

CAPITAL ADVISORS



YTD as of 2/29/2020

Alpha

Portfolio -10.21%

MARKETS

BOND YIELDS

10 YR TREAS 1.92% YTD CHANGE 7.7% 2.39% YTD CHANGE 6.3%

SINCE INCEPTION THROUGH DEC 31, 2019

BROXTON 460.73% S&P 500 240.02% DOW JONES 274.63%

BROXTON PERFORMANCE





In March indexes fell for the month with small cap value leading the way by falling 40% from high to low. The Alpha portfolio fell around 8% for the month. The Covid 19 crisis was to blame but another crisis appeared in early March when the Russian government failed to help out on a Saudi Arabian request to slow oil production amid a rising oil glut also caused by Covid 19. This caused a 36% drop in the S&P Oil and Gas ETF (XOP) on Monday March 9 and major drops in oil and all of the oil indexes. The main problem for many of the U.S. companies is that the cost of fracking a barrel of oil now exceeds the market price. Concern spread also to the banks which hold portfolios of oil loans.

Meanwhile steady coverage of the crisis included news on the closure of many restaurants, sports arenas and other venues including Sea World and Disneyland. We looked at one restaurant (Cheesecake Factory) to examine the effect on its employees and vendors:

- \$ 2.5 billion in revenue annually
- \$ 900 million paid to employees
- \$ 630 million paid to landlords and utilities
- \$ 560 million in food costs
- After other costs and reinvestments keeps around \$125 million
- Most locations currently shuttered or operating at a reduced level
- Restart costs estimated at \$150-450 million
- Restart time frame until cash flow break even 6-18 months



We estimate that the Cheesecake Factory could receive \$100-300 million in government assistance.

So pretty large numbers but a good demonstration of the effect of one restaurant chain on the

economy. Currently it is expected that the recovery from the current stoppage of the economy could take until the third quarter of 2020. Although this may be optimistic due to the hit that the U.S. consumer is taking which usually leads to a drop in consumer confidence. When consumer confidence is low consumer habits tend towards spending less which slows the recovery. So, at this point we will have a better information source when we begin to get the earnings from the 1st quarter 2020.

Above: Orcas await the return of visitors to SeaWorld.



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