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Sector Primer Series: Materials

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INTRODUCTION

The Global Industry Classification Standard® (GICS®) assigns a company to a single business classification according to its principal business activity. This assignment uses quantitative and qualitative factors, including revenues, earnings, and market perception. The sector is the first level of the four-tiered, hierarchical industry classification system that includes 11 sectors, 24 industry groups, 69 industries, and 158 sub-industries (see Exhibit 1).

Within the GICS framework, and as outlined in Exhibit 2, Materials companies include those that are primarily engaged in:

- Producing and manufacturing chemical products, including industrial chemical products;
- Manufacturing construction materials, containers, and packaging;
- Mining metals and the production of related products; and
- Manufacturing paper and forest products.

| Exhibit 1 | Exhibit 1: Number of Components in Each GICS Level by Sector | | | | | |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|--------|-------------------|----------|------------------|--|
| GICS CODE | SECTOR NAME | SECTOR | INDUSTRY GROUP | INDUSTRY | SUB- INDUSTRY | |
| 10 | Energy | 1 | 1 | 2 | 7 | |
| 15 | Materials | 1 | 1 | 5 | 17 | |
| 20 | Industrials | 1 | 3 | 14 | 25 | |
| 25 | Consumer Discretionary | 1 | 4 | 11 | 29 | |
| 30 | Consumer Staples | 1 | 3 | 6 | 12 | |
| 35 | Health Care | 1 | 2 | 6 | 10 | |
| 40 | Financials | 1 | 3 | 7 | 17 | |
| 45 | Information Technology | 1 | 3 | 6 | 13 | |
| 50 | Communication Services | 1 | 2 | 5 | 10 | |
| 55 | Utilities | 1 | 1 | 5 | 6 | |
| 60 | Real Estate | 1 | 1 | 2 | 12 | |
| Total | | 11 | 24 | 69 | 158 | |

Source: S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC, MSCI. Data as of May 29, 2020. Table is provided for illustrative purposes.

| Exhibit 2: GICS of the Materials Sector | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|--|--|
| SECTOR | INDUSTRY GROUP | INDUSTRY | SUB-INDUSTRY | | |
| | | | Commodity Chemicals (15101010) | | |
| | | | Diversified Chemicals (15101020) | | |
| | | Chemicals (151010) | Fertilizers & Agricultural Chemicals (15101030) | | |
| | | | Industrial Gases (15101040) | | |
| | Construction Materials Code (151020) Containers & Packaging | Specialty Chemicals (15101050) | | | |
| | | | Construction Materials (15102010) | | |
| | | Containers & Packaging | Metal & Glass Containers (15103010) | | |
| | | (151030) | Paper Packaging (15103020) | | |
| Materials (15) | Materials (1510) | | Aluminum (15104010) | | |
| | | | Diversified Metals & Mining (15104020) | | |
| | | | Copper (15104025) | | |
| | | Metals & Mining (151040) | Gold (15104030) | | |
| | | | Precious Metals & Minerals (15104040) | | |
| | | | Silver (15104045) | | |
| | | | Steel (15104050) | | |
| | | Paper & Forest Products | Forest Products (15105010) | | |
| | (151050) | Paper Products (15105020) | | | |

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COMPOSITION

The <u>S&P 500® Materials</u> comprises all companies in the <u>S&P 500</u> that are assigned to the Materials sector by GICS. Created in 1957, the S&P 500 was the first broad U.S. market-cap-weighted stock market index. Today, it is the basis of many listed and over-the-counter investment instruments.

The Materials sector is the smallest by capitalization of the 11 sectors in the S&P 500, representing 2.53% of the index as of May 29, 2020 (see Exhibit 3). This compares to 6.04% and 4.95% for the S&P MidCap 400® and S&P SmallCap 600®, respectively. Overall, the Materials sector accounts for 2.72% of (and 146 securities within) the S&P Total Market Index; only the Energy sector (2.70%) accounts for less, by index weight.

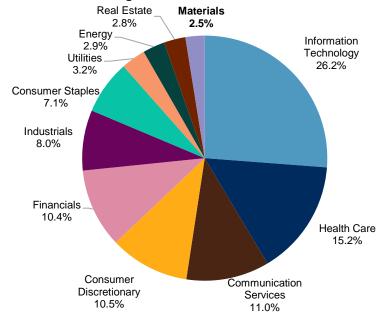
Materials is the smallest sector in the S&P 500...

...representing 2.5% of the index at May 2020.

The two largest companies in the Materials sector were Linde plc and Ecolab Inc.

There were no Materials companies in the top 10 of the S&P 500.

Exhibit 3: S&P 500 Sector Weights



Source: S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC. Data as of May 29, 2020. Chart is provided for illustrative purposes.

With a total float-adjusted market capitalization of USD 641.43 billion, the S&P 500 Materials sector comprised 28 companies as of May 29, 2020. The two largest companies in the sector were Linde plc (LIN) and Ecolab Inc (ECL), with float-adjusted market caps of USD 108.69 billion and USD 53.31 billion, respectively. There were no Materials companies in the top 10 of the S&P 500—Linde plc ranked as the 53rd largest stock, representing 0.43% of the index. The mean market cap of S&P 500 Materials stocks was USD 22.91 billion, the median market cap was USD 13.79 billion, and the lowest market cap was USD 4.23 billion.

| Exhibit 4: Snapshot of the Top 10 Holdings in the S&P 500 Materials | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|--------------------|---------------------------------|--|--|
| CONSTITUENT NAME | TICKER | S&P 500 WEIGHT (%) | S&P 500 MATERIALS WEIGHT (%) | | |
| Linde plc | LIN | 0.43 | 16.95 | | |
| Ecolab Inc | ECL | 0.21 | 8.31 | | |
| Air Products & Chemicals Inc | APD | 0.21 | 8.30 | | |
| Sherwin-Williams Co | SHW | 0.19 | 7.61 | | |
| Newmont Corp | NEM | 0.19 | 7.47 | | |
| DuPont de Nemours Inc. | DD | 0.15 | 5.86 | | |
| Dow Inc | DOW | 0.11 | 4.46 | | |
| PPG Industries Inc | PPG | 0.10 | 3.75 | | |
| Ball Corp | BLL | 0.09 | 3.63 | | |
| Corteva Inc. | CTVA | 0.08 | 3.19 | | |
| Total | | 1.76 | 69.53 | | |

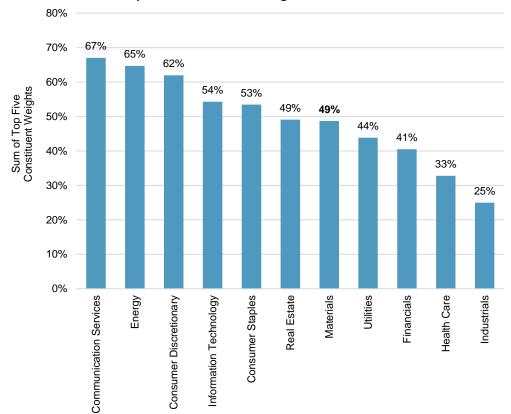
Source: S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC. Data as of May 29, 2020. Table is provided for illustrative purposes.

The largest five constituents accounted for 48.64% of the weight of the Materials sector, placing it seventh in the S&P 500 in terms of concentration.

Exhibit 5: Sum of Top Five Constituent Weights

Materials was the seventh-heaviest sector, with the top five constituents adding up to 48.6% of the sector.

Chemicals was by far the heaviest of the industries.

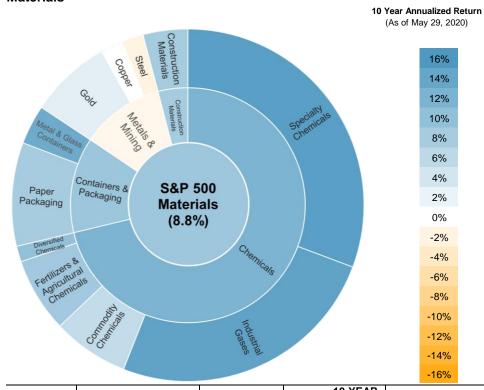


Source: S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC. Data as of May 29, 2020. Chart is provided for illustrative purposes. Please see the <u>Equal Weight Sector Dashboard</u> for the most recent monthly update to these figures.

On the sub-industry level, the heaviest weight was Specialty Chemicals at 30.70%...

...and the second and third were Industrial Gases and Paper Packaging Within the S&P 500 Materials, Chemicals was by far the largest industry, accounting for 71.24% of the sector as of May 29, 2020. The remaining sector weight was distributed across the Containers and Packaging (13.13%), Metals and Mining (11.52%), and Construction Materials (4.11%) industries. There were no companies in the Paper and Forest Products industry as of May 29, 2020. The three largest sub-industries were Specialty Chemicals (30.70%), Industrial Gases (25.25%), and Paper Packaging (9.50%)—the first two belong to the Chemicals industry.

Exhibit 6: Industry Group, Industry, and Sub-Industry Weights in the S&P 500 Materials



The main change to the structure of the Materials sector is the disappearance of Papers & Forest Products.

Construction Materials has quadrupled in weight since 1999, from 1% to 4%.

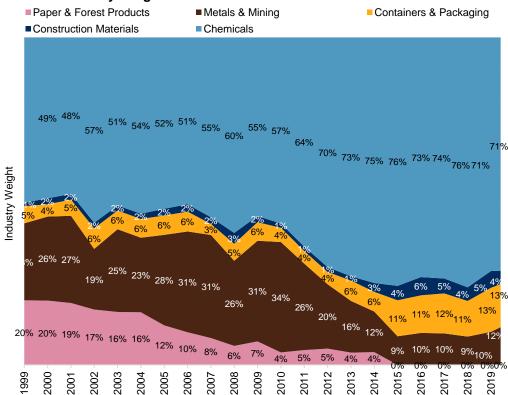
| GICS CODE | NAME | INDEX WEIGHT (%) | 10-YEAR ANNUALIZED RETURN (%) | MARKET CAP (USD BILLIONS) |
|--------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 15 | S&P 500 Materials | 100 | 8.84 | 641.43 |
| 151010 | Chemicals | 71.24 | 11.91 | 456.94 |
| 15101010 | Commodity Chemicals | 7.01 | 5.58 | 44.99 |
| 15101020 | Diversified Chemicals | 1.44 | 9.80 | 9.26 |
| 15101030 | Fertilizers & Agricultural Chemicals | 6.83 | 8.48 | 43.81 |
| 15101040 | Industrial Gases | 25.25 | 14.50 | 161.96 |
| 15101050 | Specialty Chemicals | 30.70 | 15.09 | 196.92 |
| 151020 | Construction Materials | 4.11 | 8.12 | 26.34 |
| 15102010 | Construction Materials | 4.11 | 8.12 | 26.34 |
| 151030 | Containers & Packaging | 13.13 | 9.05 | 84.24 |
| 15103010 | Metal & Glass Containers | 3.63 | 13.26 | 23.31 |
| 15103020 | Paper Packaging | 9.50 | 8.01 | 60.93 |
| 151040 | Metals & Mining | 11.52 | -1.36 | 73.91 |
| 15104025 | Copper | 2.05 | NA | 13.16 |
| 15104030 | Gold | 7.47 | 2.59 | 47.94 |
| 15104050 | Steel | 2.00 | -2.05 | 12.81 |

Source: S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC. Data as of May 29, 2020. Chart and table are provided for illustrative purposes.

The GICS structure is intended to reflect the current state of the equity investment universe

A key feature of GICS is that it can evolve: its structure is intended to reflect the current state of the equity investment universe. S&P Dow Jones Indices and MSCI conduct annual reviews to ensure that the structure remains fully representative of the current global market. Although there have been few significant changes to the Materials sector—Chemicals has always been the largest industry, for example—the Paper & Forest Products industry weight in the S&P 500 declined since 1999, from 20% to 0%.

Exhibit 7: Industry Weights of the S&P 500 Materials



Chemicals has always been the largest industry.

The Paper & Forest

Products industry

weight declined since 1999, from 20% to 0%. Source: S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC. Data from Dec. 31, 1999, through May 29, 2020. Chart is provided for illustrative purposes.

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In mid- and small-cap segments, the Materials sector had a higher price-tobook-value ratio (P/BV) than the overall S&P MidCap 400 and a lower oneyear forward price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio than the S&P SmallCap 600. Materials had lower price-to-sales ratios than the broader market across all three size segments. However, the 12-month trailing P/E ratio and indicated dividend yield were mixed. All five metrics tended to be below average relative to the other 10 sectors, and Materials ranked no better than third in the five metrics across all three size segments (see Exhibit 8).

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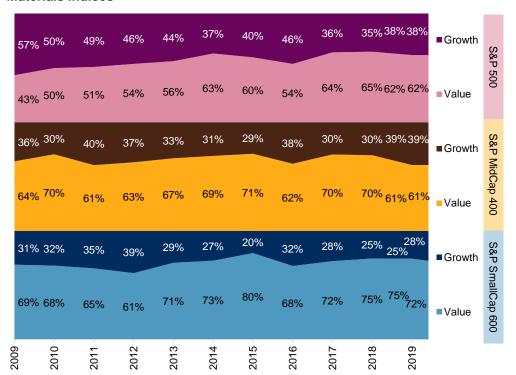
| Exhibit 8: Fundamental Data Comparison | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|------|------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| INDEX | 12-MONTH TRAILING P/E | ONE-YEAR FORWARD P/E | P/BV | PRICE- TO- SALES | INDICATED DIVIDEND YIELD (%) | |
| S&P 500 | 23.17 | 19.94 | 3.60 | 2.28 | 1.86 | |
| S&P 500 Materials | 34.18 | 20.63 | 2.55 | 1.93 | 1.97 | |
| S&P MidCap 400 | 28.54 | 19.99 | 2.28 | 1.31 | 1.69 | |
| S&P MidCap 400 Materials | 30.33 | 17.70 | 2.44 | 0.96 | 2.02 | |
| S&P SmallCap 600 | 129.96 | 21.43 | 1.86 | 0.95 | 1.58 | |
| S&P SmallCap 600 Materials | 36.77 | 20.21 | 2.06 | 0.72 | 1.57 | |

Source: S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC. Data as of Dec. 31, 2019. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Table is provided for illustrative purposes.

Companies from the Materials sector have typically had a value tilt, especially in mid and small caps. For example, Exhibit 9 shows the growth and value tilts of the Materials sector across large, mid, and small caps, based on year-end data between 2009 and 2019, as well as the YTD figure as of May 29, 2020.

On average, 57% of the total market capitalization of S&P 500 Materials companies was found in the <u>S&P 500 Value</u>, versus the 43% allocated to the <u>S&P 500 Growth</u>. This value tilt increased in mid and small caps, where 66% and 71% of the respective Materials sector market capitalization was allocated to the corresponding value index.

Exhibit 9: Growth and Value Factor Tilts of the Large-, Mid-, and Small-Cap Materials Indices



Source: S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC. Data from Dec. 31, 2009, through May 29, 2020. Chart is provided for illustrative purposes.

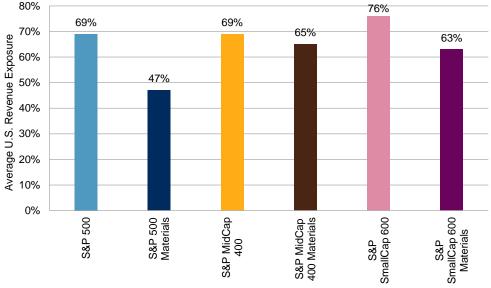
Materials sector companies tend to be historically tilted toward value, especially in mid and small caps.

S&P 500 Materials companies averaged about 57% value and 43% growth over the last 10 years.

In terms of revenue exposure, Materials companies typically source a relatively high proportion of their revenues from outside the U.S. Indeed, the sales-weighted average U.S. revenues for Materials companies were lower than their respective underlying indices across the market capitalization spectrum (see Exhibit 10). Hence, Materials companies are more likely to be affected by foreign policies and trade than other sectors.

In terms of revenue exposure, Materials companies are less insulated from regions outside the U.S.





Source: S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC, FactSet GeoRev database. Data as of Dec. 31, 2019. Chart is provided for illustrative purposes.

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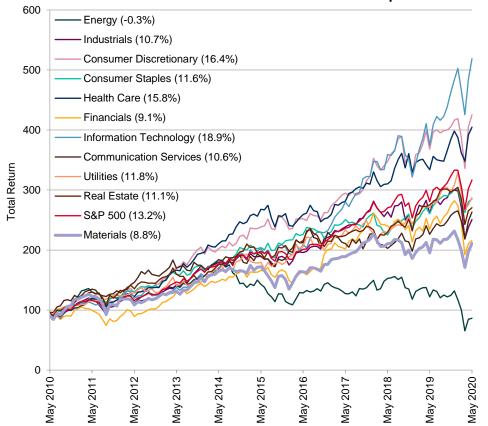
S&P 500 Materials companies had an average U.S. revenue exposure of 47%. Over the 12-month period ending May 29, 2020, Materials posted an 8.14% total return, which ranked sixth among S&P 500 sectors. Over a longer horizon, Materials underperformed the S&P 500 over the last decade (see Exhibit 11), while posting the second-highest annualized standard deviation of monthly returns. This resulted in a 10-year risk-adjusted return of 0.47—second lowest among the sectors (see Exhibit 12).

Over the 10-year period ending on May 29,

2020, Materials had an

8.8% annualized return.

Exhibit 11: S&P 500 Sector Indices 10-Year Total Return Comparison



Source: S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC. Data as of May 29, 2020. Indices rebased to 100 on May 28, 2010. Index performance based on total return in USD. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Chart is provided for illustrative purposes.

In terms of risk, Materials was the fourth-highest sector.

| Exhibit 12: Annualized Returns of S&P 500 Sector Indices | | | | | |
|----------------------------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|--|
| INDEX NAME | 1-YEAR | 3-YEAR | 5-YEAR | 10-YEAR | |
| ANNUALIZED RETURN (%) | | _ | | | |
| S&P 500 | 12.84 | 10.23 | 9.86 | 13.15 | |
| S&P 500 Materials | 8.14 | 3.80 | 4.15 | 8.84 | |
| S&P 500 Communication Services | 16.42 | 7.70 | 6.79 | 10.61 | |
| S&P 500 Consumer Discretionary | 15.58 | 12.98 | 12.25 | 16.42 | |
| S&P 500 Consumer Staples | 9.39 | 4.36 | 6.90 | 11.56 | |
| S&P 500 Energy | -29.25 | -12.13 | -9.57 | -0.25 | |
| S&P 500 Financials | -7.83 | 2.32 | 5.42 | 9.06 | |
| S&P 500 Health Care | 21.15 | 12.88 | 8.60 | 15.81 | |
| S&P 500 Industrials | -3.81 | 1.70 | 5.77 | 10.74 | |
| S&P 500 Information Technology | 38.42 | 22.82 | 20.65 | 18.90 | |
| S&P 500 Real Estate | -1.73 | 6.48 | 6.77 | 11.05 | |
| S&P 500 Utilities | 6.09 | 7.14 | 9.86 | 11.78 | |

Source: S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC. Data as of May 29, 2020. Risk is defined as standard deviation calculated based on total returns using monthly values. Index performance based on total return in USD. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Table is provided for illustrative purposes.

Exhibit 12: Annualized Returns of S&P 500 Sector Indices (cont.) **INDEX NAME** 1-YEAR 3-YEAR 5-YEAR 10-YEAR **RISK** S&P 500 22.75 14.81 13.57 16.94 S&P 500 Materials 28.66 19.87 19.28 18.63 S&P 500 Communication Services 22.13 18.76 17.26 15.31 S&P 500 Consumer Discretionary 28.14 21.30 18.11 16.37 S&P 500 Consumer Staples 14.12 13.30 12.20 11.15 S&P 500 Energy 53.42 35.12 29.50 24.71 S&P 500 Financials 29.89 21.92 19.91 18.40 S&P 500 Health Care 18.46 15.44 14.83 12.96 S&P 500 Industrials 26.85 21.32 18.34 16.97 S&P 500 Information Technology 22.00 19.20 17.69 16.27 S&P 500 Real Estate 20.75 15.86 15.26 15.36 S&P 500 Utilities 19.22 13.71 13.67 12.63 **ANNUALIZED RISK-ADJUSTED RETURNS** S&P 500 0.56 0.60 0.67 0.97 S&P 500 Materials 0.28 0.22 0.19 0.47 S&P 500 Communication Services 0.74 0.41 0.39 0.69 S&P 500 Consumer Discretionary 0.55 0.61 0.68 1.00 S&P 500 Consumer Staples 0.33 0.57 0.67 1.04 S&P 500 Energy -0.35 -0.55-0.32-0.01 S&P 500 Financials -0.260.11 0.27 0.49 S&P 500 Health Care 1.15 0.83 0.58 1.22 S&P 500 Industrials -0.14 0.08 0.31 0.63 S&P 500 Information Technology 1.75 1.19 1.17 1.16 S&P 500 Real Estate -0.08 0.41 0.44 0.72 S&P 500 Utilities 0.52 0.72 0.93 0.32

The S&P 500 Materials offered a 10-year annualized risk-adjusted return of 0.47.

Materials was most correlated with Industrials, at 0.88.

Source: S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC. Data as of May 29, 2020. Risk is defined as standard deviation calculated based on total returns using monthly values. Index performance based on total return in USD. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Table is provided for illustrative purposes.

Exhibit 13 shows the correlation in monthly returns, in USD, between the Materials sector and a variety of other indices over the last decade. Materials was most correlated with Industrials, the <u>S&P Global Ex-U.S. BMI</u> (0.86), and the S&P Canada BMI (0.85). It was least correlated with the <u>S&P Japan BMI</u> (0.61) and with Utilities.

Exhibit 13 also shows that there was a reasonably high correlation between the Materials sector returns and the performance of commodities. This was particularly the case with the <u>S&P GSCI Industrial Metals</u>, which includes Aluminum, Copper, Lead, Nickel, and Zinc. Given that many commodities came under pressure over the last 10 years—the <u>S&P GSCI</u> posted an annualized total return of -8.9% over the 10-year horizon ending May 29, 2020—this may help to explain why the Materials sector underperformed other market segments over the same horizon.

The Materials sector was least correlated with Utilities, at 0.20.

Regionally, Materials was most correlated with the S&P Global Ex-U.S. BMI and S&P Canada.

| Exhibit 13: Correlations of the S&P 500 Materials | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|-------------|--|--|
| S&P 500 SECTOR | CORRELATION | INDEX | CORRELATION | | |
| Industrials | 0.88 | S&P Global BMI | 0.90 | | |
| Consumer Discretionary | 0.83 | S&P Developed BMI | 0.90 | | |
| Financials | 0.81 | S&P Global Ex-U.S. BMI | 0.86 | | |
| Energy | 0.80 | S&P Developed Ex-U.S. BMI | 0.85 | | |
| Information Technology | 0.76 | S&P United States BMI | 0.89 | | |
| Health Care | 0.70 | S&P Canada BMI | 0.85 | | |
| Real Estate | 0.59 | S&P United Kingdom BMI | 0.81 | | |
| Consumer Staples | 0.53 | S&P Emerging BMI | 0.80 | | |
| Communication Services | 0.48 | S&P Germany BMI | 0.80 | | |
| Utilities | 0.20 | S&P Australia BMI | 0.78 | | |
| COMMODITIES | CORRELATION | S&P France BMI | 0.77 | | |
| S&P GSCI Copper | 0.66 | S&P China BMI | 0.70 | | |
| S&P GSCI Industrial Metals | 0.62 | S&P Korea BMI | 0.70 | | |
| S&P GSCI All Metals | 0.60 | S&P Switzerland BMI | 0.68 | | |
| S&P GSCI | 0.56 | S&P Japan BMI | 0.61 | | |
| | | S&P 500 | 0.89 | | |
| | | S&P MidCap 400 | 0.87 | | |
| | | S&P SmallCap 600 | 0.83 | | |

Source: S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC. Correlations based on monthly total return data from May 2010 to May 2020. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Table is provided for illustrative purposes and reflects hypothetical historical performance. Please see the Performance Disclosure at the end of this document for more information regarding the inherent limitations associated with backtested performance.

Exhibit 14 shows that the performance of Materials sector companies can vary, especially when comparing the more granular company groupings. Indeed, there is a wider range of returns between sub-industries compared to industries.

It was least correlated with the S&P Japan BMI.

Performance of industry groups, industries, and sub-industries within the Materials sector has varied.

| Exhibit 14: Annualized Returns of the S&P 500 Materials GICS Sub-Indices | | | | |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|-----------|----------|---------|
| INDEX | Al | NNUALIZED | RETURN (| (%) |
| INDEX | 1-YEAR | 3-YEAR | 5-YEAR | 10-YEAR |
| S&P 500 Materials | 8.14 | 3.80 | 4.15 | 8.84 |
| INDUSTRY GROUP | | | | |
| S&P 500 Materials | 8.14 | 3.80 | 4.15 | 8.84 |
| INDUSTRY | | | | |
| S&P 500 Chemicals | 7.14 | 4.31 | 4.56 | 11.91 |
| S&P 500 Commodity Chemicals | -10.38 | -3.86 | 5.31 | 8.12 |
| S&P 500 Diversified Chemicals | 2.11 | 0.83 | 2.91 | 9.05 |
| S&P 500 Fertilizers & Agricultural Chemicals | -2.55 | -5.10 | -0.62 | 8.01 |
| SUB-INDUSTRY | | | | |
| S&P 500 Industrial Gases | 34.95 | 8.15 | 3.47 | -1.36 |
| S&P 500 Specialty Chemicals | -10.76 | -3.48 | -5.16 | 5.58 |
| S&P 500 Construction Materials | 9.07 | -5.67 | 0.64 | 9.80 |
| S&P 500 Construction Materials | 1.80 | 2.12 | -1.02 | 8.48 |
| S&P 500 Containers & Packaging | 16.06 | 18.06 | 14.40 | 14.50 |
| S&P 500 Metal & Glass Containers | 6.28 | 5.25 | 6.01 | 15.09 |
| S&P 500 Paper Packaging | -10.38 | -3.86 | 5.31 | 8.12 |
| S&P 500 Metals & Mining | 17.05 | 21.43 | 14.15 | 13.26 |
| S&P 500 Copper | -5.32 | -6.62 | NA | NA |
| S&P 500 Gold | 79.19 | 22.23 | 18.24 | 2.59 |
| S&P 500 Steel | -8.91 | -7.45 | 0.65 | -2.05 |

The Materials sector saw above-average constituent dispersions, and slightly belowaverage correlations.

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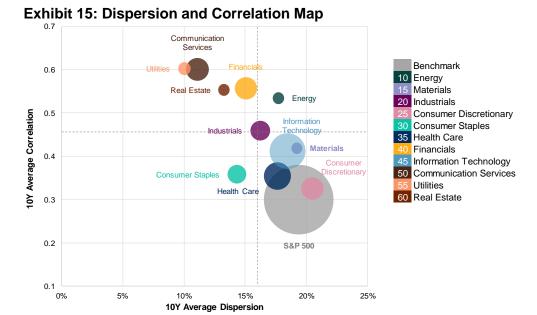
Another way to show the variation of Materials companies' returns is to look at dispersion, which measures the index-weighted average standard deviation of constituent returns. In other words, it tells us the difference between the outperformers and laggards in a particular market or market segment.¹

Exhibit 15 compares the average monthly correlation and dispersion figures for each S&P 500 sector over the 10-year period ending May 29, 2020. The Materials sector saw above-average constituent dispersions, and slightly below-average correlations. The sector's constituents showed a lower propensity to co-movement, and an above-average spread among constituent returns.²

For an introduction to dispersion and some stylized facts regarding its applications and relationships to other risk measures, see Edwards, Tim and Craig J. Lazzara, "Dispersion: Measuring Market Opportunity," December 2013 and "The Landscape of Risk," December 2014

For monthly updates on sector dispersion and correlation, please see our <u>U.S. Sector Dashboard</u>, which includes a S&P 500 <u>Select Sector™</u> dispersion and correlation map. Sign up for other dashboard and scorecard emails here.

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CONCLUSION

The S&P 500 Materials sector represents one of the 11 GICS sectors, and it accounted for 2.53% of the U.S. equity benchmark as of May 29, 2020. Within the sector, Chemicals and Specialty Chemicals have been the largest industry and sub-industry historically.

Companies from the Materials sector were typically titled toward value rather than growth, and historically they tend to have higher foreign revenue exposure than the broader market benchmarks across the market capitalization spectrum. The returns of the sector have been highly correlated to the Industrials sector and have exhibited reasonably high correlations with the S&P GSCI Industrial Metals.

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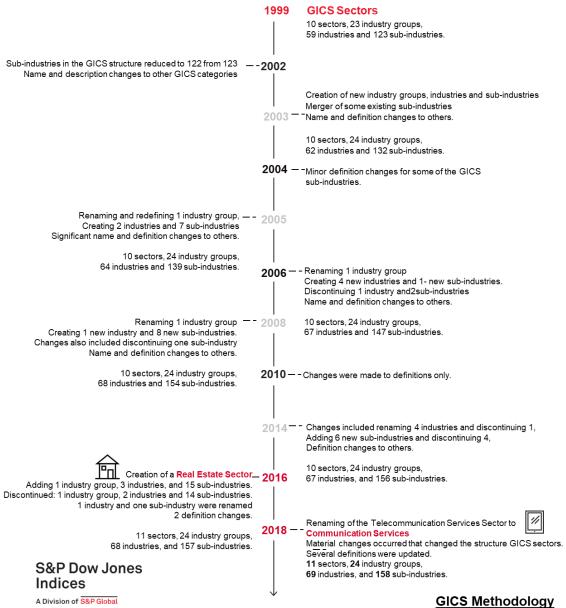
APPENDIX A

Exhibit 16: A Chronology of GICS

GICS® Structure

Chronology of Events

The four-tier GICS structure accurately reflects equities in today's global investment environment, yet is flexible enough to capture tomorrow's developments. The eight-digit GICS coding system is designed to adapt easily to the changing investment world. As the global economy changes, sectors, industry group, industries, and sub-industries can be added or divided.



Source: S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC. Data as of December 2019. Chart is provided for illustrative purposes.

APPENDIX B

| EQUITY | PRODUCT NAME | PRODUCT TYPE | EXCHANGE | TICKER |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|--------|
| MATERIALS | | | • | |
| Materials Select | S&P Materials Select Sector Index (SIXB) | Option | CHICAGO BOARD OPTIONS EXCHANGE | SIXB |
| Materials Select | E-mini S&P Materials Sector | Future | CHICAGO MERCANTILE EXCHANGE | XAB |
| S&P 500 Capped 35/20 Materials Sector | iShares S&P 500 Matrls Sect ETF USD Acc | ETF | LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE | IUMS |
| S&P Global 1200 Materials | iShares Global Materials ETF | ETF | NYSE ARCA | MXI |
| S&P Global 1200 Materials | iShares Global Materials ETF | ETF Option | NYSE ARCA | MXI |
| S&P SmallCap 600 Capped Materials | Invesco S&P SmallCap Materials ETF | ETF | NASDAQ | PSCM |
| S&P Materials Select Daily Capped 25/20 | SPDR® S&P US Materials Select Sect ETF | ETF | LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE | SXLB |
| Materials Select | Materials Select Sector SPDR® ETF | ETF | NYSE ARCA | XLB |
| Materials Select | Materials Select Sector SPDR® ETF | ETF Option | NYSE ARCA | XLB |
| S&P Select Sector Capped 20% Materials | Invesco Materials S&P US Select Sec ETF | ETF | LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE | XLBS |
| S&P/TSX Capped Materials (CAD) | iShares S&P/TSX Capped Materials ETF | ETF | TORONTO STOCK EXCHANGE | XMA |
| S&P/TSX Capped Materials (CAD) | iShares S&P/TSX Capped Materials ETF | ETF Option | TORONTO STOCK EXCHANGE | XMA |
| S&P Metals & Mining Select Industry | SPDR® S&P Metals and Mining ETF | ETF | NYSE ARCA | XME |

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Sector Primers

| GICS Code | Sector Name |
|-----------|------------------------|
| 10 | <u>Energy</u> |
| 20 | Industrials |
| 25 | Consumer Discretionary |
| 30 | Consumer Staples |
| 35 | Health Care |
| 40 | <u>Financials</u> |
| 45 | Information Technology |

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