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Home sales data from the National Association of Realtors and the latest take on the economy from the Federal Reserve will drive trading today, along with another wave of corporate earnings reports.

CENTERPIECE

Active vs. passive fund management

With large-cap stocks now outperforming mid- and small-caps, some of the best performing mutual funds are those tied to the Standard & Poor's 500 large-cap index. And that's reignited the debate over whether index funds or actively managed funds are best.

INDUSTRY SPOTLIGHT

Selloff of drug store shares may be overdone

The nation's three major drug store chains had disappointing June same-store sales growth, and investors reacted accordingly. But for two of the three major chains, there are reasons to remain optimistic, analysts say.

STORY STOCKS

Today's stocks in the news are: Countrywide Financial Corp. (CFC), Pepsico Inc. (PEP), McDonald's Corp. (MCD), Ryerson Inc. (RYI), DuPont (DD), UAL Corp. (UAUA), Texas Instruments Inc. (TXN) and American Express Company (AXP).

FUND FOCUS

Allianz NFJ Large Cap Value A (PNBAX)

Run by NFJ Investment Group, a dividend-focused boutique, this fund owns mega-caps, which have long been out of favor. The value approach can lag in frothy markets but has paid off long-term.

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