



# S&P 500 EPS TRACKER: 1Q24

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# 1Q 2024 EARNINGS SEASON OBSERVATIONS

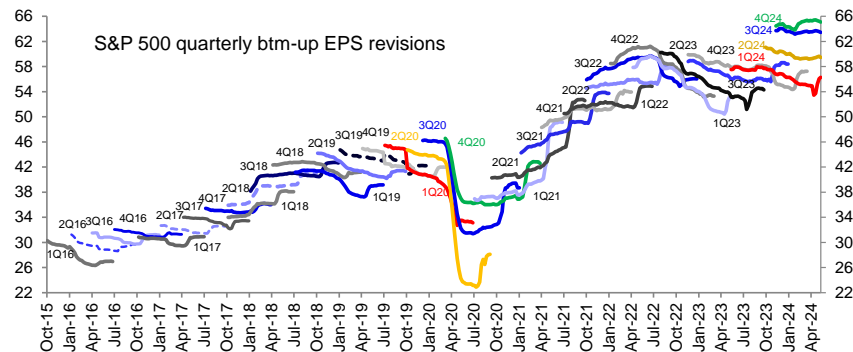


- This data reflects the 431 S&P 500 companies or 88% of index earnings that have reported as of Tuesday May 7th.
- Bottom-up blended 1Q earnings per share (EPS) is \$56.29 (actual results for companies reported and consensus estimates for the rest), +10.0% year-over-year (y/y). This includes a ~\$1.50 acquisition related charge from Bristol Myers Squibb (BMY) that was expected and always within the estimates. Our standing 1Q EPS estimate is \$57. Blended sales growth is +2.8% y/y. Blended pro-forma net margin is 12.9%, vs. 11.6% in 4Q23 and 11.8% a year ago.
- S&P 500 ex the Great 8's (AAPL, AMZN, GOOG/GOOGL, META, MSFT, NFLX, NVDA, TSLA). 2024 consensus EPS have been cut by 9.0% since 2023 start (cut by 2.5% ytd). The Great 8's 2024 consensus EPS have been raised by 23.5% since 2023 start (raised by 8.4% ytd).
- S&P 500 has been in a profit recession in the last two years outside of the Great 8. S&P EPS growth was +2.1% in the last two years (4Q23 vs. 4Q21). S&P EPS ex the Great 8 was down by -0.9% 4Q24 vs. 4Q21. The great 8 had a +12.4% EPS growth in the same period.
- 73% of reporting companies beat on earnings per share (EPS) and 22% missed (the rest in-line), with an aggregate surprise of +7.0%, +7.0% ex Financials. Historic average EPS beat is +3.3% (2011-2019 average). 44% beat on sales and 30% missed, with an aggregate surprise of +0.5%, -0.2% ex Financials. Our measures of beat / miss ratios and magnitudes are based on analysts' consensus estimates at the end of the fiscal quarter for each company.
- Bottom-up consensus estimate for 2024 S&P EPS is now \$245.58. Our estimate is \$243 (\$242 = \$57 + \$59 + \$62 + \$64), up about 9.3% y/y. This assumes a very "soft recession" with very strong EPS growth from Tech and Communications.
- By sector, 1Q blended EPS y/y growth is strongest at Communication Services (+44% y/y), Utilities (29%), Consumer Discretionary (25%), Tech (24%) and Financials (12%). EPS y/y growth is weakest at Energy (-24% y/y), Materials (-21%) and Health Care (-5.9% y/y, ex. acquisition charge from BMY).
- 1Q blended sales y/y growth is strongest at Tech (+7.7% y/y), Communication Services (6.6%), Real Estate (6.3%), Health Care (5.9%) and Consumer discretionary (4.1%). Sales y/y growth is weakest at Utilities (-6.2% y/y), Materials (-5.1%), Energy (-1.5%), and Industrials (0.1%).
- Valuations at the S&P are reasonable if excluding the Great 8.
- S&P 500 excluding the Great 8 price-to-earnings (P/E) on 2024 consensus EPS is 18.8x, PE of the Great 8 is 30.7x. Overall S&P PE is 21.3x.
- We see the Great 8 at risk to overly demanding PEs, we see the rest of the S&P 500 at risk to a cyclical downturn. Both are at risk to higher Treasury yields.

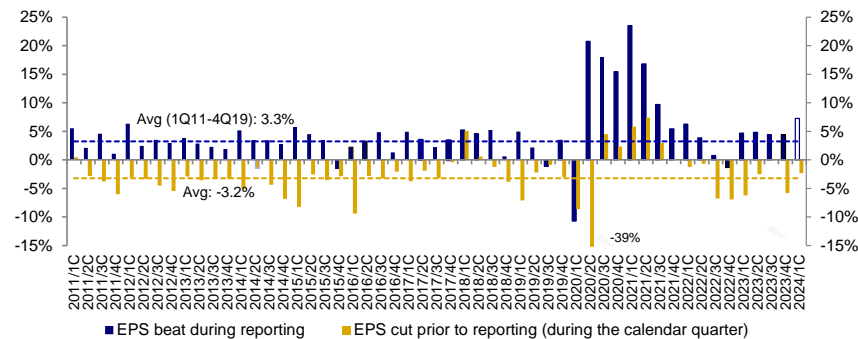
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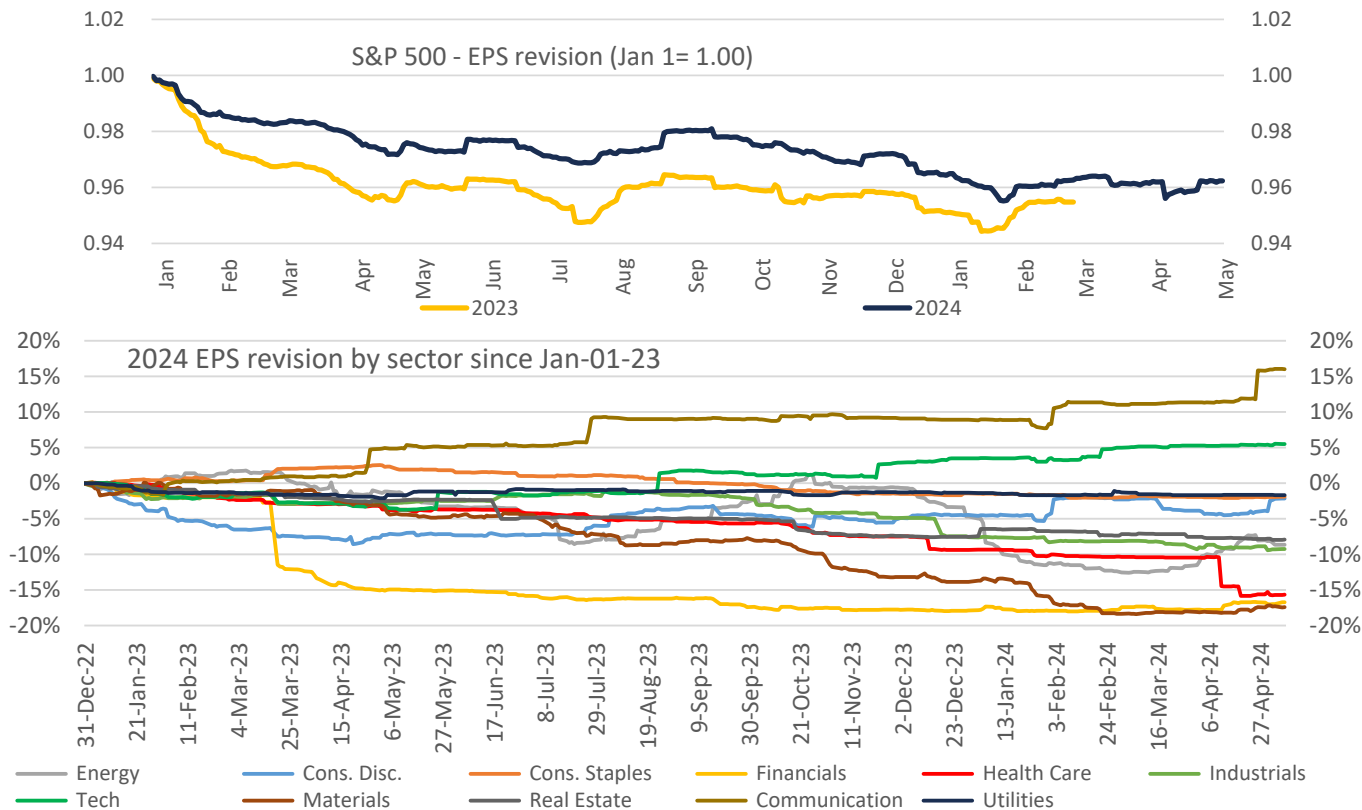


## S&P 500: EPS CUT DURING THE CALENDAR QUARTER VS. EPS BEAT DURING EARNINGS SEASON



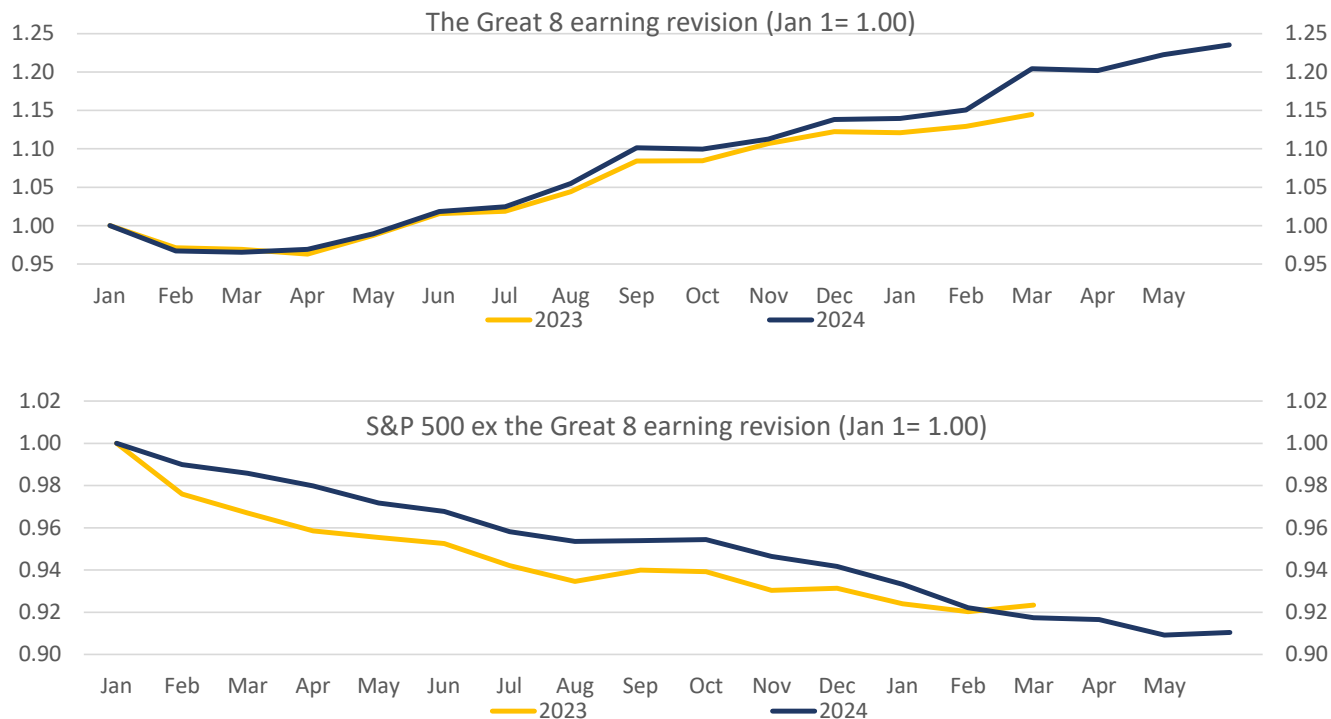
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# S&P 500 ANNUAL EPS REVISION



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# S&P 500 AND THE GREAT 8 EPS REVISIONS



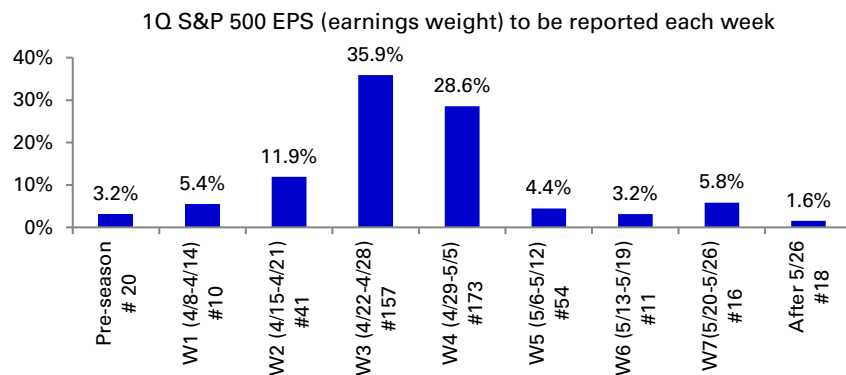
The Great 8: AAPL, AMZN, GOOG/GOOGL, META, MSFT, NFLX, NVDA, TSLA.

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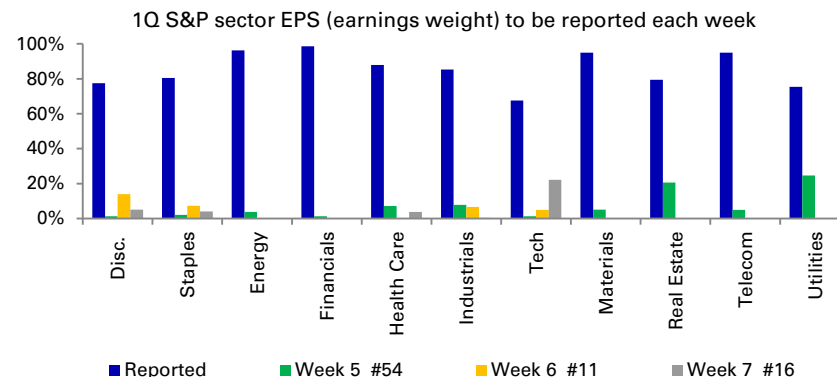
# 1Q 2024 S&P 500 EARNINGS SEASON SCHEDULE



## 1Q S&P 500 EPS TO BE REPORTED EACH WEEK



## 1Q S&P 500 SECTOR EPS TO BE REPORTED EACH WEEK



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# 1Q 2024 EARNINGS SEASON SUMMARY STATISTICS



	1Q24 Summary (Based on reported companies)									
	% of EPS reported	# Cos reported	EPS (% of co's)		EPS surprise (%)	EPS y/y (%)	Sales (% of co's)		Sales surprise (%)	Sales y/y (%)
	% beat	% miss					% beat	% miss		
<b>S&amp;P 500</b>	<b>88.4%</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>7.0%</b>	<b>8.5%</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>2.6%</b>
S&P 500 ex. Financials & Real Est	85.5%	333	77%	20%	7.0%	7.7%	44%	33%	-0.2%	2.9%
S&P 500 ex. Energy	87.7%	408	74%	22%	7.3%	12.1%	42%	31%	0.4%	3.1%
S&P ex. Tech	93.7%	384	72%	23%	7.5%	7.4%	44%	31%	0.5%	2.5%
S&P ex. Energy, Financials & Real Est	84.2%	310	77%	19%	7.5%	12.6%	42%	33%	-0.4%	3.5%
Communication Services	100.2%	16	81%	19%	14.1%	42.0%	31%	44%	0.3%	7.5%
Consumer Discretionary	78.1%	40	70%	28%	10.5%	37.7%	45%	30%	-0.3%	6.3%
Consumer Staples	82.7%	29	86%	7%	8.0%	6.4%	55%	24%	0.0%	1.3%
Energy	100.0%	23	65%	26%	3.2%	-23.8%	65%	26%	2.0%	-1.5%
Financials	99.4%	68	65%	31%	7.5%	12.1%	47%	25%	4.8%	0.8%
Health Care	94.0%	54	85%	11%	5.9%	-5.9%	56%	26%	0.3%	6.1%
Industrials	89.3%	71	80%	15%	4.5%	8.0%	37%	30%	-2.4%	0.6%
Information Technology	68.3%	47	85%	15%	4.9%	14.8%	43%	26%	0.6%	3.5%
Materials	98.2%	27	67%	30%	3.0%	-21.0%	41%	52%	-0.4%	-5.0%
Real Estate	94.0%	30	57%	27%	3.3%	3.4%	33%	17%	0.4%	6.2%
Utilities	91.4%	26	50%	46%	7.5%	27.5%	19%	62%	-6.7%	-7.9%
Great 8 *	86.6%	8	88%	13%	9.4%	35.7%	75%	13%	0.2%	9.5%
S&P ex Great 8	88.9%	424	73%	22%	6.5%	3.3%	43%	31%	0.6%	1.8%

\* # Beat, # miss and weighted surprise % is based on EPS and sales estimate as of 3/31/2024 (as of 3/1/2024 for pre-season reporters)

EPS is considered beat or miss when the difference between actual and estimate as of 3/31/2024 is more than \$0.01 (3/1/2024 for pre-season reporters)

Sales is considered beat or miss when the difference between actual and estimate as of 3/31/2024 is more than \$20 million (3/1/2024 for pre-season reporters)

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# S&P 500 EPS GROWTH BY SECTOR



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EPS growth (y/y)	2019					2020					2021					2022					2023					2024
	1Q19	2Q19	3Q19	4Q19	2019	1Q20	2Q20	3Q20	4Q20	2020	1Q21	2Q21	3Q21	4Q21	2021	1Q22	2Q22	3Q22	4Q22	2022	1Q23	2Q23	3Q23	4Q23	2023	1Q24
<b>S&amp;P 500</b>	1.5%	-0.8%	1.1%	3.5%	1.4%	-11.6%	-30.6%	-7.5%	3.0%	-9.2%	48.6%	92.5%	41.7%	32.6%	49.0%	9.5%	9.1%	4.7%	-2.4%	6.1%	0.7%	-3.2%	6.6%	8.1%	2.9%	10.0%
S&P500 ex. Financials & Real Est	-0.3%	-3.8%	0.2%	1.9%	-0.7%	-5.0%	-25.9%	-8.6%	-0.6%	-7.1%	36.6%	81.6%	44.4%	39.3%	47.1%	16.5%	15.9%	8.5%	-1.2%	10.9%	-0.6%	-5.9%	3.9%	9.2%	1.4%	9.7%
S&P500 ex. Energy	2.7%	-0.2%	3.4%	6.4%	3.2%	-11.2%	-24.5%	-3.6%	6.5%	-5.2%	49.7%	78.6%	34.1%	24.8%	42.0%	3.8%	-1.5%	-3.1%	-6.8%	-1.0%	-1.1%	3.5%	12.1%	11.6%	6.4%	13.4%
S&P500 ex. Tech	3.5%	0.4%	2.1%	1.4%	1.2%	-16.2%	-37.3%	-10.1%	-0.6%	-14.8%	50.4%	105.2%	42.0%	35.0%	53.9%	8.6%	11.2%	6.3%	-0.3%	6.6%	3.0%	-5.0%	4.7%	3.9%	1.9%	6.9%
S&Pex. Energy, Fin & Real Est	1.2%	-3.2%	3.1%	5.4%	1.5%	-4.1%	-17.4%	-3.7%	3.7%	-1.6%	37.6%	65.1%	34.6%	28.9%	38.1%	9.0%	2.2%	-1.2%	-6.6%	1.9%	-3.1%	2.2%	10.4%	13.8%	5.6%	14.1%
S&Pex. Energy, Fin, Real Est, Healthcare	-1.0%	-6.9%	1.8%	4.3%	-0.6%	-6.7%	-23.4%	-6.7%	2.9%	-4.3%	40.9%	81.4%	36.9%	29.7%	41.5%	6.5%	0.3%	-1.6%	-7.5%	0.5%	0.9%	11.3%	19.0%	21.9%	13.7%	19.9%
Communication Services	9.2%	6.9%	1.2%	9.2%	2.8%	-9.2%	-17.8%	-0.9%	9.7%	3.7%	53.9%	68.4%	41.5%	17.8%	39.6%	-3.9%	-13.6%	-21.8%	-27.1%	-17.3%	-10.6%	14.5%	45.8%	53.0%	24.4%	43.6%
Consumer Discretionary	12.0%	4.8%	2.9%	3.0%	1.5%	-48.5%	-71.7%	-3.4%	-19.0%	-30.4%	167.3%	370.7%	20.7%	91.2%	97.5%	-25.3%	-7.2%	15.9%	-13.8%	-5.4%	56.3%	53.5%	41.6%	35.2%	45.2%	25.0%
Cons. Disc. ex. Auto	14.8%	6.7%	3.8%	14.9%	4.8%	-38.4%	-58.9%	-15.7%	-33.8%	-31.4%	105.0%	225.7%	37.8%	108.4%	96.1%	-35.5%	-18.1%	9.1%	-26.0%	-13.2%	83.0%	61.2%	54.6%	64.4%	63.2%	38.5%
Cons. Disc. ex. Broadline Retail	3.3%	4.4%	5.6%	2.4%	-0.4%	-53.8%	-92.8%	-18.8%	-38.8%	-46.1%	165.6%	1985.9%	42.2%	92.3%	121.7%	16.2%	26.3%	22.6%	33.0%	28.6%	23.3%	25.9%	22.8%	6.1%	18.8%	5.5%
Cons. Disc. ex. Auto & Broadline Retail	4.4%	6.6%	7.1%	16.4%	3.1%	-42.4%	-81.6%	-35.3%	-56.9%	-49.7%	80.6%	569.0%	78.9%	125.0%	126.0%	20.1%	17.0%	16.2%	25.3%	27.8%	30.2%	25.6%	31.7%	25.1%	27.6%	13.7%
Consumer Staples	-0.3%	-0.1%	3.2%	3.7%	1.7%	4.4%	1.9%	9.5%	9.4%	7.9%	19.6%	16.4%	6.6%	7.1%	12.6%	4.3%	-3.6%	-0.9%	-2.5%	-3.9%	-2.4%	4.0%	3.5%	2.8%	6.7%	4.5%
Energy	-24.6%	-13.1%	-37.3%	-42.7%	-30.5%	-22.4%	-169.3%	-109.9%	-102.1%	-113.1%	10.0%	248%	1883%	12514%	-1228%	255.9%	303.1%	144.7%	61.7%	157.9%	22.4%	-48.0%	-32.6%	-22.6%	-25.8%	-23.8%
Financials	7.4%	10.6%	4.3%	11.4%	9.6%	-35.4%	-49.7%	-3.3%	18.0%	-17.5%	117.5%	163.4%	34.5%	12.4%	62.8%	-13.6%	-15.7%	-12.1%	-9.4%	-12.6%	7.0%	9.5%	22.0%	4.5%	10.4%	12.2%
Health Care	10.0%	12.2%	8.7%	10.0%	9.9%	4.6%	2.8%	8.0%	7.1%	7.9%	27.5%	25.7%	27.3%	26.1%	27.5%	16.9%	8.7%	0.1%	-3.5%	6.6%	-14.6%	-26.3%	-17.7%	-14.5%	-19.7%	-5.9%
Industrials	-4.0%	-30.9%	-1.0%	-12.7%	-11.9%	-19.7%	-76.3%	-47.4%	-28.8%	-45.7%	4.8%	442.5%	84.3%	42.0%	83.1%	9.8%	24.7%	18.1%	43.3%	24.5%	52.5%	21.6%	14.6%	7.4%	21.2%	7.8%
Industrials ex. Aerospace & Defense	-9.4%	-24.5%	-0.6%	-5.2%	-7.4%	-16.8%	-75.9%	-53.3%	-31.3%	-43.2%	2.1%	320.7%	103.6%	55.9%	98.1%	9.7%	34.7%	28.1%	27.0%	29.0%	60.1%	21.3%	8.6%	5.5%	20.1%	4.7%
Industrials ex. Transportation	9.1%	-15.0%	1.6%	-11.2%	-7.0%	-14.2%	-37.0%	-12.9%	5.1%	-20.8%	24.3%	108.9%	26.0%	6.3%	30.2%	17.1%	10.0%	7.1%	37.4%	14.0%	17.6%	16.0%	22.1%	11.3%	16.9%	10.2%
Industrials ex. Aerospace & Defense and T	7.1%	3.2%	3.4%	3.1%	2.9%	-7.5%	-29.9%	-7.8%	12.3%	-6.4%	27.4%	51.8%	23.9%	11.3%	29.0%	18.9%	17.6%	17.4%	14.4%	16.6%	16.2%	14.1%	14.6%	9.9%	14.4%	6.9%
Information Technology	-7.1%	-6.0%	-3.4%	11.9%	2.5%	11.4%	2.9%	4.4%	16.3%	16.7%	41.7%	52.6%	40.3%	24.8%	32.2%	13.3%	-0.4%	-1.8%	-9.9%	4.0%	-8.3%	5.0%	15.3%	24.1%	7.0%	23.5%
Materials	-12.7%	-20.5%	69.7%	-13.0%	-10.7%	-7.8%	-35.0%	-13.4%	14.2%	-5.9%	50.6%	142.3%	96.9%	71.9%	91.1%	51.9%	21.5%	-7.9%	-20.7%	8.6%	-22.7%	-26.9%	-18.6%	-19.7%	-22.5%	-20.7%
Real Estate	3.4%	1.4%	3.5%	-0.9%	1.5%	-1.8%	-12.7%	-6.1%	1.7%	-4.1%	8.7%	29.7%	18.6%	10.2%	15.1%	16.8%	10.7%	10.5%	9.2%	12.3%	-2.2%	-0.1%	-0.7%	0.4%	0.4%	3.2%
Utilities	-0.2%	1.2%	7.2%	16.4%	6.0%	3.5%	6.3%	-2.6%	-5.6%	-1.6%	-4.7%	8.9%	11.1%	-0.5%	0.5%	25.8%	-4.2%	-8.5%	-4.5%	1.8%	-28.3%	-4.8%	6.4%	28.3%	2.1%	29.1%

Note: Based on S&P 500 current index constituents compiled as of 3/31/2024.

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# S&P 500 SALES GROWTH BY SECTOR



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Sales growth (y/y)	2019					2020					2021					2022					2023					1Q24
	1Q19	2Q19	3Q19	4Q19	2019	1Q20	2Q20	3Q20	4Q20	2020	1Q21	2Q21	3Q21	4Q21	2021	1Q22	2Q22	3Q22	4Q22	2022	1Q23	2Q23	3Q23	4Q23	2023	
<b>S&amp;P 500</b>	<b>5.8%</b>	<b>5.2%</b>	<b>4.0%</b>	<b>7.8%</b>	<b>5.7%</b>	<b>-1.8%</b>	<b>-10.3%</b>	<b>-2.3%</b>	<b>-0.5%</b>	<b>-3.7%</b>	<b>9.5%</b>	<b>21.8%</b>	<b>13.9%</b>	<b>15.2%</b>	<b>15.0%</b>	<b>13.6%</b>	<b>12.2%</b>	<b>13.0%</b>	<b>9.0%</b>	<b>11.9%</b>	<b>9.1%</b>	<b>7.1%</b>	<b>5.0%</b>	<b>6.2%</b>	<b>6.8%</b>	<b>2.8%</b>
S&P500 ex. Financials & Real Est	3.2%	2.9%	1.9%	6.2%	3.6%	-2.8%	-11.9%	-2.5%	1.4%	-4.0%	11.9%	26.6%	17.4%	16.5%	19.0%	15.4%	13.3%	12.5%	8.0%	11.6%	6.8%	4.6%	4.0%	6.1%	6.0%	3.0%
S&P500 ex. Energy	3.7%	3.4%	3.5%	7.7%	4.5%	-1.6%	-6.7%	0.3%	4.0%	-1.0%	12.3%	20.6%	13.5%	11.6%	14.2%	10.3%	6.7%	8.7%	7.2%	8.1%	9.1%	10.7%	7.1%	8.2%	8.9%	3.2%
S&P500 ex. Tech	3.8%	3.4%	2.5%	6.5%	4.2%	-3.0%	-12.3%	-2.8%	0.1%	-5.1%	10.5%	24.9%	15.8%	15.7%	16.9%	13.5%	12.3%	12.4%	9.0%	11.6%	9.2%	6.8%	4.9%	6.4%	7.1%	2.2%
S&Pex. Energy, Fin & Real Est	3.5%	3.3%	3.2%	7.6%	4.4%	-2.0%	-7.4%	0.7%	4.7%	-1.1%	12.6%	22.1%	13.7%	11.8%	15.7%	11.8%	7.4%	8.8%	7.3%	8.1%	8.1%	9.7%	6.7%	7.9%	9.1%	3.5%
S&Pex. Energy, Fin, Real Est, Healthcare	0.6%	0.4%	0.0%	6.1%	1.5%	-5.3%	-10.4%	-2.0%	2.5%	-4.5%	13.5%	23.0%	12.9%	10.9%	16.0%	10.6%	6.3%	9.9%	8.3%	7.8%	9.5%	11.6%	6.9%	8.1%	11.3%	2.7%
Communication Services	13.3%	15.9%	11.8%	4.4%	9.9%	4.1%	-7.7%	0.0%	-7.2%	-1.1%	8.4%	22.4%	13.2%	22.6%	19.9%	8.0%	7.5%	5.6%	4.5%	2.4%	5.0%	3.3%	5.9%	6.5%	5.0%	6.6%
Consumer Discretionary	4.7%	5.6%	6.0%	3.5%	4.5%	-3.2%	-14.7%	4.6%	10.8%	6.4%	23.0%	38.9%	12.9%	12.8%	14.4%	10.8%	12.8%	15.5%	11.0%	11.3%	9.0%	9.4%	7.1%	5.6%	8.1%	4.1%
Cons. Disc. ex. Auto	7.3%	6.9%	8.5%	8.2%	7.2%	-1.2%	-4.2%	5.0%	11.9%	12.0%	27.7%	33.6%	18.7%	14.9%	15.9%	10.7%	9.5%	11.5%	7.8%	8.1%	6.9%	6.1%	6.7%	6.5%	7.0%	5.4%
Cons. Disc. ex. Broadline Retail	2.4%	3.0%	2.6%	-0.7%	1.3%	-9.4%	-26.6%	-3.0%	1.3%	-1.2%	16.9%	44.4%	12.1%	14.3%	11.8%	12.2%	15.0%	16.0%	12.2%	12.1%	9.0%	8.9%	5.2%	2.5%	6.8%	1.2%
Cons. Disc. ex. Auto & Broadline Retail	4.6%	3.6%	4.4%	3.9%	3.4%	-9.6%	-17.7%	-5.5%	-0.9%	3.3%	20.9%	37.6%	20.4%	18.3%	13.2%	12.7%	10.9%	10.2%	7.5%	7.7%	5.7%	3.9%	3.9%	2.4%	4.7%	1.9%
Consumer Staples	2.7%	2.1%	3.3%	3.0%	2.7%	6.1%	1.6%	3.5%	6.4%	7.9%	5.7%	13.1%	11.9%	10.8%	11.2%	10.2%	9.4%	9.2%	6.0%	6.6%	5.0%	2.7%	3.3%	2.5%	1.2%	1.6%
Energy	0.6%	-0.5%	-8.8%	-6.1%	-3.7%	-10.8%	-54%	-34%	-32%	-33%	4.1%	110.1%	72.7%	90.0%	66.0%	57.3%	77.1%	48.7%	14.2%	47.3%	-3.9%	-28.8%	-15.7%	-9.6%	-16.5%	-1.5%
Financials	4.9%	3.4%	5.1%	8.3%	5.3%	0.1%	-2.6%	-2.1%	0.0%	-0.6%	11.4%	12.3%	11.9%	9.8%	5.0%	1.0%	1.7%	7.6%	6.2%	7.6%	16.1%	17.8%	9.7%	9.9%	8.1%	0.8%
Health Care	14.5%	14.7%	15.5%	13.1%	15.6%	9.2%	2.7%	9.8%	12.1%	10.3%	10.1%	19.6%	15.9%	14.4%	14.9%	15.5%	10.6%	5.6%	4.4%	8.9%	4.0%	4.3%	6.1%	7.2%	2.6%	5.9%
Industrials	5.2%	-0.2%	1.0%	2.0%	2.9%	-6.9%	-23.2%	-15.4%	-8.9%	-10.2%	0.0%	29.6%	18.4%	15.0%	15.5%	14.4%	14.7%	14.0%	11.6%	12.2%	7.5%	3.9%	1.1%	3.2%	4.2%	0.1%
Industrials ex. Aerospace & Defense	4.3%	3.3%	2.7%	4.3%	3.2%	-6.3%	-26.6%	-15.4%	-8.6%	-12.3%	4.0%	38.3%	25.4%	23.2%	21.1%	21.1%	20.6%	17.6%	11.6%	15.4%	8.2%	2.7%	1.4%	2.8%	3.9%	0.4%
Industrials ex. Transportation	5.9%	-1.4%	0.5%	2.4%	1.7%	-7.1%	-16.5%	-10.2%	-5.3%	-5.3%	2.6%	21.2%	9.5%	5.9%	10.6%	6.2%	6.4%	10.0%	11.8%	7.7%	7.9%	7.6%	3.6%	5.0%	5.8%	-0.1%
Industrials ex. Aerospace & Defense and T	5.0%	3.5%	3.1%	6.7%	1.5%	-6.3%	-17.7%	-6.2%	-2.1%	-5.3%	11.0%	28.2%	14.2%	12.0%	15.8%	11.4%	10.9%	13.6%	11.8%	10.1%	9.2%	7.6%	5.5%	5.5%	6.2%	0.2%
Information Technology	0.3%	-0.4%	0.7%	5.7%	0.2%	3.6%	5.6%	0.2%	10.7%	11.2%	22.8%	21.5%	24.6%	15.9%	17.9%	13.6%	8.4%	7.2%	-2.1%	7.8%	-2.7%	0.1%	2.9%	7.9%	-0.7%	7.7%
Materials	0.2%	-16.2%	-13.8%	-15.1%	0.8%	-16.3%	-15.1%	-6.9%	-5.3%	-3.3%	10.7%	36.9%	33.6%	39.4%	28.8%	27.2%	19.3%	7.7%	-3.7%	11.9%	-7.6%	-12.7%	-10.4%	-5.2%	-19.6%	-5.1%
Real Estate	5.2%	5.4%	6.4%	4.8%	5.5%	5.1%	-6.1%	-3.5%	2.0%	-1.5%	2.9%	19.1%	16.6%	18.4%	12.6%	20.8%	17.2%	14.4%	8.1%	14.7%	6.1%	6.6%	6.6%	8.2%	6.8%	6.3%
Utilities	1.0%	0.7%	0.5%	0.1%	7.0%	-5.7%	-5.2%	-2.4%	-23.5%	-9.8%	10.1%	6.0%	5.3%	51.9%	21.7%	15.6%	27.9%	27.0%	16.1%	11.0%	12.9%	-5.9%	-5.7%	-7.7%	-1.6%	-6.2%

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# S&P 500 NET MARGINS BY SECTOR



1Q24 is blended with actual for reported and consensus for the rest

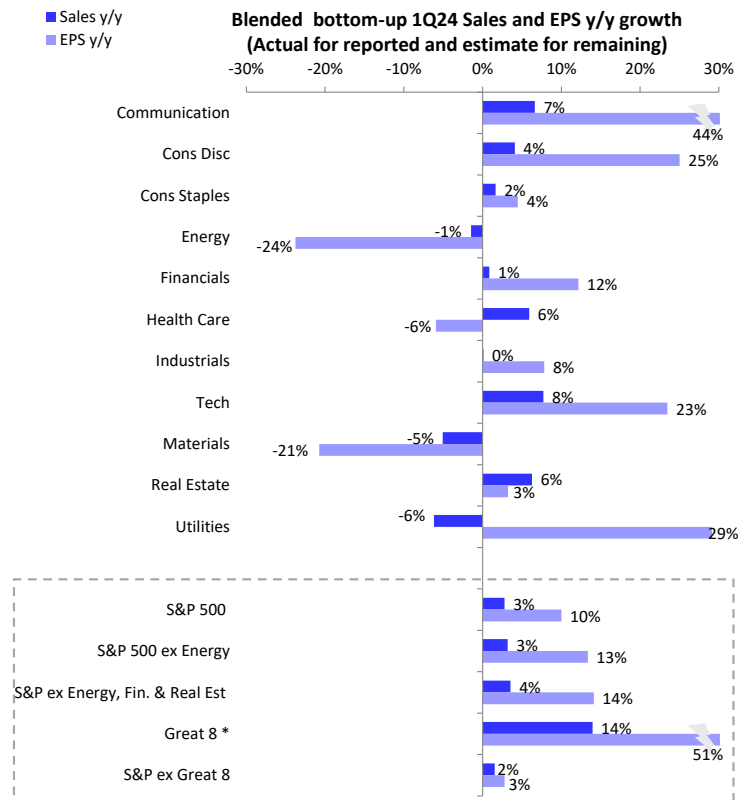
Net margins	2019					2020					2021					2022					2023					1Q24
	1Q19	2Q19	3Q19	4Q19	2019	1Q20	2Q20	3Q20	4Q20	2020	1Q21	2Q21	3Q21	4Q21	2021	1Q22	2Q22	3Q22	4Q22	2022	1Q23	2Q23	3Q23	4Q23	2023	
<b>S&amp;P 500</b>	<b>11.3%</b>	<b>11.4%</b>	<b>11.9%</b>	<b>11.3%</b>	<b>11.2%</b>	<b>10.2%</b>	<b>8.9%</b>	<b>11.2%</b>	<b>11.5%</b>	<b>10.5%</b>	<b>13.6%</b>	<b>13.8%</b>	<b>13.7%</b>	<b>13.1%</b>	<b>13.4%</b>	<b>12.9%</b>	<b>13.2%</b>	<b>12.5%</b>	<b>11.6%</b>	<b>12.5%</b>	<b>11.8%</b>	<b>11.8%</b>	<b>12.6%</b>	<b>11.6%</b>	<b>11.9%</b>	<b>12.9%</b>
S&P 500 ex. Financials & Real Est	9.9%	10.1%	10.8%	10.2%	9.9%	9.6%	8.4%	10.1%	10.0%	9.5%	11.8%	12.2%	12.5%	11.9%	11.8%	11.7%	12.2%	11.7%	10.6%	11.5%	10.7%	10.8%	11.6%	10.8%	10.8%	11.6%
S&P 500 ex. Energy	11.9%	12.0%	12.5%	11.9%	11.7%	10.6%	9.7%	11.9%	12.2%	11.1%	14.2%	14.4%	14.1%	13.4%	13.8%	13.1%	13.0%	12.3%	11.4%	12.4%	11.7%	12.0%	12.7%	11.7%	12.0%	13.2%
S&P 500 ex. Tech	10.3%	10.5%	10.8%	9.9%	10.2%	8.9%	7.5%	10.0%	9.9%	9.1%	12.2%	12.5%	12.3%	11.5%	12.1%	11.5%	12.1%	11.4%	10.2%	11.3%	10.7%	10.6%	11.2%	9.9%	10.5%	11.4%
S&P ex. Energy, Fin & Real Est	10.4%	10.6%	11.3%	10.8%	10.4%	10.1%	9.4%	10.8%	10.7%	10.3%	12.4%	12.7%	12.8%	12.2%	12.2%	11.9%	11.8%	11.3%	10.3%	11.3%	10.5%	10.9%	11.6%	10.8%	10.8%	11.9%
S&P ex. Energy, Fin, Real Est, Healthcare	10.4%	10.5%	11.6%	11.1%	10.5%	10.2%	8.9%	10.9%	11.1%	10.4%	12.6%	13.1%	13.2%	12.8%	12.6%	11.9%	12.1%	11.5%	10.6%	11.5%	10.8%	11.9%	12.7%	11.9%	11.6%	13.1%
Communication Services	16.1%	16.2%	15.5%	16.1%	15.2%	14.0%	14.3%	15.3%	19.0%	15.8%	19.9%	19.8%	19.1%	18.1%	18.4%	17.5%	15.0%	13.2%	11.6%	14.0%	14.1%	16.0%	17.7%	16.4%	16.1%	18.7%
Consumer Discretionary	7.3%	7.9%	8.4%	7.2%	7.4%	3.7%	2.5%	7.4%	5.1%	4.7%	8.0%	8.3%	8.0%	8.4%	8.0%	5.1%	6.5%	7.7%	6.3%	6.5%	7.1%	9.0%	10.1%	7.9%	8.6%	8.3%
Cons. Disc. ex. Auto	8.2%	9.0%	9.4%	8.9%	8.6%	4.9%	3.7%	7.1%	5.1%	5.0%	7.7%	9.0%	8.3%	8.9%	8.0%	4.1%	6.3%	7.8%	5.8%	6.1%	6.7%	9.4%	11.1%	8.8%	9.1%	8.9%
Cons. Disc. ex. Broadline Retail	7.4%	8.5%	9.5%	8.0%	8.1%	3.6%	0.6%	7.5%	4.7%	4.2%	7.9%	8.6%	9.5%	7.4%	8.1%	7.8%	9.1%	9.8%	8.5%	9.0%	8.5%	10.2%	11.2%	8.6%	9.7%	8.6%
Cons. Disc. ex. Auto & Broadline Retail	8.6%	10.3%	11.3%	10.8%	9.9%	5.2%	2.0%	7.1%	4.4%	4.4%	7.4%	9.7%	10.6%	7.9%	8.2%	7.4%	9.8%	10.7%	8.7%	9.3%	8.6%	11.4%	13.2%	10.3%	10.9%	9.5%
Consumer Staples	6.7%	7.3%	7.5%	7.1%	7.0%	6.6%	7.3%	7.8%	7.3%	7.0%	7.4%	7.6%	7.4%	7.0%	7.1%	6.9%	6.6%	6.7%	6.3%	6.3%	6.7%	7.0%	6.9%	6.7%	6.9%	6.8%
Energy	4.8%	5.8%	5.5%	4.7%	5.3%	4.1%	-8.7%	-0.8%	-0.1%	-1.0%	4.6%	6.5%	9.0%	9.5%	7.6%	10.6%	14.7%	14.6%	13.0%	13.1%	12.9%	10.1%	11.0%	10.7%	11.1%	9.7%
Financials	18.8%	18.8%	17.6%	16.9%	18.1%	12.0%	9.8%	17.1%	19.9%	14.9%	23.5%	22.9%	20.4%	19.8%	22.8%	19.4%	18.3%	16.3%	16.5%	18.0%	17.6%	16.7%	17.7%	15.4%	18.0%	19.2%
Health Care	10.4%	10.6%	10.3%	9.7%	9.9%	9.9%	10.8%	10.4%	9.5%	9.9%	11.7%	11.5%	11.5%	10.5%	11.1%	11.8%	11.2%	10.7%	9.6%	10.7%	9.5%	7.8%	8.2%	7.5%	8.3%	8.3%
Industrials	8.2%	7.0%	10.0%	8.5%	8.7%	7.1%	2.2%	5.8%	6.4%	5.2%	7.3%	9.1%	9.3%	7.9%	8.3%	6.6%	9.7%	9.3%	9.9%	8.9%	9.2%	11.1%	10.3%	10.2%	10.2%	9.8%
Industrials ex. Aerospace & Defense	8.8%	8.7%	11.4%	10.3%	9.3%	8.1%	3.2%	6.1%	7.4%	5.7%	8.0%	9.9%	10.5%	9.9%	9.3%	7.0%	10.7%	11.0%	11.0%	10.1%	10.1%	12.5%	11.6%	11.3%	11.5%	10.5%
Industrials ex. Transportation	9.0%	7.6%	9.4%	7.9%	9.7%	8.3%	6.1%	8.7%	8.4%	8.2%	9.6%	10.5%	10.4%	8.7%	10.0%	10.1%	10.7%	9.8%	10.5%	10.3%	10.7%	11.3%	11.4%	11.1%	11.1%	11.7%
Industrials ex. Aerospace & Defense and T	10.6%	10.9%	11.4%	10.6%	11.3%	10.9%	10.3%	11.0%	11.6%	11.1%	12.3%	12.6%	13.2%	12.5%	12.6%	12.5%	13.1%	13.1%	12.7%	13.1%	13.0%	13.7%	14.2%	13.5%	13.9%	14.0%
Information Technology	20.7%	21.1%	22.2%	23.4%	21.1%	21.6%	20.0%	22.7%	24.2%	21.6%	24.6%	25.0%	25.3%	25.6%	24.0%	24.3%	22.7%	22.9%	23.2%	22.9%	22.5%	23.5%	25.4%	26.5%	24.3%	25.7%
Materials	7.6%	11.2%	10.4%	9.4%	8.4%	8.9%	8.6%	9.6%	11.3%	8.2%	12.1%	15.1%	14.0%	13.5%	12.1%	14.0%	14.7%	11.4%	10.6%	11.3%	11.3%	12.0%	10.2%	8.9%	10.6%	9.5%
Real Estate	34.7%	34.2%	33.8%	33.8%	33.7%	33.2%	33.2%	34.2%	35.2%	34.0%	36.3%	37.2%	35.9%	34.0%	35.9%	36.8%	36.9%	36.4%	36.1%	36.8%	35.6%	36.2%	35.5%	34.6%	36.0%	36.0%
Utilities	13.2%	12.7%	16.6%	11.0%	12.8%	15.0%	14.4%	17.2%	15.1%	14.8%	14.6%	16.2%	19.0%	10.1%	12.9%	16.0%	12.2%	13.8%	8.5%	11.9%	10.4%	12.5%	15.7%	11.9%	12.5%	14.3%

S&P net margins surged to record high of 13.8% in 2021, led by digital firms, and consumer goods producers/retailers. We see some cyclical set-backs in net margins. S&P 500 net margins are cyclical, but not mean reverting, they have been rising since mid-1990s for structural reasons.

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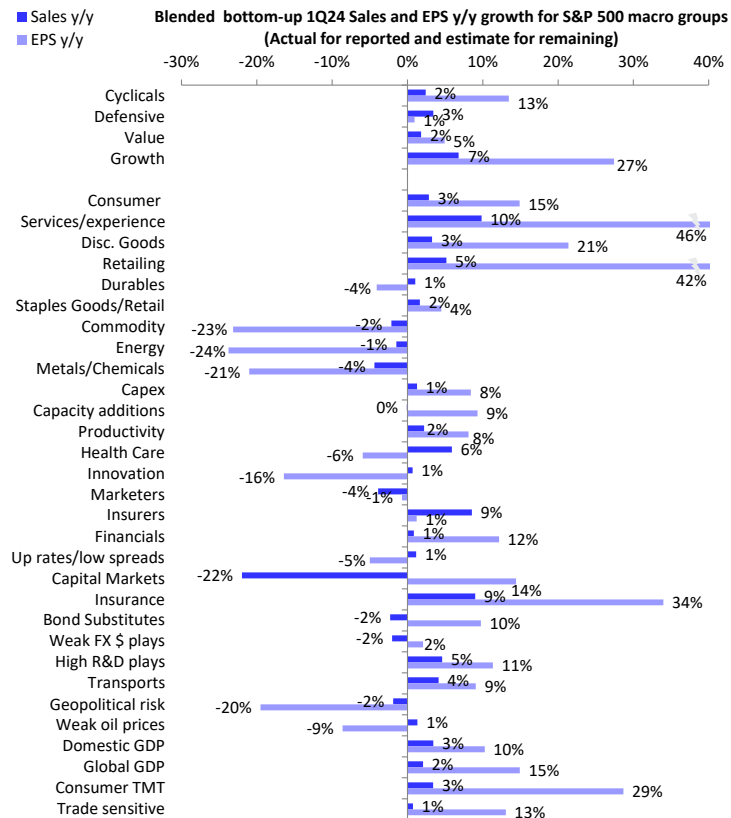
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# S&P 500 EPS AND SALES Y/Y GROWTH BY SECTOR



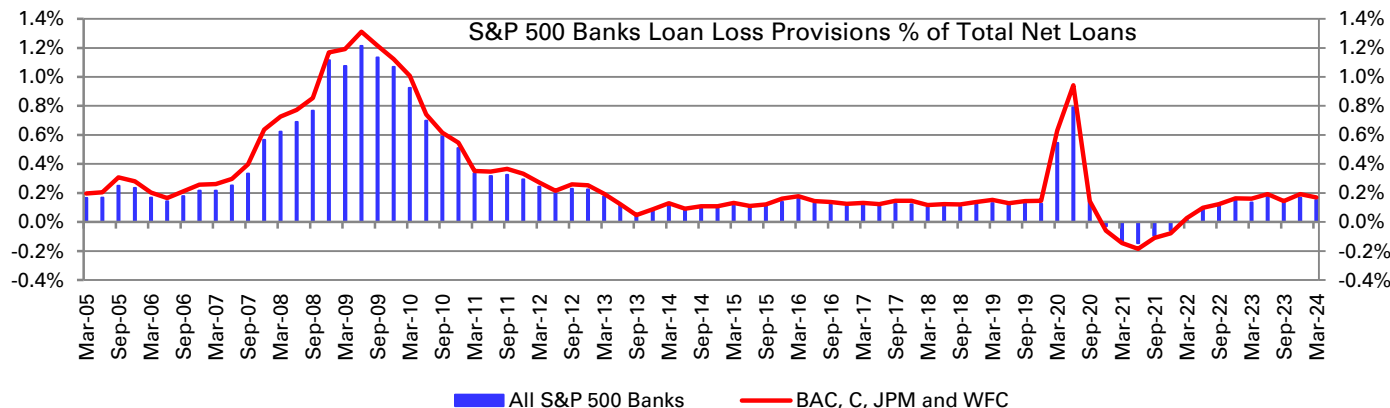
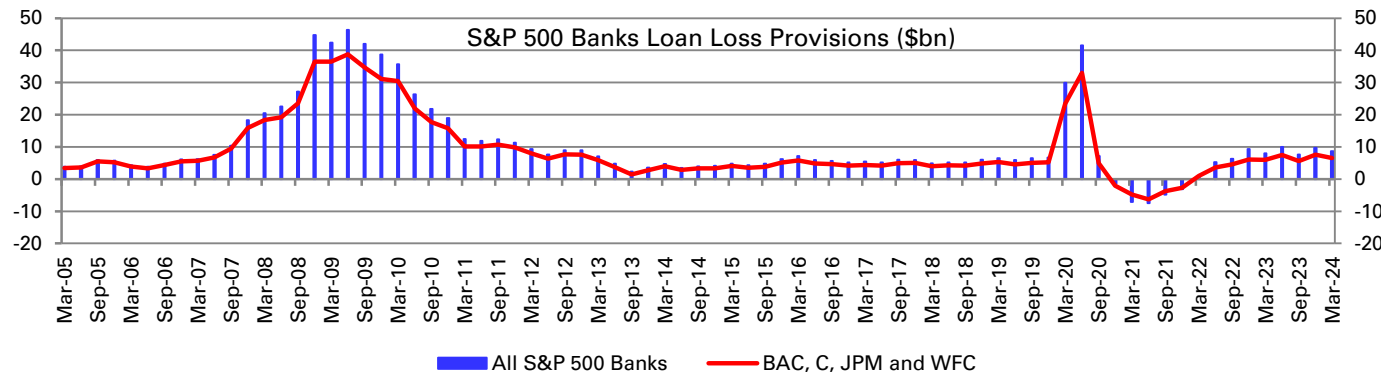
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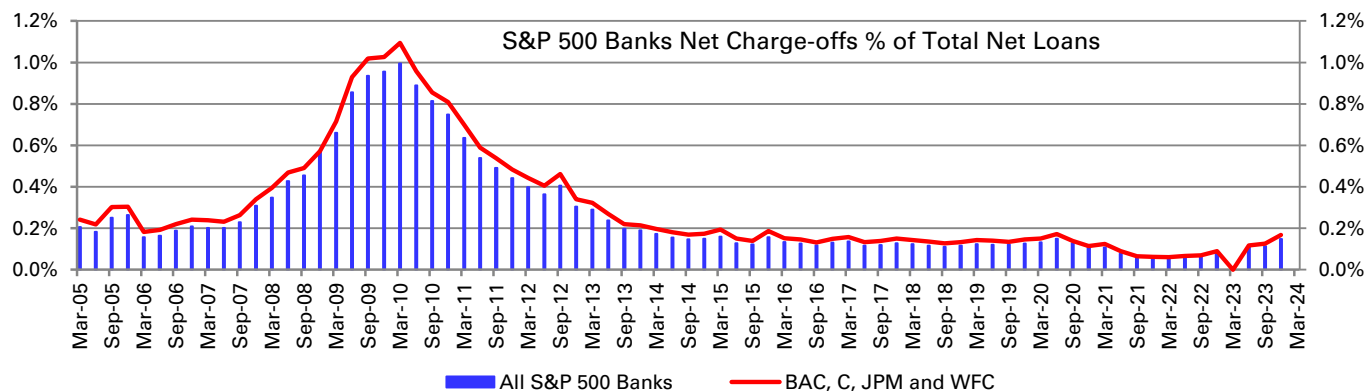
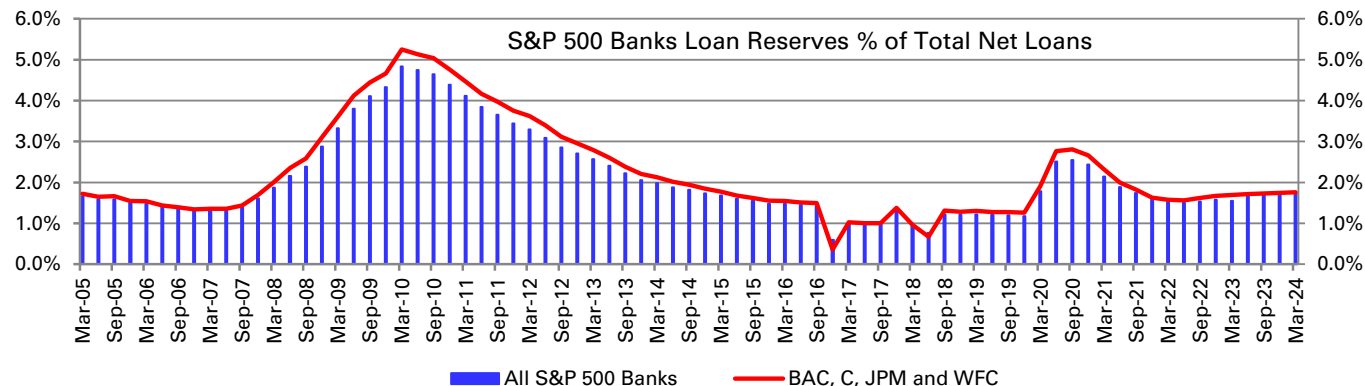
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# S&P 500 BANKS LOAN LOSS PROVISIONS



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# S&P 500 BANKS LOAN RESERVES AND CHARGE-OFFS



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# S&P 500 EPS MODEL



	2014A	2015A	2016A	2017A	2018A	2019A	2020A	2021A	2022A	2023A	y/y	Bottom-up Consensus (IBES)				DWS View				Normalized 2024	
												2024E	y/y	2025E	y/y	2024E	y/y	2025E	y/y	(\$)	% of 2023
<b>S&amp;P 500 EPS</b> (historical index)	<b>\$118.82</b>	<b>\$117.46</b>	<b>\$118.10</b>	<b>\$132.00</b>	<b>\$161.93</b>	<b>\$162.93</b>	<b>\$139.72</b>	<b>\$208.12</b>	<b>\$218.09</b>	<b>\$221.36</b>	<b>1.5%</b>										
<b>S&amp;P 500 EPS</b> (current constituents)	<b>\$116.65</b>	<b>\$117.00</b>	<b>\$117.29</b>	<b>\$129.20</b>	<b>\$155.28</b>	<b>\$159.34</b>	<b>\$141.80</b>	<b>\$206.93</b>	<b>\$217.33</b>	<b>\$222.24</b>	<b>2.3%</b>	\$246	10.5%	\$279	13.6%	\$243	9.3%	\$260	7.0%	\$243	100%
<b>Sector (\$ bn)</b>																					
Communication Services	66.3	76.8	88.9	96.9	121.2	127.9	131.9	183.9	143.9	173.1	20.3%	212.1	22.5%	238.0	12.2%	213.0	23.0%	226.4	6.3%	211.4	99%
Consumer Discretionary	57.7	67.6	75.3	79.6	94.8	93.1	62.3	121.6	110.5	156.8	41.9%	177.8	13.4%	203.8	14.6%	168.9	7.7%	179.4	6.2%	172.7	102%
Consumer Staples	84.0	82.8	85.5	89.8	96.9	98.0	105.3	118.0	111.9	124.5	11.3%	128.3	3.0%	138.2	7.8%	121.5	-2.4%	126.4	4.0%	119.2	98%
Energy	94.2	39.5	10.4	36.9	69.5	49.1	-6.6	78.7	200.4	141.5	-29.4%	136.6	-3.4%	148.5	8.7%	140.0	-1.0%	142.2	1.6%	141.0	101%
Financials	184.3	200.0	203.8	213.3	262.6	276.6	225.6	363.2	308.5	333.7	8.2%	364.0	9.1%	401.6	10.3%	356.0	6.7%	381.2	7.1%	345.6	97%
Health Care	137.9	152.9	157.8	172.2	189.0	207.0	227.0	293.1	308.5	244.0	-20.9%	264.2	8.2%	313.4	18.6%	285.0	16.8%	308.5	8.2%	281.7	99%
Industrials	100.6	104.1	98.1	107.1	130.8	113.9	61.2	112.2	135.9	161.5	18.8%	173.1	7.2%	197.9	14.3%	172.0	6.5%	181.3	5.4%	173.6	101%
Information Technology	162.2	168.2	176.4	206.4	237.4	231.9	264.1	345.5	355.2	375.1	5.6%	443.6	18.2%	522.7	17.8%	445.0	18.6%	500.2	12.4%	459.0	103%
Materials	24.6	23.4	22.5	28.7	36.2	34.1	32.5	61.5	63.9	48.4	-24.3%	47.7	-1.3%	55.0	15.3%	48.0	-0.7%	49.7	3.5%	46.7	97%
Real Estate	22.9	24.2	28.4	31.7	35.7	37.1	37.0	44.0	51.6	54.0	4.6%	54.8	1.4%	58.2	6.2%	52.5	-2.8%	53.4	1.7%	50.8	97%
Utilities	32.9	33.1	35.7	37.1	40.9	45.0	46.9	49.6	50.9	52.6	3.3%	58.8	11.9%	63.8	8.4%	58.3	10.9%	61.3	5.1%	60.3	103%
<b>S&amp;P 500</b>	<b>967.7</b>	<b>972.4</b>	<b>982.8</b>	<b>1099.8</b>	<b>1314.9</b>	<b>1313.6</b>	<b>1187.3</b>	<b>1771.3</b>	<b>1841.1</b>	<b>1865.1</b>	<b>1.3%</b>	<b>2060.9</b>	<b>10.5%</b>	<b>2341.1</b>	<b>13.6%</b>	<b>2060.2</b>	<b>10.5%</b>	<b>2210.0</b>	<b>7.3%</b>	<b>2061.9</b>	<b>100%</b>
S&P ex. Energy (\$bn)	873.5	932.9	972.4	1062.8	1245.4	1264.6	1193.8	1692.5	1640.7	1723.6	5.1%	1924.3	11.6%	2192.5	13.9%	1920.2	11.4%	2067.8	7.7%	1920.9	100%
S&P ex. Tech (\$bn)	805.5	804.2	806.4	893.3	1077.5	1081.7	923.2	1425.7	1485.9	1489.9	0.3%	1617.3	8.5%	1818.4	12.4%	1615.2	8.4%	1709.8	5.9%	1602.9	99%
S&P 500 Sales/Share (historical index)	\$1,163	\$1,127	\$1,151	\$1,232	\$1,339	\$1,415	\$1,362	\$1,567	\$1,753	\$1,872	6.8%										
S&P 500 Non-GAAP Net Margin	10.2%	10.4%	10.3%	10.7%	12.1%	11.5%	10.3%	13.3%	12.4%	11.8%											

S&P 500 EPS	Year	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q
2019A	163	39	41	41	42
2020A	140	33	28	38	42
2021A	210	49	53	54	54
2022A	222	55	58	56	53
2023A	223	53	54.25	58.5	57.25
2024E	243	57	59	62	65

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# S&P 500 SECTOR AND INDUSTRY ALLOCATION

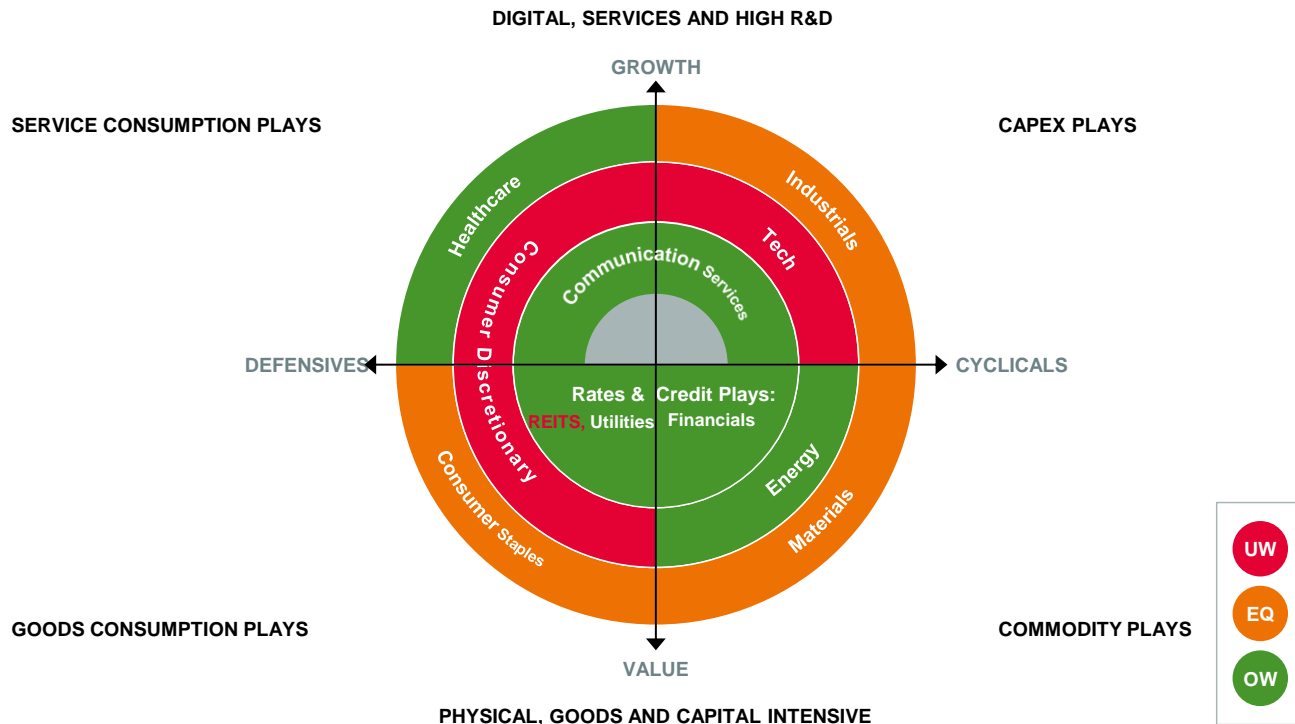


	Market	Allocated	Sector	2022	2023	2024	Overweight	2022	2023	2024	Equal weight	2022	2023	2024	Underweight	2022	2023	2024	Sector OW	8.89%	
Over-weight	12.2%	16.0%	Health Care	17.3	21.6	18.7	Biotechnology Health Care Equipment & Supplies Pharmaceuticals	13.3 26.5 14.9	18.3 26.7 25.1	17.1 24.8 17.9	Health Care Providers & Services	16.8	15.6	14.8	Life Sciences Tools & Services	24.8	29.0	28.3	Sector UW	-8.89%	
	13.3%	14.9%	Financials	18.9	17.1	16.4	Banks Insurance	13.0 20.5	11.2 16.9	12.0 14.2					Capital Markets Consumer Finance Financial Services	20.3 12.5 28.9	21.1 14.3 25.2	19.1 13.9 23.5	Industry OW	18.05%	
	9.0%	10.1%	Communication Services	29.1	22.9	19.7	Diversified Telecommunication Serv Entertainment Interactive Media & Services	7.1 84.1 42.2	7.7 33.7 30.0	8.3 24.0 24.1	Wireless Telecommunication Serv	78.7	23.2	18.4	Media		10.7	10.4	10.1	Industry UW	-18.05%
	2.3%	3.4%	Utilities	20.0	18.8	17.4	Electric Utilities	21.1	19.1	17.5	Gas Utilities Independent Power & Renewable E Multi-Utilities Water Utilities	21.0 11.3 17.7 29.8	18.9 10.8 18.4 26.6	17.9 10.0 17.3 25.2						Macro tilts:	
	4.2%	5.2%	Energy	9.0	12.1	12.9	Energy Equipment & Services	22.5	15.2	13.3	Oil Gas & Consumable Fuels	8.6	11.9	12.8						Cyclicals	-4.57%
Equal-weight	8.9%	8.9%	Industrials	28.0	23.9	22.2	Aerospace & Defense Electrical Equipment Industrial Conglomerates Passenger Airlines	41.4 30.7 16.1 19.6	37.0 30.7 13.0 7.3	30.4 27.0 11.1 7.3	Construction & Engineering Machinery	42.1 23.0	38.5 18.1	32.1 18.2	Air Freight & Logistics Building Products Commercial Services & Supplies Ground Transportation Professional Services Trading Companies & Distributors	12.5 22.4 42.2 60.5 30.0 27.2	17.3 28.1 43.6 29.7 28.2 22.6	16.6 26.3 40.2 28.2 25.7 21.4	Defensive	4.57%	
	6.2%	6.2%	Consumer Staples	22.3	21.2	20.6	Beverages Household Products Personal Care Products	25.7 29.2 51.7	23.1 26.9 23.1	22.1	Consumer Staples Distribution & R Food Products	26.5 14.9	25.4 15.6	24.4 15.6	Tobacco	12.8	12.6	12.4	Value (Financial+Energy)	2.59%	
	2.4%	2.4%	Materials	16.3	21.0	21.7					Chemicals Metals & Mining	17.5 10.8	22.0 16.7	22.1 20.3	Construction Materials Containers & Packaging	51.0 15.4	34.8 18.4	30.4 18.1	Growth	-0.32%	
	2.2%	1.8%	Real Estate	17.4	17.4	17.1	Specialized REITs	17.6	17.6	16.8	Hotel & Resort REITs  Office REITs Retail REITs	10.5  11.4 13.1	9.9  11.5 13.6	9.6  12.1 13.7	Health Care REITs Industrial REITs Residential REITs Real Estate Mgmt. & Development	19.8 20.9 18.4 27.9	20.4 18.9 17.2 37.8	18.9 20.5 16.9 37.8	Growth ex Health Care	-4.15%	
	10.2%	6.7%	Consumer Discretionary	41.0	28.7	26.8	Automobile Components	16	14.0	11.4	Distributors Hotels Restaurants & Leisure Leisure Products	16.4 65 13.7	17.0 24.2 21.2	16.4 22.6 19.9	Automobiles Household Durables Broadline Retail Multiline Retail Specialty Retail Textiles Apparel & Luxury Goods	21.0 11.9 -2204 21.4 25.2	21.7 12.0 59.7 32.8 29.9	23.8 12.9 46.0 21.4 21.1	Consumer	-3.45%	
Under-weight			Automobiles	21.0	21.7	23.8													Services/experience	0.02%	
			Broadline Retail	-2204	59.7	46.0													Disc. Goods	-3.53%	
			CD ex Auto &	27.0	21.9	20.9													Retailing	-2.27%	
			Information Technology	36.6	34.3	29.2	Communications Equipment IT Services	18.2 22.7	16.5 20.6	15.9 19.7	Software Technology Hardware Storage & P	43.2 28.5	37.2 29.0	32.6 26.6	Electronic Equipment Semiconductors	22.5 46.0	26.4 43.3	24.9 31.7	Durables	-1.26%	
	29.1%	24.4%					Overweight	20.9	20.3	18.3	Equalweight	22.2	22.5	21.6	Underweight	30.3	28.3	25.2	Staples Goods/Retail	0.06%	
Aggregate PE: DWS View																			Commodity	1.13%	
	S&P 500							5188				2022, 2023& 2024 EPS	217.33	223.00	243.00	2022, 2023 & 2024 PE	23.9	23.3	21.3	Energy	1.02%
												Bottom-up Consensus EPS	217.33	223.42	245.58	Bottom-up Cons. PE	23.9	23.2	21.1	Metals/Chemicals	0.11%
																2022, 2023 & 2024 Ex Energy PE	24.2	24.2	21.9	Capex	6.71%
																Btm-up Cons. Ex Energy PE	25.7	24.2	21.9	Capacity additions	3.58%
																			Productivity	3.13%	
																			Health Care	3.83%	
																			Innovation	3.45%	
																			Marketers	1.86%	
																			Insurers	-0.10%	
																			Financials	1.57%	
																			Up rates/low spreads	0.66%	
																			Capital Markets	-0.53%	
																			Insurance	1.44%	
																			Bond Substitutes	0.73%	
																			Weak FX \$ plays	0.15%	
																			High R&D plays	1.80%	
																			Transports	-0.78%	
																			Geopolitical risk	1.89%	
																			Weak oil prices	-0.12%	
																			Inflation shock	-0.04%	
																			Stagflation Protection	4.08%	
																			Domestic GDP	-3.04%	
																			Global GDP	-5.74%	
																			Consumer TMT	-0.28%	
																			Trade sensitive	-2.38%	

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# S&P 500 SECTOR STRATEGY: PER KEY MACRO PLAYS



Note: OW – Overweight; EQ – Equalweight; UW – Underweight.

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# S&P 500 FAIR VALUE BY SECTOR



Assuming a ~5.50% real cost of equity (CoE) for overall S&P 500

	Market Value (\$bn)	Current 2024 PE	2024E Earnings (\$bn)	Normal Ratio	Normal 2024E Earnings	Accounting Quality Adjustment	Fully Adjusted Earnings	Net Debt / Market Cap	FCF / EPS	Real CoE	Steady State Value	Growth Premium	2024 Start Fair Value (\$bn)	2024E Dividend Yield	2024 End Fair Value (\$bn)	PE on Normal 2024E EPS	2024 End Upside %	2024 End Upside vs. S&P 500
Communication Services	4,189	19.7	213.0	99%	211.4	-7%	196.6	11%	0.83	5.50%	3,574	20%	4,288	0.9%	4,594	21.7	10%	13%
Consumer Discretionary	4,533	26.8	168.9	102%	172.7	-6%	162.3	10%	0.74	5.50%	2,951	31%	3,875	1.0%	4,146	24.0	-9%	-5%
Automobiles	595	23.8	25.0	95%	23.8	-8%	21.9	30%	0.99	6.50%	336	40%	471	0.5%	511	21.5	-14%	-11%
Broadline (Internet) Retail	1,702	46.0	37.0	120%	44.4	-5%	42.2	0%	0.18	5.25%	803	75%	1,406	0.0%	1,515	34.1	-11%	-8%
ex. Auto & Broadline (Internet) Retail	2,235	20.9	106.9	98%	104.5	-6%	98.3	13%	0.75	5.43%	1,812	10%	1,998	1.5%	2,127	20.3	-5%	-2%
Consumer Staples	2,499	20.6	121.5	98%	119.2	-6%	112.1	14%	0.84	5.25%	2,135	5%	2,242	2.7%	2,354	19.7	-6%	-3%
Energy	1,800	12.9	140.0	101%	141.0	-10%	126.9	13%	0.91	6.25%	2,030	-18%	1,665	2.2%	1,774	12.6	-1%	2%
Financials	5,836	16.4	356.0	97%	345.6	-7%	319.8		1.10	6.25%	5,117	-3%	4,963	1.8%	5,310	15.4	-9%	-6%
Banks	1,501	12.0	125.0	95%	118.8	-7%	110.4		1.11	7.50%	1,473	-10%	1,325	2.7%	1,422	12.0	-5%	-2%
Health Care	5,337	18.7	285.0	99%	281.7	-8%	259.2	10%	1.14	5.40%	4,800	15%	5,520	1.4%	5,879	20.9	10%	13%
Industrials	3,810	22.2	172.0	101%	173.6	-7%	161.4	15%	0.88	5.50%	2,935	10%	3,228	1.6%	3,436	19.8	-10%	-7%
Information Technology	12,983	29.2	445.0	103%	459.0	-3%	445.2	2%	0.95	5.25%	8,481	35%	11,449	0.8%	12,242	26.7	-6%	-2%
Materials	1,043	21.7	48.0	97%	46.7	-8%	42.9	15%	0.89	6.00%	716	5%	751	1.4%	805	17.2	-23%	-20%
Real Estate	896	17.1	52.5	97%	50.8	-3%	49.2	34%	1.80	5.75%	856	5%	899	3.7%	940	18.5	5%	8%
Utilities	1,016	17.4	58.3	103%	60.3	-7%	56.0	80%	-0.64	5.75%	975	0%	975	3.4%	1,022	17.0	1%	4%
S&P 500 (\$ bn)	43,942	21.3	2060.2	100%	2061.9	-6.3%	1931.7			5.55%	34,569	15.3%	39855	1.4%	42,502	20.6	-3%	0%
S&P 500 Index (\$/sh)	5188	21.3	243.0	100%	243.0	-6.2%	228.0	10%	0.93	5.50%	4145	15.6%	4790	1.4%	5098	21.0	-2%	0%

>5%	Bigger upside vs. S&P 500
between -5% and 5%	Same upside as S&P 500
<-5%	Smaller upside vs. S&P 500

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# S&P 500 INTRINSIC VALUATION MODEL



S&P 500 Capitalized EPS Valuation		S&P 500 Dividend Discount Model		S&P 500 Long-term EPS & DPS Growth		S&P 500 Cost of Equity & Fair Book Multiple	
DWS 2024E S&P 500 EPS	\$243.00	DWS 2024E S&P 500 DPS	\$76.00	DWS 2024E S&P 500 aggregate ROE	22.1%	Fair long-term nominal return on S&P 500 index	8.00%
		2024E dividend payout ratio	31%	2023E end S&P 500 book value per share	\$1,100	Components of estimated fair S&P 500 return:	
DWS "normal 2024E" S&P 500 EPS	\$243.00	DWS "normal 2024E" S&P 500 DPS	\$76.00	DWS "normal 2024E" S&P 500 aggregate ROE	20.7%	+ Long-term real risk free interest rate	1.75%
"Normal 2024E" EPS / 2024 EPS	100%	Normal dividend payout ratio	33%			+ Long-term fair S&P 500 equity risk premium*	3.75%
Accounting quality adjustment to pro forma EPS	-\$15.00	EPS directed to net share repurchases	\$55.00			= Long-term real S&P 500 cost of equity	5.50%
		Normal share repurchase payout ratio	24%	S&P EPS retained for true reinvestment	43%	+ Long-term inflation forecast	2.50%
Normal 2024E S&P 500 EPS fair to capitalize	\$228	Total payout of S&P 500 EPS	\$131.00	Estimated ROE on reinvested S&P EPS	9.00%	= S&P 500 nominal cost of equity	8.00%
Key principle: steady-state value = normal EPS / real CoE		Total payout ratio of normal and quality adj. EPS	57%	Economic margin (EM) or ROE-CoE	1.00%	* S&P 500 ERP history 300-400bps, w/ real CoE @ 5% - 6.5%	
S&P 500 EPS Capitalization Valuation		S&P 500 DPS Discount Model		Sources of long-term earnings growth:		Fair S&P 500 Market Value and Book Value Multiple	
Normal EPS / (real CoE - (EM/payout) - EM):		Normal DPS / (nominal CoE - DPS growth):		+ Long-term inflation forecast	2.50%	2023E end S&P 500 book value per share	\$1,100
S&P 500 intrinsic value at 2024 start	4790	S&P 500 intrinsic value at 2024 start	4790	+ Fair return on true reinvestment	2.34%	Fair PB = Fair PE * normal aggregate ROE	4.35
S&P 500 intrinsic value at 2024 end	5098	S&P 500 intrinsic value at 2024 end	5098	+ Value added return on true reinvestment	0.43%	Fair PE =(inc ROE-g)/(inc real ROE*(real CoE-real g))	19.71
Implied fair fwd PE in early 2024 on 2024E \$243 EPS	19.7	Implied fair forward yield on 2024E DPS of \$76.0	1.59%	= Long-term earnings growth	5.27%	Implied S&P 500 fair value of book at 2024 start	4790
Implied fair trailing PE at 2024 end on 2024E \$243 EPS	21.0	Implied fair trailing yield on 2024E DPS of \$76.0	1.49%	+ Growth from net share repurchases	1.15%	Steady-state PB = normal agg. ROE / real CoE	3.77
				= Long-term S&P 500 EPS/DPS growth	6.41%	Confirmed by fair steady-state PE = 1 / real CoE	18.2
				+ Fair normal dividend yield	1.59%		
				= Total long-term return at constant PE	8.00%		

Normal EPS / (real CoE-value added EPS growth)	4493	DPS discount model using true DPS (all payout)	4790	Value added growth premium in fair value est.	16%	Normal 2024E economic profit per share	\$167.50
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## S&P 500 EPS discount model 5 steps to value:

- 1) Estimate normalized S&P 500 EPS
- 2) Adjust normalized EPS for pro forma accounting quality
- 3) Estimate a fair long-term real return on S&P 500 ownership (CoE)
- 4) Capitalize normalized and accounting quality adj. EPS at real CoE
- 5) Consider long-term potential for value added growth opportunities

2024E Normal S&P 500 EPS					
	\$230	\$235	\$243	\$245	\$250
5.00%	5648	5865	6226	6319	6556
5.25%	5132	5311	5605	5680	5871
5.50%	4703	4853	5098	5160	5317
5.75%	4341	4468	4675	4727	4859
6.00%	4031	4141	4318	4363	4475

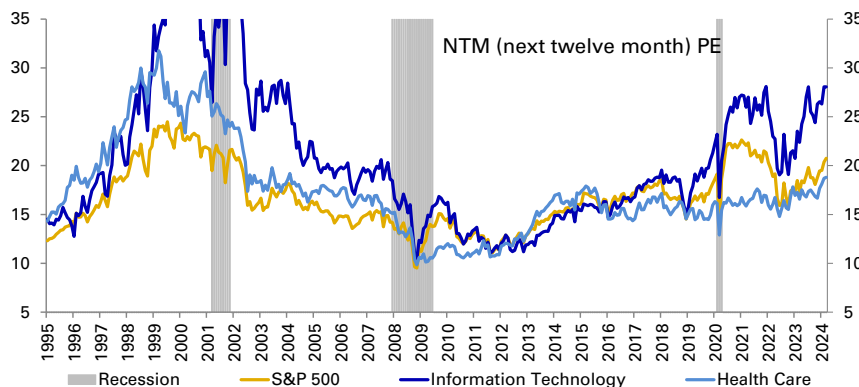
Index	3M relative View	Current Level	Previous Target CIO Day Nov	Target Mar 25	Chg in Target	Expected Total Return Mar 25	Assumptions										
							thereof										
							EPS growth NTM*	LTM multiple impact	Dividend Yield	EPS NTM* (e)	DWS vs. Cons.	Target LTM P/E in Mar 25	Target PE discount to US	Payout ratio	chg of LTM target PE		
14/03/2024																	
S&P 500		5,153	4,700	5,300	13%	4.3%	USD	8.2%	-5%	1.5%	247	-2.3%	21.5x	31%	2.1x		
Stoxx 600		506	465	515	11%	5.0%	EUR	4.7%	-3%	3.3%	37.0	-1.5%	13.9x	-35%	45%	1.1x	
EuroStoxx 50		4,993	4,350	5,000	15%	3.3%	EUR	3.5%	-3%	3.2%	370	-1.0%	13.5x	-37%	43%	1.6x	
DAX40		17,942	16,600	18,700	13%	4.2%	EUR	4.1%	-3%	3.2%	1458	-1.1%	12.4x	-42%	40%	1.2x	
SMI		11,721	10,950	11,450	5%	0.7%	CHF	9.1%	-11%	3.0%	673	-1.2%	17.0x	-21%	52%	0.8x	
FTSE 100		7,743	7,400	7,600	3%	2.1%	GBP	-0.6%	-1%	3.9%		-1.4%	11.2x	-48%	45%	0.8x	
MSCI EM		1,047	1,010	1,050	4%	3.2%	USD	11.9%	-10%	2.9%	80.7	-6.5%	13.0x	-40%	37%	-0.4x	
MSCI AC Asia xJ		661	640	675	5%	4.8%	USD	15.3%	-11%	2.6%	48.3	-5.3%	14.0x	-35%	36%	-0.7x	
MSCI Japan		1,643	1,520	1,740	14%	8.2%	YEN	11.2%	-5%	2.3%	109.9	2.5%	15.8x	-27%	34%	0.5x	
MSCI Australia		1,547	1,400	1,500	7%	0.9%	AUD	-0.3%	-3%	3.9%	93.0	-0.9%	16.1x	-25%	66%	1.7x	

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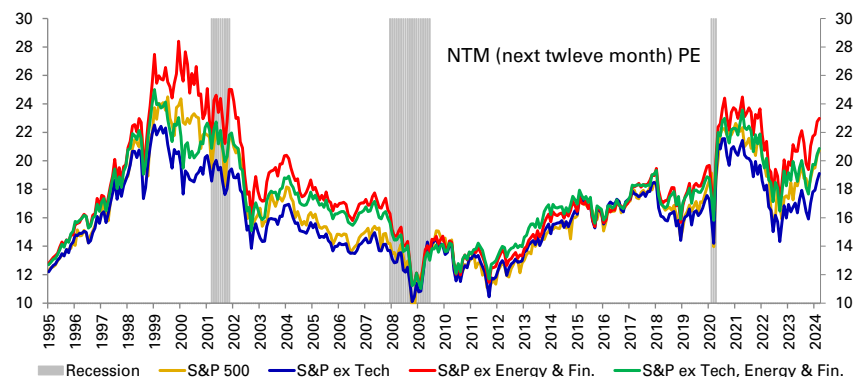
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## S&P 500, TECH AND HEALTH CARE FORWARD PE



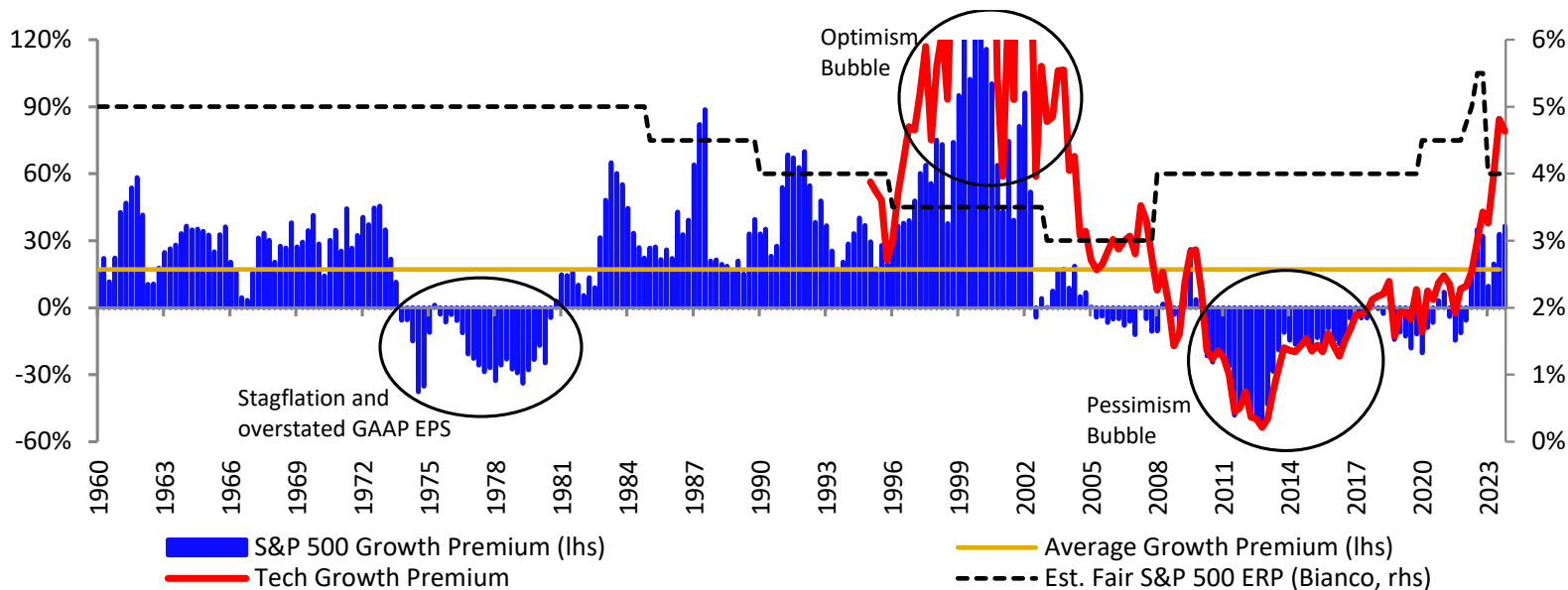
## S&P 500 EX TECH ENERGY & FINANCIALS FORWARD PE



Note: NTM – next twelve month. Forward PE is the price dividend by consensus next twelve month EPS.

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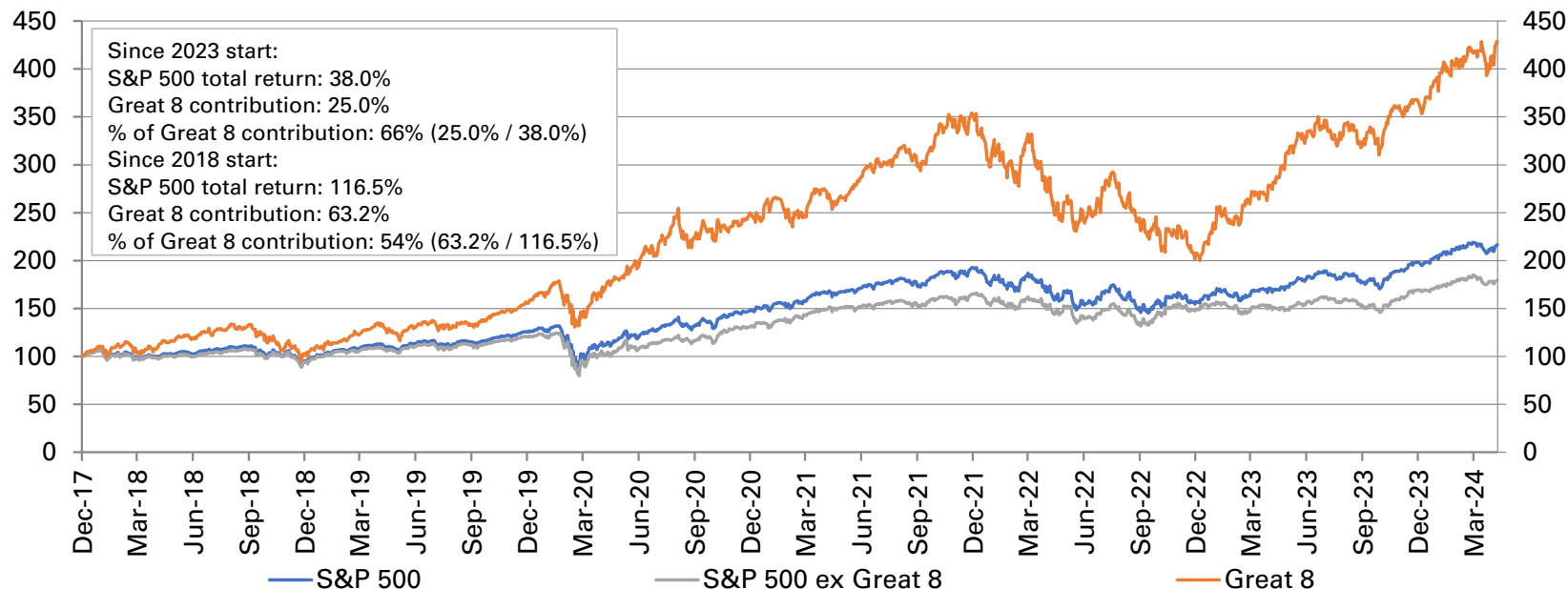
# S&P 500 AND TECH SECTOR GROWTH PREMIUM



Note: lhs – left hand side; rhs – right hand side. ERP – equity risk premium.

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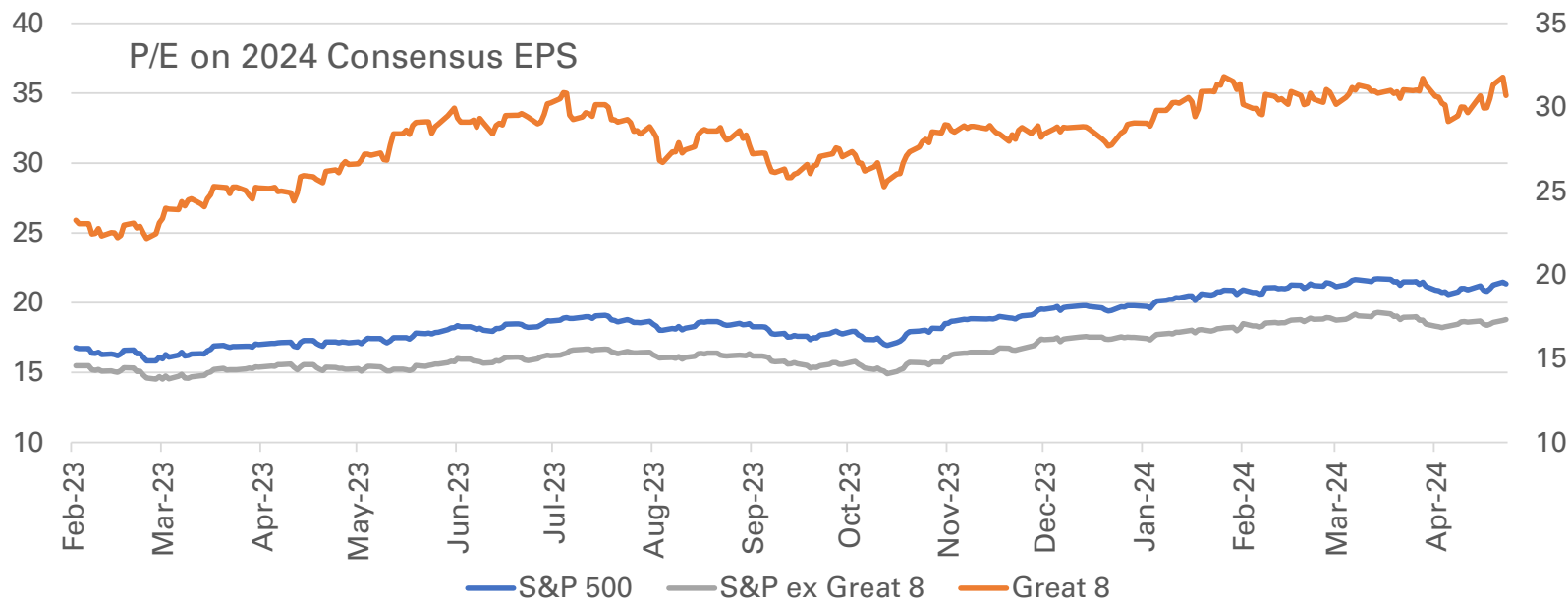
# S&P 500 AND THE GREAT 8 TOTAL RETURN



The Great 8: AAPL, AMZN, GOOG/GOOGL, META, MSFT, NFLX, NVDA, TSLA

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# S&P 500 AND THE GREAT 8 P/E RATIO



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# GLOSSARY



**Amortization** is an accounting term which refers to the periodical reduction of the book value of intangible assets (such as patents) or bank loans.

**Bottom-up** is an approach which focuses on approaching a problem through the smallest elements (e.g. individual corporate results).

**Capital expenditure (Capex)** are funds used by a company to acquire or upgrade physical assets such as property, industrial buildings or equipment.

**Cyclical** is something that moves with the cycle.

**Depreciation** refers to an accounting method used to allocate the cost of a tangible or physical asset over its useful life. Depreciation represents how much of an asset's value has been used. It allows companies to earn revenue from the assets they own by paying for them over a certain period of time.

**Dividend per share (DPS)** is the sum of declared dividends issued by a company for every ordinary share outstanding.

**Earnings per share (EPS)** is calculated as a company's net income minus dividends of preferred stock, all divided by the total number of shares outstanding.

**EBITDA** (earnings, before interest expenses, taxes, depreciation and amortization) is an accounting measure calculated using a company's net earnings, before interest expenses, taxes, depreciation and amortization are subtracted.

**Generally accepted accounting principles, or GAAP**, are a set of rules that encompass the details, complexities, and legalities of business and corporate accounting.

**Leverage** attempts to boost gains when investing through the use of borrowing to purchase assets.

**Mean reversion** is a theory that prices and returns eventually move back toward the mean, or average.

**Operating Cash Flow** is an accounting term that measures the amount of cash generated by a company through its usual business activities.

**Price-to-book (P/B)** ratio or multiple compares a stock's market value with its book value.

The **price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio** compares a company's current share price to its earnings per share.

**Pro forma** financials are not computed using generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and usually leave out one-time expenses that are not part of normal company operations, such as restructuring costs following a merger.

**Profit Margin**, or net margin is an accounting figure which describes profit in relation to revenue in percent.

A **recession** is, technically, when an economy contracts for two successive quarters but is often used in a looser way to indicate declining output.

The **risk premium** is the expected return on an investment minus the return that would be earned on a risk-free investment.

The **S&P 500** is an index that includes 500 leading U.S. companies capturing approximately 80% coverage of available U.S. market capitalization.

A **share buyback** involves a company buying back its own shares.

**Stagflation** is the combination of the words "stagnation" and "inflation," referring to a period where inflation is high while the economy is stagnating.



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