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## **Investments - Flash**

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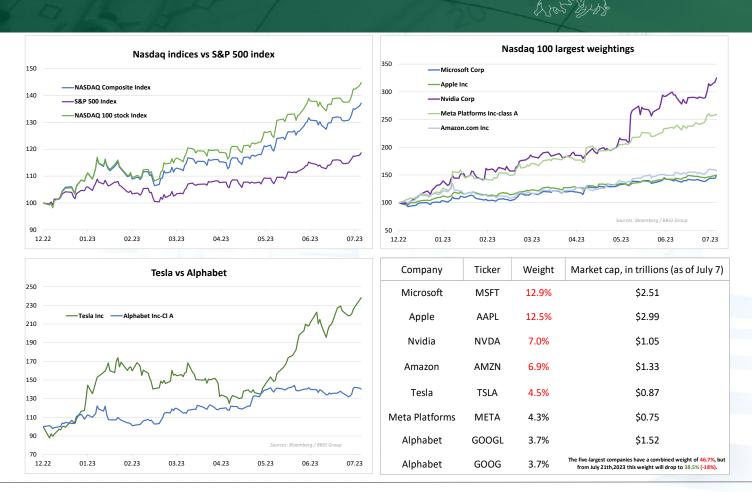
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## MAJOR OVERHAUL OF NASDAQ WEIGHTINGS

Overweight securities other than FANG+.

U.S. equities benefited above all from the renewed interest in the Nasdaq's blue-chip stocks, and the recent enthusiasm for Artificial Intelligence. While the FANG+ index jumped by +81%, the S&P500 recorded a much lower rise of +18.5%. The Nasdaq Equal Weights index did barely better, posting an overall gain of +25.4%, underlining the 55% performance gap with the main index, the impact of the 6 main stocks. The rise has been so massive that the Nasdaq 100 index is now extremely concentrated on a few stocks, which is a potential problem for the diversification principles of index-based funds. The overall weighting of the 6 leading stocks in the index, namely Microsoft, Apple, Alphabet, Nvidia, Amazon and Tesla is now over 50% of the overall index. Morningstar estimates that \$280 billion worth of index funds will have to adjust their weightings to the new index data at the close on July 24. Early indications suggest that close to \$100 billion will flow out of these 6 stocks and be reinvested in the 94 other stocks in the index. The weighting of these stocks in the S&P500 index is not in question at present, and they still represent around 25% of the index. That said, this consideration of risk structuring within supposedly diversified portfolios should, in our view, broaden and spread, leading to a new trend towards of rediscovering the potential merits of other companies with equally seductive prospects and attractive valuations. Overweight therefore U.S. securities other than FANG +!



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