# MARKET SIGHT LINES



**An Overview of Our Insights**By Michael O'Keeffe, *Chief Investment Officer* 



I am traveling this week, and I thought it might be helpful to take the opportunity to provide an overview of the Stifel CIO Office insights we produce for our financial advisors and clients. So, in this week's Sight|Lines, we explain how we organize this work and provide live links so you can review these insights.

### **Annual Outlook**

Each January, our *Annual Outlook* sets the stage for the coming year. This year's report, <u>Outlook 2022: Balancing Acts</u>, includes a review of 2021, an outlook for 2022, and a series of topical articles. We also offer an associated <u>video</u> and <u>client webinar</u> each year.

#### **Market Performance**

The *Market Perspectives* series provides a recap of recent market results. Our <u>weekly</u> and <u>monthly</u> series offer a quick summary, while the <u>quarterly</u> editions go more in depth.

Market Pulse is available just after the close on any day the S&P 500 Index moves up or down 2% or more.

## **Weekly Content**

Market Sight/Lines is a weekly note, video, and podcast offering a key insight amid the roar of market noise.

The <u>CIO Weekly</u> provides a summary and live links to our most important work from the last week.

<u>Stifel Bits</u> is a weekly e-mail that takes a breezy, lighthearted approach to our insights.

### **Monthly Content**

The *Investment Strategy Brief* video, deck, and podcast share our thinking on the current economic and market environment.

Favorite 15 is a <u>slide deck</u> containing our 15 favorite slides from our work over the last month.

### **Quarterly Content**

As mentioned above, our *Quarterly Market Perspectives* provides an in-depth recap of market results over the last quarter.

Allocation Insights explains our dynamic asset allocation leanings given the current environment.



## **Evergreen Content**

Stifel's <u>Approach to Asset Allocation</u> summarizes our asset allocation approach and provides a catalog of various recommended asset mix models.

Our *Financial ID* <u>video</u> series provides an overview of our work in behavioral finance and the related Stifel Financial ID model.

#### **Podcasts**

The weekly *Sight|Lines Podcast* offers a quick 5-to-10-minute summary of our weekly Sight|Lines note to clients. Subscribe: Apple, Google, Spotify.

The monthly *Investment Strategy Brief Podcast* provides a 20-minute overview of our thinking on the current economic and market environment. Subscribe: <u>Apple</u>, <u>Google</u>, <u>Spotify</u>.

The *Conversations Podcast* features leaders from Stifel and the finance industry more broadly, offering thought-provoking conversations about the current environment and investing. Subscribe: <u>Apple</u>, <u>Google</u>, <u>Spotify</u>.

## **Summary**

Sometimes people ask: What is the most convenient way to view your most important work? You can speak with your financial advisor about subscribing to *CIO Weekly*, a <u>weekly e-mail</u> summarizing our most recent work and providing links to go deeper.

The Stifel CIO Office offers insights for our financial advisors and clients. We hope you find this overview helpful.

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