

Recap

The market has rallied significantly in the past 3 months inviting many to question whether it is sustainable.

Review

Well, as we have said probably hundreds of times by now, nobody knows. So much chatter about the same old stuff - too far too fast, 50% in 3 months is not sustainable, blah, blah, blah. Doesn't matter and here is why.

What To Do

The overall market is not predictable. But, even if it were and you were investing with a long term value investment philosophy (which we do at Clark Bros.), then the performance of the Dow or Nasdaq or S&P 500 doesn't have that much to do with the overall performance of your portfolio. These are just barometers of the overall market. This is precisely why we use individual stocks and ETF's to supplement our core holdings mostly composed of mutual funds. For example, in each respective sector we began buying Bank of America (Financial), Dell (Tech), and Ford (Industrial). These stocks have done well with BAC up 588%, Dell up 82%, and Ford up 786%. Note, you will most likely never see gains like these again in your lifetime. However, more normal incremental investment gains still look good for these companies. Also note that at Clark Bros. we are totally independent from Wall Street and Wall Street firms. This allows us to always act in the best interest of our clients. Lastly, note that in Barron's most recent 2009 scorecard rating the best performing stocks in the first half of 2009 against their respective benchmarks Bank of America came in #1, Ford #2, and yes, the trifecta, Dell #3. Frustrated, worried, mad, lost hope, confused, stressed, financially baffled...we are here to help. Give us a call today. You can bet the people who bought BAC, Dell, and Ford are sure glad they did!

Quote of the Week

"If you are in business to make money and as a by-product you do architecture, it shows."
Cesar Pelli

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