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RESURGENT FAANG STOCKS

EARNINGS ARE BETTER THAN EXPECTED

15.40 15.80 15.80 16.00 18.20 18.40 18.60 16.80 17.00 17.20 17.40 17.60 15.50 15.50 15.70 15.90 16.10 16.30 16.50 16.70 16.90 17.10 17.30 17.50

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FAANG STOCKS START A RESURGENCE AS EARNINGS IMPROVE

- ✓ Covid-19 Cases in the USA are starting to fall President Biden signed 10 Executive Orders as part of a "Wartime" Covid-19 Plan by the US Government.
- World Growth Forecast has been revised up but the Recovery will be slower than expected. \$1.9 trillion stimulus package will have a positive effect on the Economy.
- ✓ FAANG Stocks are back in focus based on Earnings Results.
- ✓ JP Morgan: "US equities have one of the best backdrops for sustained gains for years." Forecast 12% by early 2021.
 Goldman Sachs says S&P 500 will rise by 14% in 2021.
- Significant inflows continue into Equity ETFs in 2021. Remember that allocations into equities increase post an election year. This will be more pronounced in 2021 as the COVID-19 vaccine starts to work, the economy continues to improve and earnings for technology stocks show overall relative strength due to demand.

BIDEN SIGNED 10 EXECUTIVE ORDERS AS PART OF "WARTIME" COVID PLAN NEW CASES ARE FALLING IN THE USA

Covid-19 Cases Falling

Coronavirus in the U.S.: Latest Map and Case Count



 Although the handling of the Pandemic was particularly poor in the United States, cases are dropping, giving hope that the worst might finally be over.

THE ECONOMY WILL RECOVER SLOWLY JOBLESS CLAIMS TOTALLED 900,000 FOR THE WEEK ENDING JAN 16, 2021

Unemployment Figures Unchanged

Initial claims for unemployment insurance

Weekly since the start of 2020, seasonally adjusted



SOURCE: Dept. of Labor. Data is seasonally adjusted and through Jan. 16, 2021. The DOL began using a new seasonal adjustment methodology the week of August 29.

- Unemployment figures have stagnated due to lockdowns increasing over the winter period.
- ✓ The figure is still a vast improvement on lows in April and should improve further as the vaccination rollout continues.

RESURGENT FAANG STOCKS EARNING EARNING EARNING EXPECTATIONS

Resurgent FAANG Stocks Surge Upwards

Are the FAANGs back? A resurgence in these tech giants might be just what the market needs 30.00% - FB - AAPL - AMZN - NFLX - GOOG - SPX 20.00 10.00 0.00 -10.00 -20.00 Nov 2 Nov 16 Nov 30 Dec 14 Dec 28 Jan 18 Source: Dow Jones Market Data Group

- ✓ FAANG Stocks have performed well over the Christmas period.
- Earnings are expected to be strong when they are reported, which will boost prices further.

NETFLIX SURPASSED 200M PAID SUBSCRIBERS IN Q4, 2020 (100M IN 2017)

Netflix Passes 200M Subscribers

Netflix subscriber growth

Quarterly paid subscribers added, both US and international



- ✓ Netflix has over 200M subscribers for the first time, giving them major financial power in their sector, which is only increasing as the Pandemic continues.
- Content will improve as more money is spent on 'blockbusters at home', meaning more people subscribing to their service.

STRONG DEMAND FOR ETFS CONTINUED AS INVESTORS **ADDED \$18.3BN** DURING THE WEEK TO JANUARY 21, 2021 (YTD \$55.3B VS \$42.7BN)

Inflows Into Equities Start Strong in 2021

Asset Classes (Year-to-Date)

| | Net Flows (\$, mm) | AUM (\$, mm) | % of AUM |
|----------------------------|--------------------|--------------|----------|
| U.S. Equity | 12,626.07 | 3,231,794.18 | 0.39% |
| International Equity | 27,058.82 | 1,140,675.82 | 2.37% |
| U.S. Fixed Income | 10,757.45 | 977,579.09 | 1.10% |
| International Fixed Income | 2,751.66 | 125,967.34 | 2.18% |
| Commodities | 1,069.11 | 143,429.20 | 0.75% |
| Currency | 77.54 | 2,000.86 | 3.88% |
| Leveraged | -965.08 | 43,751.42 | -2.21% |
| Inverse | 1,275.43 | 15,329.94 | 8.32% |
| Asset Allocation | 140.56 | 13,662.71 | 1.03% |
| Alternatives | 529.50 | 5,844.37 | 9.06% |
| Total: | 55,321.06 | 5,700,034.92 | 0.97% |

✓ The increase in inflows into equities will drive up market prices as the demand continues to rise.

✓ This is a real indicator that confidence has returned to the markets after a tumultuous 2020.

200 YEARS OF INTEREST RATE HISTORY THERE ARE NO VIABLE INVESTMENTS THAT WILL GIVE A POSITIVE REAL RETURN

Interest Rates at Their Lowest in 200 Years

200 YEARS OF INTEREST RATES IN THE U.S.



✓ Interest rates have never been lower. Holding cash will give no returns, equities remain the only option.

AVERAGE NET FUND FLOWS 1992-2019 INVESTORS RE-ENTER EQUITY MARKETS IN THE FOLLOWING YEAR

As Volatility Decreases People Move Back To Equity Funds



- This inflow into equities will only push prices higher. Investing now will be more beneficial.
- ✓ With effective Covid-19 vaccines now in circulation, confidence will quickly return to the economy and consequently, the markets.

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