



DELTA VARIANT WILL DELAY THE RETURN TO NORMAL

WHICH MEANS THE ECONOMY WILL RECOVER MORE SLOWLY BUT FOR LONGER. ECONOMIC GROWTH = STRONGER EQUITY MARKET (THERE IS NO ALTERNATIVE)

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18.55 5.80 18.00 19.20 19.40 19.60 19.60 18.50 0 18.40 19.10 19.30 19.50 19.76 19 INVESTORS WILL **BUY EQUITIES** BECAUSE ALL OTHER INVESTMENT **OPPORTUNITIES** ARE WORSE

- ✓ Share Buy Backs: Providing investors with an expected shareholder yield of 3.9%. There is significant cross-asset valuation support for equities at a time when 10yr US bonds are yielding 1.31%.
- ✓ Job recovery is taking longer than expected. This means that it the economy will recovery for longer at a slower pace without leading the US economy to overheat. Equities can continue to rise over 2021 and 2022.
- ✓ Covid vaccinations obviously work. This confirms that the world's economies can return to normal over time.
- ✓ Spending on search engine ads and as well as digital ads will grow by 50% over the next 4 years confirming that technology has become embedded in our lives.

JOBS RECOVERY IN GENERAL IS TAKING LONGER THAN MANY PEOPLE HAD ORIGINALLY HOPED

Employment Is Rising, But Slowly.

The State of the Jobs Recovery

Cumulative change in total nonfarm employment in the United States since February 2020 (seasonally adjusted)*



* excludes proprietors, private household employees, unpaid volunteers, farm employees, and the unincorporated self-employed Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics



LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY SECTORS HAVE SEEN REVENUE NEARLY DOUBLE SINCE JUNE 2020 BUT THEY STILL HAVE A WAY TO GO

Recovery Continues Slowly.

Leisure and Hospitality Trails in Service Sector Recovery

Change in revenue in selected service providing industries in the U.S. between Q2 2019 and Q2 2021*





MILLIONS TO LOSE BENEFITS AS PANDEMIC JOBLESS AID **EXPIRES**

Jobless Aid Expires.

Millions to Lose Benefits As Pandemic Jobless Aid Expires

Number of persons claiming unemployment benefits in the U.S. in the week ended Jul. 31, 2021, by program



- ✓ Unemployment benefits are starting to run out or expire.
- Consumers will be forced to slow their spending or return to the work force.

COVID VACCINES OBVIOUSLY WORK WHICH MEANS THE WORLD WILL SLOWLY RETURN TO NORMAL

Vaccinations Are Working.

How COVID Affects Vaccinated and Unvaccinated People

COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations and deaths among fully vaccinated/not fully vaccinated people in Wisconsin^{*}



✓ The effectiveness of the vaccination will increase the confidence of the public. This will in turn help the world return to normal.

PERCENTAGE OF PEOPLE THAT ARE FULLY VACCINATED

Vaccinations % Continue To Rise.

The Race Towards Full Vaccination

Share of the population fully vaccinated against COVID-19 as of Aug 18, 2021 (selected countries)*



* or latest available

Fully vaccinated = all doses prescribed by the vaccination protocol. Source: Our World in Data



SPENDING ON SEARCH ENGINE ADS AS WELL AS DIGITAL VIDEO ADS IS PROJECTED TO GROW BY MORE THAN 50% OVER THE NEXT FOUR YEARS

Technology Continues To Stay In Our Lives

Search Engines and Digital Video Bolster Online Ad Spend

Estimated and projected spend on different types of advertising in the U.S. (in billion U.S. dollars)



✓ As the use of technology is hear to stay, so is the increased spending related to the industry.

APP STORE REVENUE AMOUNTED TO MORE THAN \$40 **BILLION IN THE** FIRST HALF OF 2021

Technology Continues Hit New Highs

Global App Spending Set For Another Record Year

Estimated global consumer spending on Apple's App Store and Google Play^{*}



* incl. spending on in-app purchases, subscriptions, premium apps and games Source: SensorTower



MOBILE GAMES HAVE GROWN INTO A GIANT BUSINESS

Mobile Gaming Revenue Tops \$35 Billion in First Half of 2020

Estimated worldwide mobile game revenue on Apple's App Store and Google Play



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