

## **The Digital Economy**

August 2020 Webinar

## Q2 Recap

- Q2 GDP down 32.9%
- Record unemployment
- Rolling virus outbreaks
- Fed willing to do whatever it takes
- Fiscal stimulus
- Bifurcated economy: tech, staples, healthcare benefitting while airlines, restaurants, entertainment, hotels, banks, energy companies struggled.
- A record 85% of S&P 500 companies beat expectations.
- In aggregate, sales came in 1.5% higher than expected (S&P 500).
- Avg earnings surprise over 23% (S&P 500).
- Many companies observing significant week over week improvements since bottom in April/May.



# The Digital Economy

Acceleration of digital consumption has strongly disrupted traditional industries:

- On-line shopping
- On-line payments
- Work-from-home
- Streaming content
- At-home workouts
- Video gaming
- Videoconferencing

Many of these behaviors appear to be sticky and longer lasting.



# Today vs. 2000

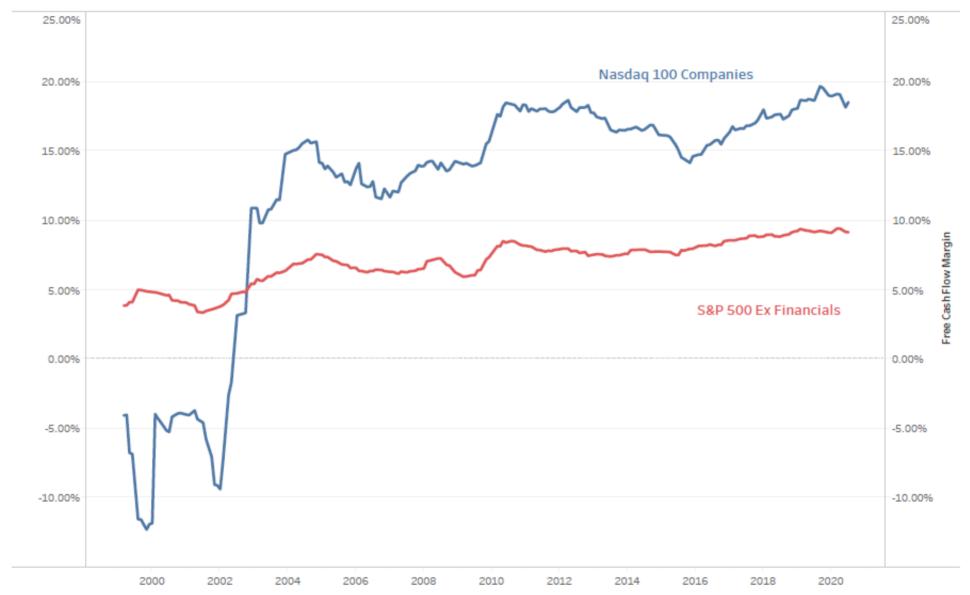
Many investors are drawing parallels between today's market and 2000, citing:





#### Profitability of Nasdaq 100 Companies and S&P 500 Ex-Financials

Trimmed Average Free Cash Flow Margin TTM 03/31/1999 to 07/31/2020





#### Nasdaq 100 Companies Profitability from a Free Cash Flow Perspective

Number of Companies with Positive Free Cash Flow Generation 03/31/1999 to 07/31/2020

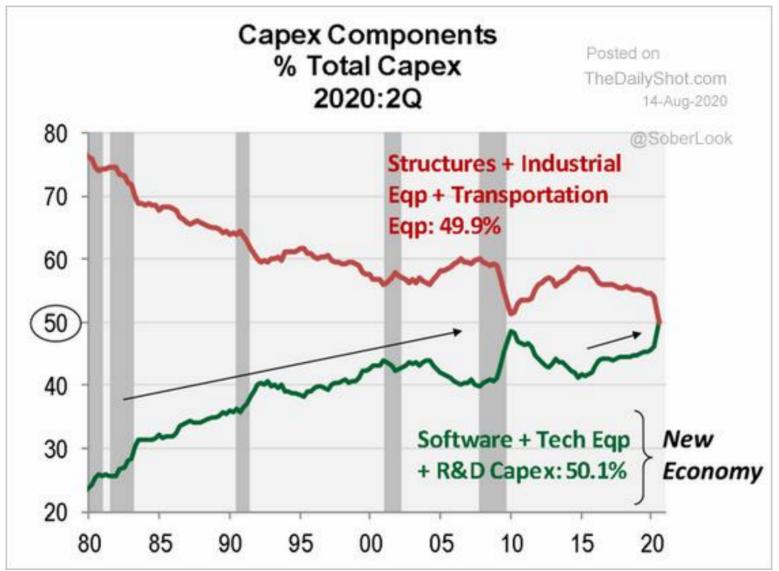




Source: TrimTabs Asset Management, FactSet

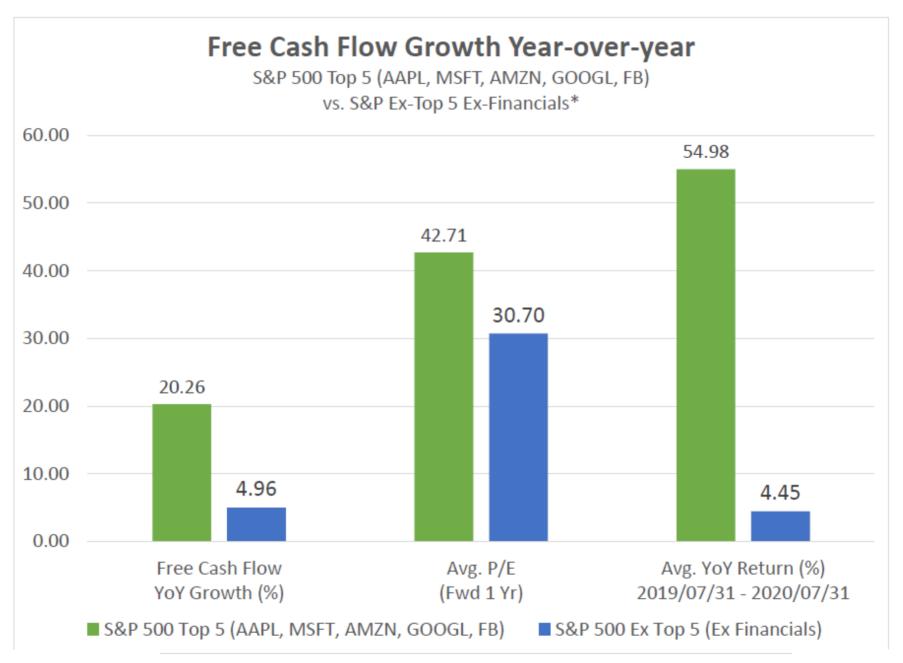
Free Cash Flow Generation is the trailing-twelve-month Free Cash Flow reported by the companies.

"New economy capex (software, tech eqp, r&d) is now more than half of all capex. Tech will power the new expansion, creating jobs, raising productivity, and dampening inflation." – Nancy Lazar @NancyRLazar1





Source: Nancy Lazar, twitter @NancyRLazar1, WSJ The Daily Shot, twitter @SoberLook St. Louis Federal Reserve





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<sup>\*</sup> Financials institutions such as banks do not have standardized free cash flow reporting

# More than just FAAMG

Besides the big 5 leaders, there are many companies benefitting in this new digital economy.

On-line shopping and recreation: BABA, ETSY, ATVI

Streaming on-line workouts: PTON, LULU

Accelerated use of cloud infrastructure & security software: ZM, NOW, FTNT, QLYS, NICE

Work-from-home trends spurred migration from high cost cities to more spacious suburbs:

Z & CSGP providing digital real estate tour capabilities.

Traditional brick-and-mortar companies that have developed a massive online presence:

HD & WMT



# TTAC Exposure to Technology & The Digital Economy As of 08/19/2020



Ticker	Company	% Net Assets	Ticker	Company	% Net Assets
AMZN	AMAZON COM INC	2.75%	ROK	ROCKWELL AUTOMATION	1.09%
MSFT	MICROSOFT CORP	2.56%	TXN	TEXAS INSTRS INC	1.08%
AAPL	APPLE INC	2.06%	ABT	ABBOTT LABS	1.05%
FB	FACEBOOKINC	1.98%	CDNS	CADENCE DESIGN SYSTEM	1.04%
GOOGL	ALPHABET INC	1.93%	INTC	INTEL CORP	1.04%
NVDA	NVIDIA CORPORATION	1.68%	MXIM	MAXIM INTEGRATED PRODS INC	1.02%
NICE	NICE LTD	1.67%	LULU	LULULEMON ATHLETICA INC	1.01%
YUMC	YUM! CHINA HOLDINGS	1.66%	VRSN	VERISIGN INC	1.01%
HD	HOME DEPOT INC	1.33%	EL	ESTEE LAUDER CO	1.00%
MKTX	MARKETAXESS HLDGS INC	1.31%	QLYS	QUALYS INC	0.98%
ANSS	ANSYSINC	1.30%	HPQ	HP INC	0.97%
ACN	ACCENTURE	1.28%	V	VISA INC	0.97%
BABA	ALIBABA GROUP HLDG LTD	1.28%	FTNT	FORTINETINC	0.95%
CSGP	COSTAR GROUP INC	1.27%	KEYS	KEYSIGHT TECHNOLOGIES INC	0.92%
ETSY	ETSYINC	1.27%	ZM	ZOOM VIDEO COMMUNICATIONS	0.92%
PRLB	PROTO LABS INC	1.27%	PTON	PELOTON INTERACTIVE INC	0.88%
COST	COSTCO WHOLESALE CORP	1.25%	FLIR	FLIR SYS INC	0.87%
WMT	WALMART INC	1.22%	LDOS	LEIDOS HOLDINGS INC	0.87%
DIS	DISNEY WALT CO	1.17%	TER	TERADYNE INC	0.80%
Z	ZILLOW GROUP INC	1.16%	ATVI	ACTIVISION BLIZZARD INC	0.65%
ISRG	INTUITUVE SURGICAL INC	1.13%	MORN	MORNINGSTAR INC	0.65%
JKHY	JACK HENRY & ASSOCIATES	1.10%	NOW	SERVICENOWINC	0.65%
MA	MASTERCARD INC	1.10%	IRBT	IROBOT CORP	0.59%
TT	TRANE TECHNOLOGIES PLC	1.10%	MDT	MEDTRONIC PLC	0.59%





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LULU	LULULEMON ATHLETICA INC	2.62%
NICE	NICE LTD	2.60%
6645 JP	OMRON CORP	2.06%
LOGN SW	LOGITECH INTL	1.87%
SIE GR	SIEMENS AG	1.86%
ASML NA	ASML HOLDING NV	1.83%
SMSN LI	SAMSUNG ELECTRONIC	1.83%
9697 JP	CAPCOM CO LTD	1.69%
DSY FP	DASSAULT SYSTEMES	1.53%
4307 JP	NOMURA RESEARCH	1.53%
700 HK	TENCENT HLDGS LTD	1.48%
TEAM	ATLASSIAN CORP PLC	1.48%
BABA	ALIBABA GROUP HLDG LTD	1.42%
RMV LN	RIGHTMOVE	1.35%
8035 JP	TOKYO ELECTRON	1.30%
7974 JP	NINTENDO CO LTD	1.23%
6098 JP	RECRUIT HOLDINGS	1.16%
2371 JP	KAKAKU.COM. INC	1.10%
9719 JP	SCSK CORP	1.02%
6506 JP	YASKAWA ELEC CORP	0.93%
6954 JP	FANUC CORP	0.93%

## **Outlook & Risk**

While we are optimistic about the long-term trends in the digital economy, there are potential short-term risks.

The U.S. stock market is at all time highs.

After this type of rally, it's possible to have a correction at any point.

We believe the best way to deliver alpha is to buy high quality companies that can be held over the long-term.



### **Investment Team**

The TrimTabs investment team has broad investment management experience and proven expertise.

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There is no guarantee that TTAI and TTAC will achieve their investment objectives. Investing involves risk, including the possible loss of principal. Because the Fund is an ETF (rather than a mutual fund), shares are bought and sold at market price (not NAV), may trade at a discount or premium to NAV, and are not individually redeemable. Owners of the shares may acquire those shares from the Fund and tender those shares for redemption to the Fund in Creation Unit aggregations only, consisting of 25,000 shares. Brokerage commissions will reduce returns. Investments in the Fund include risks associated with small-and mid-cap securities, which involve limited liquidity and greater volatility than large-cap securities. Returns on investments in foreign securities could be more volatile than investments in domestic securities.

Fund holdings and sector allocations are subject to change at any time and are not recommendations to buy or sell any security.

Free Cash Flow (FCF) represents the cash that a company is able to generate after accounting for capital expenditures.

The Standard & Poor's 500, often abbreviated as the S&P 500, or just the S&P, is an American stock market index based on the market capitalizations of 500 large companies having common stock listed on the NYSE or NASDAQ.

Standard Deviation is a measure that is used to quantify the amount of variation or dispersion of a set of data values.

Alpha is a measure of performance on a risk-adjusted basis.

Beta is a measure of the volatility, or systematic risk, of a security or portfolio, in comparison to the market as a whole.



#### **Disclosures**

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The Russell 3000® Index measures the performance of the 3,000 largest publicly traded U.S. companies, based on market capitalization. The Index measures the performance of approximately 98% of the total market capitalization of the publicly traded U.S. equity market. It is not possible to invest directly in an index.

The S&P Developed Ex-U.S. BMI Index is a market capitalization weighted index that defines and measures the investable universe of publicly traded companies domiciled in developed countries outside the U.S. The Developed Index is float adjusted, meaning that only those shares publicly available to investors are included in the Developed Index calculation.

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The cash ratio or cash coverage ratio is a liquidity ratio that measures a firm's ability to pay off its current liabilities with only cash and cash equivalents.

EPS - Earnings per share is the monetary value of earnings per outstanding share of common stock for a company.

Created by the Chicago Board Options Exchange (CBOE), the Volatility Index, or VIX, is a real-time market index that represents the market's expectation of 30-day forward-looking volatility.

The **S&P 1500**, or **S&P** Composite **1500** Index includes all stocks in the **S&P** 500, **S&P** 400, and **S&P** 600. This index covers approximately 90% of the market capitalization of U.S. stocks.

The NASDAQ-100 is a stock market index made up of 103 equity securities issued by 100 of the largest non-financial companies listed on the Nasdaq stock market.

Capital expenditure (capex) or capital expense is the money an organization or corporate entity spends to buy, maintain, or improve its fixed assets, such as buildings, vehicles, equipment, or land.

The price-earnings ratio, also known as P/E ratio, P/E, or PER, is the ratio of a company's share price to the company's earnings per share.



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To present this volatility in annualized terms, we simply need to multiply our daily standard deviation by the square root of 252.

Sharpe ratio measures the performance of an investment compared to a risk-free asset, after adjusting for its risk.

The information ratio, also known as appraisal ratio, measures and compares the active return of an investment compared to a benchmark index relative to the volatility of the active return.

