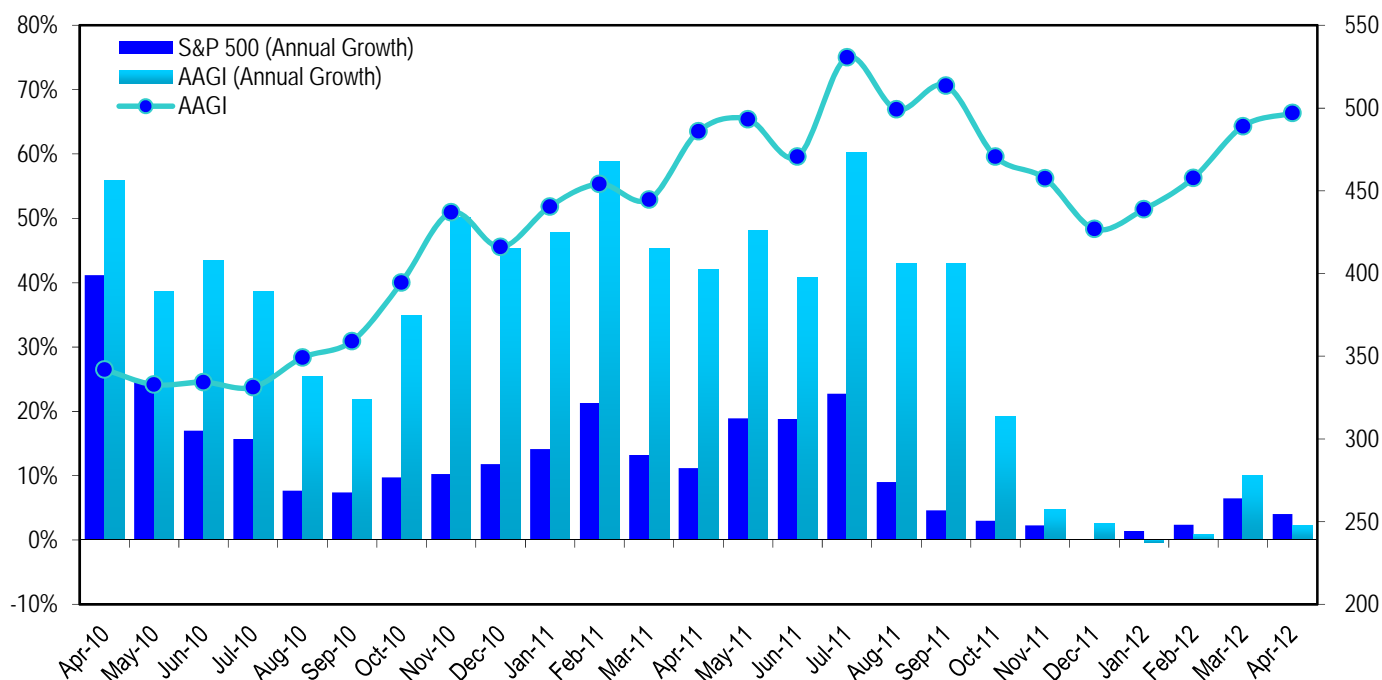


AAGI		Stock Price - Daily Average			Prior Period % Change	Prior Year % Change	Contribution to Index
		Apr-12	Mar-12	Apr-11			
Operators	Ameristar Casinos, Inc. (ASCA)	\$18.35	\$19.76	\$18.99	(7.13) ▼	(3.40) ▼	(0.15)
	Boyd Gaming (BYD)	\$7.91	\$8.00	\$9.10	(1.16) ▼	(13.11) ▼	(0.02)
	Caesars Entertainment (CZR)	\$14.17	\$12.29	N/A	15.28 ▲	N/A	0.44
	Las Vegas Sands (LVS)	\$58.41	\$56.60	\$45.11	3.20 ▲	29.47 ▲	7.65
	MGM Resorts International (MGM)	\$13.59	\$14.01	\$13.26	(2.97) ▼	2.52 ▲	(0.58)
	Penn National Gaming, Inc. (PENN)	\$43.45	\$43.50	\$38.33	(0.11) ▼	13.36 ▲	(0.27)
	Pinnacle Entertainment, Inc. (PNK)	\$11.27	\$10.94	\$13.56	3.02 ▲	(16.93) ▼	0.02
	Wynn Resorts, Ltd. (WYNN)	\$127.08	\$125.45	\$139.00	1.30 ▲	(8.58) ▼	0.68
Manufacturers	Bally Technologies, Inc. (BYI)	\$46.97	\$45.86	\$37.99	2.40 ▲	23.63 ▲	0.19
	International Game Technology (IGT)	\$16.33	\$16.15	\$16.47	1.07 ▲	(0.88) ▼	(0.00)
	Shuffle Master, Inc. (SHFL)	\$17.24	\$16.89	\$10.71	2.09 ▲	60.96 ▲	0.02
	WMS Industries (WMS)	\$23.94	\$22.43	\$33.41	6.71 ▲	(28.34) ▼	0.25
Composite	Increase (Decrease) to Index						8.24
	AAGI - March 2012						489.00
	AAGI - April 2012						497.24

Investor demand for gaming stocks continued to press forward during the month of April. The latest activity resulted in the fourth consecutive monthly increase in as many months during the current year. While gaming operators posted mixed results, the gaming equipment manufacturer component of the Applied Analysis Gaming Index (AAGI) witnessed increased stock prices for all contributors. The AAGI ended April 2012 at a composite score of 497.24, which represented an 8.24-point increase, or a gain of 1.7 percent month-to-month. The increase was primarily sourced to positive movements in the stock prices of Las Vegas Sands (LVS), Caesars Entertainment (CZR) and all reporting equipment makers. Positive first quarter earnings reports by several gaming companies suggest market fundamentals may be improving and investor expectations are running high. Strong growth in relatively new markets proved positive for the industry while demand for slot machines appears to be resuming.

The AAGI's increase of 1.7 percent during April bucked the trend reported in the broader equities markets as the S&P 500 posted a modest 0.2-percent decline in value. On a year-over-year basis, the gaming sector remains up 2.3 percent but lags gains in the market as a whole (the S&P 500 remains up 4.1 percent on an annual basis).



Selected quarterly earnings reports released during the month include the following:

- » **International Game Technology (IGT)** – International Game Technology (IGT) reported net revenues of \$541.2 million during the company's fiscal second quarter of 2012, up 13 percent over the prior year primarily due to increases in North American product sales and interactive businesses. Gaming operations revenue increased 11 percent to \$300.4 million, attributable to increases in the interactive businesses and installed base. In North America, the installed base increased 5.4 percent to 42,700; total international installations rose 11.7 percent. Product sales revenues increased 16.2 percent to \$240.8 million, attributable to increases in unit sales and average selling price. Units shipped in North America increased 26.4 percent to 6,700, with replacement shipments accounting for 74.6 percent of total deliveries. Meanwhile, units shipped internationally increased 5.6 percent to 3,800, with replacement shipments accounting for 47.4 percent of the total. Average selling price per unit increased 8.2 percent to \$15,800.
- » **Boyd Gaming (BYD)** – Boyd Gaming (BYD) reported net revenues of \$633.1 million for the first quarter of 2012, up 12.1 percent from the \$564.9 million reported during the same period last year. Adjusted EBITDA increased 19.7 percent to \$133.8 million. The relatively strong performance overall was primarily sourced to operations outside Nevada, particularly in the Midwest and South regions. In Las Vegas, the locals market reported net revenues of \$154.8 million during the first quarter, up slightly (+0.2 percent) from the year ago period. Adjusted EBITDA in the market declined 2.9 percent to \$38.5 million. The slight decline in EBITDA was attributable to increased promotional activity in the market, along with an increase in marketing expense. In addition, table game hold at The Orleans and the Gold Coast were off the prior year. Downtown, net revenues increased 2.4 percent to \$57.0 million, while adjusted EBITDA fell 6.4 percent to \$8.4 million. Boyd Gaming notes that the segment reported strong performance in non-gaming revenue, along with an increase in rated play. However, the company experienced an increase in jet fuel expense for its Hawaiian charter service, which negatively impacted EBITDA.
- » **Las Vegas Sands (LVS)** – Net revenues for Las Vegas Sands (LVS) increased to a record \$2.76 billion during the first quarter of 2012, up 30.8 percent over the year ago period. Adjusted EBITDA increased 43.0 percent to a record \$1.07 billion. In Las Vegas, the Venetian and the Palazzo reported net revenues of \$384.6 million, up 26.1 percent over the first quarter of 2011, attributable to a 91.0-percent increase in casino revenue to \$158.7 million and a 17.6-percent increase in convention, retail and other revenue to \$74.7 million. Adjusted EBITDA increased 77.6 percent to \$115.8 million, while adjusted EBITDA margin was up 8.7 percentage points to 30.1 percent. The occupancy rate at the company's Las Vegas properties declined a modest 0.5 percentage points to 83.4 percent, while average daily room rate (ADR) increased 0.9 percent to \$214. The company notes that cash ADR increased 4.9 percent during the quarter, due to strong group meeting and convention business. During the first quarter, Las Vegas Sands opened the first phase of Sands Cotai Central, located at the center of the Cotai Strip. At completion, the property will include 6,400 hotel rooms.

What is the AAGI?

The Applied Analysis team updates over 300 market variables and economic indicators on a monthly basis. One set of those indicators is the stock prices and market capitalization for publicly traded, gaming-related enterprises. To meet the needs of our clients and provide some insight into the gaming sector of our local economy, our team has developed the Applied Analysis Gaming Index (AAGI). The AAGI is a monthly gauge on equity valuations of ten major gaming related companies, comprised of eight operators and four manufacturers of machines and equipment.

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Our team has performed analyses in Nevada, California, Mississippi, Colorado and Illinois. We have serviced a broad spectrum of business clients, from gaming operators to healthcare providers. Our public sector practice has analyzed the fiscal and economic impact of developments from five to 23,000 acres, and handled policy issues spanning business tax initiatives to the cost of air quality programs.

Our vision and goals have been the same since our inception. We strive to provide superior advisory services through a better understanding of our clients and their issues. We obtain this superior understanding through listening closely to our clients' needs and designing solutions that take into account their unique nature, circumstances and requirements.

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