

2 for 1 Index[®]

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It's not necessary or healthy for the average investor to pay close attention to the daily ups and downs of the stock market. However, the value of the 2 for 1 Index is calculated every business day at the market's closing prices and, to accomplish this, I have to be in touch with the daily numbers. Consequently, I find myself being very tuned into the short-term fluctuations of the Index and, unfortunately, often letting the big picture fade into the background. Lately, I've been discouraged by the fact that the trailing twelve month (TTM) returns for the 2 for 1 Index have fallen well behind the numbers for the major Indexes such as the Wilshire 5000 and the S&P 500. Since the end of February this year, the daily TTM return for 2 for 1 has been in the single digits and sometimes negative. Therein lies the source of some anxiety.

To help me get a grip on this development, I went to the Index history and calculated the TTM return for the Index on a daily basis since inception. That's 7022 calculations, as of earlier this month. The low numbers for the last few months are clear. However, what also jumped off the page were the numbers from late in 2008 through early 2009 and also those from mid to late 2021. I found eye-popping (some over -50%) negative TTM returns after the 2008 financial crisis and many days of +40% to +70% TTM returns in 2021. The average of all 7022 calculations is 13.4%, so we're definitely behind right now, but these extreme deviations do help put the recent slump in perspective. I must remind myself the Index has survived other slumps. The 2 for 1 Index is still giving us a 11.8% annualized overall return over almost 30 years, so I'm going to try to not get too obsessed with the short(er)-term ups and downs.

With no qualifying split announcements to work with this month, and with the Index already down to 27 positions, I'm between a rock and a hard place. As I've done a few times in the past, I'm going to proceed with the regular deletion and add a company that meets most of my stock selection criteria with the exception that it has not announced a split. If I pick a good company, but one without the stock split advantage, I should expect no better or worse than market performance. For now, that will have to be good enough. I searched for companies using the same screens I use to evaluate split stocks when faced with a choice between several candidates. I'm going with Cal-Maine Foods, Inc. (CALM), a company in the egg business. CALM is profitable, has very low valuation numbers, has no debt, and is considered a defensive stock. It should be a good place holder and could be a winner. We'll see.

A-Mark Precious Metals will be deleted on Monday. AMRK has been a loser for the Index and that's hard to explain. Gold is near an all-time high and our gold mining stock, SSRM, is doing quite well, but AMRK's stock price has dropped 26% since it was added to the Index three years ago. Bad management maybe? Hard to say.

In summary, for July, **CALM will be added to the Index and AMRK will be deleted.** The 27 stocks in the Index will be rebalanced to equally weighted positions at market close on Monday 7/21/25.

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AMRK	A-MARK PRECIOUS METALS	JUN-22	COO	COOPER INC.	MAR-24	2 for 1 Index inception 7/31/1996
REX	REX AMERICAN RESOURCES	JUL-22	USLM	US LIME AND MINERALS	MAY-24	
TECH	BIO-TECHNE CORP.	SEP-22	APH	AMPHENOL	JUN-24	Value at inception = 100
UHAL	U-HAUL HOLDING CO.	NOV-22	NVDA	NVIDIA	JUN-24	
PCAR	PACCAR, INC.	DEC-22	WRB	W.R. BERKLEY	JUL-24	Value as of 7/17/25 = 2535.93
SSRM	SSR MINING INC.	FEB-23	RYAAY	RYANAIR HOLDINGS	SEP-24	
GCBC	GREENE COUNTY BANCORP	MAR-23	ODC	OIL DRI CORP	OCT-24	All time high - 11/11/24 = 2685.98
AAON	AAON INC.	JUL-23	RLI	RLI CORP.	NOV-24	
CPRT	COPART, INC.	AUG-23	MTH	MERITAGE HOMES	DEC-24	52-week low - 4/8/25 = 2090.30
SRE	SEMPRA	AUG-23	SNEX	STONEX GROUP INC.	NOV-23	
NVO	NOVO NORDISK	SEP-23	IX	ORIX CORP	FEB-25	Overall annualized return = 11.811%
MLI	MUELLER INDUSTRIES	OCT-23	ORLY	O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE, INC.	APR-25	
HUBG	HUB GROUP, INC.	JAN-24	FAST	FASTENAL, INC.	MAY-25	Comparable S&P total return = 10.21%
ODFL	OLD DOMINION FREIGHT LN	MAR-24				