
More Portfolio Managers Say the Market Has Bottomed

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Nearly 40% of 127 institutional investors who were surveyed by TheMarkets.com believe the stock market has already rebounded, bottoming earlier this year. In March only 17% of respondents to a similar poll said they expected the bottom to occur before July 1.

Of the less optimistic respondents who think the market has not reached bottom yet, 91% expect it to do so within the next twelve months. The survey reached investors in 24 countries. TheMarkets.com provides research, estimates and workflow solutions to institutional investors worldwide.

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“Portfolio managers continue to be more optimistic than analysts, with fully 50% of portfolio managers positing that we’ve already hit the bottom, versus 30% of analysts,” said David Eisner, CEO and president of TheMarkets.com. “We also continue to see a slightly more optimistic outlook outside the U.S., although we’re seeing less of a disparity there than we did in March.”

Surveyed investors expect that key sectors of focus over the next 12 months will be energy, financials, health care and basic materials.

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