressive returns.

Investor Confidence: Overall investor sentiment was positive. The potential for rate cuts, combined with the strong performance of leading sectors, instilled confidence in the market's ability to generate returns. This positive sentiment fueled buying pressure, pushing stock prices higher.

Earnings Growth: Many companies within the S&P 500 reported solid earnings during the first half. This growth in profitability reassured investors about the health of the corporate sector and justified higher stock valuations.

Global Economic Recovery: While not a certainty, there were signs of a global economic recovery in early 2024. This optimism about the broader economic picture contributed to a positive market environment.

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Top S&P 500 Sector Performers: January - June 2024

The S&P 500 is made up of 11 sectors, and their performance can vary significantly. Here's a breakdown of the top 5 performers in the 1H 2024:

- The S&P 500 Index (SPX) outperformed many other sectors tracked in the chart over the six-month period. It increased by ~15.13%.
- The Information Technology Sector leads, increasing by ~31.17%.
- The Communication Services Sector performed well, increasing by about 27.25% over the same period.
- The Financial Sector all performed fairly increasing by 8.82%
- The Energy Sector and Consumer Discretionary Sector, both underperformed the S&P 500, increasing by about 7.81% and 6.2%, respectively.

Key Observations:

Strong Start: The first quarter (Jan-Mar) saw a solid gain of 10.16%, driven by broad positive breadth (more stocks rising than falling).

Mid-Year Volatility: April experienced a pullback of -4.16%, but May and June recovered those losses and continued the upward trend.

Top-Heavy Index: While the index gained overall, some sectors underperformed. Negative breadth emerged in Q2, suggesting gains were concentrated in a smaller number of leading stocks.

New Closing Highs: Despite the volatility, the S&P 500 set 7 new closing highs in June, indicating investor confidence.

Looking Ahead: A Shift in Focus?













The dominance of Technology and Communication Services suggests a possible shift in investor preference towards growth stocks over established value sectors like Utilities and Real Estate. However, with only half the year gone, the market can change rapidly. The 2H2024 could see a different market dynamics. Stay Tuned!

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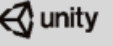







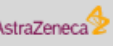
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	doordash	108.95
	Twilio Inc	56.39
	Enphase Energy, Inc	103.59
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