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

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Figure 1.

S&P 500 Profit Margin

Source: Standard & Poor’s Corporation (revenues and reported EPS) and I/B/E/S data by Refinitiv (operating EPS).

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**Figure 3.**

**S&P 500 OPERATING PROFIT MARGIN**

(Percent)

- Quarterly (11.7)
- Trailing four-quarter average (12.0)

Source: Standard & Poor’s Corporation (revenues) and I/B/E/S data by Refinitiv (operating EPS).

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**Figure 4.**

**S&P 500 REPORTED PROFIT MARGIN**

(Percent)

- Quarterly (10.0)
- Trailing four-quarter average (10.1)

Source: Standard & Poor’s Corporation.
Figure 5.

S&P 500 Profit Margin

(preliminary, using analysts’ average earnings and revenues forecasts)

Consensus Forecasts
- Annual
- 52-week forward* (12.0)

* Time-weighted average of the consensus estimates for current year and next year. Monthly through December 2005, then weekly.
Source: I/B/E/S data by Refinitiv.

Figure 6.

S&P 500 Profit Margin Measures

(preliminary)

S&P 500 Operating Profit Margins
- Forward*
- Actual (trailing 4Q average)

* Forward earnings divided by forward revenues.
Source: I/B/E/S data by Refinitiv and Standard & Poor’s.
Figure 7.

**S&P 500 & PROFIT MARGIN**

- S&P 500 index (2984.9)
- Operating trailing 4-quarter profit margin (12.0)

*Source: Standard & Poor’s Corporation and I/B/E/S data by Refinitiv.*

Figure 8.

**S&P 500 & FORWARD PROFIT MARGIN**

- S&P 500 index (2984.9)
- Forward profit margin (12.0)

Source: Standard & Poor’s Corporation and I/B/E/S data by Refinitiv.*
S&P 500 Sectors Operating Profit Margins

* 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

Figure 10.

- **S&P 500**
  - Operating Profit Margin*
  - Actual 4Q Trailing
  - Implied Forward

- **INDUSTRIALS**

- **CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY**

- **CONSUMER STAPLES**

- **ENERGY**

- **REAL ESTATE**

- **FINANCIALS**
  - Includes Real Estate through Q2-2016

- **COMMUNICATION SERVICES**

- **HEALTH CARE**

- **UTILITIES**

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

Source: Standard & Poor’s Corporation (trailing 4-quarter margin) and I/B/E/S data by Refinitiv (forward margin).
**Figure 11.**

**S&P 500 OPERATING PROFIT MARGINS: CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY**
(trailing 4-quarter EPS, percent)

- Consumer Discretionary Sector (7.2)
- Automobile Manufacturers (4.6)
- Auto Parts & Equipment (8.4)
- Motorcycle Manufacturers (9.1)

Note: Sector data from S&P. Industry-level data uses I/B/E/S data from Refinitiv for EPS through Q4-2007, and S&P’s EPS thereafter.
Source: Standard & Poor’s, I/B/E/S data by Refinitiv, and Haver Analytics.

**Figure 12.**

**S&P 500 OPERATING PROFIT MARGINS: CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY**
(trailing 4-quarter EPS, percent)

- Consumer Discretionary Sector (7.2)
- Casinos & Gaming (4.2)
- Hotels, Resorts & Cruise Lines (11.3)
- Restaurants (17.5)

Note: Sector data from S&P. Industry-level data uses I/B/E/S data from Refinitiv for EPS through Q4-2007, and S&P’s EPS thereafter.
Source: Standard & Poor’s, I/B/E/S data by Refinitiv, and Haver Analytics.
Consumer Discretionary

Figure 13.

S&P 500 OPERATING PROFIT MARGINS: CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY
(trailing 4-quarter EPS, percent)

Consumer Discretionary Sector (7.2)
Apparel Retail (7.5)
Department Stores (4.0)
Specialty Stores (9.0)

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Figure 14.

S&P 500 OPERATING PROFIT MARGINS: CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY
(trailing 4-quarter EPS, percent)

Consumer Discretionary Sector (7.2)
Computer & Electronics Retail (3.5)
Household Appliances (4.0)
Home Improvement Retail (8.5)
Homebuilding (8.8)

Margins capped at -2% due to extreme values.

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Consumer Staples

Figure 15.

S&P 500 OPERATING PROFIT MARGINS: CONSUMER STAPLES
(trailing 4-quarter EPS, percent)

Note: Sector data from S&P. Industry-level data uses I/B/E/S data from Refinitiv for EPS through Q4-2007, and S&P’s EPS thereafter.
Source: Standard & Poor’s, I/B/E/S data by Refinitiv, and Haver Analytics.

Figure 16.

S&P 500 OPERATING PROFIT MARGINS: CONSUMER STAPLES
(trailing 4-quarter EPS, percent)

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Source: Standard & Poor’s, I/B/E/S data by Refinitiv, and Haver Analytics.
Energy

Figure 17.

S&P 500 OPERATING PROFIT MARGINS: ENERGY
(trailing 4-quarter EPS, percent)

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Source: Standard & Poor’s, I/B/E/S data by Refinitiv, and Haver Analytics.

Figure 18.

S&P 500 OPERATING PROFIT MARGINS: ENERGY
(trailing 4-quarter EPS, percent)

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Source: Standard & Poor’s, I/B/E/S data by Refinitiv, and Haver Analytics.
Health Care

Figure 19.

S&P 500 OPERATING PROFIT MARGINS: HEALTH CARE
(trailing 4-quarter EPS, percent)

- Health Care Sector (8.8)
- Biotechnology (33.7)
- Health Care Equipment (12.9)
- Managed Health Care (4.5)

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Source: Standard & Poor’s, I/B/E/S data by Refinitiv, and Haver Analytics.

Figure 20.

S&P 500 OPERATING PROFIT MARGINS: HEALTH CARE
(trailing 4-quarter EPS, percent)

- Health Care Sector (8.8)
- Pharmaceuticals (21.8)
- Health Care Facilities (7.3)
- Health Care Distributors (0.9)

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Industrials

Figure 21.

S&P 500 OPERATING PROFIT MARGINS: INDUSTRIALS
(trailing 4-quarter EPS, percent)

Industrials Sector (9.7)
Construction Machinery & Heavy Trucks (10.5)

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Figure 22.

S&P 500 OPERATING PROFIT MARGINS: INDUSTRIALS
(trailing 4-quarter EPS, percent)

Industrials Sector (9.7)
Aerospace & Defense (9.7)
Electrical Components & Equipment (13.1)

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Information Technology

Figure 23.

S&P 500 OPERATING PROFIT MARGINS: INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(trailing 4-quarter EPS, percent)

Note: Sector data from S&P. Industry-level data uses I/B/E/S data from Refinitiv for EPS through Q4-2007, and S&P’s EPS thereafter.
Source: Standard & Poor’s, I/B/E/S data by Refinitiv, and Haver Analytics.

Figure 24.

S&P 500 OPERATING PROFIT MARGINS: INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(trailing 4-quarter EPS, percent)

Note: Sector data from S&P. Industry-level data uses I/B/E/S data from Refinitiv for EPS through Q4-2007, and S&P’s EPS thereafter.
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Materials

Figure 25.

S&P 500 OPERATING PROFIT MARGINS: MATERIALS
(trailing 4-quarter EPS, percent)

Materials Sector (9.1)
Diversified Chemicals (9.1)
Fertilizers & Agricultural Chemicals (11.2)
Industrial Gases (8.5)
Specialty Chemicals (10.6)

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Figure 26.

S&P 500 OPERATING PROFIT MARGINS: MATERIALS
(trailing 4-quarter EPS, percent)

Materials Sector (9.1)
Copper (4.6)
Gold (0.2)
Metal & Glass Containers (4.9)
Paper Packaging (9.5)
Steel (8.6)

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Source: Standard & Poor’s, I/B/E/S data by Refinitiv, and Haver Analytics.
Communication Services

Figure 27.
S&P 500 OPERATING PROFIT MARGINS: COMMUNICATION SERVICES
(trailing 4-quarter EPS, percent)

- Communication Services Sector (15.5)
- Alternative Carriers (6.4)
- Integrated Telecommunication (12.5)

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Figure 28.
S&P 500 OPERATING PROFIT MARGINS: COMMUNICATION SERVICES
(trailing 4-quarter EPS, percent)

- Communication Services Sector (15.5)
- Cable & Satellite (9.5)
- Advertising (7.4)
- Broadcasting (11.5)
- Publishing (-2.2)

Sub-industries awaiting S&P’s database update.

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Communication Services

Figure 29.

S&P 500 OPERATING PROFIT MARGINS: COMMUNICATION SERVICES
(trailing 4-quarter EPS, percent)

- Communication Services Sector (15.5)
- Interactive Home Entertainment (17.2)
- Movies & Entertainment (15.8)

Sub-industries awaiting S&P’s database update.

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