

Stock Market Briefing: S&P 500 Sectors & Industries Profit Margins

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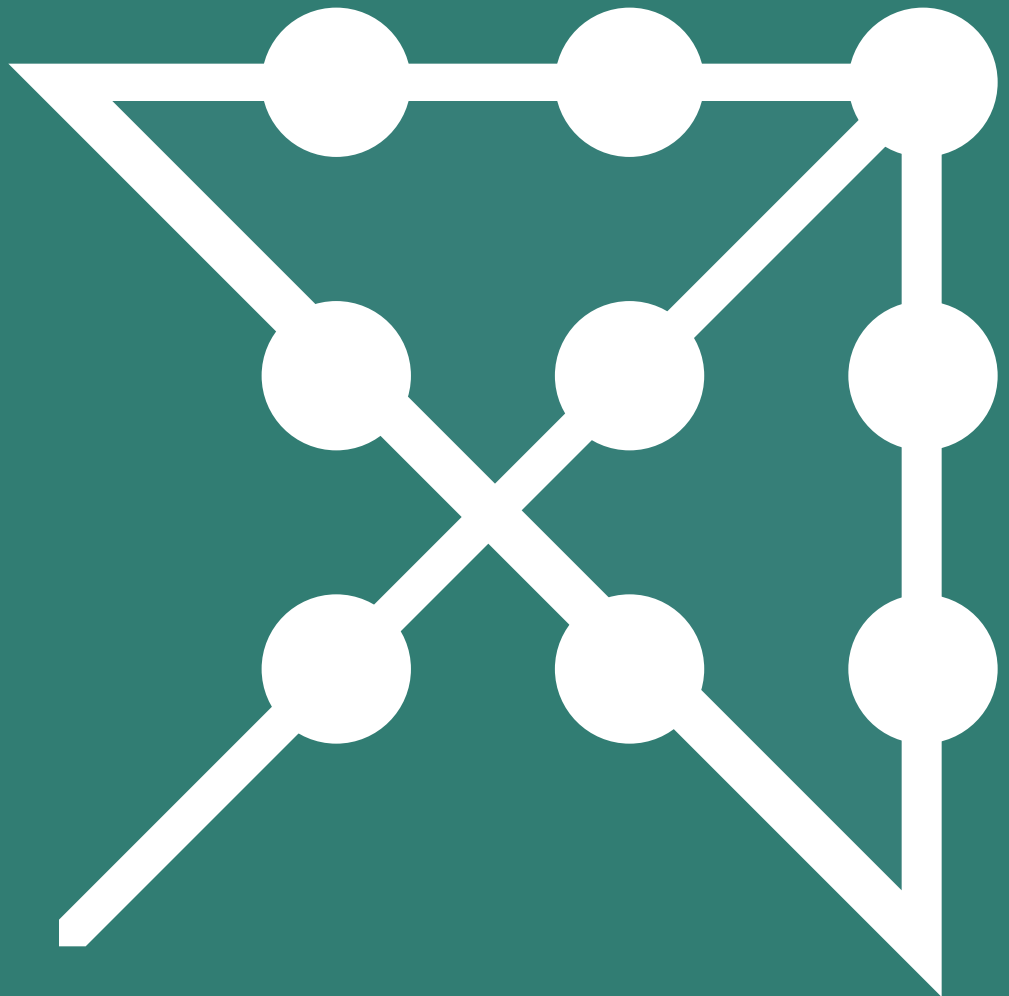
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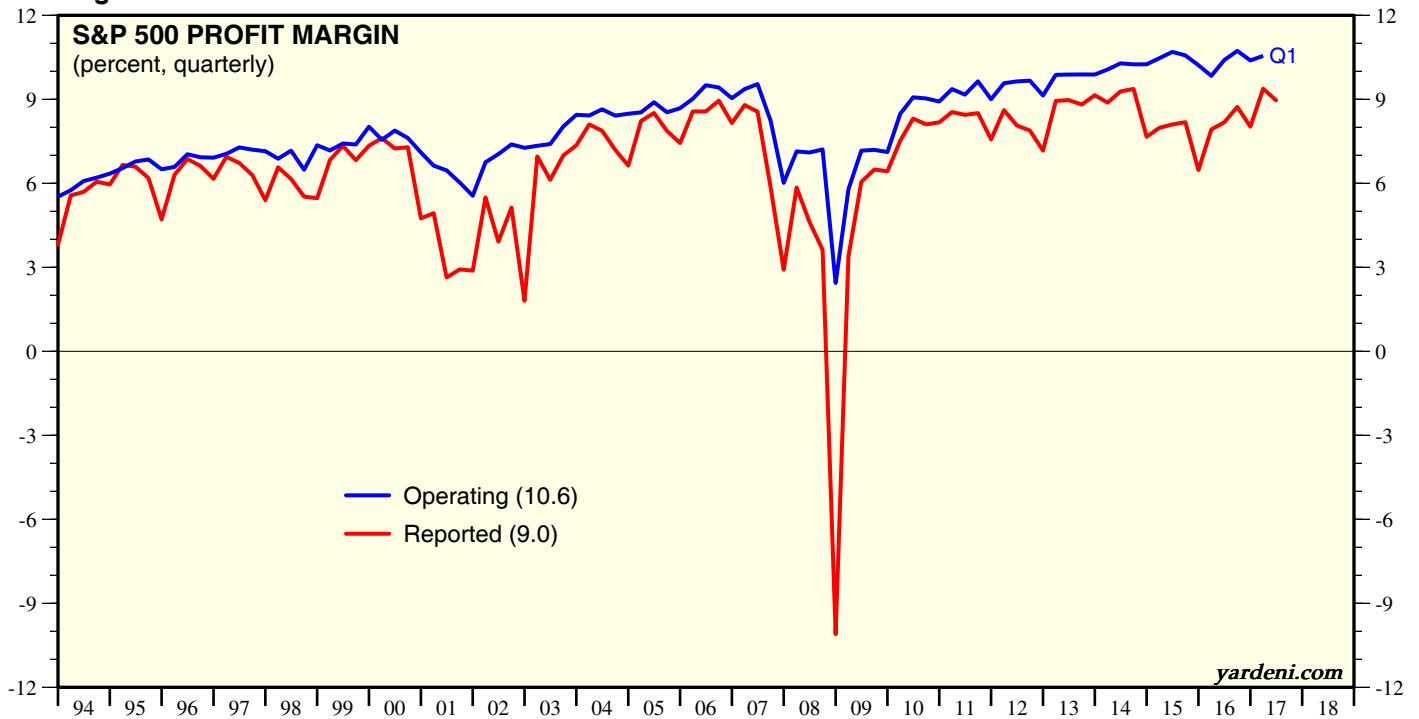
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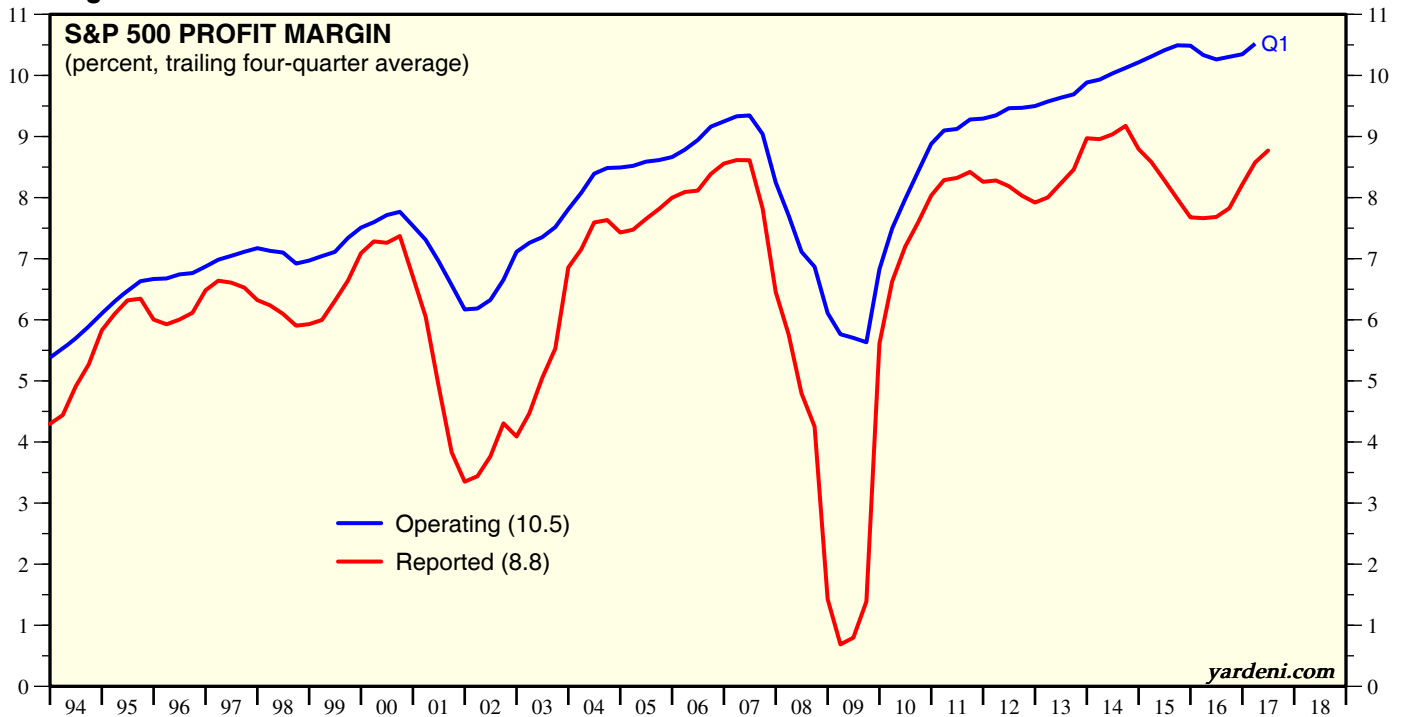
S&P 500 Profit Margin

Figure 1.



Source: Standard & Poor's Corporation (revenues and reported EPS) and Thomson Reuters I/B/E/S (operating EPS).

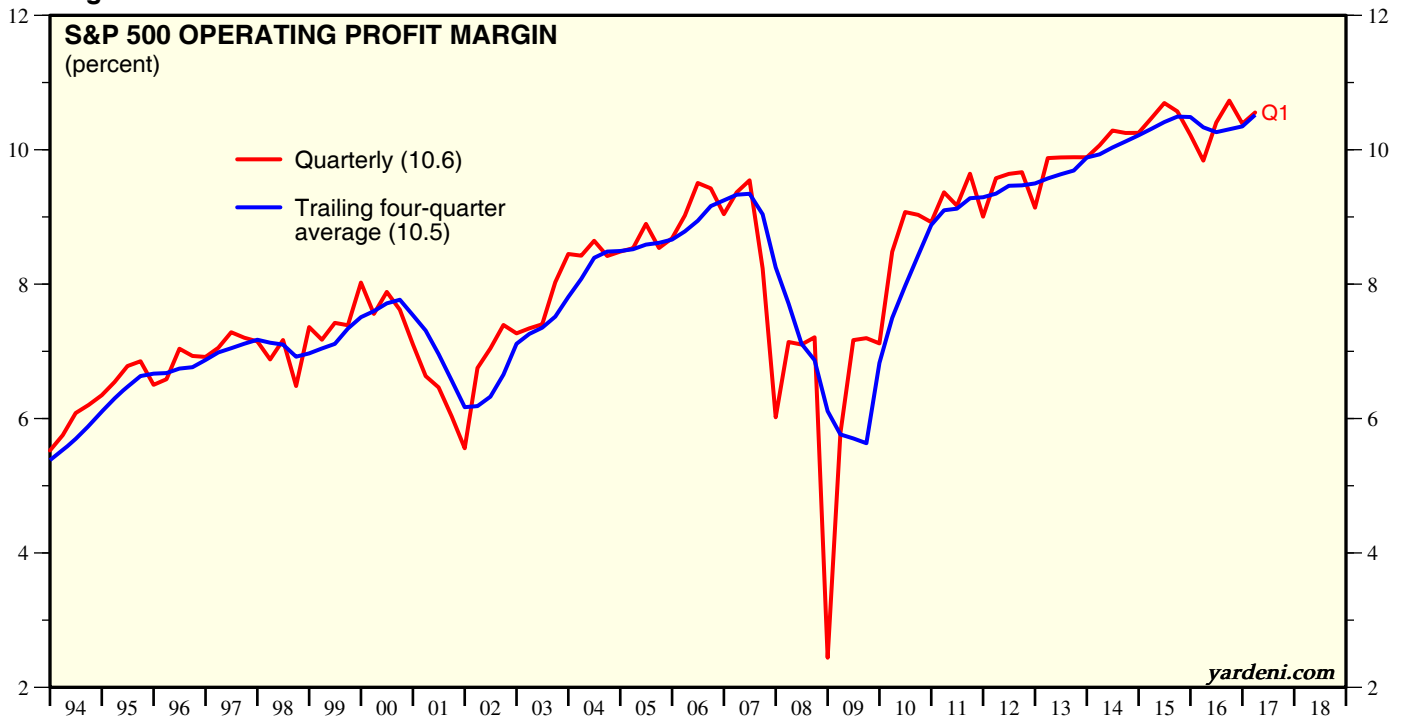
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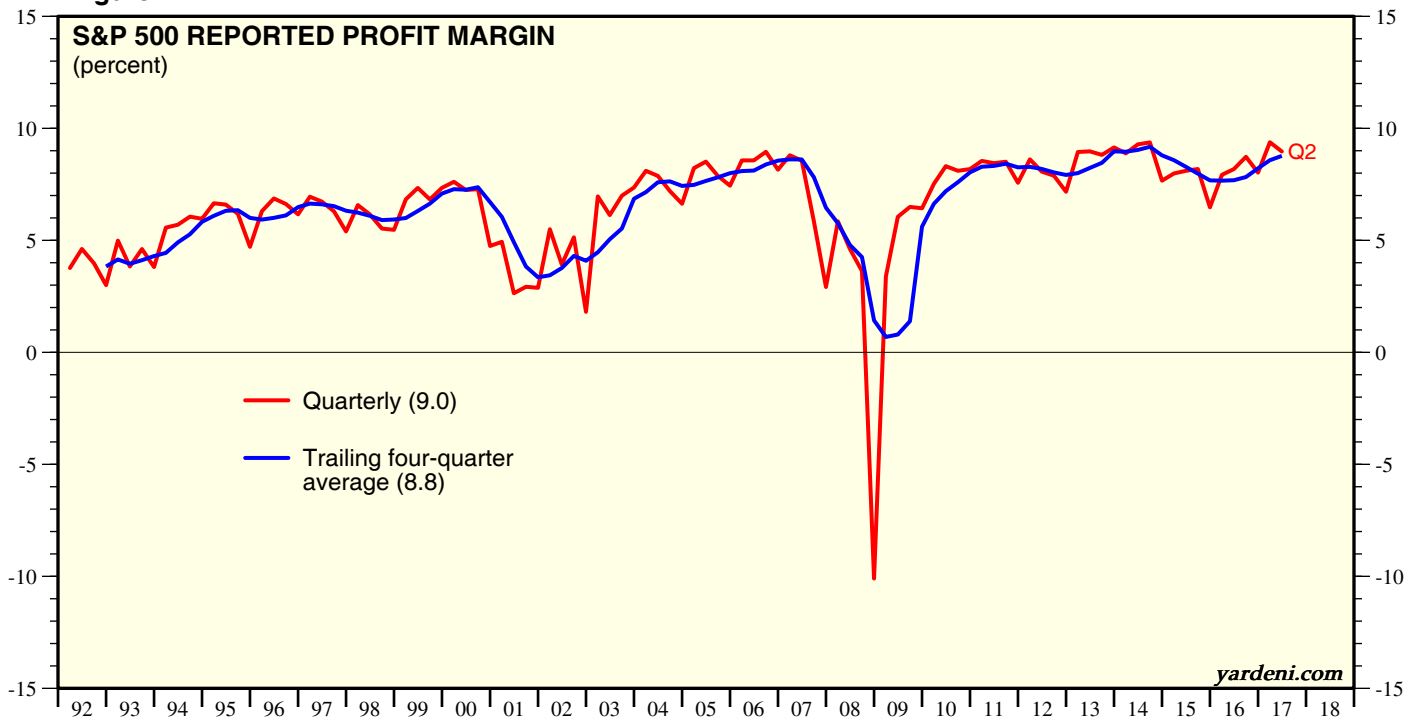
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Source: Standard & Poor's Corporation.

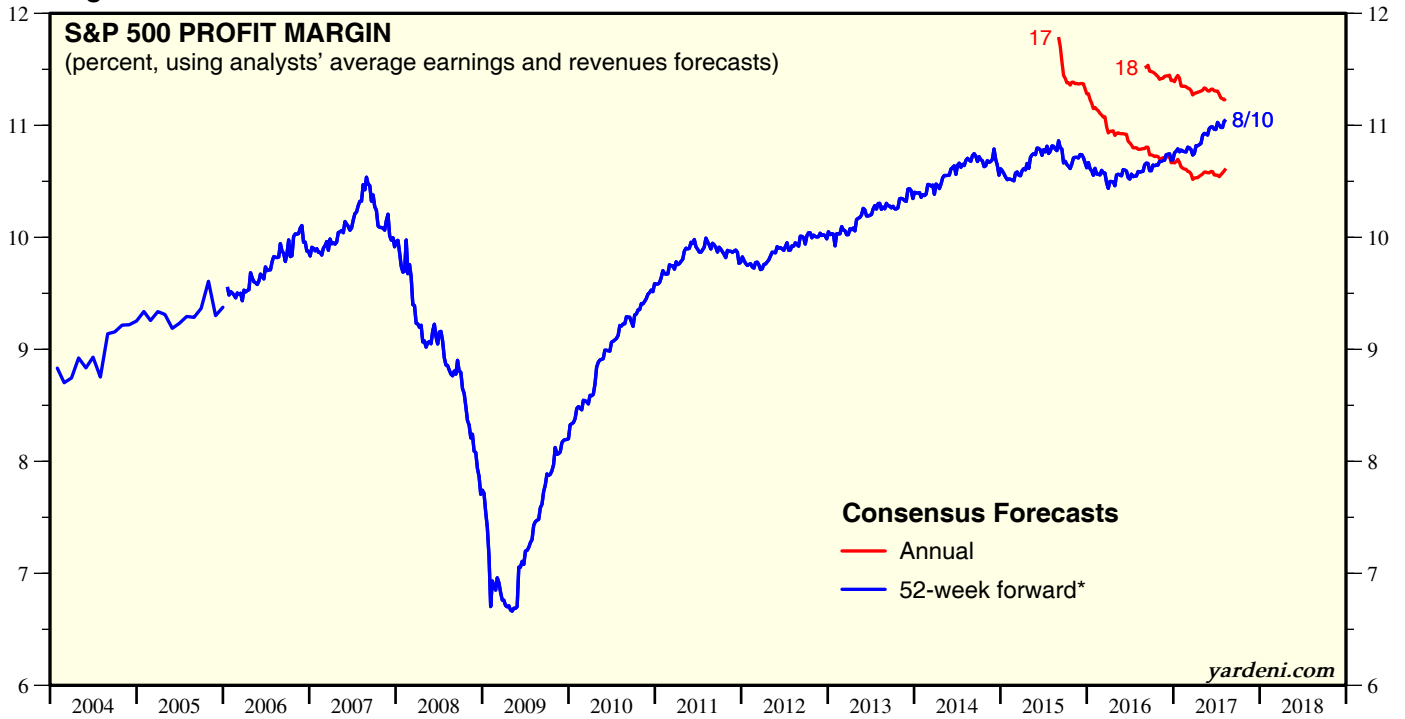
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Source: Standard & Poor's Corporation and Thomson Reuters I/B/E/S and Bureau of Economic Analysis.

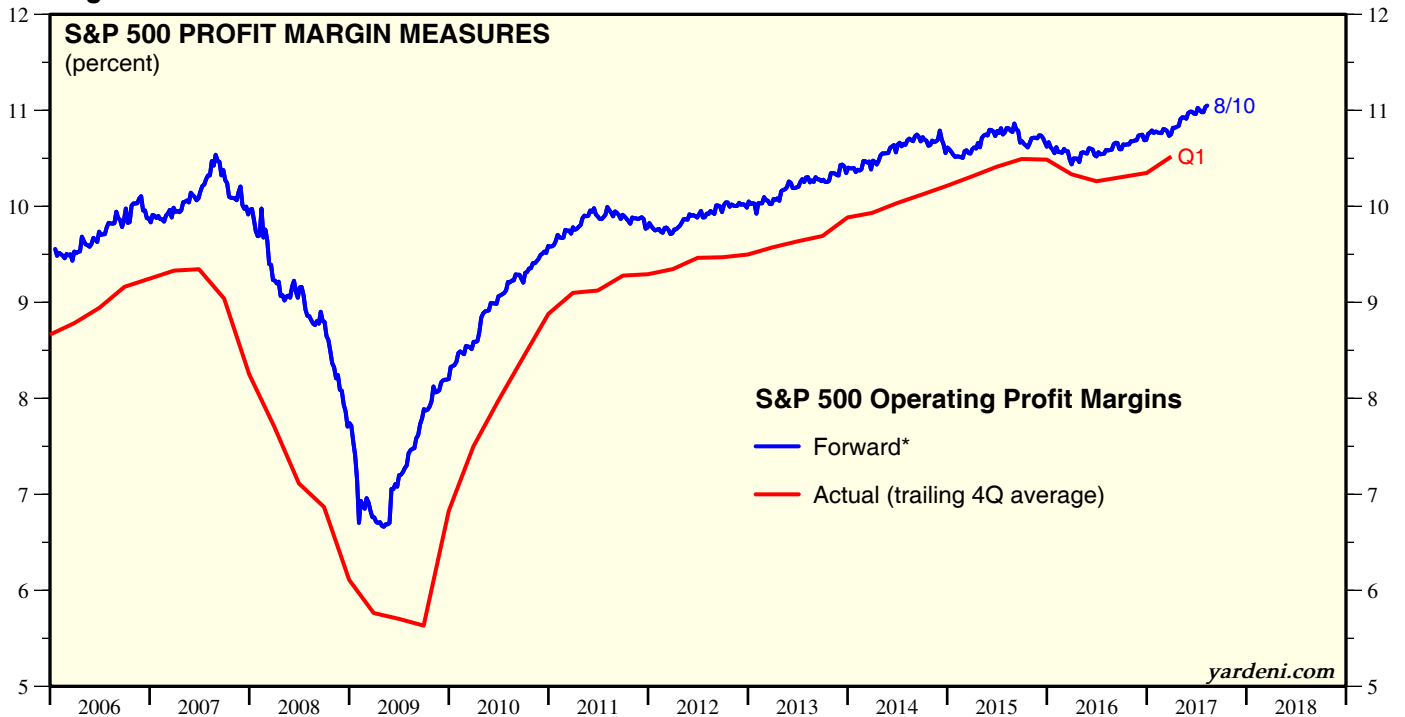
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Figure 5.



* Time-weighted average of the consensus estimates for current and next year. Monthly through December 2005, weekly thereafter.
Source: Thomson Reuters I/B/E/S and Standard & Poor's.

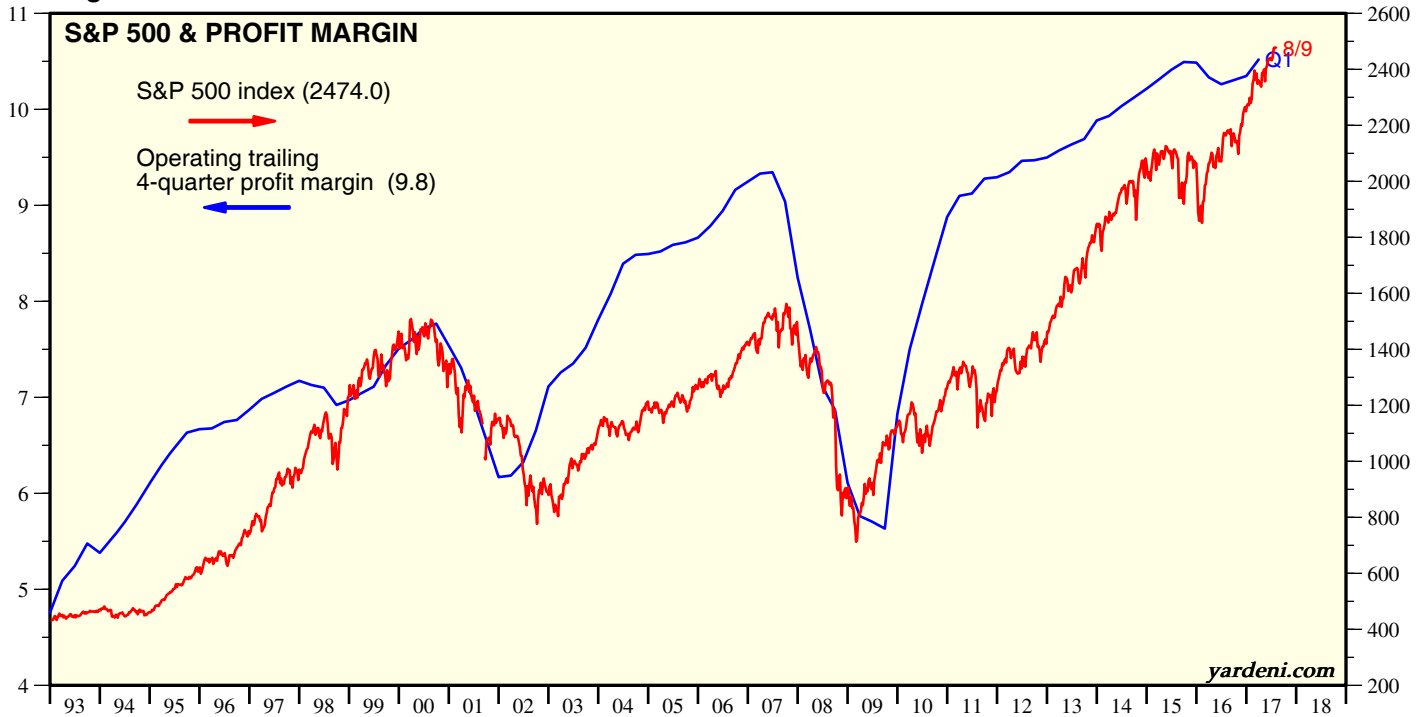
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* Forward earnings divided by forward revenues.
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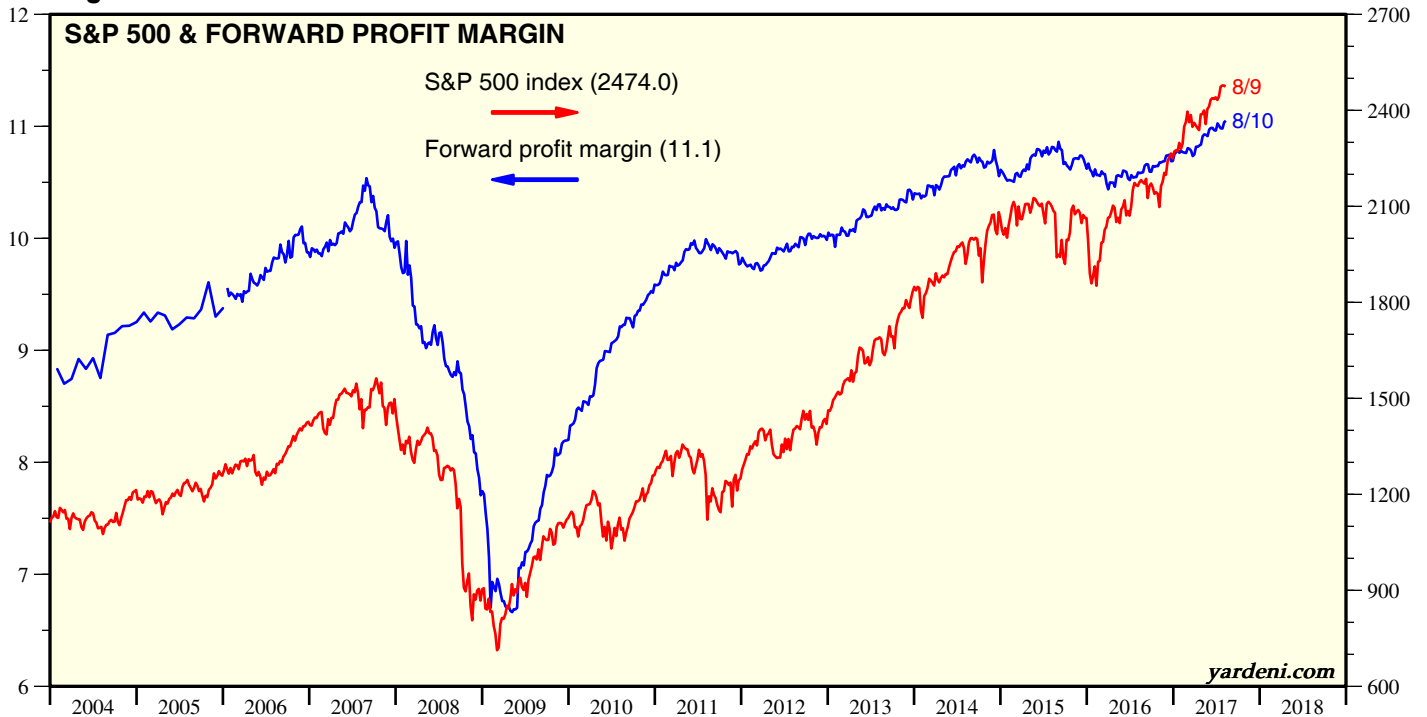
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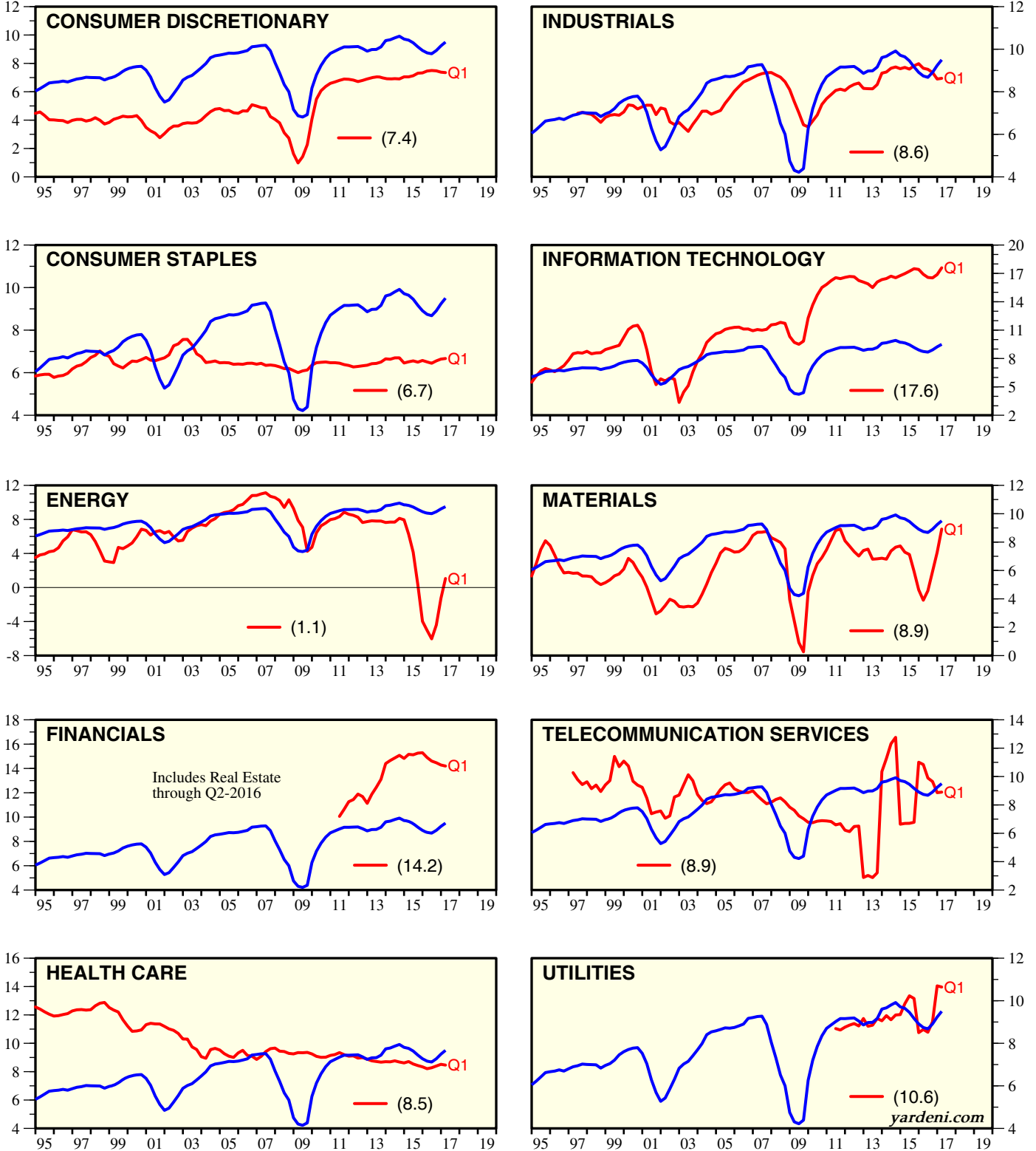
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S&P 500 Sectors Operating Profit Margins

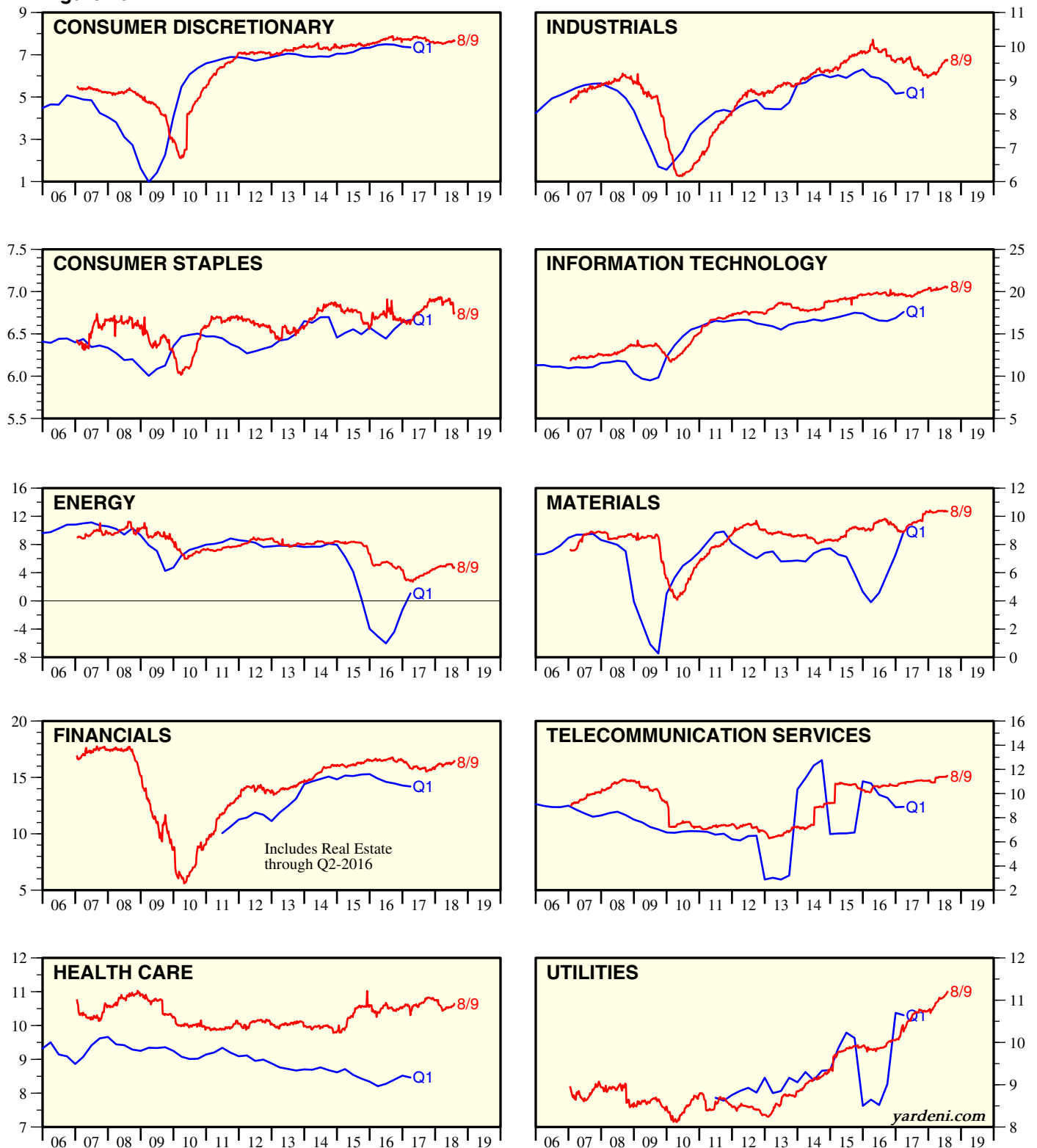
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* Operating margin in percent and based on trailing 4-quarter EPS and sales.
Source: Standard & Poor's.

S&P 500 Sectors Forecasted & Actual Profit Margins

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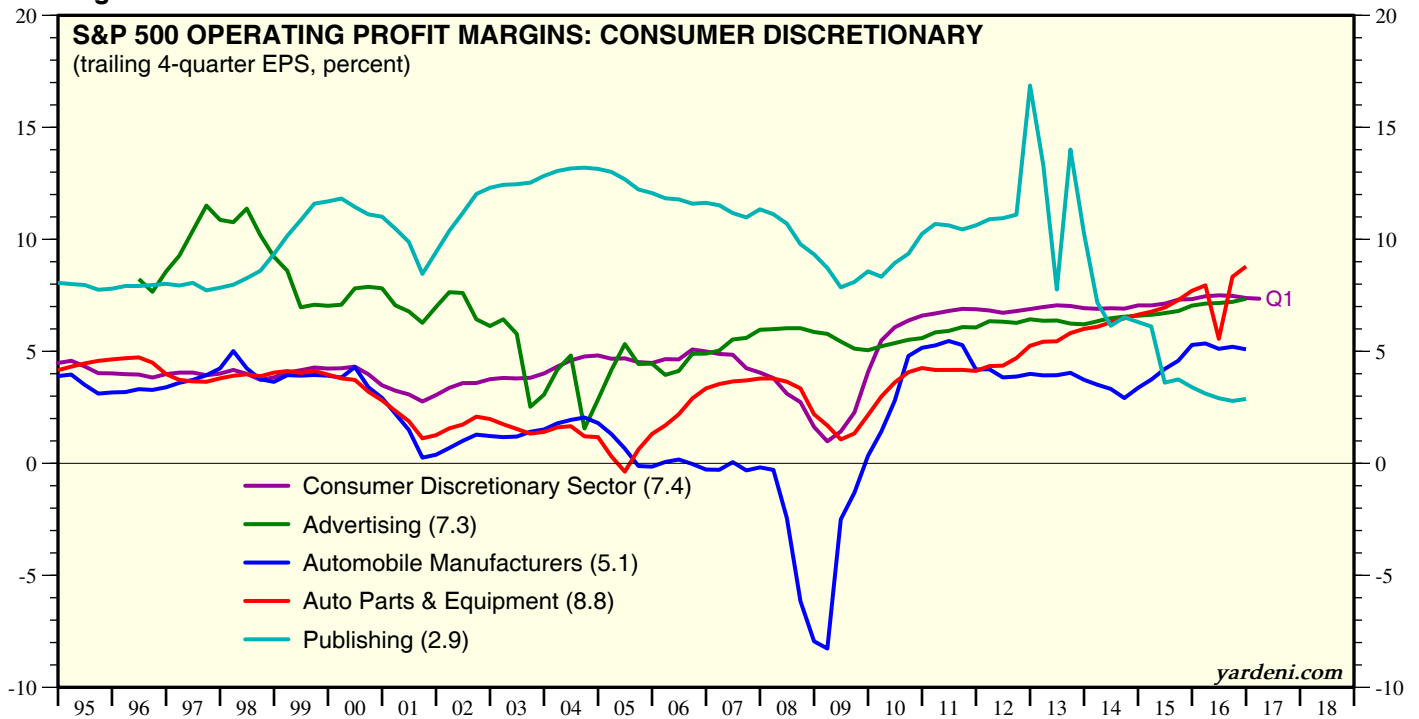


* Actual from S&P based on trailing 4-quarter EPS and sales. Forecast implied from Thomson Reuters I/B/E/S consensus forward EPS and sales, and pushed one year ahead.

Source: Standard & Poor's Corporation (trailing 4-quarter margin) and Thomson Reuters I/B/E/S (forward margin).

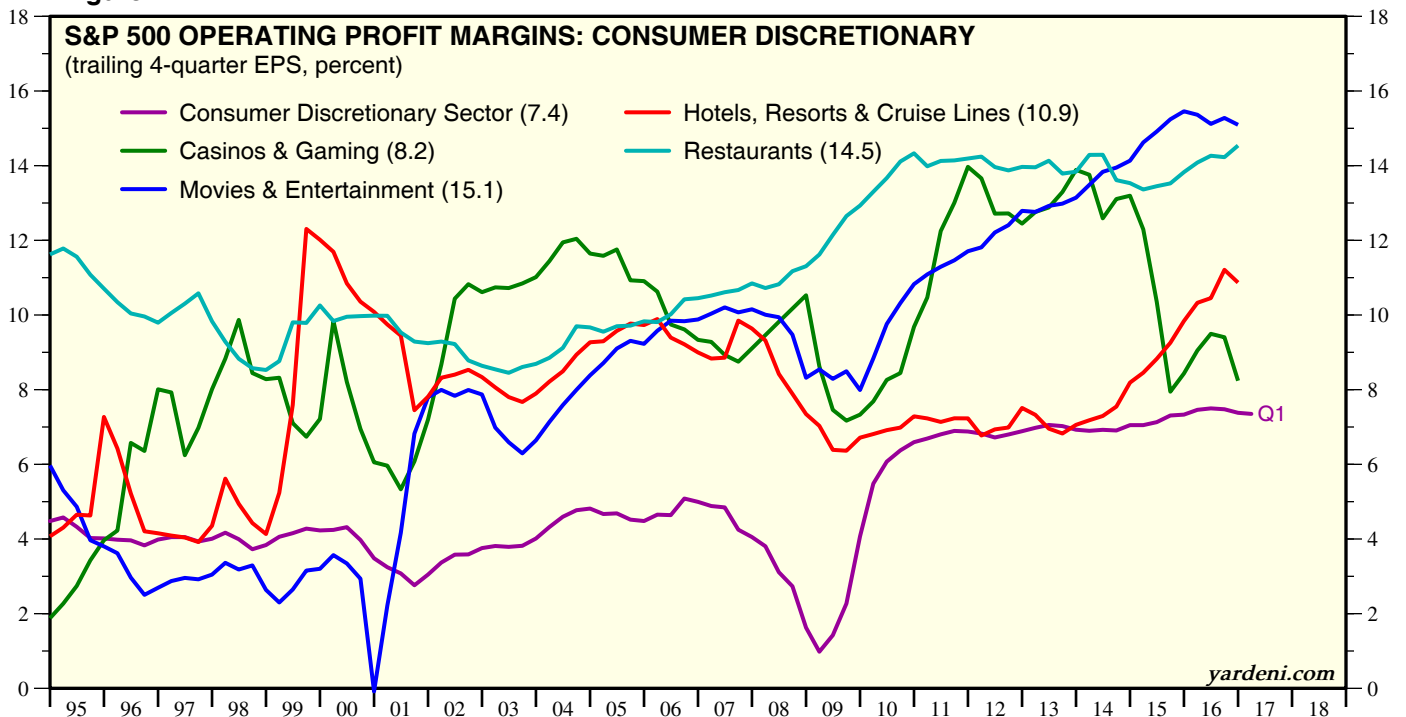
Consumer Discretionary

Figure 11.



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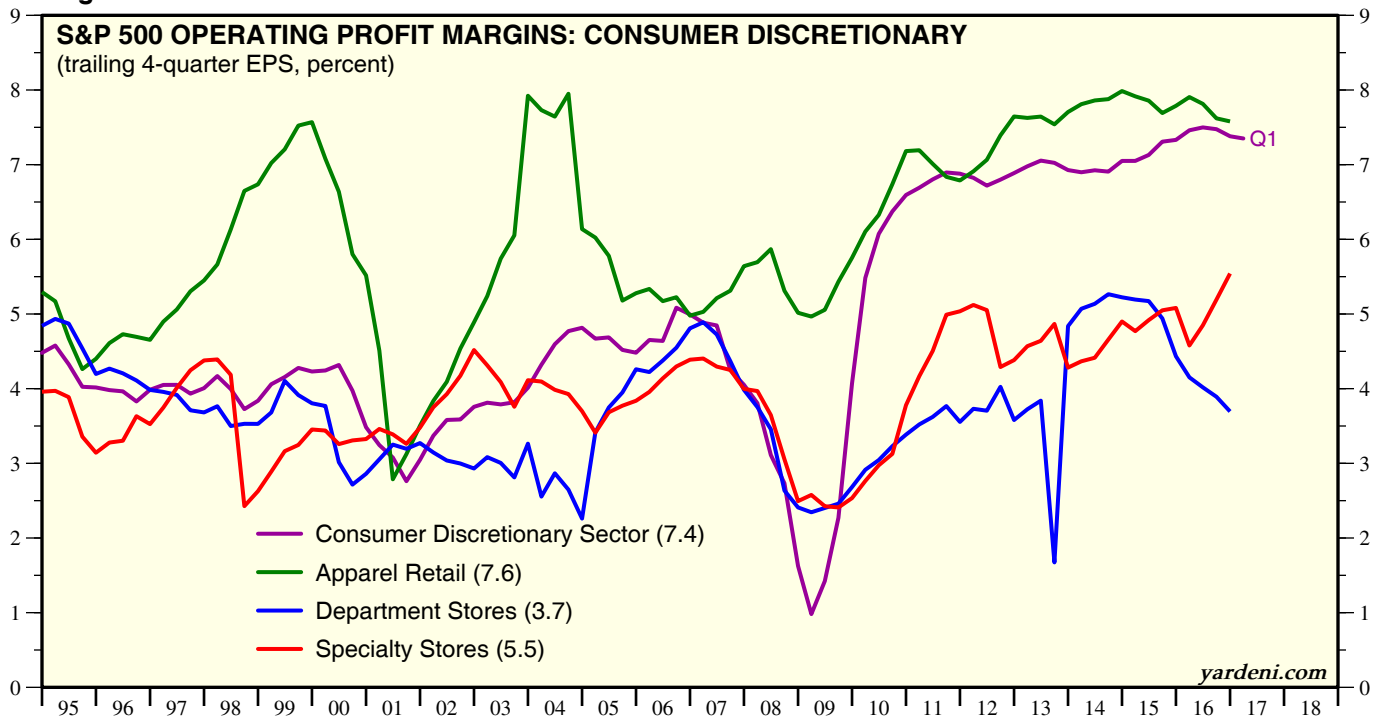
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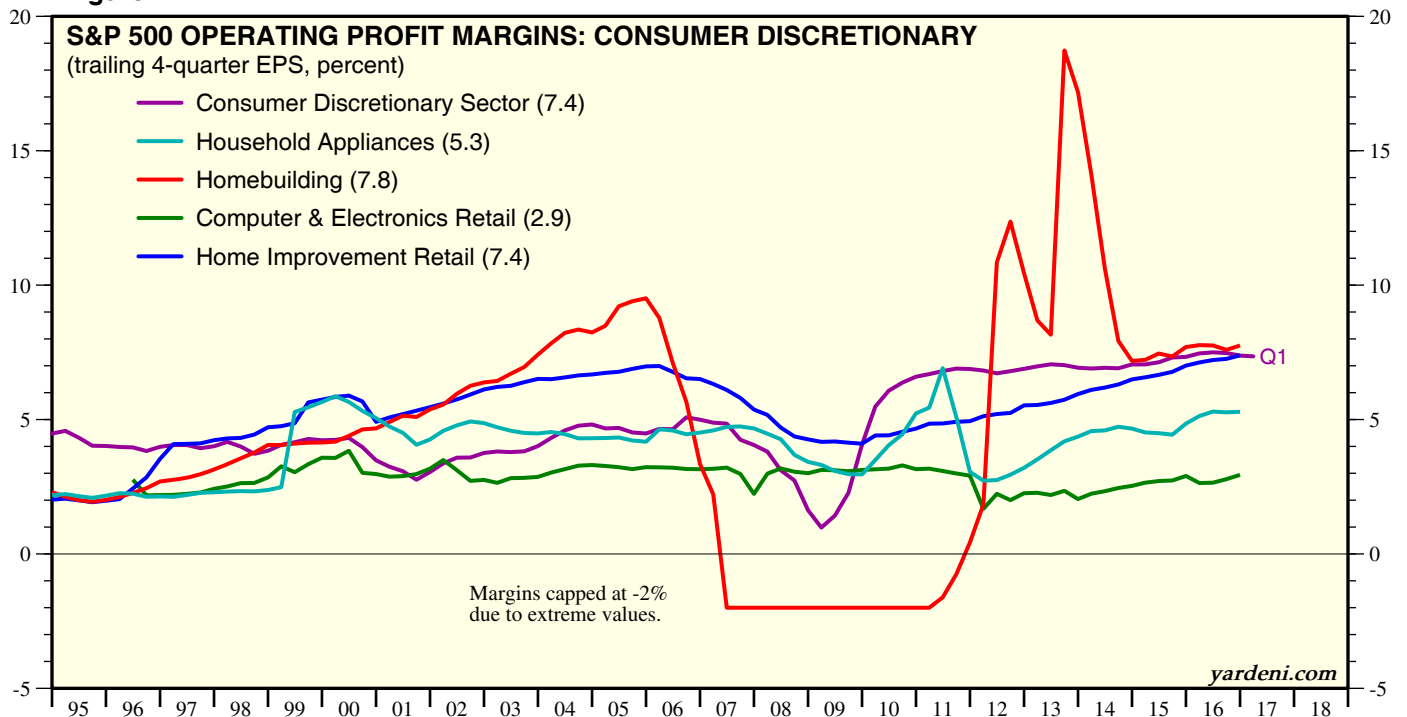
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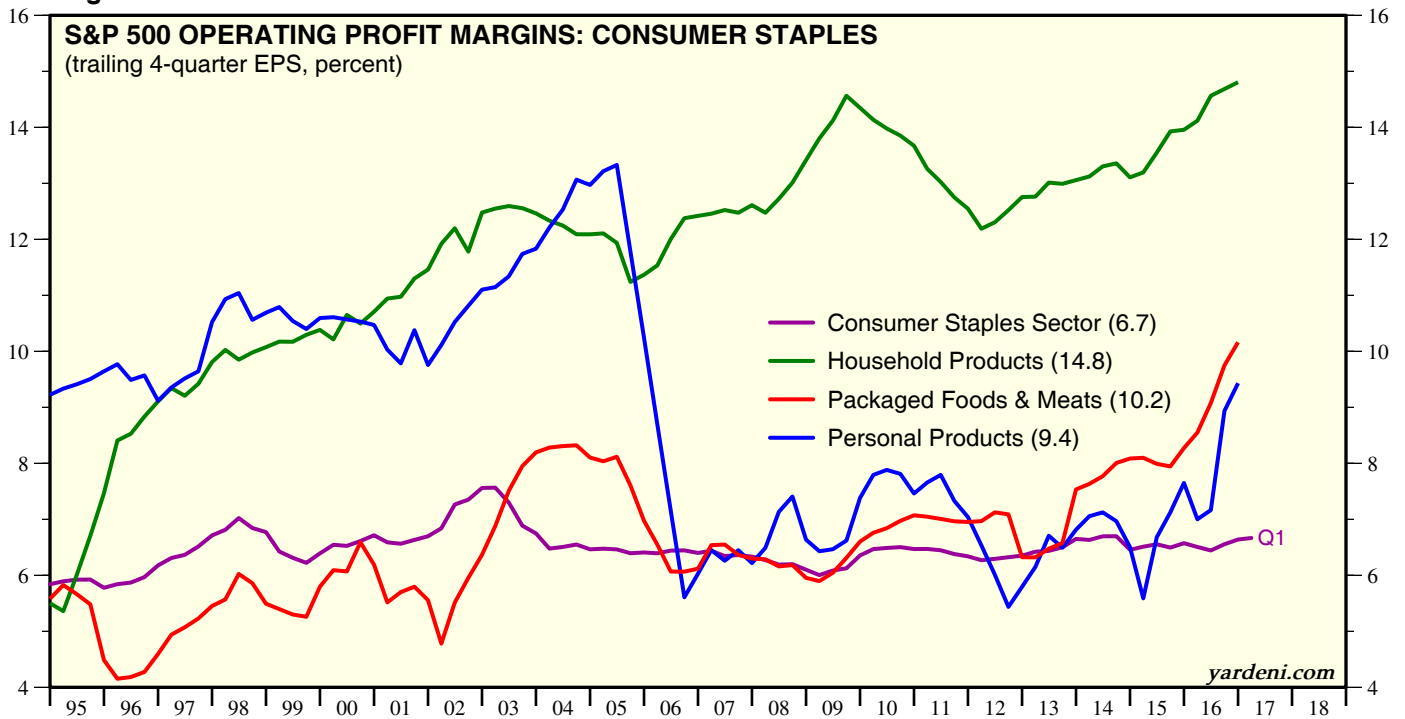
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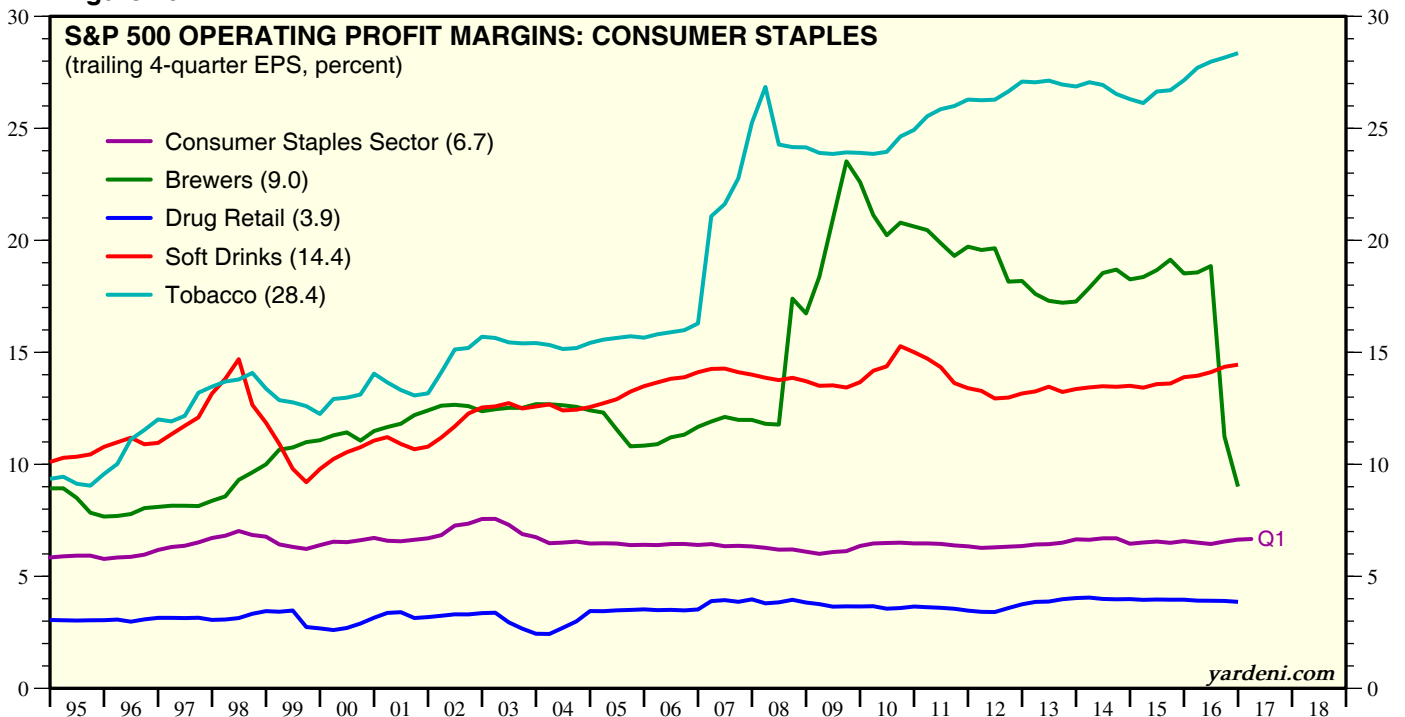
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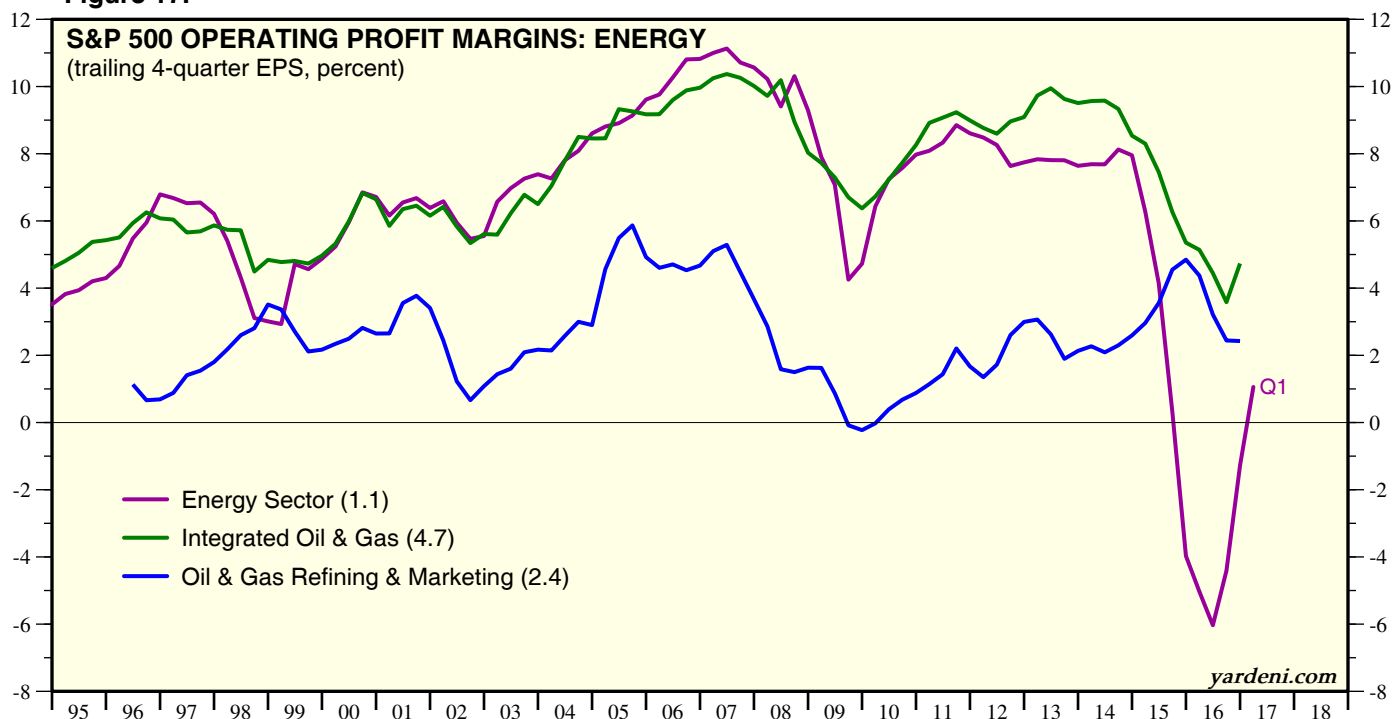
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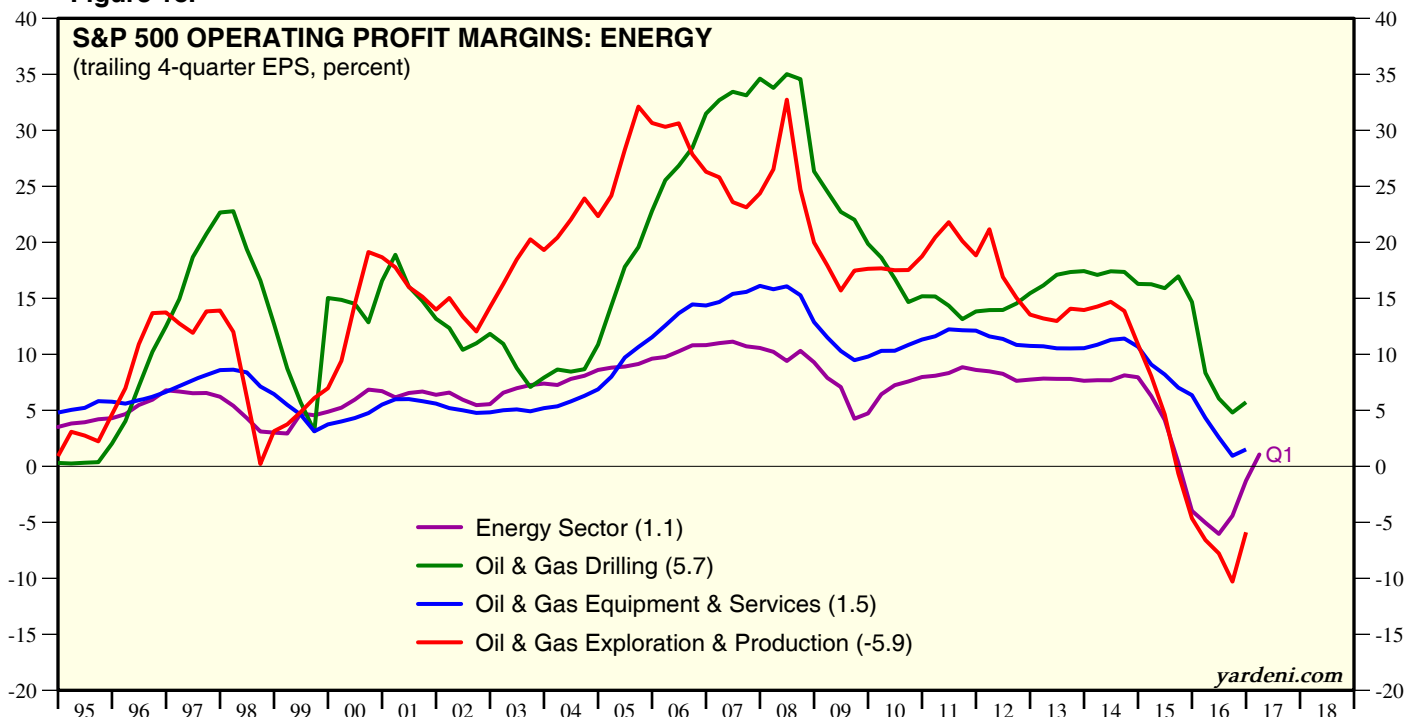
Energy

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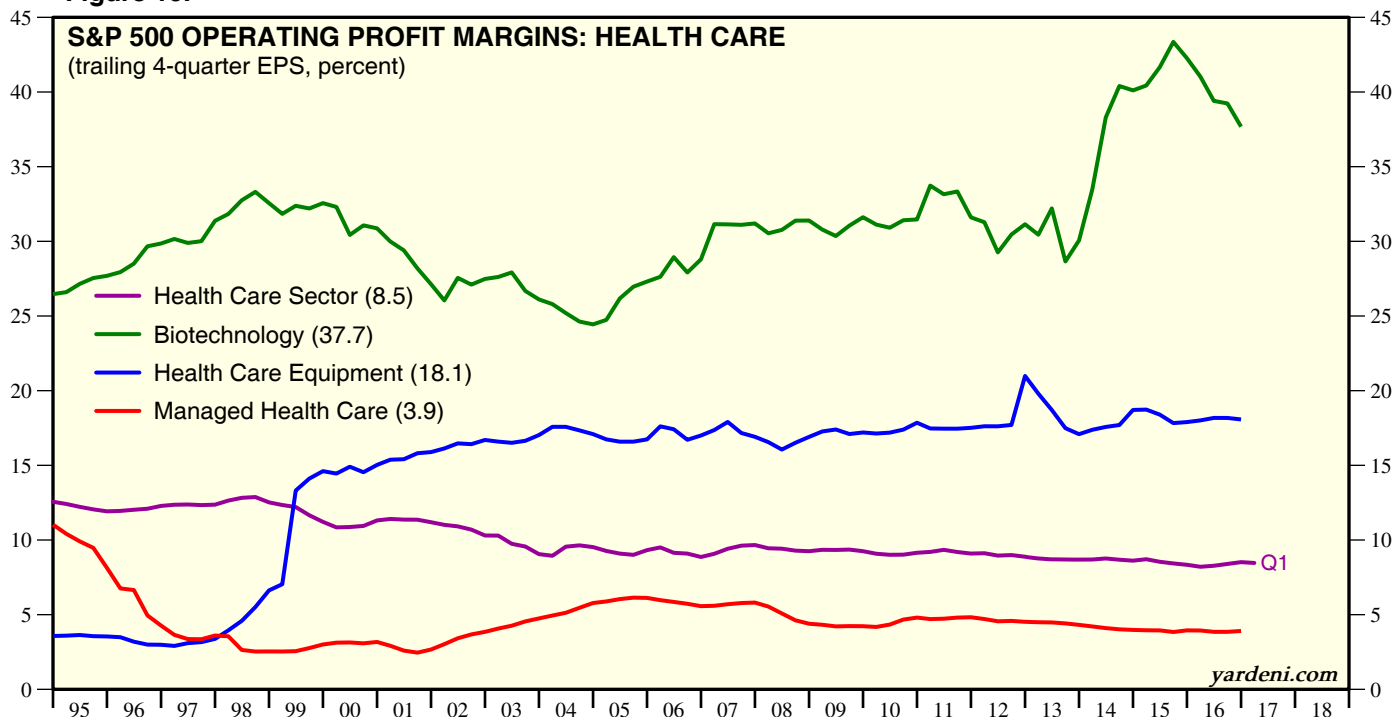
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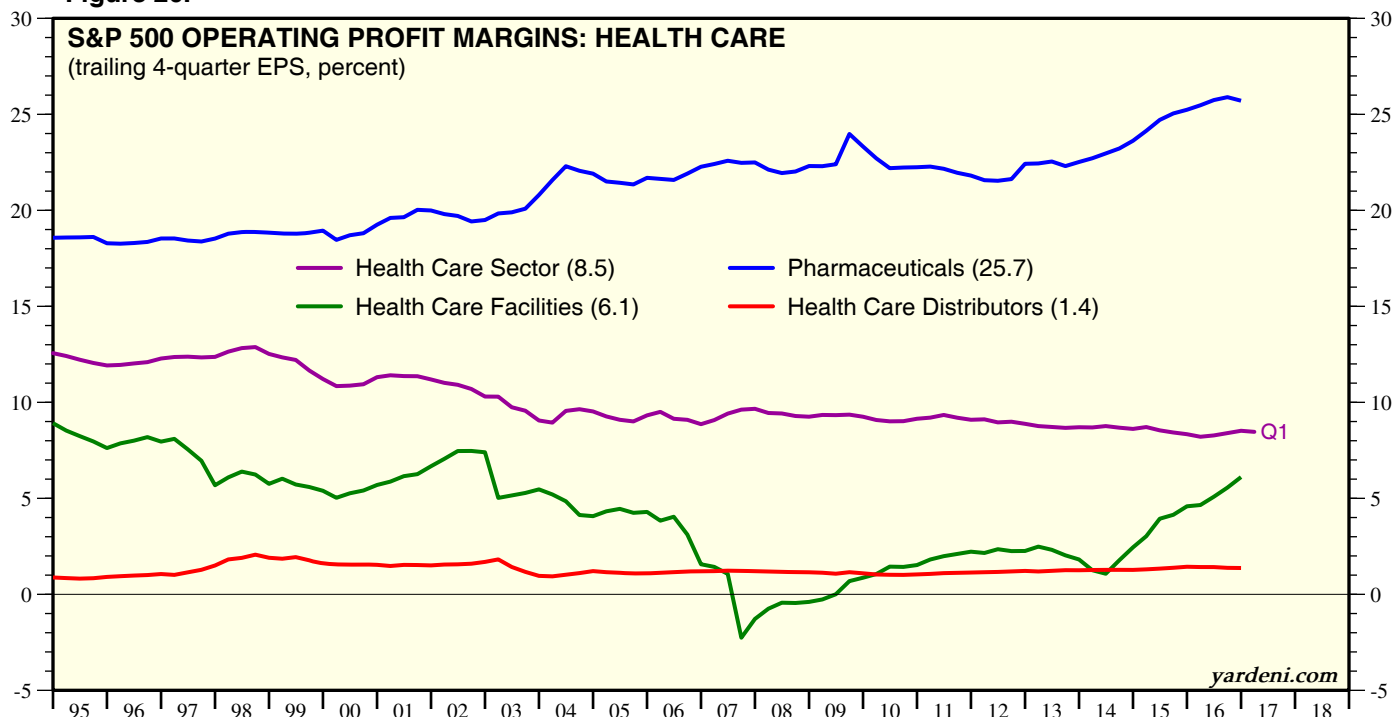
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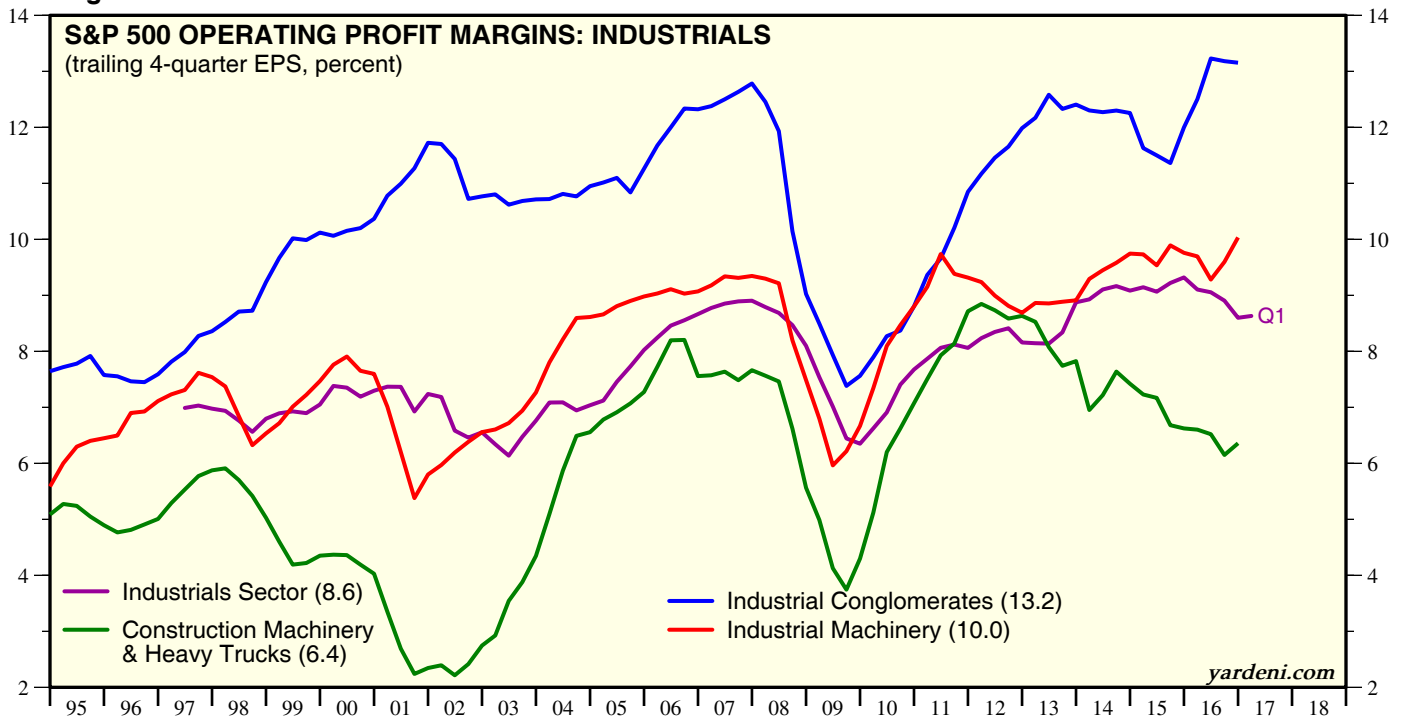
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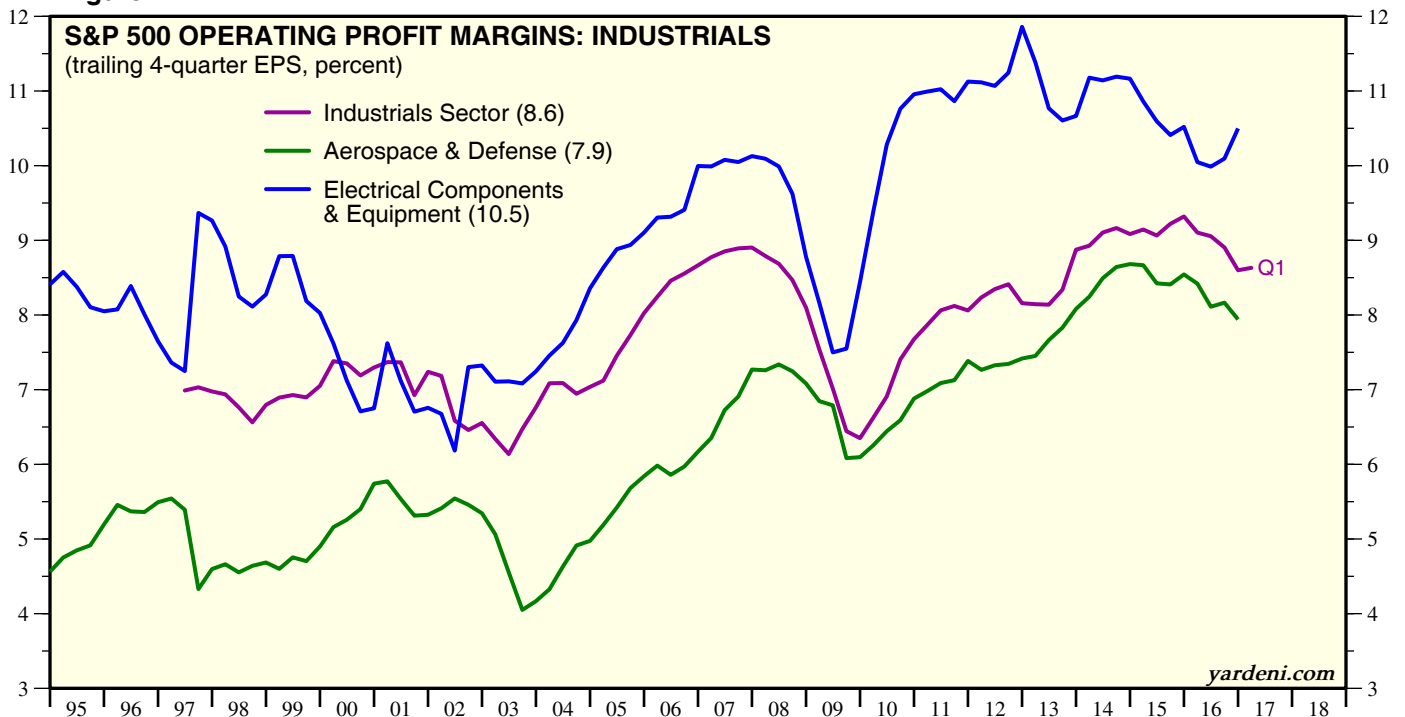
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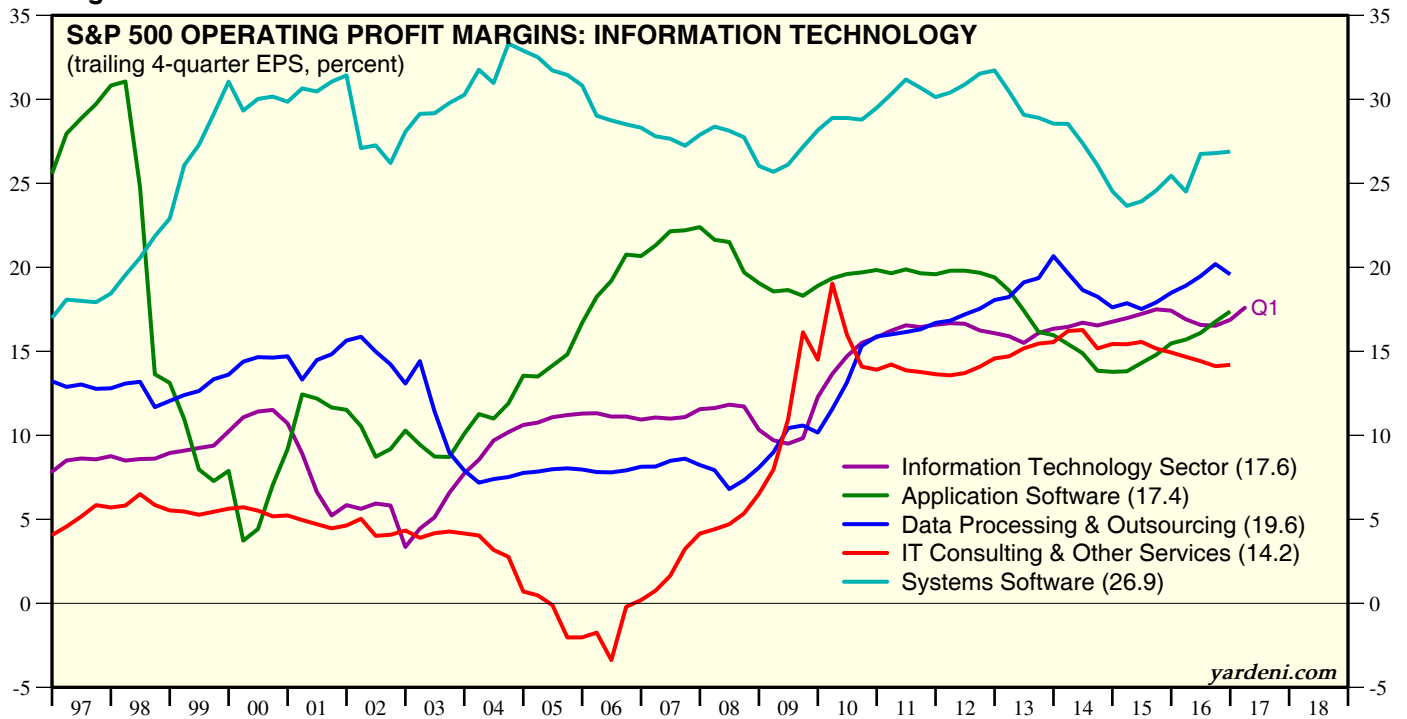
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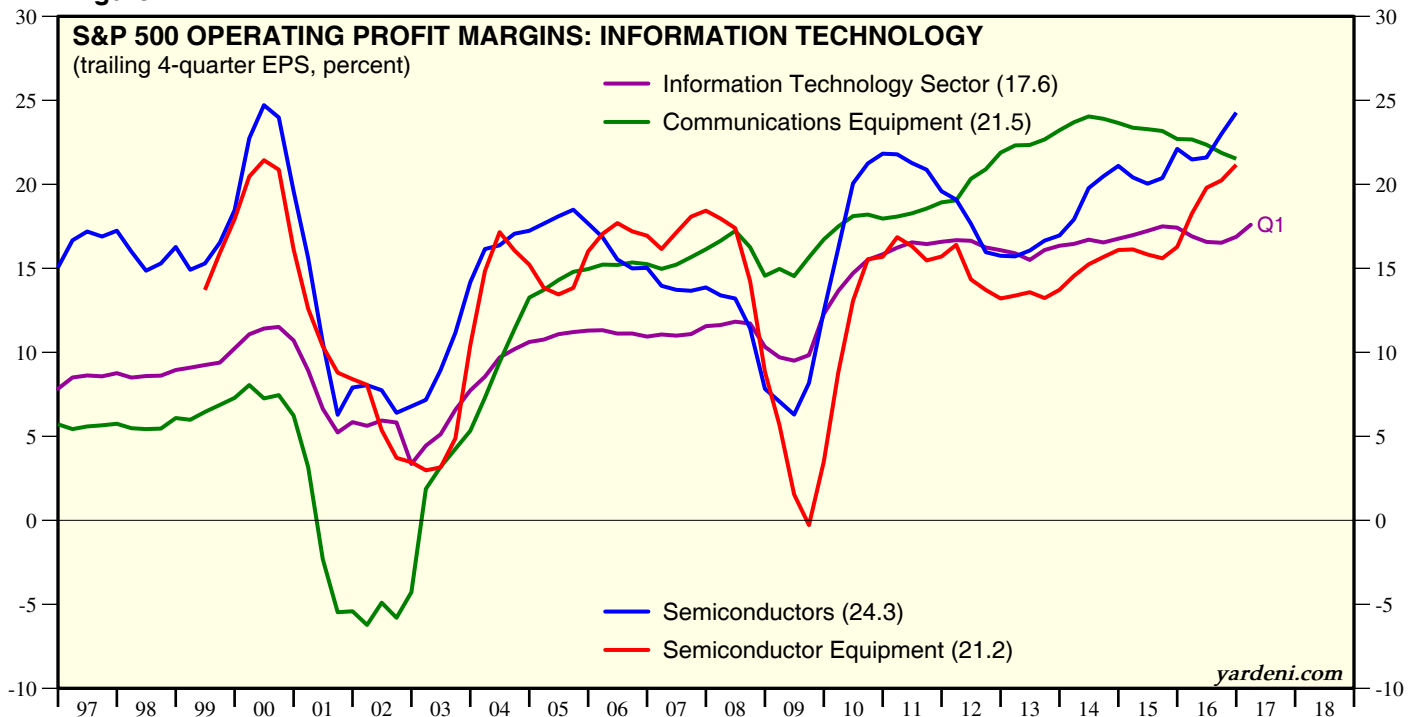
Information Technology

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Materials

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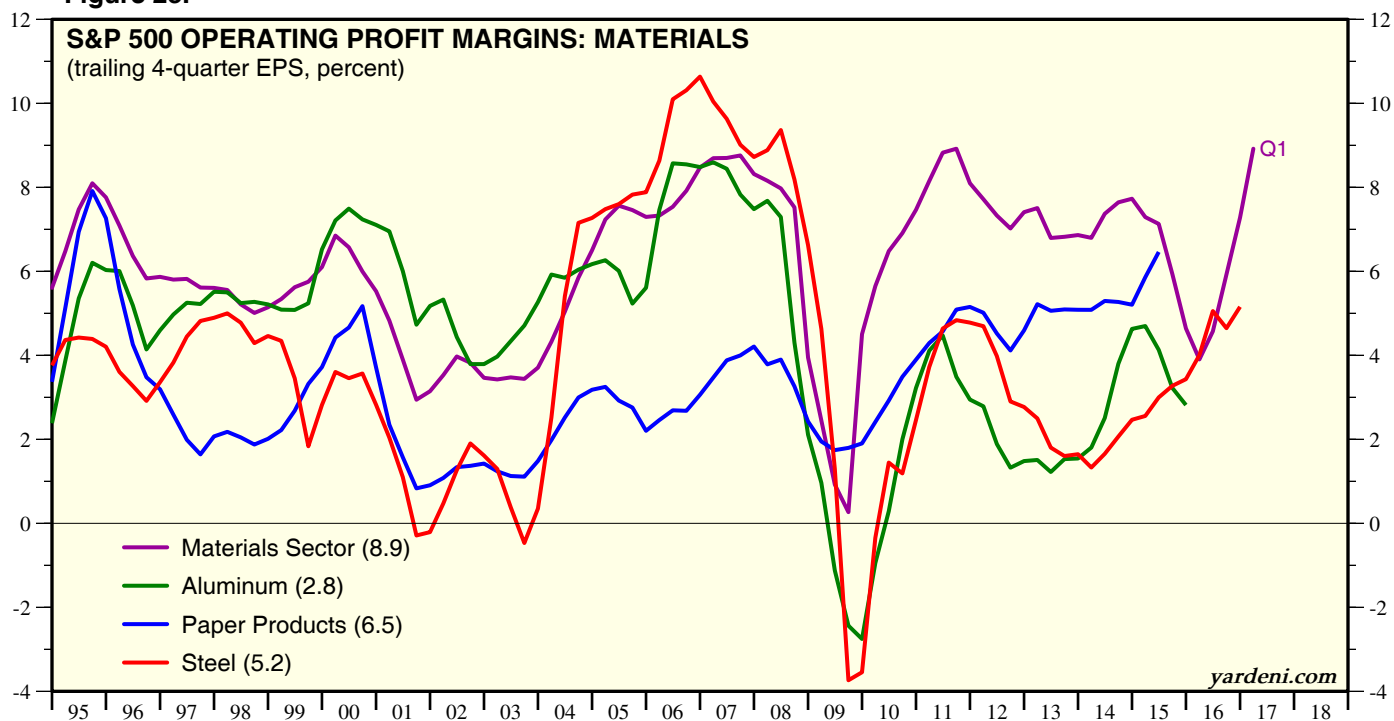
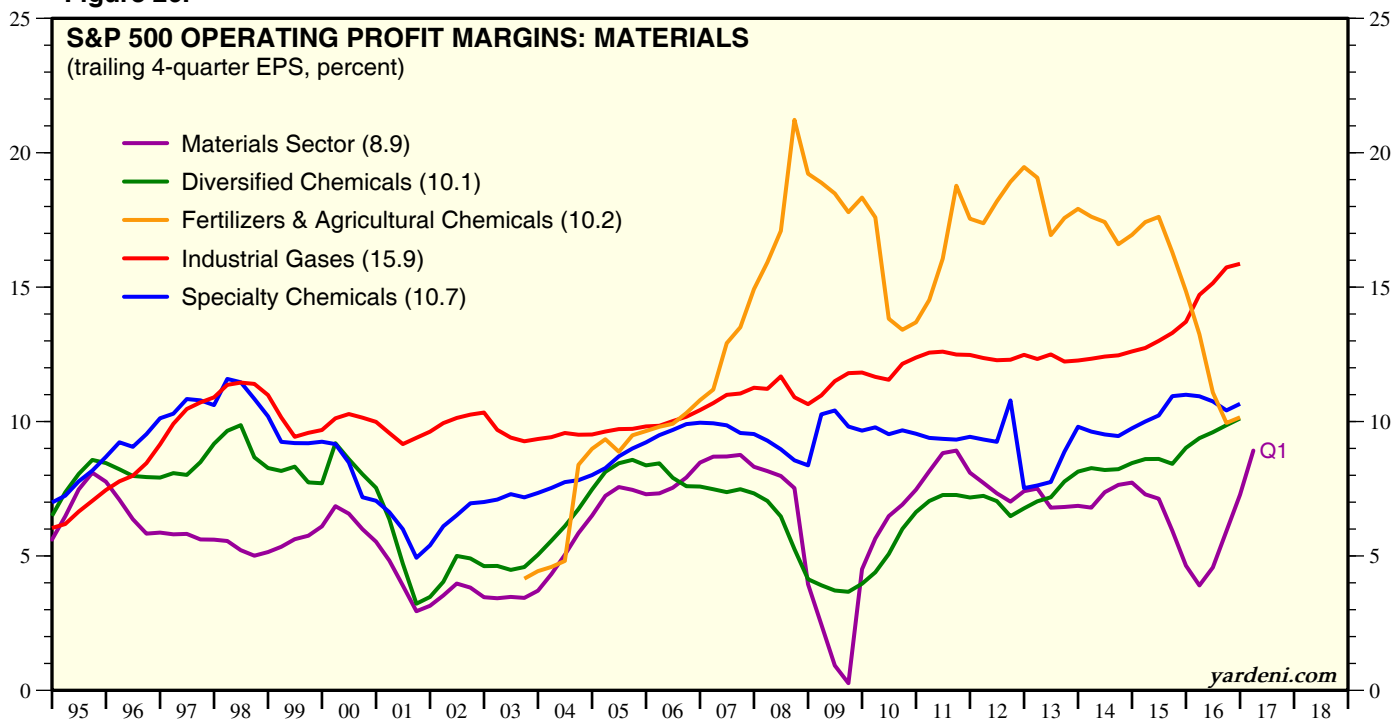
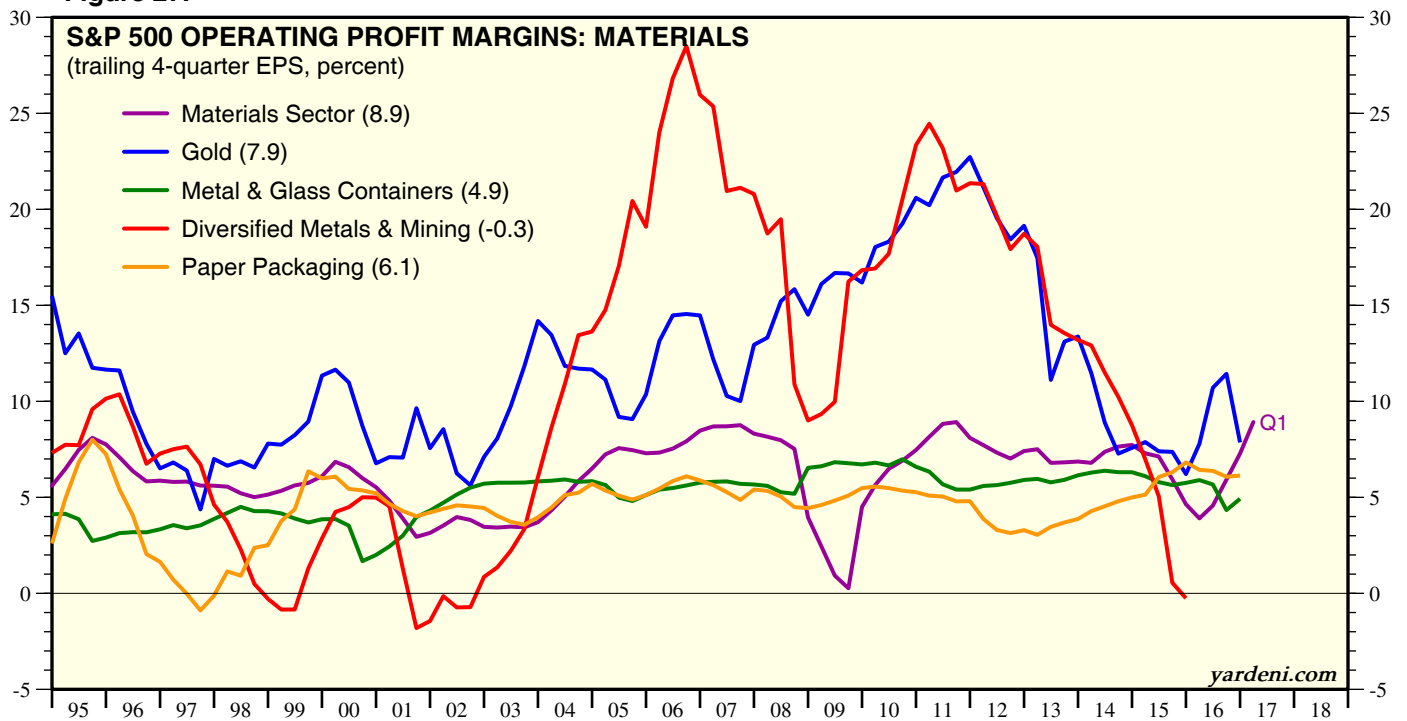


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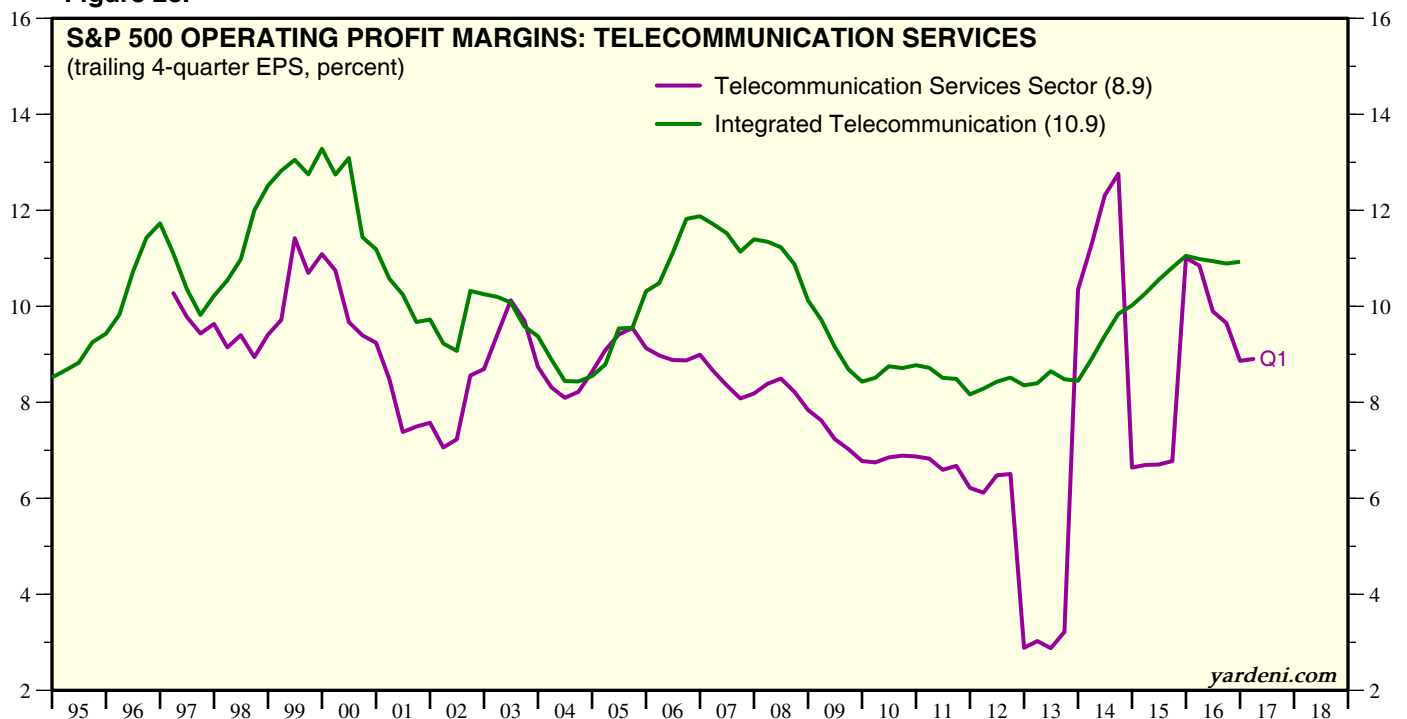
Materials & Telecommunication Services

Figure 27.



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