

# MARKET INSIGHT...

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\*Provided by Strategas Research Partners LLC

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# **Investment Management PERFORMANCE:** as of 6-28-2011

	Sector	Week	l Mo	YTD		
	S&P 500	-0.2%	-2.4%	4.0%		
N	Russell 2000 (small/mid Cap)	0.3%	-2.1%	4.9%		
A	MSCI EAFE (Eurp. Asia, Far East)	1.1%	-3.2%	I.4%		
I M	MSCI Emerging Mkt	-2.2%	-2.3%	-2.6%		
	US Agg. Bonds (Barclay's)	0.3%	0.0%	2.9%		
	High Yield Bonds (US)	-0.2%	-1.6%	4.3%		
	GLD (Net asset value)	-3.0%	2.3%	6.0%		
	Real Estate	-0.4%	-3.1%	9.1%		
	Energy	-1.0%	-3.3%	9.5%		
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Last year, a slowdown to 2% real GDP corresponded with a pause in the market. It's actually not uncommon for real GDP to slow to 2% during a period of overall economic growth. Odds of a recession in 2012 at 20%, since neither fiscal or monetary policy will likely move aggressively to tighten in an election year. However, 2013 odds of recession are probably closer to 50-50. Policy options to "kick the can down the road" diminish as the time horizon lengthens. This is true for the key U.S. issues (eg, fiscal austerity) as well as abroad (Greece restructuring).

	2010			2011			2012					
Real GDP Q/Q % AR	1Q	2Q 1.7%	3Q 2.6%	4Q	1Q 1.8%	2QF 2.0%	3QF	4QF	1QF	2QF	3QF 1.0%	4QF
Core CPI Q/Q % AR	3.7% 0.0%	0.8%	1.1%	3.1% 0.6%	1.7%		3.7% 1.2%	4.0% 1.5%	2.3% 2.0%		2.5%	1.0% 2.7%
Fed Funds EOP	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%		0.1%	0.1%			1.5%
Mortgage Rate EOP	5.0%	4.6%	4.3%	4.8%	4.9%	4.6%	5.0%	5.1%	5.3%	5.3%	5.3%	5.3%
F = Forecast; EOP = End of Period, a = actual												

#### STRATEGAS ECONOMIC FORECASTS



## Market's Future Largely Dependent upon Policy

**Strategas:** "Frankly, we can't remember a period in which an effective market forecast was ultimately so dependent upon effective political forecasts both domestically and abroad. Even though the size of the U.S. economy is larger today than it was at its prior peak, 7 million fewer Americans are employed today, despite record profitability."

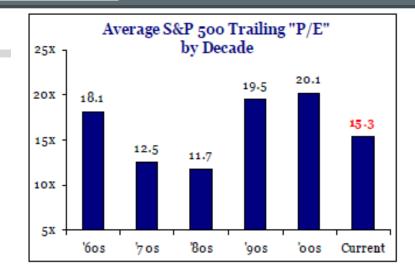
A few sources of hope for dejected bulls:

•Conditions that led to first half economic sluggishness (supply chain disruptions, unusual seasonals, and the weather) are <u>likely to pave the way for better-than-</u><u>expected economic growth in the second half of the year</u>.

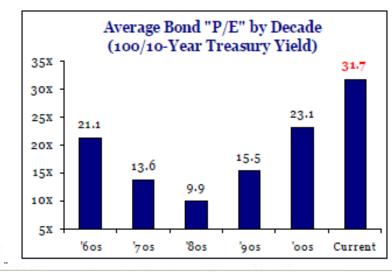
•The <u>Administration is mulling policies designed to bolster business confidence</u> with the hope of a concomitant improvement in employment. (ie. payroll tax cut for employers and/or a repatriation tax holiday).

•<u>Market is relatively cheap: at 12.7x 2011 earnings</u>, the risk-reward ratio for equities may be more positive than it is for virtually all other asset classes

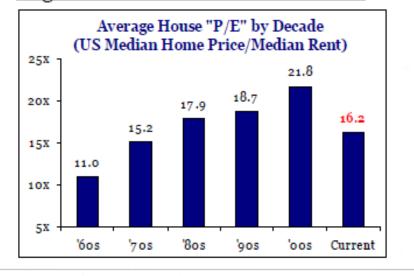
### VALUATION: Stocks look cheap compared to Bonds



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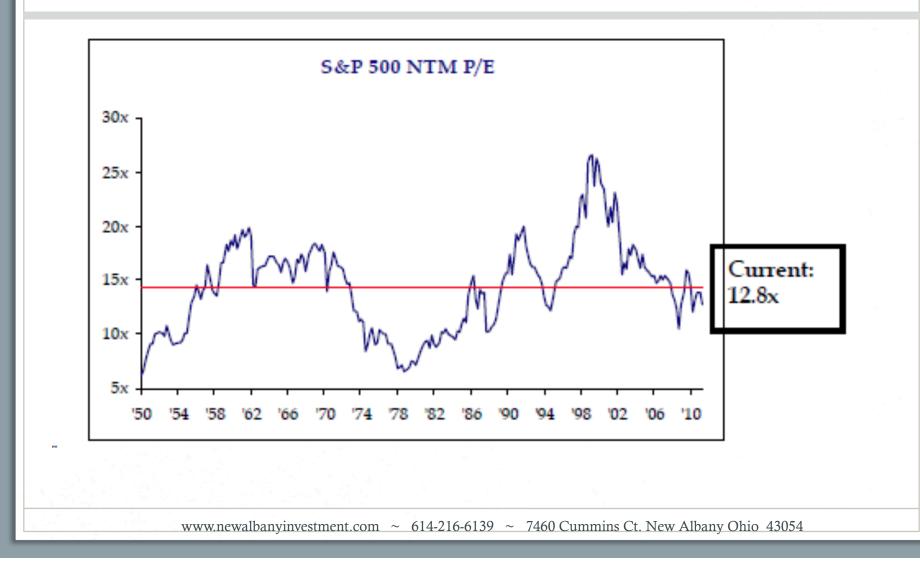


Professor Shiller's measure of market P/E is still a cause of some anxiety for many investors. We believe it's important for investors to keep two things in mind: (1) the current level of the Shiller P/E is equal to that exhibited in 1995, and (2) bonds are more expensive than stocks in Shiller's construction now more than at nearly any time prior to the financial crisis. For those that need to be fully invested, equities may remain the best house in a bad neighborhood of asset allocation choices.



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# VALUATION: Historically Stocks look relatively cheap at 12.8x price-to-earnings ratio





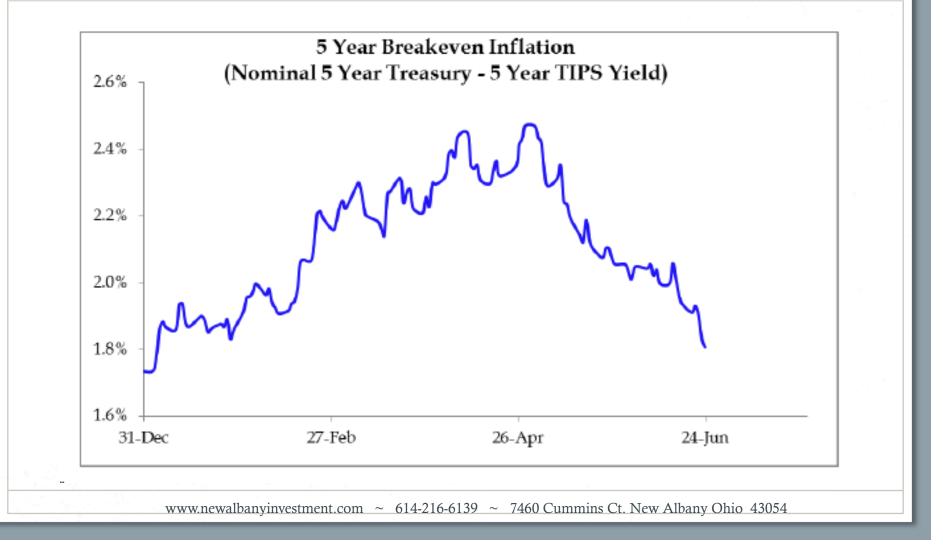
# VALUATION: Dividends have contributed 50% of total return of stocks.

Companies that pay dividends have had higher growth rates than companies that don't throughout time.

<b>Dividend Contribution to Total Return</b>							
	Price Pct. Change	Dividend Contribution	Total Return	Dividends Pct of TR	Avg. Payout Ratio		
1930s	-41.9%	56.0%	14.1%	NA	90.1%		
1940s	34.8%	100.3%	135.0%	74.3%	59.4%		
1950s	256.7%	180.0%	436.7%	41.2%	54.6%		
1960s	53.7%	54.2%	107.9%	50.2%	56.0%		
1970S	17.2%	59.1%	76.4%	77.4%	45.5%		
1980s	227.4%	143.1%	370.5%	38.6%	48.6%		
1990s	315.7%	117.1%	432.8%	27.0%	47.6%		
2000S	-24.1%	15.0%	-9.1%	NA	35.3%		
Avg.	104.9%	90.6%	195.6%	51.5%	54.6%		



# VALUATION: Treasury Inflation Protection Securities (TIPS) forecasting low inflation, slow growth



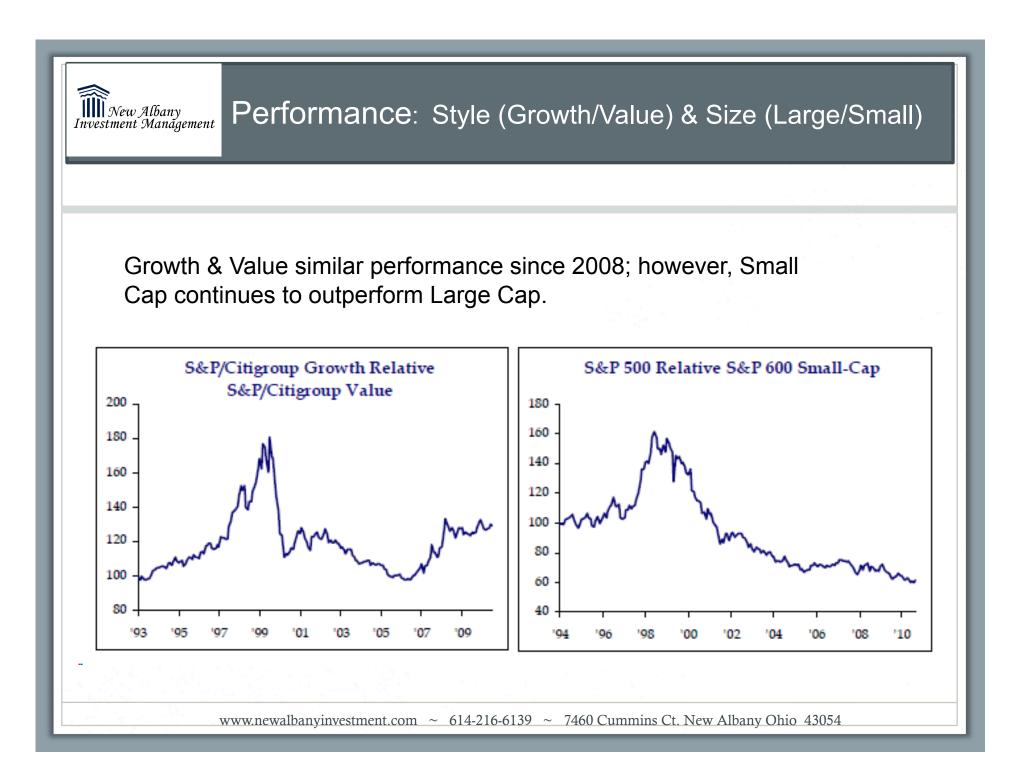


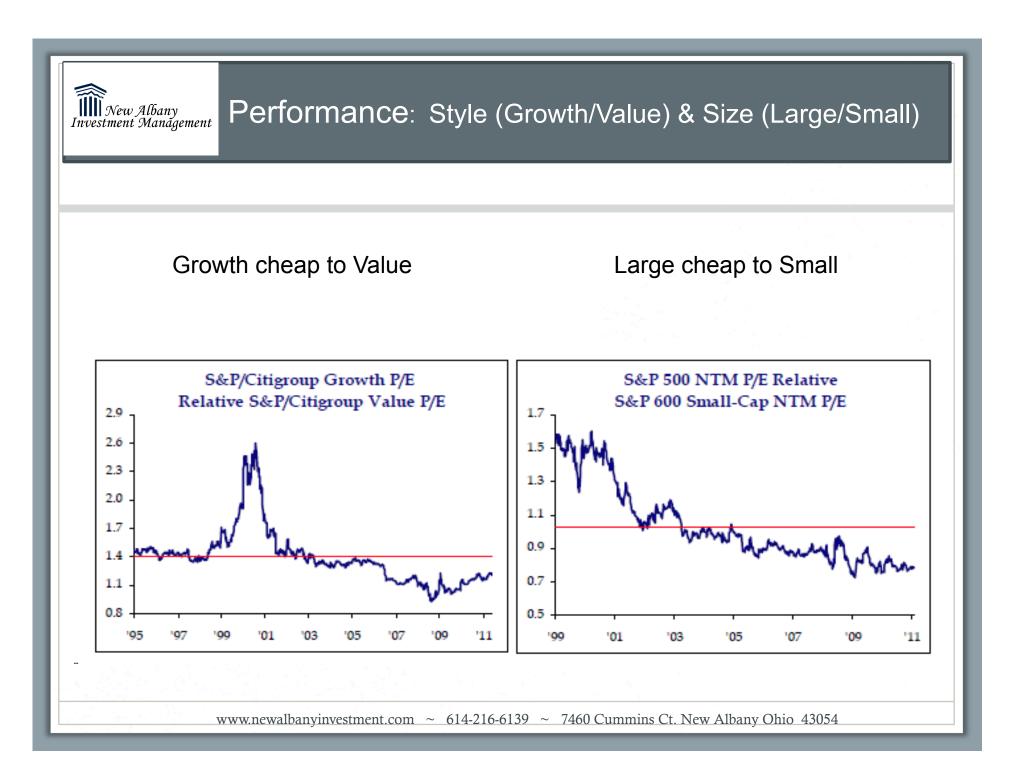
### VALUATION:

Stocks have room to run, S&P currently at 1270 level

### 2011 S&P 500 Expected Value Table

Odds	Outlook	Economy	S&P Earnings	Expected Multiple	Implied S&P 500
5%	Policy Error	Recession	\$84.00	11X	9 <b>2</b> 4
25%	Stimulus Driven	Macro Uncertainty	\$94.25	13X	1,225
60%	Recovery	Base Case	\$94.25	16x	1,508
10%	Upside Surprise	Too Hot	\$98.00	14X	1,372
				Expected Value	1,394





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### MARKET PERFORMANCE: July maybe better

#### SELL IN MAY... COME BACK FOR JULY? EQUITY MARKET SEASONALS ACTUALLY IMPROVE IN JULY

