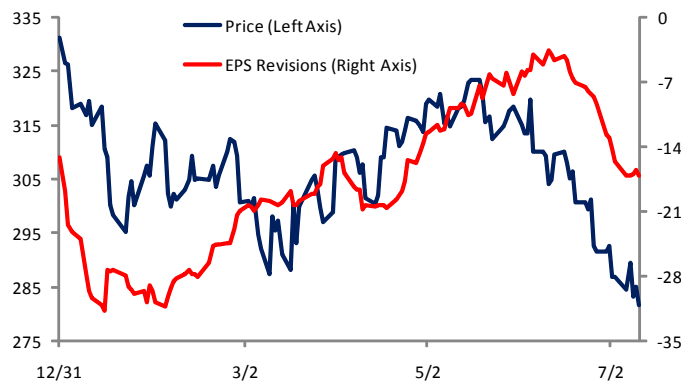


Perhaps what the market needs is a distraction from oil and financials. Over the last several weeks, with the exception of the Energy sector, analysts have been consistently cutting estimates for the companies they cover. Given the onslaught of earnings reports next week, anything better than bad is likely to be welcomed by the market, as the expectations bar has gotten so, so low. If companies outside of the financials are simply able to meet estimates and not guide lower, this could provide the spark we're looking for. Just get the focus off of financials and oil for once!

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