Corporate Finance Briefing: S&P 500 Yields: Earnings, Dividends, & Buybacks

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Source: Standard & Poor’s Corporation.
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Capped at 150% due to extreme values.

Source: Standard & Poor’s Corporation.

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Source: Standard & Poor’s Corporation.
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(billion dollars, trailing four-quarter)

- Buybacks (85.7)
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Capped at 150% due to extreme values.

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- Dividends (1.30)
- Buybacks + Dividends (4.95)

Source: Standard & Poor’s Corporation.
S&P 500 Consumer Staples

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**S&P 500 CONSUMER STAPLES BUYBACKS, DIVIDENDS, & OPERATING EARNINGS**

(billion dollars, trailing four-quarter)

- Buybacks (36.0)
- Dividends (51.0)
- Operating Earnings (88.5)
- Buybacks+Dividends (87.0)

Buybacks+Dividends as percent of Operating Earnings (98.3)

Source: Standard & Poor’s Corporation.

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**S&P 500 CONSUMER STAPLES YIELD FROM BUYBACKS & DIVIDENDS**

- Buybacks + Dividends
  (billion dollars, trailing four-quarter)
  (86.97)

Yield (%)

- Buybacks (2.08)
- Dividends (2.87)
- Buybacks + Dividends (5.02)

Source: Standard & Poor’s Corporation.
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S&P 500 ENERGY BUYBACKS, DIVIDENDS, & OPERATING EARNINGS
(billion dollars, trailing four-quarter)

- Buybacks (24.6)
- Dividends (42.8)
- Operating Earnings (73.6)
- Buybacks+Dividends (66.5)

Capped at 150% due to extreme values.

Source: Standard & Poor’s Corporation.

Figure 12.

S&P 500 ENERGY YIELD FROM BUYBACKS & DIVIDENDS

- Buybacks + Dividends (billion dollars, trailing four-quarter) (66.51)

Yield (%)
- Buybacks (1.92)
- Dividends (3.47)
- Buybacks + Dividends (5.19)

Source: Standard & Poor’s Corporation.
Figure 13.

S&P 500 FINANCIALS BUYBACKS, DIVIDENDS, & OPERATING EARNINGS
(billion dollars, trailing four-quarter)

- Buybacks (159.1)
- Dividends (67.4)
- Operating Earnings (244.3)
- Buybacks+Dividends (224.3)

Capped at 150% due to extreme values.

Buybacks+Dividends as percent of Operating Earnings (91.8)

Source: Standard & Poor’s Corporation.

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S&P 500 FINANCIALS YIELD FROM BUYBACKS & DIVIDENDS

- Buybacks + Dividends (billion dollars, trailing four-quarter) (224.32)

Yield (%)
- Buybacks (5.31)
- Dividends (2.11)
- Buybacks + Dividends (7.48)

Source: Standard & Poor’s Corporation.
S&P 500 Health Care

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S&P 500 HEALTH CARE BUYBACKS, DIVIDENDS, & OPERATING EARNINGS
(billion dollars, trailing four-quarter)
- Buybacks (103.8)
- Operating Earnings (172.1)
- Dividends (59.3)
- Buybacks+Dividends (161.9)

Buybacks+Dividends as percent of Operating Earnings (94.1)

Source: Standard & Poor’s Corporation.

Figure 16.

S&P 500 HEALTH CARE YIELD FROM BUYBACKS & DIVIDENDS
- Buybacks + Dividends (billion dollars, trailing four-quarter)
  (161.88)

Yield (%)
- Buybacks (3.02)
- Dividends (1.71)
- Buybacks + Dividends (4.70)

Source: Standard & Poor’s Corporation.
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S&P 500 INDUSTRIALS BUYBACKS, DIVIDENDS, & OPERATING EARNINGS
(billion dollars, trailing four-quarter)

- Buybacks (81.0)
- Dividends (44.5)
- Operating Earnings (132.8)
- Buybacks+Dividends (125.8)

Buybacks+Dividends as percent of Operating Earnings (94.8)

Source: Standard & Poor’s Corporation.

Figure 18.

S&P 500 INDUSTRIALS YIELD FROM BUYBACKS & DIVIDENDS

- Buybacks + Dividends (billion dollars, trailing four-quarter)
  (125.82)

Yield (%)
- Buybacks (3.62)
- Dividends (1.94)
- Buybacks + Dividends (5.62)

Source: Standard & Poor’s Corporation.
**S&P 500 Information Technology**

**Figure 19.**

S&P 500 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY BUYBACKS, DIVIDENDS, & OPERATING EARNINGS  
(billion dollars, trailing four-quarter)

- **Buybacks (283.1)**  
- **Operating Earnings (257.5)**  
- **Dividends (72.5)**  
- **Buybacks+Dividends (354.9)**

Buybacks+Dividends as percent of Operating Earnings (137.8)

Source: Standard & Poor’s Corporation.

**Figure 20.**

S&P 500 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY YIELD FROM BUYBACKS & DIVIDENDS  
(billion dollars, trailing four-quarter)

- **Buybacks + Dividends (354.86)**

Yield (%)

- **Buybacks (5.66)**  
- **Dividends (1.38)**  
- **Buybacks + Dividends (7.09)**

Source: Standard & Poor’s Corporation.
### S&P 500 Materials

#### Figure 21.

**S&P 500 MATERIALS BUYBACKS, DIVIDENDS, & OPERATING EARNINGS**

(billion dollars, trailing four-quarter)

- **Buybacks (16.9)**
- **Dividends (13.5)**
- **Operating Earnings (34.5)**
- **Buybacks+Dividends (29.9)**

**Buybacks+Dividends as percent of Operating Earnings (86.7)**

Capped at 175% due to extreme values.

Source: Standard & Poor’s Corporation.

#### Figure 22.

**S&P 500 MATERIALS YIELD FROM BUYBACKS & DIVIDENDS**

- **Buybacks + Dividends (billion dollars, trailing four-quarter) (29.91)**

**Yield (%)**

- **Buybacks (2.71)**
- **Dividends (1.98)**
- **Buybacks + Dividends (4.80)**

Source: Standard & Poor’s Corporation.
Figure 23.

S&P 500 UTILITIES BUYBACKS, DIVIDENDS, & OPERATING EARNINGS
(billion dollars, trailing four-quarter)

- Buybacks (3.3)
- Operating Earnings (39.5)
- Dividends (25.1)
- Buybacks+Dividends (28.1)

Buybacks+Dividends as percent of Operating Earnings (71.3)

Source: Standard & Poor’s Corporation.

Figure 24.

S&P 500 UTILITIES YIELD FROM BUYBACKS & DIVIDENDS

- Buybacks + Dividends (billion dollars, trailing four-quarter) (28.13)

Yield (%)
- Buybacks (0.41)
- Dividends (3.11)
- Buybacks + Dividends (3.58)

Source: Standard & Poor’s Corporation.
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S&P 500 Sectors Dividend Yield

Source: Standard & Poor’s Corporation.
S&P 500 Sectors Buyback Yield

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Source: Standard & Poor’s Corporation.
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Source: Standard & Poor’s Corporation.
Dividends + Buybacks as % of Operating Earnings

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Source: Standard & Poor’s Corporation.
Figure 29.

Buybacks as % of Market Cap

Source: Standard & Poor’s Corporation.
Figure 30.

S&P 500 SECTORS BUYBACKS (quarterly, billion dollars)

**Total (205.8)**

**INDUSTRIALS**

(19.4)

**CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY**

(17.7)

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

(68.0)

**CONSUMER STAPLES**

(9.8)

**MATERIALS**

(4.8)

**ENERGY**

(4.3)

**REAL ESTATE**

(0.4)

**FINANCIALS**

(42.8)

**COMMUNICATION SERVICES**

(6.3)

**HEALTH CARE**

(30.7)

**UTILITIES**

(1.5)

Note: Real Estate sector data start Q3-2016.

Source: Standard & Poor’s.
S&P 500 Sectors Cumulative Buybacks Since Q1-2009

Figure 31.

S&P 500 SECTORS CUMULATIVE BUYBACKS SINCE Q1-2009
(quarterly, billion dollars)

- Total (4909.5)
- INDUSTRIALS (531.0)
- CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY (717.2)
- INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (1290.0)
- CONSUMER STAPLES (440.8)
- MATERIALS (106.2)
- ENERGY (272.7)
- REAL ESTATE (8.7)
- FINANCIALS (777.9)
- COMMUNICATION SERVICES (65.1)
- HEALTH CARE (681.9)
- UTILITIES (17.7)

Note: Real Estate sector data start Q3-2016.
Source: Standard & Poor’s.