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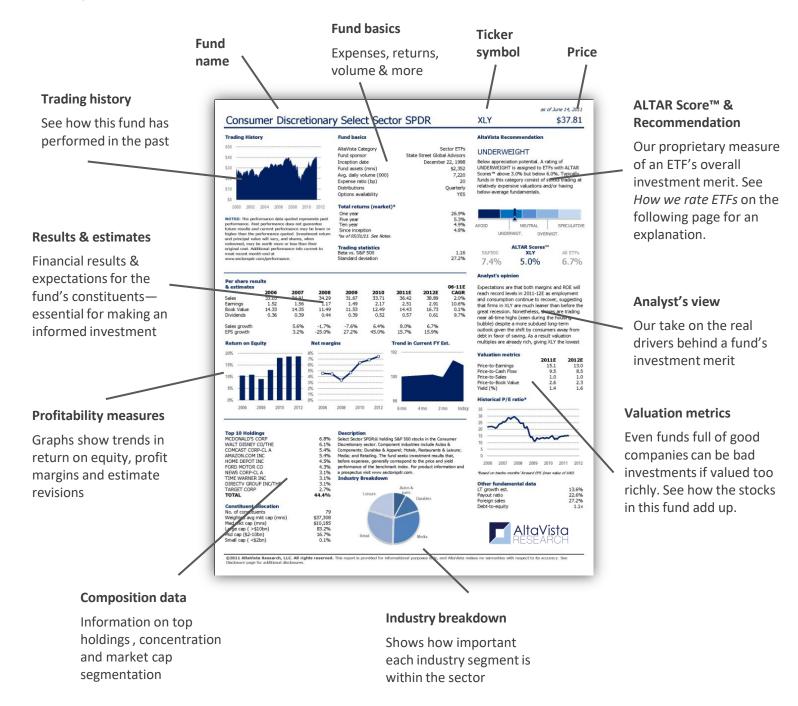
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# How to use this guide

#### A fundamentally different approach

This guide presents fundamental data and analysis on each of the nine Select Sector SPDR funds so you can view and value them they way you would a single stock. It consists of an "Analyzer" page (shown below) covering each fund, along with a Valuation Guide to facilitate easy comparisons between funds as well as with the S&P500 index. For more on our approach to ETF analysis visit ETF Research Center at <a href="https://www.etfrc.com">www.etfrc.com</a>.



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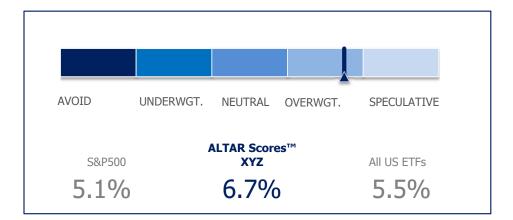


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## How we rate ETFs

#### AltaVista Recommendation

For every ETF under coverage, we calculate an AltaVista Long Term Annual Return forecast, or ALTAR Score™, explained in more detail in the sidebar. Then, we separate the funds into five tiers (quintiles) based on where their individual scores ranks versus other funds in the category, under a normal distribution probability curve. The five recommendation tiers, defined in detail below, are: SPECULATIVE, OVERWEIGHT, NEUTRAL, UNDERWEIGHT and AVOID.



#### What they mean...

#### **SPECULATIVE**

**Deeply undervalued but risky.** A rating of SPECULATIVE is assigned to ETFs with ALTAR Scores in the top quintile (the top 20%) of their category, indicating exceptional appreciation potential. However, often these are narrowly-focused funds or in industries with structural issues, which may also make them very risky. Nonetheless they may still be useful as part of a well-diversified portfolio.

#### **OVERWEIGHT**

**Above average appreciation potential.** A rating of OVERWEIGHT is assigned to ETFs with ALTAR Scores in the 4th quintile (ranking higher than 60%-80%) of their category. Typically, funds in this category consist of stocks trading at attractive valuations and/or having above-average fundamentals.

#### NEUTRAL

**Average appreciation potential.** A rating of NEUTRAL is assigned to ETFs with ALTAR Scores in the middle quintile (ranking between 40%-60%) of their category. This indicates that valuations adequately reflect the fundamentals of stocks in these funds. The majority of funds we cover fall into this category.

#### **UNDERWEIGHT**

**Below appreciation potential.** A rating of UNDERWEIGHT is assigned to ETFs with ALTAR Scores in the 2nd quintile (ranking higher than only 20%-40%) of their category. Typically, funds in this category consist of stocks trading at relatively expensive valuations and/or having below-average fundamentals.

#### **AVOID**

**Not worthwhile for most investors.** A rating of AVOID is assigned to ETFs with ALTAR Scores in the lowest quintile (the bottom 20%) of their category. Often, funds in this category consist of stocks with little if any history or expectation of profitability, and as a result our fundamentally-driven analysis may not be as relevant.

#### ALTAR Score™

The ALTAR Score™, short for AltaVista Long Term Annual Return forecast, is our measure of an ETF's overall investment merit. For equity funds the formula is:

$$ROE_{avg} \div \frac{P}{BV} - fees$$

where *ROEavg* is the average Return on Equity over the course of the business cycle, and *P/BV* is the price-to-book value multiple for the current forecast year ("FY1"). Finally, we subtract fund *fees* which diminish investor returns. Results are expressed as a percentage, with higher values better, all else being equal.

#### **Origins**

The ALTAR Score relates overall profitability of stocks in a fund to their valuations, using the well-established relationship between Return on Equity and Price-to-Book Value multiples, itself a derivation of the Dividend Discount Model, one of the earliest and most basic approaches to equity valuation.

#### What its means

The ALTAR Score provides an estimate of a kind of "internal rate of return" from the owner's perspective. The primary benefit of this approach is that it is forward looking--based on current fundamentals and valuation metrics--in contrast to most fund rating methodologies which focus on past share price returns.

#### What it does not mean

It is not a price target or prediction about how the market will value the fund in the future. There is no time or momentum component to the ALTAR Score, and it is not meant as any sort of short-term indicator.

#### **Bottom line**

The ALTAR Score can be used to compare funds based on investment merit, but it is not intended as a prediction of future performance. Investors should also consider the many other data points in each report to assess each fund's suitability. For more information visit www.etfrc.com.



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# Section I

Side-by-Side Comparisons

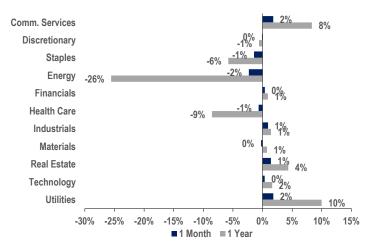
Sector SPDRs as of August 29, 2025

# Market Activity & Breakdown

#### Total Returns\* (Price)

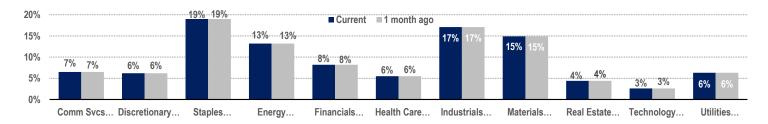
#### Comm. Services Discretionary 25% **Staples** Energy **Financials** 5.4% **Health Care** -11% Industrials 5.2% Materials 0% Real Estate -0.1% Technology 20% -1.6% Utilities -20% -10% 40% 0% 10% 20% 30% ■1 Month ■ 1 Year

#### **Changes in Shares Outstanding**

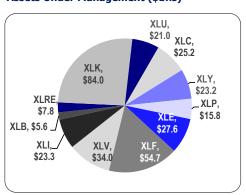


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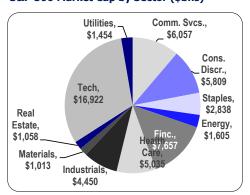
#### Short Interest (as a percentage of total shares outstanding)



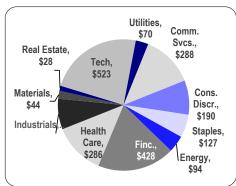
#### **Assets Under Management (\$bns)**



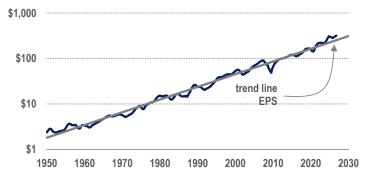
#### S&P 500 Market Cap by Sector (\$bns)



#### S&P 500 2025E Profits by Sector (\$bns)



#### S&P 500 Operating Earnings (4 qtrs. rolling, 1950-present)



#### **S&P500 Forward P/E multiple on Trend-line EPS**

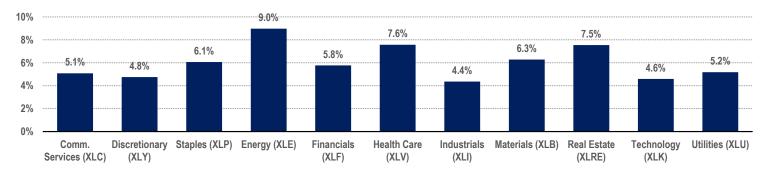


Valuation Guide August 29, 2025

# Select Sector SPDRs

This page provides a summary of valuation metrics for the Select Sector SPDRs and S&P 500 which may be considered when buying or selling these funds.

#### **ALTAR Score™**



#### **Calculation of ALTAR Score™**

	Avg. ROE (21-25E)	Div. by Fwd PBV	Less Exp.	equals ALTAR™
Comm. Services (XLC)	14.2%	2.8x	0.08%	5.1%
Discretionary (XLY)	29.6%	6.1x	0.08%	4.8%
Staples (XLP)	23.1%	3.8x	0.08%	6.1%
Energy (XLE)	17.2%	1.9x	0.08%	9.0%
Financials (XLF)	12.0%	2.1x	0.08%	5.8%
Health Care (XLV)	25.3%	3.3x	0.08%	7.6%
Industrials (XLI)	22.2%	5.0x	0.08%	4.4%
Materials (XLB)	15.8%	2.5x	0.08%	6.3%
Real Estate (XLRE)	19.7%	2.6x	0.08%	7.5%
Technology (XLK)	32.2%	6.9x	0.08%	4.6%
Utilities (XLU)	11.7%	2.2x	0.08%	5.2%

#### Range of Earnings Estimates (2025E)

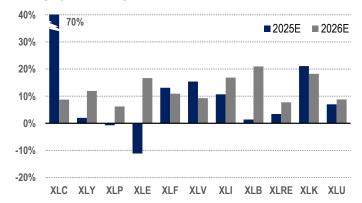
	LOW	CONSENS	US	HIGH
Comm. Svcs Discr. Staples Energy	-11.5% -12.1% -18.1% <sup>-6</sup> .		9.5%	17.0%
Financials Real Estate	-7.7 -17.9%	7%	6.8%	25.0%
Health Care Industrials		.6%	6.3% 9.5%	
Materials Technology Utilities	-11.4% -8.2 -10.09	2%	7.5% 5.7%	5.9%

NOTE: The ALTAR Score™ is AltaVista's proprietary measure of an ETF's overall investment merit, based on academic work relating price-to-book value multiples to return on equity (Wilcox, Financial Analysts Journal, Jan-Feb 1984). In general, higher scores suggest better long term investment potential in AltaVista's opinion, but they are not forecasts of future returns. For more information go to www.etfrc.com.

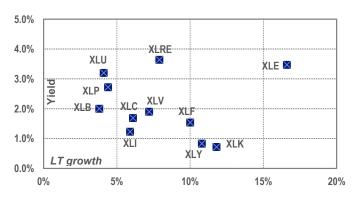
#### Valuation multiples (based on 2025 estimates)

	Price	P/E	PEG	P/CF	<b>P/Sales</b>	P/BV	Yield*	
Comm. Services (XLC)	\$111.39	19.0	3.1	7.8	2.3	3.0	1.7	*Paged on
Discretionary (XLY)	\$231.74	28.5	2.6	14.6	2.5	6.9	0.8	*Based on
Staples (XLP)	\$80.78	20.0	4.5	11.1	1.4	4.0	2.7	consensus dividend
Energy (XLE)	\$90.39	16.9	1.0	6.2	1.3	2.0	3.5	forecasts for
Financials (XLF)	\$53.99	17.9	1.8	13.9	3.6	2.2	1.5	underlying stocks.
Health Care (XLV)	\$137.43	17.5	2.4	11.8	1.5	3.6	1.9	May differ from the
Industrials (XLI)	\$152.01	26.7	4.5	15.1	2.8	5.6	1.2	distribution yield on
Materials (XLB)	\$92.28	25.1	6.6	10.8	2.1	2.6	2.0	the ETF.
Real Estate (XLRE)	\$42.31	15.6	2.0	14.2	6.4	2.7	3.6	
Technology (XLK)	\$262.45	30.9	2.6	20.9	7.2	7.9	0.7	
Utilities (XLU)	\$84.32	19.0	4.6	7.0	2.7	2.3	3.2	
S&P500	6,460.26	23.9	2.4	14.5	3.3	4.4	1.2	

#### Earnings per share growth



#### Yield\* vs. long-term EPS growth of fund constituents



Note: All valuation metrics on this page calculated based on consensus estimates of current fund constituents. Definitions of technical terms can be found on page 23 of this document.



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# Select Sector SPDRs

#### Trends in P/E and P/BV multiples

This page contains monthly observations of historical price-to-earnings (P/E) and price-to-book value (P/BV) multiples based on rolling twelve-months' earnings and book value per share figures, respectively, for each Sector SPDR (maximum value of 100). It illustrates how these funds have traded in the past in relation to these two valuation metrics.

#### **Consumer Discretionary (XLY)**



#### **Consumer Staples (XLP)**



#### Energy (XLE)



Financials (XLF)



Health Care (XLV)



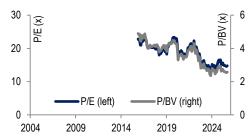
Industrials (XLI)



Materials (XLB)



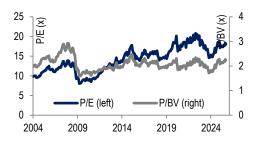
Real Estate (XLRE)



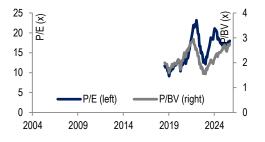
Technology (XLK)



**Utilities (XLU)** 



**Communication Services (XLC)** 



**S&P 500 (SPY, IVV & VOO)** 



August 29, 2025 **Consensus Sentiment** 

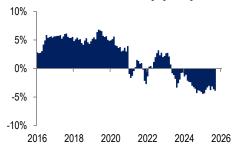
# Select Sector SPDRs

#### **Trends in Analysts Consensus Ratings**

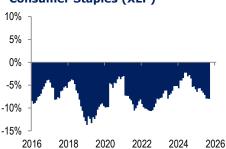
This page contains historical analysts' consensus ratings on each index's underlying constituents, relative to their ratings for the constituents of the S&P 500 overall. A reading of 5% means analysts are five percent more bullish on stocks in the sector than the market overall; a reading of negative 5% means they are five percent more bearish.

Given the prevalence of Buy ratings among analysts for all stocks, the trend and relative ratings may be more important than the rating level in gauging analysts' true sentiment regarding the stocks in each index. Investors may consider this along with other data and information when buying or selling any security tracking these indices.

#### **Consumer Discretionary (XLY)**



#### **Consumer Staples (XLP)**



#### **Energy (XLE)**



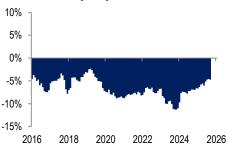
#### Financials (XLF)



#### Health Care (XLV)



#### Industrials (XLI)



#### Materials (XLB)



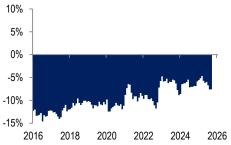
#### Real Estate (XLRE)



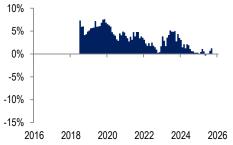
Technology (XLK)



#### **Utilities (XLU)**



#### Comm. Services (XLC)



# Section II

Fund Detail Pages

#### **Trading History**

Per share results & estimates

Sales

25%

20%

15%

10%

Earnings

**Book Value** 

Sales growth

**Return on Equity** 

EPS growth

Dividends



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2020

33.27

25.35

3.04

4.03

2021

37.02

5.00

26.69

1.06

11.3%

24.1%

2026

2022

43.73

3.35

30.23

18.1%

-33.0%

**Net margins** 

1.09

#### **Fund basics**

AltaVista Category	US
Fund sponsor	SSGA
Inception date	June 18, 2018
Fund assets (mns)	\$25,185
Avg. daily volume (000)	5,921
Expense ratio (bp)	8
Distributions	Quarterly
Options availability	YES

#### Total returns (price)\*

One year	
Five year	
Ten year	
Since inception	
*as of 08/29/25. See Notes.	

2024

45.78

3.44

33.44

0.94

2.2%

-13.1%

#### **Trading statistics** Beta vs. S&P 500

2023

44.80

3.96

30.94

0.83

2 4%

18.2%

Standard deviation

2025E

47.57

5.85

37.41

1.88

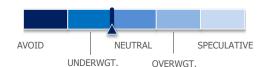
3.9%

70.1%

#### **AltaVista Recommendation**

#### **NEUTRAL**

Average appreciation potential. A rating of NEUTRAL is assigned to ETFs with ALTAR Scores in the middle quintile (ranking between 40%-60%) of their category. This indicates that valuations adequately reflect the fundamentals of stocks in these funds.



	<b>ALTAR Scores™</b>
kP 500	XLC
00/-	E 00/2

Cat. Avg. 5.6% 5.0%

#### **Analyst's opinion**

Profitability has been erratic as firms struggle with how to make money from streaming services and continuing through next year. We think valuations

#### 7.7% 8.1%

29.0%

13.0%

n/a

n/a

1.01

17.5%

20-25E

**CAGR** 

7.4%

n/m

today

AI, but easy comps are likely to result in large profit gains this year with recovery in margins adequately reflect the sector's promising-butbumpy long-term growth prospects ranking it slightly above the S&P 500 but within Neutral territory, while sell-side analysts rate the sector slightly above average (see Sentiment page).

## Trend in Current FY Est.

2026E

50.07

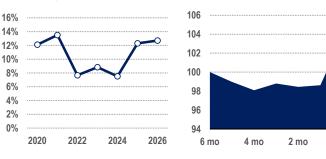
6.36

42.05

1.72

5.3%

8.7%



#### Ton 10 Holdings

2020

18.3%
11.4%
9.2%
7.7%
4.9%
4.6%
4.4%
4.3%
4.2%
4.2%
73.1%

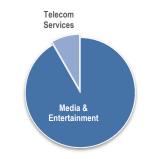
#### **Constituent allocation**

No. of constituents	23
Weighted avg mkt cap (mns)	\$970,293
Large cap ( >\$10bn)	96.2%
Mid cap (\$2-10bn)	2.3%
Small cap ( <\$2bn)	0.0%

#### **Description**

The Communication Services Select Sector SPDR Fund tracks a market-cap-weighted index of US telecommunication and media & entertainment components of the S&P 500 index.

#### **Industry Breakdown**

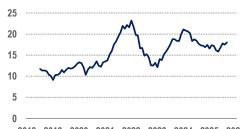


#### **Valuation metrics**

	2023E	2020E
Price-to-Earnings	19.0	17.5
Price-to-Cash Flow	7.8	7.2
Price-to-Sales	2.3	2.2
Price-to-Book Value	3.0	2.6
Yield* (%)	1.7	1.5

\*Based on consensus dividend forecasts for underlying stocks. Ma differ significantly from distribution yield on the ETF.

#### Historical P/E ratio\*



2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 2025 202 \*based on twelve months' forward EPS (max value of 100)

#### Other fundamental data

LT growth est.	3.5%
Payout ratio	32.1%
Debt-to-equity	1.2x



24.9%

10.0%

13.2%

10.6%

1.14

21.4%

20-25E

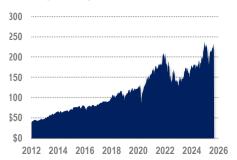
**CAGR** 

10.0%

41.8%

. Avg.

#### **Trading History**



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2020

58.55

1.42

3.21

15.68

2021

71 23

212.

4.43

#### **Fund basics**

US AltaVista Category Fund sponsor State Street Global Advisors Inception date December 16, 1998 Fund assets (mns) \$23,244 Avg. daily volume (000) 5,875 Expense ratio 0.08% Distributions Quarterly Options availability YES

#### Total returns (price)\*

One year Five year Ten year Since inception \*as of 08/29/25. See Notes.

#### **Trading statistics**

2023

87 20

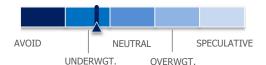
6.94

Beta vs. S&P 500 Standard deviation

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<b>ALTAR Scores</b> ™			
S&P 500	XLY	Cat	
4 00%	4 70%	5	

#### **Analyst's opinion**

Estimate revisions have stabilized and even ticked up in recent months (Trend chart), but labor market softness poses a new risk to consumer spending. That said, earnings growth is forecast at only 2% this year, and we question the margins implied by forecasts for next year. Given their lofty valuations and cloudy outlook, the sector ranks just below the S&P 500 in our value-conscious rating framework; sell-side analysts also rate it below-average (see Sentiment page).

Not margins			-	Frand in Cu	rront EV Ect	
212.0%	15.8%	35.3%	15.0%	2.0%	11.9%	
21.7%	13.4%	8.0%	5.3%	2.7%	5.1%	
19.00 2.01	18.60 1.53	20.96 1.86	27.17 1.77	33.39 1.92	40.45 2.05	16.3% n/m
40.00	10.60	20.00	0-4-		40 45	46.001

2024

91 86

7.98

#### **Return on Equity**

Per share results

& estimates

Sales

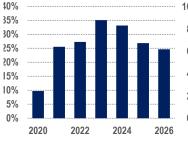
**Earnings** 

Book Value

Sales growth

EPS growth

Dividends



#### Net margins

2022

80.75

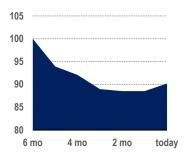


#### Trend in Current FY Est.

2025E

94 34

8.14



2026E

99 11

9.11

#### 10 Holdings

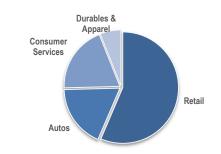
22.8%
16.1%
7.0%
4.3%
4.3%
3.7%
3.5%
2.2%
2.2%
68.6%

#### **Constituent allocation**

No. of constituents Weighted avg mkt cap (mns) \$807,250 Large cap ( >\$10bn) 98.2% Mid cap (\$2-10bn) 1.8% Small cap ( <\$2bn) 0.0%

#### Description

Select Sector SPDR® holding S&P 500 stocks in the Consumer Discretionary sector. Component industries include Autos & Components; Durables & Apparel; Consumer Services and Retailing. The fund seeks investment results that, before expenses, generally correspond to the price and yield performance of the benchmark index.

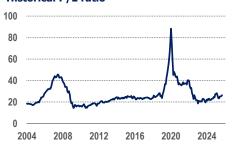


### Valuation metrics

	2025E	2026E
Price-to-Earnings	28.5	25.4
Price-to-Cash Flow	14.6	13.3
Price-to-Sales	2.5	2.3
Price-to-Book Value	6.9	5.7
Yield* (%)	0.8	0.9

\*Based on consensus dividend forecasts for underlying stocks. May differ significantly from distribution yield on the ETF.

#### Historical P/E ratio\*



#### Other fundamental data

LT EPS growth est.	11.2%
Payout ratio	23.6%
Debt-to-equity	2.2x



# Consumer Staples Select Sector SPDR Fund

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#### **Trading History**



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#### **Fund basics**

AltaVista Category	US
Fund sponsor	State Street Global Advisors
Inception date	December 16, 1998
Fund assets (mns)	\$15,810
Avg. daily volume (000)	16,418
Expense ratio (bp)	8
Distributions	Quarterly
Options availability	YES

#### Total returns (price)\*

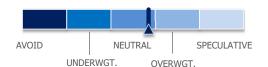
One year 0.4% 7.0% Five year Ten year 8.3% Since inception 7.2% \*as of 08/29/25. See Notes.

#### **Trading statistics** Beta vs. S&P 500 Standard deviation

#### **AltaVista Recommendation**

#### **NEUTRAL**

Average appreciation potential. A rating of NEUTRAL is assigned to ETFs with ALTAR Scores in the middle quintile (ranking between 40%-60%) of their category. This indicates that valuations adequately reflect the fundamentals of stocks in these funds.



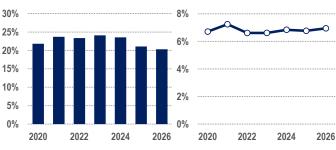
	<b>ALTAR Scores</b> ™	
S&P 500	XLP	Cat. Avg.
4.9%	6.0%	5.6%

#### Per share results & estimates

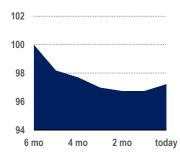
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025E	2026E	CAGR
Sales	48.10	52.01	57.13	59.08	59.47	59.66	61.72	4.4%
Earnings	3.23	3.77	3.78	3.91	4.07	4.04	4.29	4.6%
Book Value	15.59	16.25	16.15	16.31	18.27	20.11	22.13	5.2%
Dividends	1.64	1.73	1.86	2.03	2.11	2.20	2.27	6.1%
Sales growth		8.1%	9.8%	3.4%	0.7%	0.3%	3.5%	
EPS growth		16.7%	0.3%	3.4%	4.1%	-0.7%	6.2%	

**Net margins** 

#### **Return on Equity**



#### Trend in Current FY Est.



#### Ton 10 Holdings

TOP TO HORAINGS	
WAL-MART STORES INC	9.6%
COSTCO WHOLESALE CORP	9.6%
PROCTER & GAMBLE CO/THE	8.5%
COCA-COLA CO/THE	6.1%
PHILIP MORRIS INTERNATIONAL	6.0%
PEPSICO INC	5.2%
ALTRIA GROUP INC	5.1%
MONDELEZ INTERNATIONAL INC-A	4.2%
COLGATE-PALMOLIVE CO	4.1%
MONSTER BEVERAGE CORPORATION	2.8%
TOTAL	61.2%

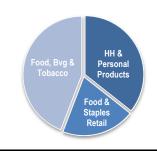
#### **Constituent allocation**

No. of constituents	37
Weighted avg mkt cap (mns)	\$215,356
Large cap ( >\$10bn)	99.0%
Mid cap (\$2-10bn)	1.0%
Small cap ( <\$2bn)	0.0%

#### **Description**

Select Sector SPDR® holding S&P 500 stocks in the Consumer Staples sector. Component industries include Food & Staples Retailing, Food, Beverage & Tobacco producers, and Household and Personal Products companies. The fund seeks investment results that, before expenses, generally correspond to the price and yield performance of the benchmark index.

#### **Industry Breakdown**



#### **Analyst's opinion**

0.60

13.0%

20-25E

Both sales and earnings are forecast at basically flat this year, but the sector's relatively high and stable margins and ROE helps rank it well ahead of the S&P 500 in our value-conscious framework. Trading within a tight historical valuation range (P/E chart) for past ~10 years, Staples borders on an upgrade to Overweight. But sell-side analysts disagree and continue to rank the sector lower than any other (see Sentiment page).

#### Valuation metrics

2025E	2026E
20.0	18.8
11.1	10.6
1.4	1.3
4.0	3.7
2.7	2.8
	20.0 11.1 1.4 4.0

\*Based on consensus dividend forecasts for underlying stocks. Ma differ significantly from distribution yield on the ETF.

#### Historical P/E ratio\*



\*based on twelve months' forward EPS (max value of 100)

#### Other fundamental data

LT growth est.	4.7%
Payout ratio	54.5%
Debt-to-equity	1.1x



2.3%

25.4%

7.3%

8.5%

0.79

23.3%

20-25F

#### **Trading History**



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#### **Fund basics**

AltaVista Category
Fund sponsor
Inception date
Fund assets (mns)
Avg. daily volume (000)
Expense ratio (bp)
Distributions
Options availability

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#### Total returns (price)\*

One year
Five year
Ten year
Since inception
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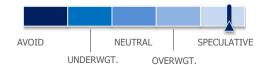
#### Trading statistics

Beta vs. S&P 500 Standard deviation

#### **AltaVista Recommendation**

#### **SPECULATIVE**

Deeply undervalued but risky. A rating of SPECULATIVE is assigned to ETFs with ALTAR Scores in the top quintile (the top 20%) of their category, indicating exceptional appreciation potential. However, often these are narrowly-focused funds or in industries with structural issues, which may also make them very risky.

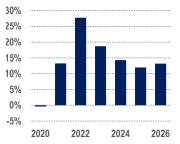


	<b>ALTAR Scores</b> ™	
S&P 500	XLE	Cat. Avg.
4.9%	9.0%	5.6%

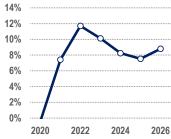
# Per share results

or communication								
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025E	2026E	CAGR
Sales	36.71	58.62	88.49	74.52	72.88	70.94	70.81	14.1%
Earnings	-0.14	4.35	10.36	7.54	6.01	5.34	6.23	n/m
Book Value	30.99	34.58	40.04	40.56	43.55	45.75	48.72	8.1%
Dividends	2.29	2.38	3.06	2.98	3.02	3.14	3.26	6.5%
Sales growth		59.7%	51.0%	-15.8%	-2.2%	-2.7%	-0.2%	
EPS growth		-3207.1%	138.2%	-27.2%	-20.3%	-11.1%	16.7%	

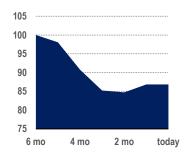
# Return on Equity



#### **Net margins**



#### Trend in Current FY Est.



#### Top 10 Holdings

TOTAL	76.1%
ONEOK INC	3.4%
KINDER MORGAN INC	3.7%
PHILLIPS 66	3.8%
MARATHON PETROLEUM	3.9%
SCHLUMBERGER LTD	3.9%
WILLIAMS COS INC	4.2%
EOG RESOURCES, INC.	4.4%
CONOCOPHILLIPS	7.5%
CHEVRON CORP	18.5%
EXXON MOBIL CORP	22.8%
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#### **Constituent allocation**

 No. of constituents
 22

 Weighted avg mkt cap (mns)
 \$197,216

 Large cap ( >\$10bn)
 97.9%

 Mid cap (\$2-10bn)
 0.5%

 Small cap ( <\$2bn)</td>
 1.6%

#### **Description**

Select Sector SPDR® holding S&P 500 stocks in the Energy sector. The fund seeks investment results that, before expenses, generally correspond to the price and yield performance of the benchmark index.

#### **Industry Breakdown**



#### **Analyst's opinion**

Earnings forecasts for Energy firms are by far the most uncertain of any sector (see "Range" graph, Valuation page; and Trend graph below). We like Energy long term due to years of underinvestment and attractive valuation metrics (~6x cash flow) but the production-friendly policies of the Trump administration will likely result in greater capex in the face of lower oil prices which could put a big dent in profitability, resulting in our Speculative rating.

#### **Valuation metrics**

	2025E	2026E
Price-to-Earnings	16.9	14.5
Price-to-Cash Flow	6.2	5.7
Price-to-Sales	1.3	1.3
Price-to-Book Value	2.0	1.9
Yield* (%)	3.5	3.6

\*Based on consensus dividend forecasts for underlying stocks. Ma differ significantly from distribution yield on the ETF.

#### Historical P/E ratio\*



#### Other fundamental data

LT growth est.	18.7%
Payout ratio	58.8%
Debt-to-equity	0.5x

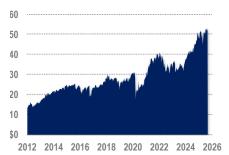


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#### **Trading History**



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#### **Fund basics**

AltaVista Category US Fund sponsor State Street Global Advisors Inception date December 16, 1998 Fund assets (mns) \$54,713 Avg. daily volume (000) 36,792 Expense ratio (bp) 8 Distributions Quarterly Options availability YFS

#### Total returns (price)\*

 One year
 19.8%

 Five year
 18.7%

 Ten year
 13.1%

 Since inception
 6.5%

 \*as of 08/29/25. See Notes.

#### **Trading statistics** Beta vs. S&P 500

Standard deviation

#### **AltaVista Recommendation**

#### **NEUTRAL**

Average appreciation potential. A rating of NEUTRAL is assigned to ETFs with ALTAR Scores in the middle quintile (ranking between 40%-60%) of their category. This indicates that valuations adequately reflect the fundamentals of stocks in these funds.



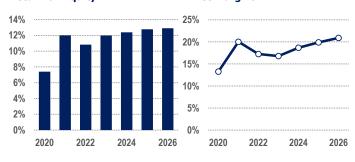
	<b>ALTAR Scores</b> ™	
S&P 500	XLF	Cat. Avg.
4.9%	5.7%	5.6%

# Per share results

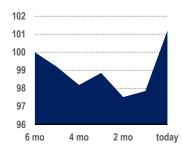
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	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025E	2026E	CAGR
Sales	10.70	12.09	12.35	14.06	14.30	15.19	16.03	7.3%
Earnings	1.42	2.42	2.13	2.36	2.67	3.02	3.35	16.3%
Book Value	19.75	20.56	18.82	20.56	22.54	24.73	27.18	4.6%
Dividends	0.60	0.67	0.65	0.65	0.69	0.83	0.90	6.7%
Sales growth EPS growth		13.0% 70.4%	2.2% -12.0%	13.8% 10.8%	1.7% 13.1%	6.2% 13.1%	5.5% 10.9%	

**Net margins** 

#### Return on Equity



#### Trend in Current FY Est.



#### **Analyst's opinion**

0.95

18.3%

20-25F

Estimate revisions have been erratic as analysts struggle to assess the outlook for interest rates, the economy and the stock market, but barring a recession ROE is forecast to stay at a solid 12-13%. Meanwhile valuations remain well within historical norms in terms (P/E History chart) resulting in a ranking well ahead of the S&P 500 in our value-conscious framework, though still in Neutral territory. However sell-side analysts rank Financials slightly below-average.

#### **Valuation metrics**

2025E	2026E
17.9	16.1
13.9	12.8
3.6	3.4
2.2	2.0
1.5	1.7
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\*Based on consensus dividend forecasts for underlying stocks. Ma differ significantly from distribution yield on the ETF.

#### Ton 10 Holdings

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BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY INC-CL B	12.0%
JPMORGAN CHASE & CO	10.9%
VISA INC. CLASS A	7.9%
MASTERCARD INCORPORATED CLASS	6.3%
BANK OF AMERICA CORP	4.3%
WELLS FARGO & CO	3.5%
GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP INC	3.0%
MORGAN STANLEY	2.4%
AMERICAN EXPRESS CO	2.4%
CITIGROUP INC	2.4%
TOTAL	55.1%

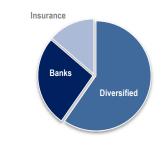
#### **Constituent allocation**

No. of constituents	75
Weighted avg mkt cap (mns)	\$391,164
Large cap ( >\$10bn)	99.7%
Mid cap (\$2-10bn)	0.3%
Small cap ( <\$2bn)	0.0%

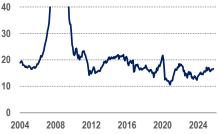
#### **Description**

Select Sector SPDR® holding S&P 500 stocks in the Financial sector. Component industries include diversified financial services, insurance, banks, capital markets, consumer finance, thrifts and mortgage finance, and mortgage REITs. The fund seeks investment results that, before expenses, generally correspond to the price and yield performance of the benchmark index.

#### **Industry Breakdown**



#### Historical P/E ratio\*



\*based on twelve months' forward EPS (max value of 100)

#### Other fundamental data

LT growth est.	9.9%
Payout ratio	27.5%
Debt-to-equity	1.0x



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# Health Care Select Sector SPDR Fund

# **Trading History**



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#### **Fund basics**

AltaVista Category US Fund sponsor State Street Global Advisors Inception date December 16, 1998 Fund assets (mns) \$33,968 Avg. daily volume (000) 14,287 Expense ratio (bp) 8 Distributions Quarterly Options availability YES

#### Total returns (price)\*

One year -11.1% Five year Ten year Since inception \*as of 08/29/25. See Notes.

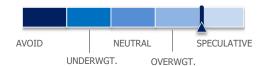
#### **Trading statistics** Beta vs. S&P 500

0.55 Standard deviation 13.8%

#### **AltaVista Recommendation**

#### **SPECULATIVE**

Deeply undervalued but risky. A rating of SPECULATIVE is assigned to ETFs with ALTAR Scores in the top quintile (the top 20%) of their category, indicating exceptional appreciation potential. However, often these are narrowlyfocused funds or in industries with structural issues, which may also make them very risky.



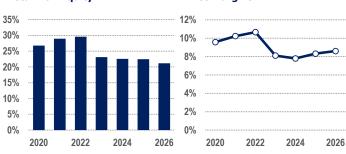
	<b>ALTAR Scores</b> ™	
S&P 500	XLV	Cat. Avg.
4.9%	7.6%	5.6%

#### Per share results & estimates

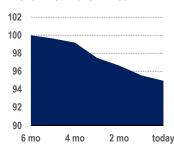
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	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025E	2026E	CAGR		
Sales	64.34	73.01	76.74	79.80	87.51	94.57	99.99	8.0%		
Earnings	6.16	7.47	8.18	6.47	6.82	7.87	8.60	5.0%		
Book Value	24.28	27.33	27.96	28.04	32.45	37.71	43.60	9.2%		
Dividends	1.81	2.04	2.17	2.37	2.41	2.61	2.71	7.6%		
Sales growth		13.5%	5.1%	4.0%	9.7%	8.1%	5.7%			
EPS growth		21.3%	9.5%	-20.9%	5.4%	15.4%	9.3%			

**Net margins** 

#### **Return on Equity**



#### Trend in Current FY Est.



**Analyst's opinion** 

Estimates continue to fall at a brisk pace for Health Care (see Trend chart) and as a result earnings for this year are likely to fall short of their vaccine-related peak of 2022. As the worst performing sector over the past year, valuations are attractive at their lowest point in ~4 years (see P/E History chart), but major uncertainties like the recently announced Most Favored Nation pricing policy remain, resulting in our Speculative designation.

#### Valuation metrics

2025E	2026E
17.5	16.0
11.8	10.9
1.5	1.4
3.6	3.2
1.9	2.0
	11.8 1.5 3.6

\*Based on consensus dividend forecasts for underlying stocks. Ma differ significantly from distribution yield on the ETF.

#### Top 10 Holdings

TOP TO HORNINGS	
ELI LILLY & CO	11.6%
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	8.6%
ABBVIE INC	7.5%
UNITEDHEALTH GROUP INC	5.6%
ABBOTT LABORATORIES	4.6%
MERCK & CO. INC.	4.2%
THERMO FISHER SCIENTIFIC INC	3.7%
INTUITIVE SURGICAL INC	3.4%
BOSTON SCIENTIFIC CORP	3.1%
AMGEN INC	3.1%
TOTAL	55.5%

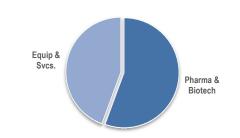
#### Constituent allocation

No. of constituents	60
Weighted avg mkt cap (mns)	\$234,555
Large cap ( >\$10bn)	99.3%
Mid cap (\$2-10bn)	0.5%
Small cap ( <\$2bn)	0.0%

#### **Description**

Select Sector SPDR® holding S&P 500 stocks in the Health Care sector. Component industries include Health Care Equipment & Services; and Pharmaceutical & Biotechnology. The fund seeks investment results that, before expenses, generally correspond to the price and yield performance of the benchmark index.

#### **Industry Breakdown**



#### Historical P/E ratio\*



\*based on twelve months' forward EPS (max value of 100)

#### Other fundamental data

LT growth est.	7.6%
Payout ratio	33.2%
Debt-to-equity	0.8x



17.3%

16.1%

13.5%

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# **Industrial Select Sector SPDR Fund**

# **Trading History**



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#### **Fund basics**

AltaVista Category US Fund sponsor State Street Global Advisors Inception date December 16, 1998 Fund assets (mns) \$23,307 Avg. daily volume (000) 10,277 Expense ratio (bp) 8 Distributions Quarterly Options availability YFS

#### Total returns (price)\*

One year Five year Ten year Since inception \*as of 08/29/25. See Notes.

#### **Trading statistics** Beta vs. S&P 500 Standard deviation

# **AltaVista Recommendation**

#### **UNDERWEIGHT**

Below average appreciation potential. A rating of UNDERWEIGHT is assigned to ETFs with ALTAR Scores in the 2nd quintile (ranking higher than only 20%-40%) of their category. Typically, funds in this category consist of stocks trading at relatively expensive valuations and/or having below-average fundamentals.



	<b>ALTAR Scores</b> ™	
S&P 500	XLI	Cat. Avg.
4.9%	4.4%	5.6%

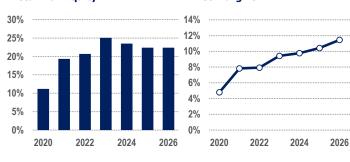
#### Per share results & estimates

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	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025E	2026E	CAGR
Sales	40.47	45.76	50.82	53.05	52.74	54.70	58.16	6.2%
Earnings	1.94	3.58	4.03	5.00	5.15	5.70	6.66	24.1%
Book Value	17.67	19.40	19.61	20.30	23.56	27.39	32.19	9.2%
Dividends	2.23	1.44	1.71	1.81	1.89	1.87	1.86	n/m
Sales growth		13.1%	11.1%	4.4%	-0.6%	3.7%	6.3%	
EPS growth		84.5%	12.6%	24.1%	3.0%	10.7%	16.8%	

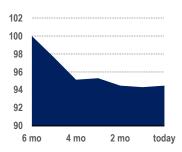
**Net margins** 

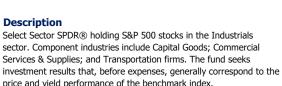
#### **Return on Equity**

**Top 10 Holdings** 



#### Trend in Current FY Est.





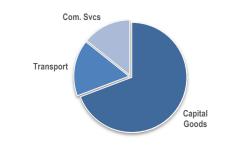
BOEING CO	3.8%
GE VERONA	3.6%
HONEYWELL INTERNATIONAL INC	3.0%
EATON CORP PLC	2.9%
UNION PACIFIC CORP	2.9%
AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING	2.7%
TOTAL	38.3%

#### Constituent allocation

No. of constituents	78
Weighted avg mkt cap (mns)	\$111,221
Large cap ( >\$10bn)	96.7%
Mid cap (\$2-10bn)	0.6%
Small cap ( <\$2bn)	0.0%

sector. Component industries include Capital Goods; Commercial Services & Supplies; and Transportation firms. The fund seeks price and yield performance of the benchmark index.

#### **Industry Breakdown**



#### **Analyst's opinion**

This export-oriented sector has a lot riding on the outcome of the roller-coaster drama over tariffs, but in any case forecasts appear to have stabilized in recent months (Trend chart). But P/E multiples remain elevated historically speaking (excluding the COVID earnings collapse) and the rising margins implied by consensus forecasts for this year and next strikes us as optimistic, resulting in our Underweight recommendation. Sell-side analysts concur (see Sentiment page).

#### Valuation metrics

	2023E	2020E
Price-to-Earnings	26.7	22.8
Price-to-Cash Flow	15.1	13.5
Price-to-Sales	2.8	2.6
Price-to-Book Value	5.5	4.7
Yield* (%)	1.2	1.2

\*Based on consensus dividend forecasts for underlying stocks. Ma differ significantly from distribution yield on the ETF.

#### Historical P/E ratio\*



\*based on twelve months' forward EPS (max value of 100)

#### Other fundamental data

LT growth est.	6.3%
Payout ratio	32.8%
Debt-to-equity	1.3x



-0.2%

10.1%

10.1%

8.8%

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19.4%

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# Materials Select Sector SPDR Fund

# **Trading History** 100 \$80 \$40 \$20 \$0

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2012 2014 2016 2018 2020 2022 2024 2026

#### **Fund basics**

AltaVista Category US Fund sponsor State Street Global Advisors Inception date December 16, 1998 Fund assets (mns) \$5,562 7,051 Avg. daily volume (000) Expense ratio (bp) 8 Distributions Quarterly Options availability YES

#### Total returns (price)\*

One year Five year Ten year Since inception \*as of 08/29/25. See Notes.

#### **Trading statistics** Beta vs. S&P 500

Standard deviation

#### **AltaVista Recommendation**

#### **OVERWEIGHT**

Above average appreciation potential. A rating of OVERWEIGHT is assigned to ETFs with ALTAR Scores in the 4th quintile (ranking higher than 60%-80%) of their category. Typically, funds in this category consist of stocks trading at attractive valuations and/or having above-average fundamentals.

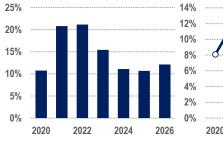


	<b>ALTAR Scores</b> ™	
S&P 500	XLB	Cat. Avg.
4.9%	6.3%	5.6%

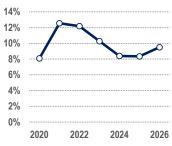
#### Per share results & estimates

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	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025E	2026E	CAGR
Sales	35.98	47.42	52.92	47.11	43.26	44.08	46.81	4.1%
Earnings	2.91	5.95	6.45	4.84	3.63	3.68	4.45	4.8%
Book Value	27.00	30.12	30.83	31.88	33.54	35.37	38.05	5.5%
Dividends	1.57	1.73	2.05	1.92	1.97	1.85	1.77	3.3%
Sales growth		31.8%	11.6%	-11.0%	-8.2%	1.9%	6.2%	
EPS growth		104.5%	8.4%	-25.0%	-25.0%	1.4%	20.9%	

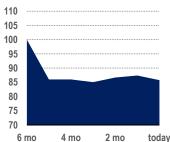
#### **Return on Equity**

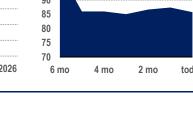


#### **Net margins**



#### Trend in Current FY Est.





#### **Top 10 Holdings**

LINDE PLC 16.0% SHERWIN-WILLIAMS CO/THE 6.0% NEWMONT MINING CORP 6.0% **ECOLAB INC** 5.0% MARTIN MARIETTA MATERIALS 4.8% **VULCAN MATERIALS CO** 4.8% NUCOR CORP 4.7% AIR PRODUCTS & CHEMICALS INC 4.7% FREEPORT-MCMORAN COPPER 4.6% CORTEVA INC 4.4% **TOTAL** 61.0%

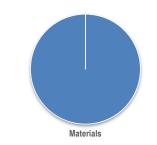
#### Constituent allocation

No. of constituents 26 Weighted avg mkt cap (mns) \$71,072 Large cap (>\$10bn) 98.8% Mid cap (\$2-10bn) 1.2% Small cap ( <\$2bn) 0.0%

#### **Description**

Select Sector SPDR® holding S&P 500 stocks in the Basic Materials sector. The fund seeks investment results that, before expenses, generally correspond to the price and yield performance of the benchmark index.

#### **Industry Breakdown**



#### **Analyst's opinion**

Headwinds including weak Chinese demand and trade disruptions are weighing on the sector, though estimates at least appear to have stabilized in recent months (Trend chart). Our Overweight recommendation is a valuation call that comes with a major caveat: our ratings partly reflect historical profitability (ROE & margins) from the pandemic boom years of 2021-22 that may not be repeatable. Sell-side analysts meanwhile rate Materials below average.

#### Valuation metrics

2025E	2026E
25.1	20.7
10.8	9.6
2.1	2.0
2.6	2.4
2.0	1.9
	25.1 10.8 2.1 2.6

\*Based on consensus dividend forecasts for underlying stocks. Ma differ significantly from distribution yield on the ETF.

#### Historical P/E ratio\*



\*based on twelve months' forward EPS (max value of 100)

#### Other fundamental data

LT growth est.	4.4%
Payout ratio	50.3%
Debt-to-equity	0.6x



## Real Estate Select Sector SPDR Fund



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#### **Fund basics**

AltaVista Category US Fund sponsor State Street Global Advisors Inception date October 7, 2015 Fund assets (mns) \$7,770 Avg. daily volume (000) 6,713 Expense ratio (bp) 8 Distributions Quarterly Options availability YES

#### Total returns (price)\*

One year Five year Ten year Since inception \*as of 08/29/25. See Notes.

#### **Trading statistics** Beta vs. S&P 500 Standard deviation

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19.5%

0.4%

6.7%

n/a

n/a

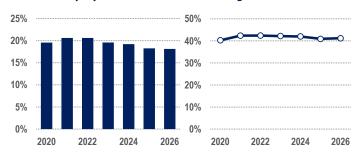
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#### Per share results & estimates

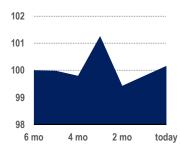
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	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025E	2026E	CAGR
Sales	4.17	4.74	5.47	5.83	6.26	6.65	7.11	9.8%
Earnings	1.68	2.01	2.32	2.46	2.63	2.72	2.93	10.1%
Book Value	9.04	10.46	12.05	13.07	14.30	15. <del>4</del> 8	16.84	11.4%
Dividends	1.16	1.13	1.36	1.36	1.40	1.54	1.57	5.8%
Sales growth		13.7%	15.4%	6.6%	7.4%	6.2%	6.9%	
EPS growth		19.6%	15.4%	6.0%	6.9%	3.4%	7.7%	

**Net margins** 

#### Return on Equity



#### Trend in Current FY Est.



#### **Top 10 Holdings**

PROLOGIS INC 9.6% WELLTOWER, INC. 9.6% AMERICAN TOWER CORP-CL A 8.7% **EOUINIX INC** 7.0% SIMON PROPERTY GROUP INC 5.1% DIGITAL REALTY TRUST INC 4.8% REALTY INCOME CORP 4.8% CBRE GROUP, INC. CLASS A 4.3% **PUBLIC STORAGE** 4.2% CROWN CASTLE INTL CORP 3.9% **TOTAL** 62.2%

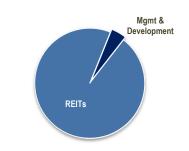
#### **Constituent allocation**

No. of constituents 31 Weighted avg mkt cap (mns) \$57,649 Large cap (>\$10bn) 99.3% Mid cap (\$2-10bn) 0.7% Small cap ( <\$2bn) 0.0%

#### **Description**

Select Sector SPDR® holding S&P 500 stocks in the Real Estate sector. Component industries Real Estate Investment Trusts, excluding Mortgage REITS. The fund seeks investment results that, before expenses, generally correspond to the price and yield performance of the benchmark index.

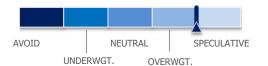
#### **Industry Breakdown**



#### **AltaVista Recommendation**

#### **SPECULATIVE**

Deeply undervalued but risky. A rating of SPECULATIVE is assigned to ETFs with ALTAR Scores in the top quintile (the top 20%) of their category, indicating exceptional appreciation potential. However, often these are narrowlyfocused funds or in industries with structural issues, which may also make them very risky.



**ALTAR Scores™** S&P 500 **XLRE** 4.9% 7.5%

5.6%

#### **Analyst's opinion**

XLRE is dominated by booming tech and mobile infrastructure plays more so than troubled commercial real estate, yet valuation multiples appear in a downward trend for the last decade (see P/E history), which we think might get a rerating (i.e., trend higher) if in fact the Fed embarks on a cycle of lowering rates. We rank the sector borderline Overweight/Speculative, but consensus outlook among sell-side analysts is slightly below average.

#### Valuation metrics

	2025E	2026E
Price-to-Earnings	15.6	14.4
Price-to-Cash Flow	14.2	13.2
Price-to-Sales	6.4	6.0
Price-to-Book Value	2.7	2.5
Yield* (%)	3.6	3.7

\*Based on consensus dividend forecasts for underlying stocks. May differ significantly from distribution yield on the ETF.

#### Historical P/E ratio\*



\*based on twelve months' forward FFO (max value of 100)

#### Other fundamental data

LT growth est.	8.0%
Payout ratio	56.6%
Debt-to-equity	1.0x



19.9%

17.2%

22.1%

10.1%

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# **Technology Select Sector SPDR Fund**

# **Trading History**



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#### **Fund basics**

AltaVista Category Fund sponsor State Street Global Advisors Inception date December 16, 1998 Fund assets (mns) \$83,959 6,780 Avg. daily volume (000) Expense ratio (bp) 8 Distributions Quarterly Options availability YES

#### Total returns (price)\*

One year Five year Ten year Since inception \*as of 08/29/25. See Notes.

#### **Trading statistics** Beta vs. S&P 500

1.18 Standard deviation 20.4%

#### **AltaVista Recommendation**

#### **UNDERWEIGHT**

Below average appreciation potential. A rating of UNDERWEIGHT is assigned to ETFs with ALTAR Scores in the 2nd quintile (ranking higher than only 20%-40%) of their category. Typically, funds in this category consist of stocks trading at relatively expensive valuations and/or having below-average fundamentals.



	<b>ALTAR Scores</b> ™	
S&P 500	XLK	Cat. Avg.
4.9%	4.6%	5.6%

#### Per share results & estimates

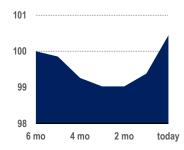
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	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025E	2026E	CAGR
Sales	24.15	28.11	30.74	30.45	32.45	36.45	40.37	8.6%
Earnings	4.20	5.76	6.25	6.03	7.02	8.50	10.05	15.1%
Book Value	13.80	16.61	19.09	21.28	26.43	33.05	41.22	19.1%
Dividends	1.92	1.52	1.81	1.96	1.87	1.88	1.88	n/m
Sales growth		16.4%	9.4%	-0.9%	6.6%	12.3%	10.8%	
EPS growth		37.1%	8.5%	-3.5%	16.4%	21.1%	18.2%	

**Net margins** 

#### **Return on Equity**



#### Trend in Current FY Est.



#### **Analyst's opinion**

Tech stocks went on a wild ride in the first half. entering a bear market on trade turmoil before rebounding by nearly 50% to reach new highs. As a result, valuations are also back near their highs for the last 20 years (see P/E chart), resulting in our Underweight recommendation. Nonetheless the outlook for earnings growth remains robust, fueled by strong AI-related spending, and sell-side analysts continue to rate Tech higher than any other sector.

#### Valuation metrics

	2025E	2026E
Price-to-Earnings	30.9	26.1
Price-to-Cash Flow	20.9	17.9
Price-to-Sales	7.2	6.5
Price-to-Book Value	7.9	6.4
Yield* (%)	0.7	0.7

\*Based on consensus dividend forecasts for underlying stocks. Ma differ significantly from distribution yield on the ETF.

#### **Top 10 Holdings**

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NVIDIA CORP	15.7%
MICROSOFT CORP	13.9%
APPLE INC	12.8%
BROADCOM INC.	5.2%
ORACLE CORP	3.5%
PALANTIR TECHNOLOGIES INC. CLAS	3.2%
CISCO SYSTEMS INC	2.6%
ADVANCED MICRO DEVICES	2.5%
SALESFORCE.COM INC	2.4%
INTL BUSINESS MACHINES CORP	2.2%
TOTAL	64.0%

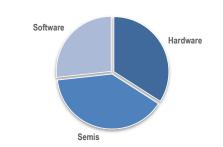
#### Constituent allocation

No. of constituents	68
Weighted avg mkt cap (mns)	\$1,803,170
Large cap ( >\$10bn)	99.8%
Mid cap (\$2-10bn)	0.2%
Small cap ( <\$2bn)	0.0%

#### **Description**

Select Sector SPDR® holding S&P 500 stocks in the Technology sector. Component industries include Semiconductors & Semi Equipment; Software & Services; Tech Hardware & Equipment; and Telecommunication Services. The fund seeks investment results that, before expenses, generally correspond to the price and yield performance of the benchmark index.

#### **Industry Breakdown**



#### Historical P/E ratio\*



#### Other fundamental data

LT growth est.	11.8%
Payout ratio	22.1%
Debt-to-equity	0.6x



#### **Trading History**



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#### **Fund basics**

AltaVista Category	US
Fund sponsor	State Street Global Advisors
Inception date	December 16, 1998
Fund assets (mns)	\$21,044
Avg. daily volume (000)	10,657
Expense ratio (bp)	8
Distributions	Quarterly
Options availability	YES

#### Total returns (price)\*

One year	13.8%
Five year	10.7%
Ten year	10.6%
Since inception	8.1%
as of 08/29/25. See Notes.	

# **Trading statistics**Beta vs. S&P 500 Standard deviation

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16.4%

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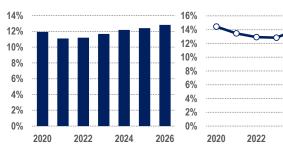
Cat. Avg. 5.6%

# Per share results & estimates

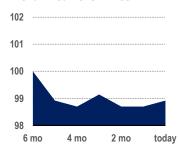
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025E	2026E	CAGR
Sales	23.75	25.12	27.18	29.38	29.52	30.76	32.36	5.3%
Earnings	3.43	3.38	3.51	3.77	4.14	4.43	4.82	5.2%
Book Value	29.68	31.26	31.45	33.08	34.82	36.55	38.56	4.3%
Dividends	2.22	2.26	2.20	2.26	2.40	2.70	2.81	4.0%
Sales growth		5.8%	8.2%	8.1%	0.5%	4.2%	5.2%	
EPS growth		-1.5%	3.8%	7.4%	9.8%	7.0%	8.8%	

**Net margins** 

#### **Return on Equity**



#### Trend in Current FY Est.



#### Ton 10 Holdings

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NEXTERA ENERGY GROUP	11.4%
SOUTHERN CO	7.8%
CONSTELLATION ENERGY CORPORAT	7.4%
DUKE ENERGY CORP	7.3%
VISTRA ENERGY CORP.	4.9%
AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER	4.6%
SEMPRA ENERGY	4.1%
DOMINION RESOURCES INC/VA	3.9%
EXELON CORP	3.4%
XCEL ENERGY INC	3.2%
TOTAL	58.2%

#### **Constituent allocation**

No. of constituents	31
Weighted avg mkt cap (mns)	\$63,660
Large cap ( >\$10bn)	99.3%
Mid cap (\$2-10bn)	0.7%
Small cap ( <\$2bn)	0.0%

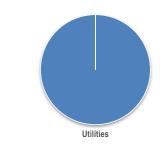
#### **Description**

2024

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Select Sector SPDR® holding S&P 500 stocks in the Utilities sector. The fund seeks investment results that, before expenses, generally correspond to the price and yield performance of the benchmark index.

#### **Industry Breakdown**



#### **AltaVista Recommendation**

#### **NEUTRAL**

Average appreciation potential. A rating of NEUTRAL is assigned to ETFs with ALTAR Scores in the middle quintile (ranking between 40%-60%) of their category. This indicates that valuations adequately reflect the fundamentals of stocks in these funds.



	ALTAR Scores™	
P 500	XLU	
.9%	5.2%	

#### **Analyst's opinion**

The AI electricity boom could reinvigorate the Utilities sector, turning what has been an income play for many investors into a growth story by boosting EPS growth above its historical CAGR of 4-6%. But valuations on the high end of their historical range (see P/E history) may already discount this to some extent, resulting in our Neutral rating. Sell-side analysts however rank Utilities their 2nd least-favorite sector, after Consumer Staples (see Sentiment page).

#### **Valuation metrics**

2025E	2026E
19.0	17.5
7.0	6.4
2.7	2.6
2.3	2.2
3.2	3.3
	19.0 7.0 2.7 2.3

\*Based on consensus dividend forecasts for underlying stocks. Ma differ significantly from distribution yield on the ETF.

#### Historical P/E ratio\*



#### Other fundamental data

LT growth est.	4.1%
Payout ratio	60.9%
Debt-to-equity	1.7x



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**Earnings/Net Income:** Unless denoted as a GAAP figure, earnings are calculated on a "pro forma" basis using consensus EPS results/estimates for the individual constituents of each index, multiplied by the float-adjusted shares in the index. For Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs), the consensus per-share figure for funds from operations, or FFO, is used in place of EPS data.

**Cash Flow:** Adds depreciation and amortization to consensus earnings estimates

Standard deviation: Statistical measure of price volatility using 3 years of monthly return data. Figures are annualized.

Beta: Measures relative volatility of a given sector index versus the S&P500 by comparing 3 years of monthly return data.

**Book Value:** Common Equity as reported by index constituents according to GAAP. Forecasts reflect pro-forma calculations using most recently reported figures, plus earnings less dividends.

**Dividends per share:** Dividends paid by companies in the index on a pro forma basis.

Payout ratio: Dividends as a percentage of Earnings/Net Income in a given year.

**Return on Equity:** Net income divided by average common equity over the period.

**Debt-to-equity:** Ratio of long- and short-term debt to owners equity.

**Long-term growth:** Uses consensus estimates of 3-5 year earnings growth for individual constituents of each index to calculate a float-adjusted earnings-weighted growth rate for the index as a whole.

**Trend in Current FY Estimates:** Illustrates changes in consensus estimates over time by examining the monthly change in current fiscal year EPS estimates for individual constituents of each index. Base period is set equal to 100.

**Price-to-Earnings, -Cash Flow, -Sales and -Book Value:** Valuation multiples derived by dividing the index price by the per-share figures for earnings, cash flow, sales and book value, respectively, as per the 'per share results & estimates' for each index.

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