

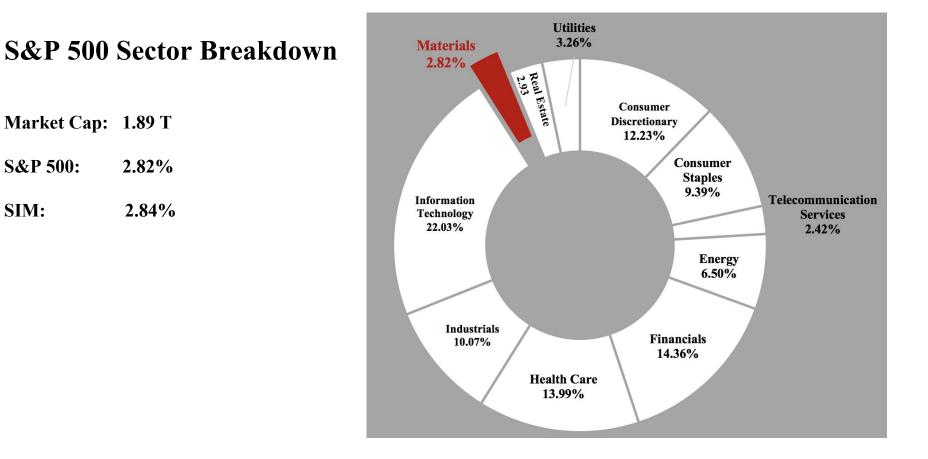
Material Sector Recommendation: **HOLD** SIM: 2.84% vs SPX: 2.82%

# **Material Sector**

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### Overview





#### Industries

		% CHANGE			
ndustry 🛋	Last % Change 12:00 PM ET 03/30/2017	YTD		<u>3 - Year</u> 9/2017	<u>5 - Year</u>
Materials	+0.22%	+5.40%	+16.72%	+11.45%	+41.18%
Chemicals	+0.08%	+8.12%	+15.62%	+14.44%	+61.24%
Construction Materials	-0.37%	-4.52%	+23.15%	+67.55%	+160.20%
Containers & Packaging	+0.13%	-0.57%	+17.12%	+26.73%	+68.91%
Metals & Mining	+1.71%	-2.05%	+19.78%	-22.07%	-36.34%
Paper & Forest Products			<u></u>		
S&P 500 ® Index	+0.19%	+5.46%	+15.91%	+27.11%	+67.99%





#### **Top 5 largest companies** SIM PPG Chemicals Dow Industry **PPG Industries** Chemicals Mosaic vondellbasel Industry MONSANTO ECSLAB Container & CROWN Packaging

Brand-Building Packaging 1





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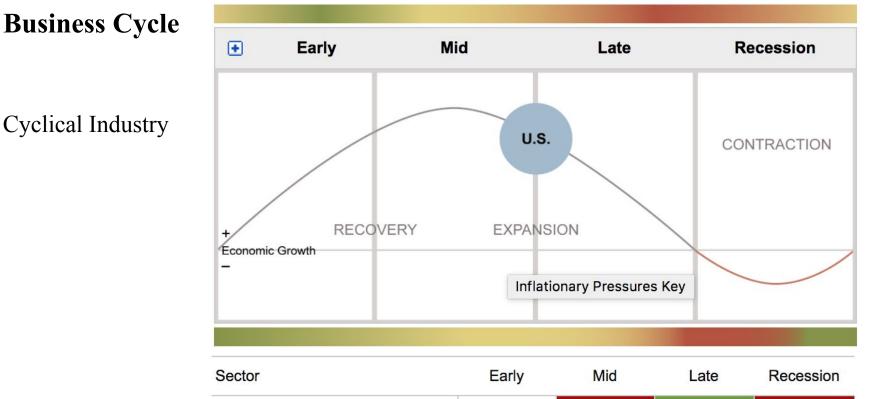
#### **YTD Performance**





### **Business Analysis**

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Cyclical Industry

**Materials** 



### **Porter's Five Forces Analysis**

5 Forces	Level			
Threat of New Entrant	LOW	<b>LOW</b> High capital investment		
		Regulation and permits		
Threat of Substitutes	LOW	Majority of basic materials products are provided		
Power of Buyer	HIGH	Non-differentiated products		
		Switiching cost is lower		
Power of Supplier	LOW	Price taker		
<b>Rivalry between Existing Companies</b>	Very HIGH	Price competition		
		Low cost production		



#### **Demand and Supply Analysis**

Commodity Price is highly driven by demand and supply

#### Positive

- Demand catching up oversupply
- A wave of robust demand for commodities from developing countries.
- Infrastructure spending in the U.S. is set to accelerate.
- Easing monetary and fiscal conditions in developed countries.
- The potential for widespread M&A.

#### Negative

- Commodity price uncertainty
- Labor cost and high-skilled labor shortage
- Inventory is still high in China

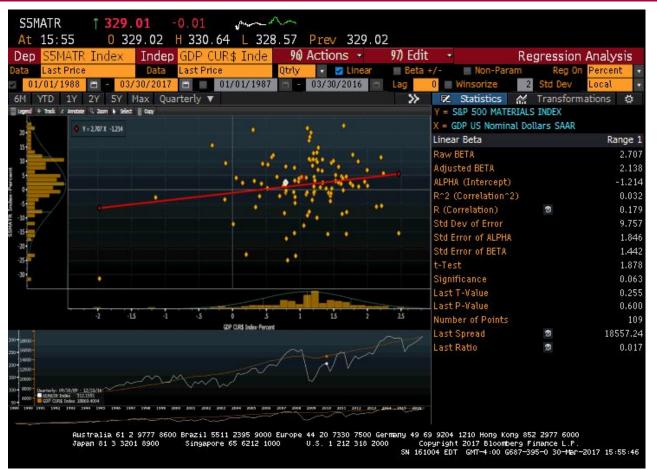






US Food and Agriculture World Food Price Index





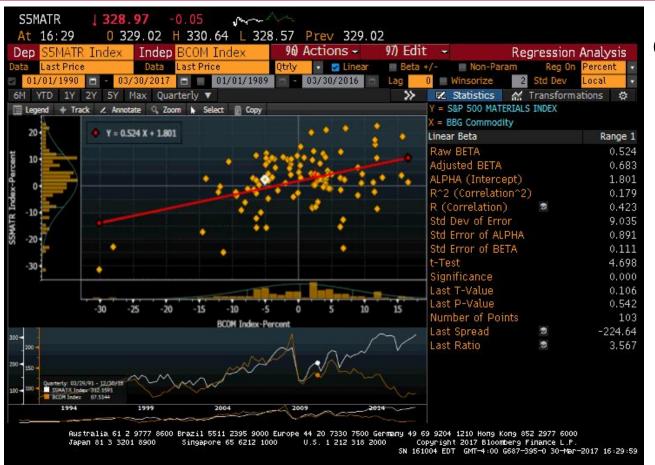
### US GDP Nominal Dollars SAAR





#### US Exports Total NSA





### Commodity

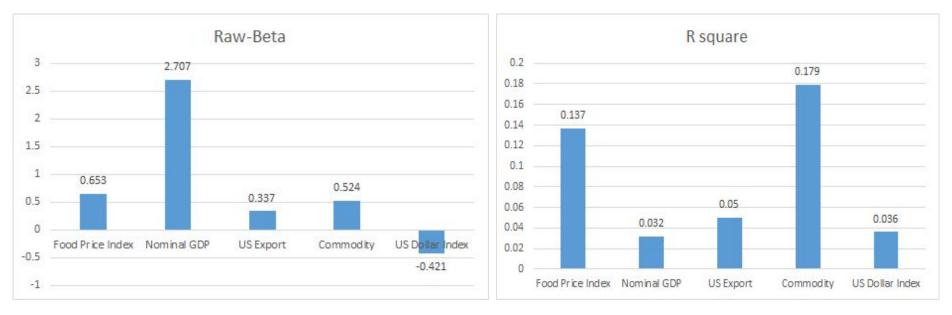




#### US Dollar Index Spot Rate



#### Conclusion





### **Financial Analysis**





#### **ROE and R&D Expenditures**





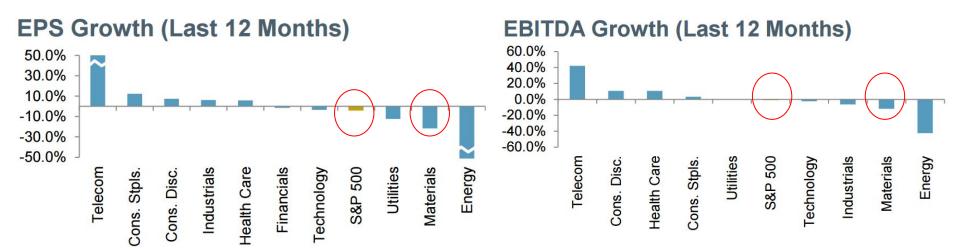
### **Financial Analysis**

#### Sales, Operating Margin, and ROE





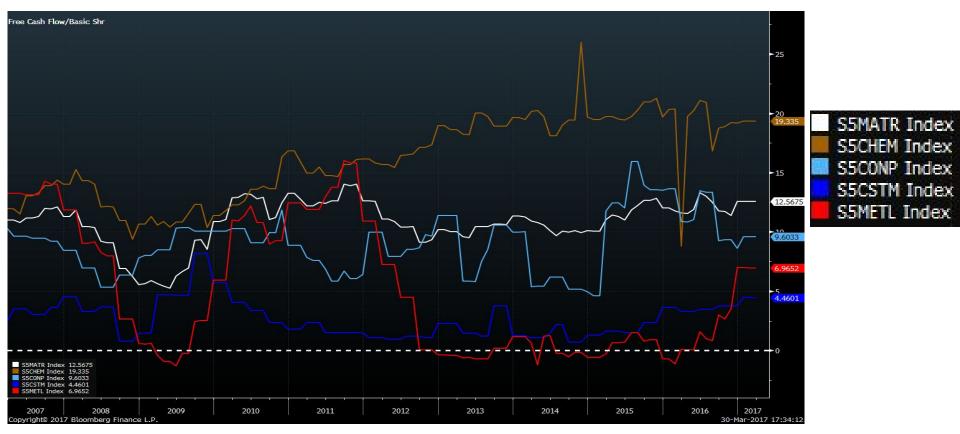
#### **Earning Growth**





### **Financial Analysis**

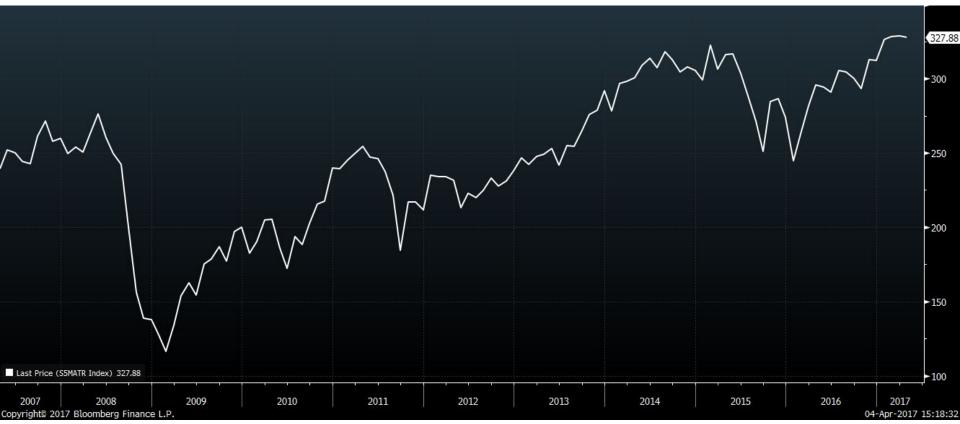
#### **FCF/Share**





### Valuation

#### **Materials Index Price**





Valuation

#### **Price Relative to EPS**





### **Material Sector**

	Hig	gh Low	v Ave	erage	Current
PE	21.62	12.72	18.27	20.	04
PB	4.02	2.29	3.11	3.9	9
PS	1.94	1.05	1.45	1.9	2
PEBITDA	16.11	7.96	11.97	14.2	28

#### 5 Year Absolute Valuation

- Sector is currently trading above its averages, across all metrics
  - Consistent with the overall trends in the market of large valuations
    - Frothy conditions
- Is this the right time to increase our position, given these valuations?



### Material Relative to S&P 500

	Н	igh Lo	ow /	Average	Current
PE	0.99	0.95	1.04	0.9	2
PB	1.29	1.14	1.20	1.2	.8
PS	0.93	0.85	0.86	0.9	2
PEBITDA	1.22	0.98	1.10	1.1	0

\*Materials sector relative to S&P 500 over the past 5 years

- Valuations across the board are high
  - Highest CAPE Ratio since the tech bubble
- Materials come in above the S&P in some metrics, below in others
- All told, this is a difficult time to find value in the markets



Valuation

#### Materials Relative to S&P-10 year



- Generally move together, but greater volatility in the materials sector (cyclical nature)
- Larger than usual gap in P/B



### **Industry P/E 10 year**

Averages

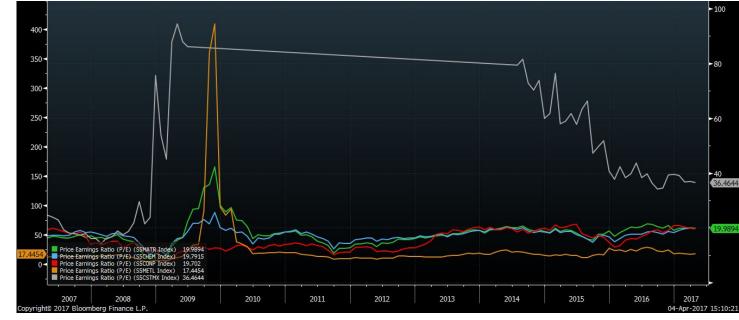
-Materials (green): 18.07

- Chemicals (blue): 17.45

- Construction and Packaging (red): 15.50

- Metals (orange): 24.93

- Construction Materials (gray): 43.74





## Valuation

### **Industry P/B**

#### Averages

- -Materials (dark blue): 2.86
- -Chemicals (yellow) 3.62
- -Construction and Packaging (gold): 2.86
- Metals (pink): 1.82

-Construction Materials(light blue) 2.12





### Recommendations

Our recommendation is to hold the current weight of the materials sector relative to the S&P

- Current weight is 2.84% relative to 2.82% in the overall S&P
- We want to keep that in line

Rationale:

- Too much overall uncertainty in business and economic factors, particularly internationally
  - Positive recent trends in demand-side indicators (international demand, spending from developing nations, increase in US infrastructure) but they are early stage.
- Difficult time to find value in the markets
  - High valuations across the board
  - Materials sector with its highest valuation across multiple metrics
  - Technically speaking, does not feel like the right time to add to the position
- Encouraged by the performance of the containers and packaging industry (up +17% over past 12 months) and our position within it.
- Hold position in chemicals with perhaps a slight trim to our individual holdings





## Thank You

# Any Questions?