Corporate Finance Briefing: S&P 500 Buybacks & Dividends

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Figure 3.

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

Source: Standard & Poor’s.

Figure 4.

S&P 500 DIVIDENDS
(billion dollars, quarterly)

Source: Standard & Poor’s.
Figure 5.

**S&P 500 DIVIDENDS & BUYBACKS**
(trillion dollars, annualized)

Source: Standard & Poor’s.

Figure 6.

**S&P 500 BUYBACKS**
(billion dollars, annualized)

**S&P 500 FORWARD EARNINGS YIELD & CORPORATE BOND YIELD**
(percent)

* Forward earnings (time-weighted average of consensus operating earnings estimates for current and next year) divided by S&P 500 stock price index.

Source: Thomson Reuters I/B/E/S, Standard & Poor’s and Bank of America Merrill Lynch.
Figure 7.

S&P 500 BUYBACKS & DIVIDENDS
(billion dollars, annualized)

Total* (1095.9)

Buybacks* (609.3)

Dividends* (501.2)

*4-quarter sum.
Source: Standard & Poor’s.
Figure 8.

TOTAL GROSS ISSUANCE OF STOCKS MINUS S&P 500 BUYBACKS
(billion dollars)

- Total Gross Issuance of Stocks Minus S&P 500 Buybacks (annualized)
- Corporate Equities: Net Issuance Nonfinancial Corporate Business (4-quarter sum)

Source: Federal Reserve Board and Standard & Poor’s Corporation.
Figure 9.

* Divisor is used to ensure that changes in shares outstanding, capital actions, and the addition or deletion of stocks to the index do not change the level of the index.

Source: Standard & Poor’s Corporation.
Buybacks & Dividends

Figure 10.

S&P 500 YIELD FROM BUYBACKS & DIVIDENDS

- Buybacks + Dividends (billion dollars, trailing four-quarter) (1095.90)

Yield (%)
- Buybacks (1.68)
- Dividends (1.37)
- Buybacks + Dividends (3.02)

Source: Standard & Poor’s Corporation.

Figure 11.

S&P 500 BUYBACKS (billion dollars, quarterly)

Buybacks as a % of S&P 500 Market Cap (0.55)

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

Figure 12.

S&P 500 BUYBACKS, DIVIDENDS, & OPERATING EARNINGS
(billion dollars, trailing four-quarter)
- Buybacks (609.3)
- Operating Earnings (1605.3)
- Dividends (501.2)
- Buybacks+Dividends (1095.9)

Buybacks+Dividends as percent of Operating Earnings (74.2)

Source: Standard & Poor’s.

Figure 13.

S&P 500 EX-ENERGY BUYBACKS, DIVIDENDS, & OPERATING EARNINGS
(billion dollars, trailing four-quarter)
- Buybacks (606.8)
- Operating Earnings (1579.6)
- Dividends (458.8)
- Buybacks+Dividends (1052.0)

Buybacks+Dividends as percent of Operating Earnings (71.1)

Capped at 150% due to extreme values.

Source: Standard & Poor’s Corporation.
Note: Real Estate sector data start Q3-2016.
Source: Standard & Poor’s.
Figure 15.

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

- **Total**: 6,377.2 billion dollars

- **Health Care**: -832.7 billion dollars

- **Communication Services**: -227.5 billion dollars

- **Industrials**: -641.6 billion dollars

- **Consumer Discretionary**: -834.4 billion dollars

- **Information Technology**: -1,775.8 billion dollars

- **Consumer Staples**: -507.9 billion dollars

- **Materials**: -156.4 billion dollars

- **Energy**: -305.4 billion dollars

- **Real Estate**: -13.7 billion dollars

- **Financials**: -1,075.6 billion dollars

- **Utilities**: -24.0 billion dollars

Note: Real Estate sector data start Q3-2016.
Source: Standard & Poor’s.
Figure 16. S&P 500 Sectors Dividends

- **S&P 500 SECTORS DIVIDENDS** (quarterly, billion dollars)
  - **HEALTH CARE**
    - Q3 (20.2)
  - **COMMUNICATION SERVICES**
    - Q3 (8.3)
  - **CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY**
    - Q3 (7.1)
  - **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**
    - Q3 (21.7)
  - **CONSUMER STAPLES**
    - Q3 (14.5)
  - **MATERIALS**
    - Q3 (4.4)
  - **ENERGY**
    - Q3 (11.0)
  - **REAL ESTATE**
    - Q3 (6.2)
  - **FINANCIALS**
    - Q3 (18.3)
  - **UTILITIES**
    - Q3 (7.9)

Source: Standard & Poor’s.
S&P 500 Sectors Buybacks

Note: Real Estate sector data start Q2-2017.
Source: Standard & Poor’s.