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**NASDAQ 100**

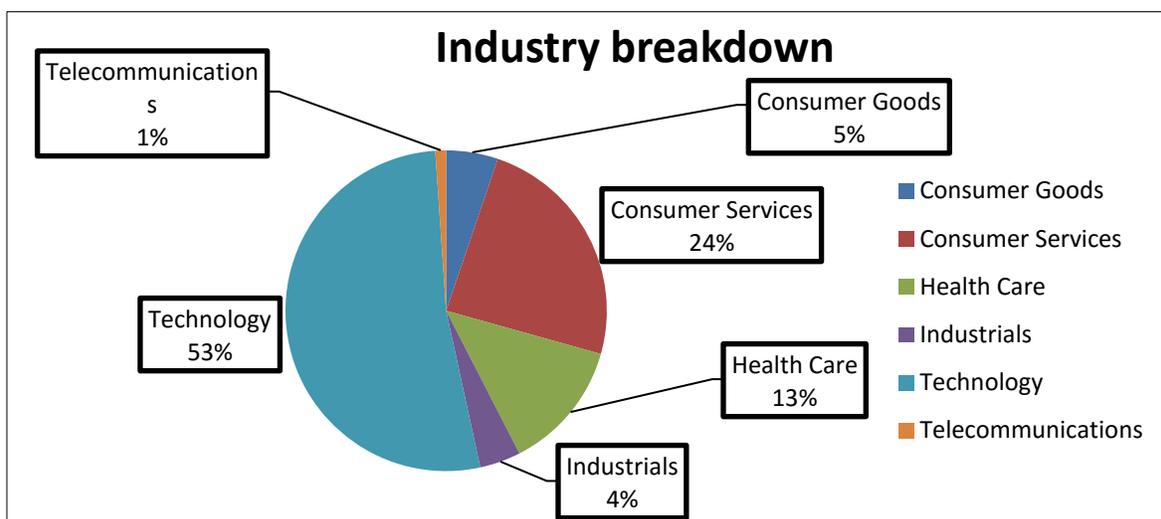
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The NASDAQ-100 (^NDX) launched in January, 1985 by NASDAQ, is a modified capitalization-weighted index that consist of 100 of the largest most actively traded domestic and international non-financial companies listed on the NASDAQ stock market. The modified capitalization weighted methodology is constructed to provide the features of traditional capitalization weighting while providing additional diversification. Therefore the stocks' weights in the index are based on their market capitalizations, with certain rules capping the impact of the largest components to provide the additional diversification. To achieve this, the Nasdaq stock market audit the composition of the index on a quarterly basis and alters the weightings of the components using an algorithm when one company is worth more than 25% of the index and when companies with a weighting of at least 4.5% constitute 48% of the index. A major rebalancing of the Nasdaq 100 took place in May 2011 to bring it closer to market cap weighting.

NASDAQ-100 exclusion of financial companies differentiate it from S&P 500, also being based on an exchange and not an index of domestic US companies distinguish it from Dow Jones Industrial Average. The Index reflects companies across major industry groups including consumer goods, consumer services, health Care, industrials, technology and telecommunications. From the launch of the Index on January 31, 1985, to the end of 2014, a total of 448 stocks have been members of the Nasdaq-100 at one time or another. Of the original members at launch, seven are still in the current index: Apple, Costco, Intel, KLA-Tencor, Micron Technology, PACCAR and Seagate Technology. In recent years, on average, between seven and 15 stocks are added or removed from the index each year, most of which occur at the annual rebalance date.

The current index composition is solidly Technology weighted, led by issuers such as Apple, Microsoft, Google, Intel and Facebook who represent true innovators of modern economy.



The large weightage of technology sector is in part due to Technology sector growing faster than ever with cognitive and cloud computing, big data analytics and the rapid growth in Internet businesses around the globe. However technology is constantly evolving and improving and what is hot today will almost certainly be obsolete in the future.

**Other non-technological stocks have been major contributors to Nasdaq-100. Some of those top non-technology components include:**

**Biotech:** Gilead Sciences, Amgen.

**Retail:** Amazon, Starbucks.

**Media:** Comcast, Twenty-First Century Fox.

**Industrials:** Tesla, ADP.

An investment in NASDAQ-100 Index Tracking Stock should be made with an understanding that the NASDAQ-100 Trust will not be able to replicate exactly the performance of the Index because the total return generated by the securities held in the Trust will be reduced by transaction costs incurred in adjusting the actual balance of the securities and other Trust expenses, whereas such transaction costs and expenses are not included in the calculation of the Index. It is also possible that for short periods of time, the Trust may not fully replicate the performance of the Index due to the temporary unavailability of certain Index securities in the secondary market or due to other extraordinary circumstances. As a result, while the investment objective of the Trust is to provide investment results that generally correspond to the price and yield performance of the Index, there is no assurance that this investment objective can be fully achieved.<sup>1</sup>

To grasp a proper understanding of current performance of the index and possible investing strategies, key historical and technical data are presented below.<sup>2</sup>

Historical Highs and Lows			
-- Period --	-- High --	-- Low --	-- Percent Change --
6-Week	4,301.63 on 02/01/16	3,888.78 on 02/08/16	+2.18% since 01/11/16
6-Month	4,739.75 on 11/30/15	3,888.78 on 02/08/16	-2.26% since 08/24/15
1-Year	4,739.75 on 11/30/15	3,787.23 on 08/24/15	-4.72% since 02/23/15
3-Year	4,739.75 on 11/30/15	2,730.97 on 04/15/13	+53.99% since 02/25/13
5-Year	4,739.75 on 11/30/15	2,034.92 on 08/08/11	+79.29% since 02/28/11

<sup>1</sup> [www.nasdaq.com](http://www.nasdaq.com)

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.barchart.com>

**Detailed Quote - Past 5 Months**

Date	Open	High	Low	Last	Change	% Change
02/01/16	4,254.41	4,301.63	3,888.78	4,231.27	-47.90	-1.12%
01/01/16	4,485.06	4,522.12	3,992.91	4,279.17	-314.10	-6.84%
12/01/15	4,685.74	4,739.75	4,478.25	4,593.27	-71.24	-1.53%
11/01/15	4,658.79	4,737.11	4,486.09	4,664.51	+15.68	+0.34%
10/01/15	4,185.28	4,681.23	4,124.55	4,648.83	+467.77	+11.19%

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