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Industry Overview

Industrials

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Executive Summary

DCM's opinions

Main Outlooks

Industrials Mixed Performance— Diverging Category Drivers

Industrials encompasses many subsectors, some of which might be undervalued

Industrials Valuations Are Full – *Importance of fishing in the right ponds*

Market is looking past the PMI trough and valuing industrials richly

Overweight Capital Goods— No exposure to Capital Goods

- This category seems the most undervalued in terms of relative valuation
- Capital goods sector driven by HVAC overhype

Underweight Transportation – Difficulties in economic and regulatory uncertainties

Regulatory pressures from government to reduce gas emissions, increased strikes

What's Next?



Reevaluate Current Holdings - Timing and target Volkswagen's stock purchase was miscalculated

- Purchase was made after target price was attained and price was underestimated
- Length of stock hold and quality post-earnings needs to be a focus for the next holdings



New Investment Opportunities – RGP and a company in Capital Goods?

- Tight skilled labour market and possible recession creates an opportunity for consulting and HR services
- Building products and more specifically HVAC might continue to outperform



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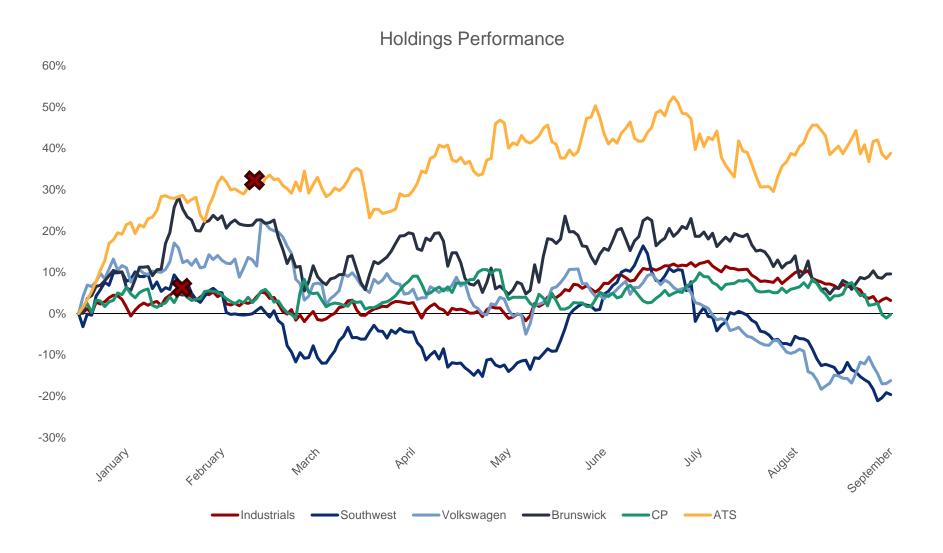
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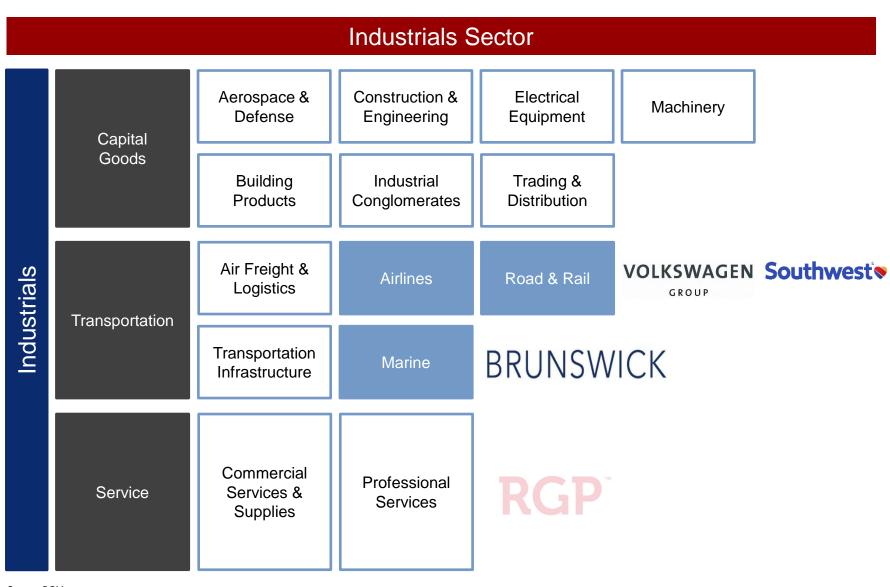






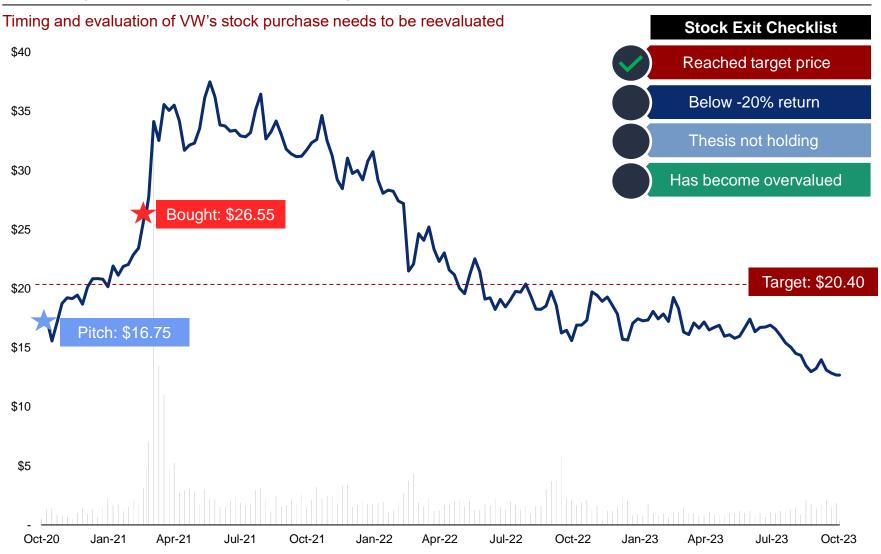
ATS and CP Were Sold at the Beginning of the Year





Source: DCM

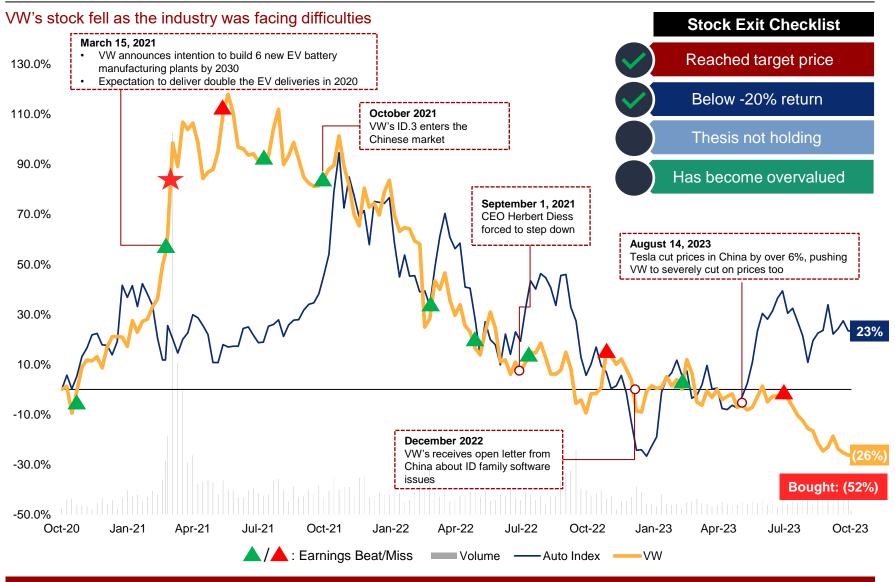
Volkswagen's Stock Purchase Timing



VW's should not have been bought at a price higher than its target price



Volkswagen Stock Performance



VW's EV strategic was exciting investors but supply chain disruptions caught up

Source: Capital IQ. Google News. Yahoo Finance

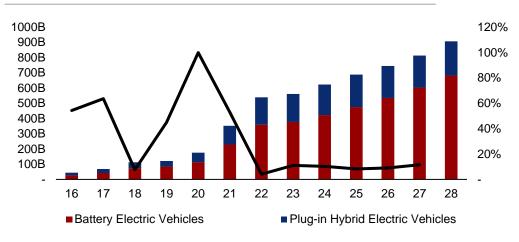




Was It Just An EV Hype?

It's not a hype, it's a new mindset

EV Revenue



Stock Exit Checklist

Reached target price

Below -20% return

Thesis not holding

Has become overvalued



Policy Support 2020 Driver

The surge in EV revenue was due to new purchase incentives and regulations



Disruptions in Supply Chain

Microchip shortage caused car inventories to plummet, not matching demand



Still a Strong Demand for EV

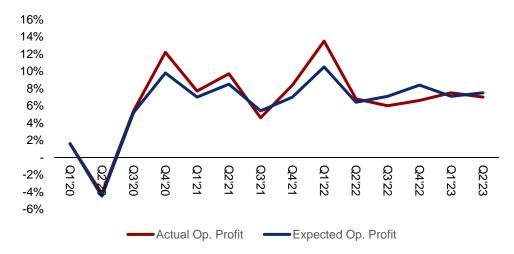
Global EV demand is expected to increase by 35% this year



VW Suffered with the Industry

VW's profits decreased as the market estimated, but its starting to miss estimates

VW Operating Profit Margin



VW's fall isn't because of a decrease in demand for EV

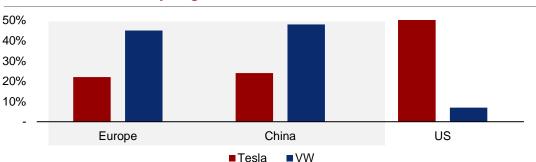




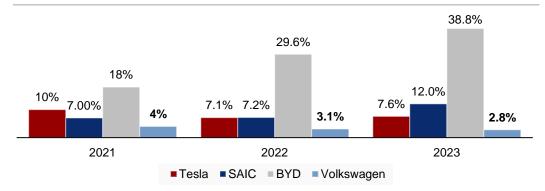
Volkswagen's Strategy in China

Thesis 1 – Ideal brand positioning to penetrate the EV market in Europe and China

VW and Tesla: Sales by Region in 2020



China EV Market Share by Group



Why Didn't China Work?

- Completely different brand perception between EVs and OEMs
- China is no longer willing to pay premium costs vehicles
- Looking for more smart features
- Less policy support for EVs
- VW unable to compete in terms of price or innovation

Reached target price Below -20% return Thesis not holding Has become overvalued

What About Europe?

- · Leading EV group in Europe
- Profits low because of price cuts
- Europe market threatened by entrance of Chinese EV companies
- Price cutting anticipated to continue

VW's New Strategy

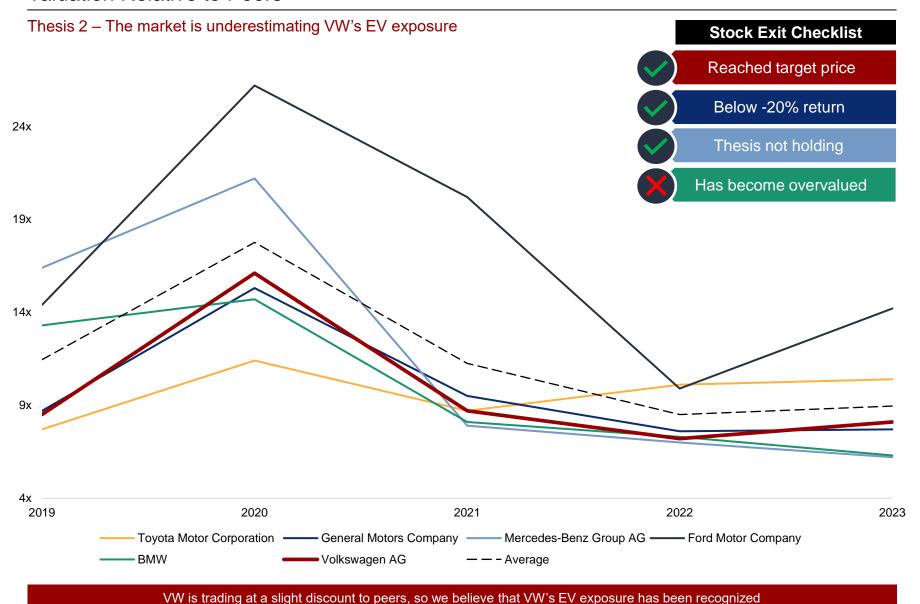
- · Value over volume
- Problem:
 - Needs to be price competitiveness to maintain market share leadership
 - · Needs to increase EV sales

VW was not ideally positioned for Chinese market; It may risk losing market leadership with new strategy





Valuation Relative to Peers



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Industrials Sector Overview







Industrials Fundamentals

General Movers



Macro Trends

Economic Indicators:

- Interest Rate
- Consumer Confidence
- Manufacturing Index

Geopolitics:

- · Exchange rate
- Trade Policies
- War



Cost Structures

Operating Cost:

- · Raw materials
- Labor Force

Non-Operating Cost:

- Financing
- Tax

Operating Leverage



CapEx Cycles

Corporate Spending:

- Efficiency Improvement
- · Capacity Expansion
- R&D

Government spending:

- Subsidization
- Contract



Commodity Prices

For Losers:

- · Increase in raw materials costs
- · Higher electricity/heating bills

For Winners:

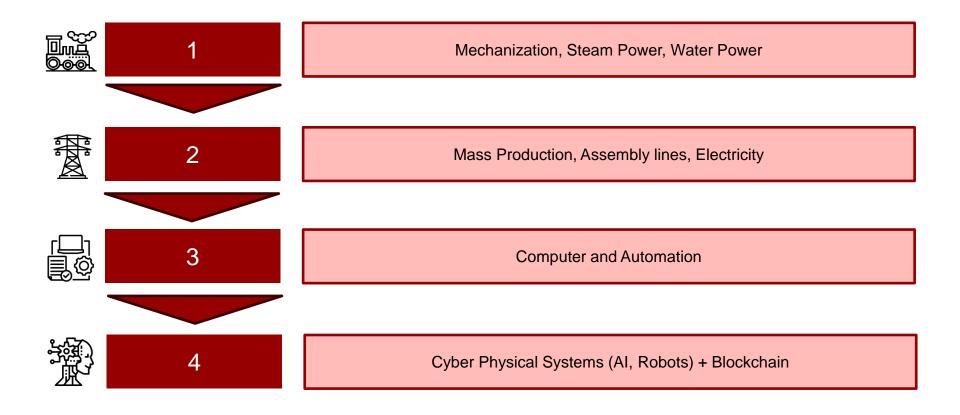
- More Volume
- · Examples: Shipping, Agricultural machineries

Industrials being so diverse, a subsector fundamentals analysis is more useful



The four Industrial Revolutions

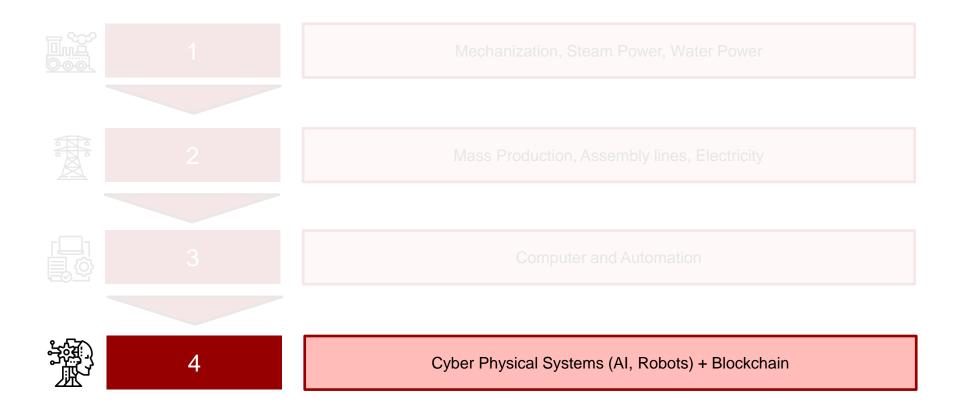
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Al, Blockchain, Cloud and Robots are the main drivers of this present Revolution

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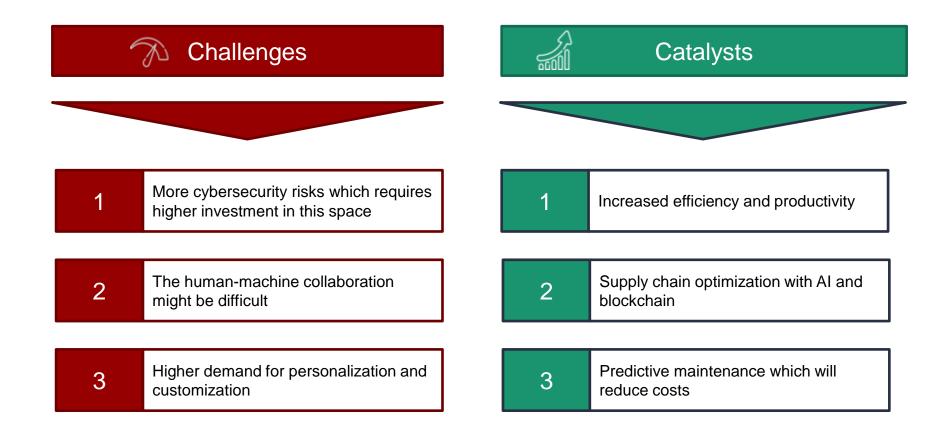


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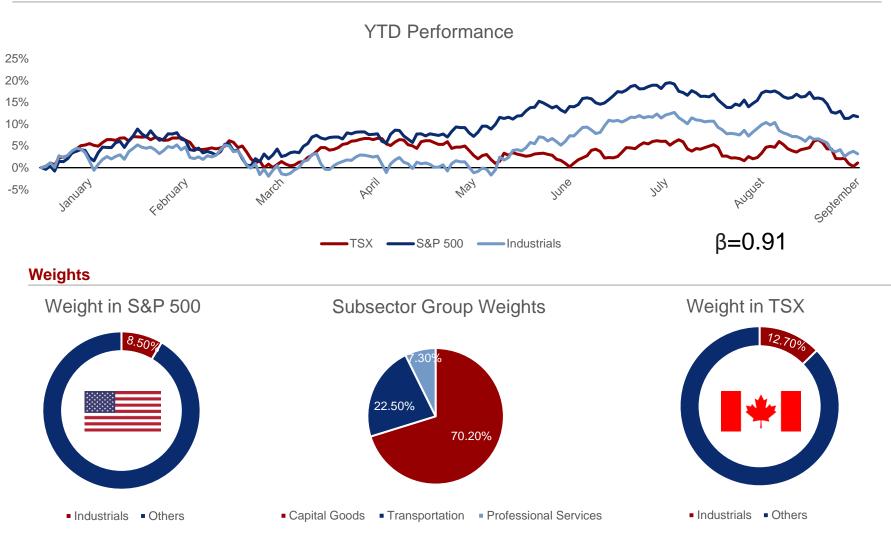
Fourth Revolution

Challenges and Catalysts from this Revolution



The fourth revolution should bring lower costs and higher productivity if the companies implement it well

Industrials Underperformed the S&P 500



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Source: Bloomberg

S&P Sector Performance Comparisons

2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	YTD
CONS -15.4%			UTIL 19.9%		COND 43.1%		COND 10.1%			HLTH 6.5%					TELS 40.4%
HLTH -22.8%		COND 27.7%	CONS 14.0%	COND 23.9%	HLTH 41.5%	UTIL 29.0%	HLTH 6.9%			UTIL 4.1%		COND 33.3%		UTIL 1.6%	
UTIL -29.0%	COND 41.3%	INDU 26.7%	HLTH 12.7%		INDU 40.7%	HLTH 25.3%	CONS 6.6%		COND 23.0%	COND 0.8%	FINL 32.1%			CONS -0.6%	COND 26.7%
		MATR 22.2%			FINL 35.6%			INDU 18.9%			S&P 31.5%			HLTH -2.0%	5&P 13.1%
COND -33.5%	5&P 26.5%			HLTH 17.9%	5&P 32.4%	CONS 16.0%			HLTH 22.1%		INDU 29.4%	S&P 18.4%	5&P 28.7%	INDU -5.5%	
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INDU -39.9%		CONS 14.1%		MATR 15.0%		INDU 9.8%	FINL -1.5%	S&P 12.0%	CONS 13.5%	TELS -12.5%	CONS 27.6%	CONS 10.8%	COND 24.4%	S&P -18.1%	
REAL -42.3%	CONS 14.9%		S&P 2.1%			COND 9.7%	INDU -2.5%	COND 6.0%	UTIL 12.1%			UTIL 0.5%			HLTH -4.1%
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FINL -55.3%		HLTH 2.9%		UTIL 1.3%				HLTH -2.7%					UTIL 17.7%	TELS -39.9%	UTIL -14.4%

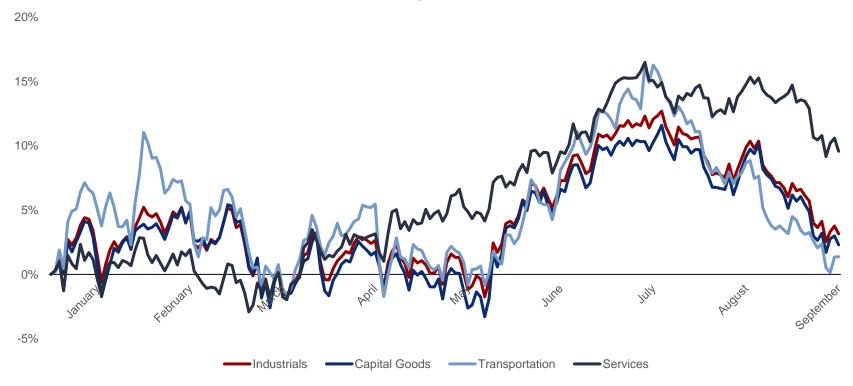
Industrials Returns are less volatile

https://novelinvestor.com/sector-performance/









S&P500 Industrials

YTD: 3.15% 1-Year: 22.41% 5-Year: 45.97%

Annualized Return: 7.91%

S&P500 Cap. Goods

YTD: 2.29% 1-Year: 25.99% 5-Year: 27.28%

Annualized Return: 7.1%

S&P500 C&P.S.

YTD: 9.58% 1-Year: 16.66% 5-Year: +89.09%

Annualized Return: 11.55%

S&P500 Transp.

YTD: 1.34% 1-Year: 10.24% 5-Year: 13.98%

Annualized Return :7.42%

Source: Bloomberg

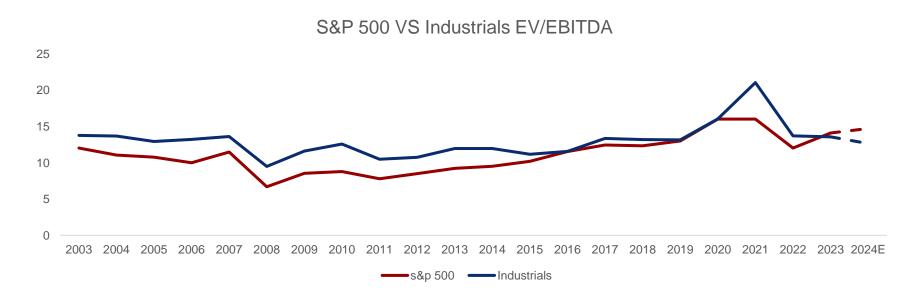




Industrials Valuation

More Downside?

S&P 500 VS Industrials EV/EBITDA



Valuation Timeline

Before 2015: S&P Tech Weight Lower + Higher Valuation for Capital Goods 2015-19: Tech increase S&P Valuation, Conglomerates lower Industrials

2020-21: Pandemic = EV/EBITDA exploded in Transportation 2022-23: Strong Tech Performance vs Fear for Services and Capital Goods

Industrials seems to currently be out of favor due to its defensive nature but not necessarily undervalued

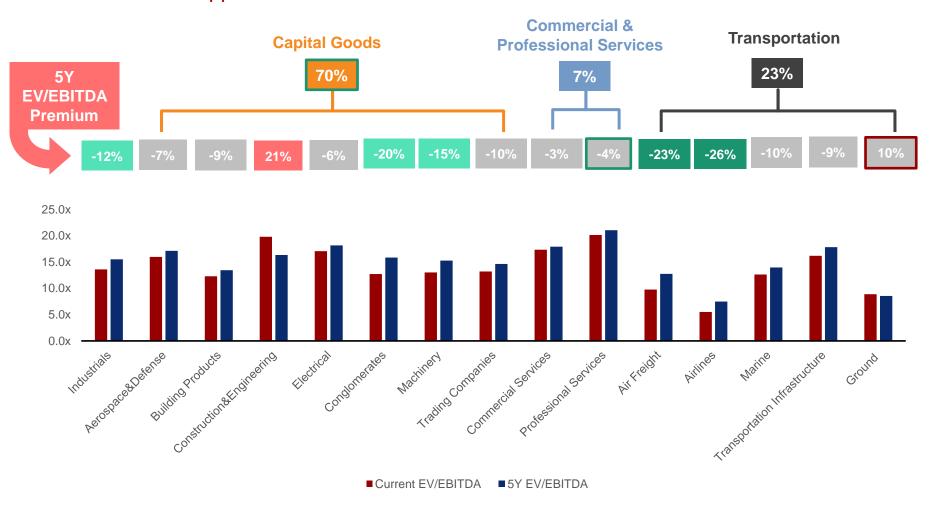
Source: Bloombera





2023 Industrials Sector in Review

Our Heat Index Approach to Sub-Sector Valuation



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DCM Views and Industrials Outlook







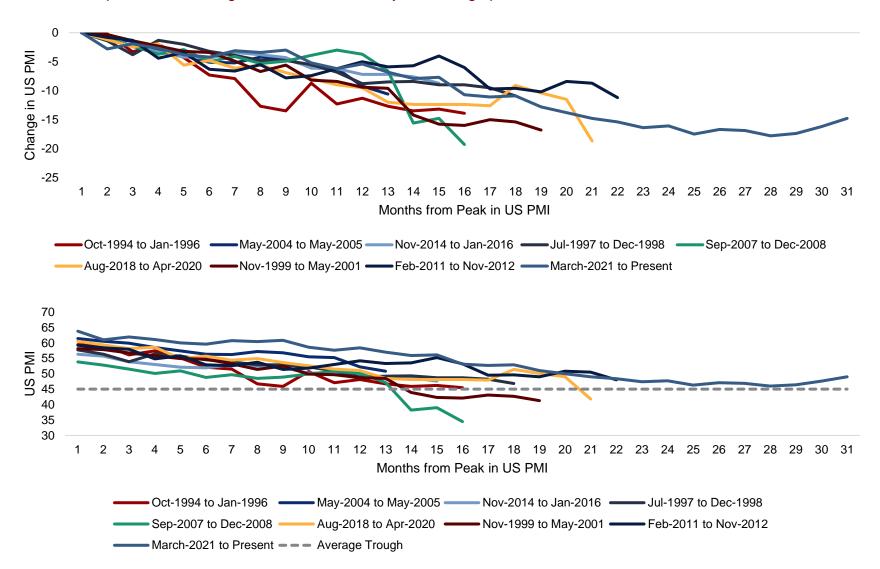
1 Consensus pricing in recovery and PMI expansion too soon, valuation are full

2 Our views: Industrials broadly =/= best place to be in terms of valuation and fundamentals outlook

3 Implication: Overweight capital goods, underweight transportation

Longer Peak-to-Trough PMI Cycle vs History

Consensus expects PMI to trough around 45, current cycle coming up ~32 months

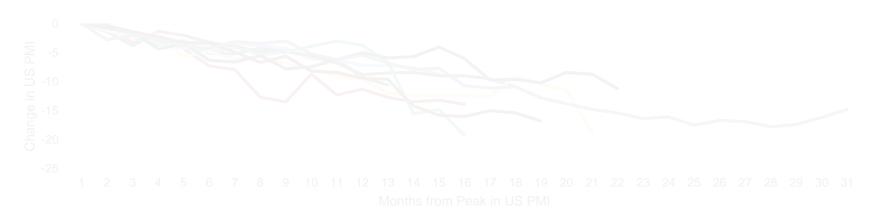




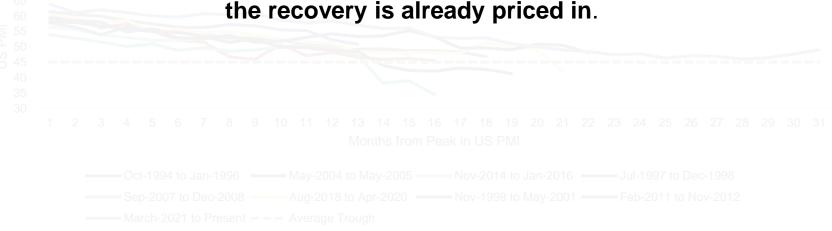


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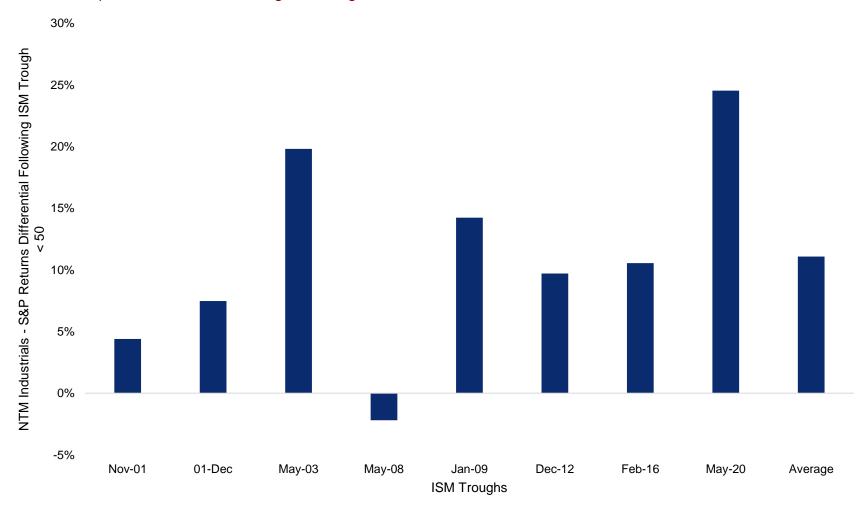


As we're coming up ~32 months of peak-to-trough PMI cycle, investors are growing impatient. Many market participants are looking past the trough and are pricing industrials higher vs where it should be when PMI < 50. In other words, the recovery is already priced in



Market Anticipates a PMI Recovery

Industrials outperform the S&P following PMI troughs



Industrials very likely to outperform once PMI rebounds. This time around, the market seems to have already priced in a recovery. However, the trough could come later than expected, leaving us with asymmetric downside in industrials



Multiples and Performance vs History

Industrials are trading at higher multiples and outperforming prior periods when ISM < 50



NTM Relative Share Price Performance Following ISM Readings Between 45-50

Data points in quadrant one:

- 1) Current multiples above historical averages (across periods with similar macro conditions)
- 2) Twelve month share price performance above historical averages (across periods with similar macro conditions)

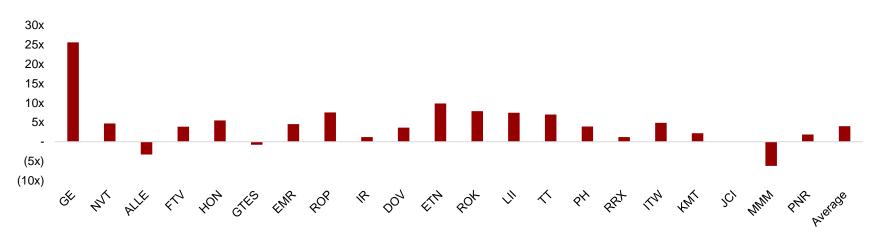




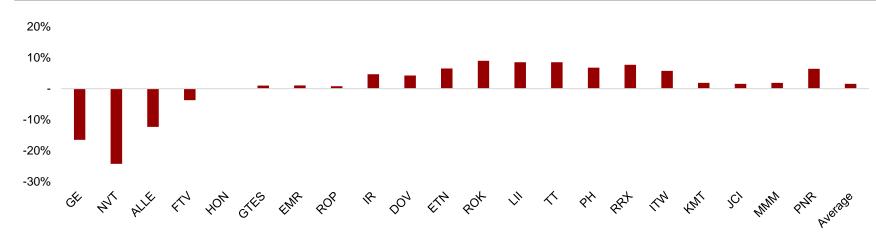
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Current NTM P/E vs Historic Avg. P/E when ISM <50 (y-Axis)



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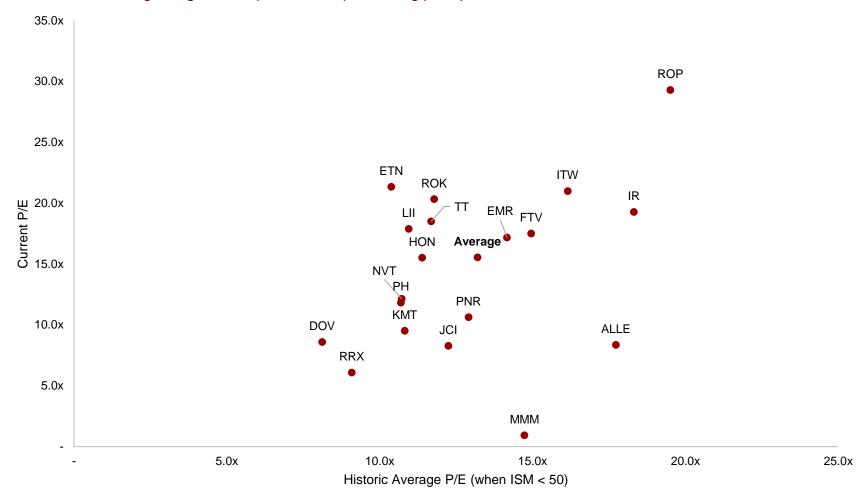






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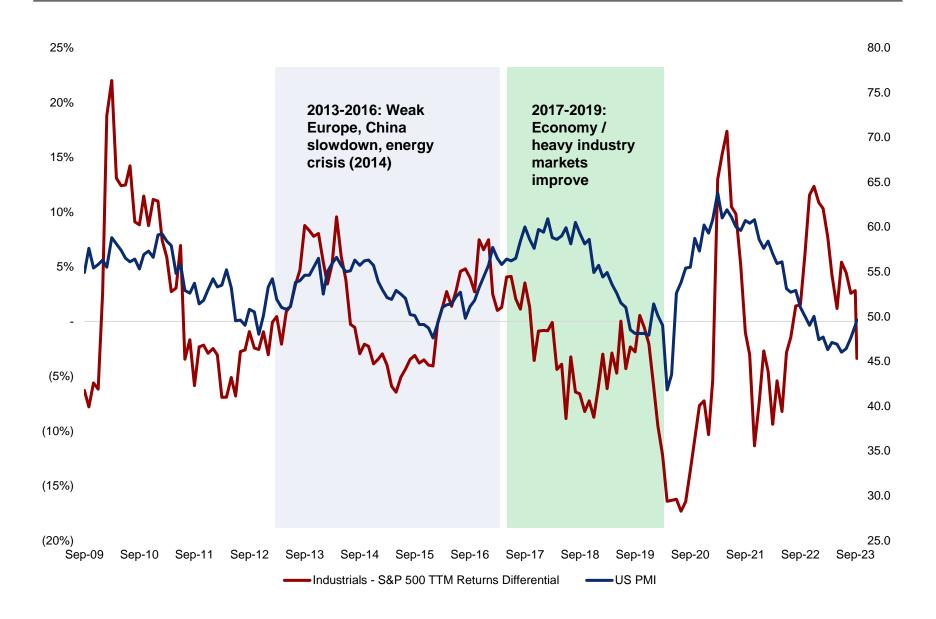
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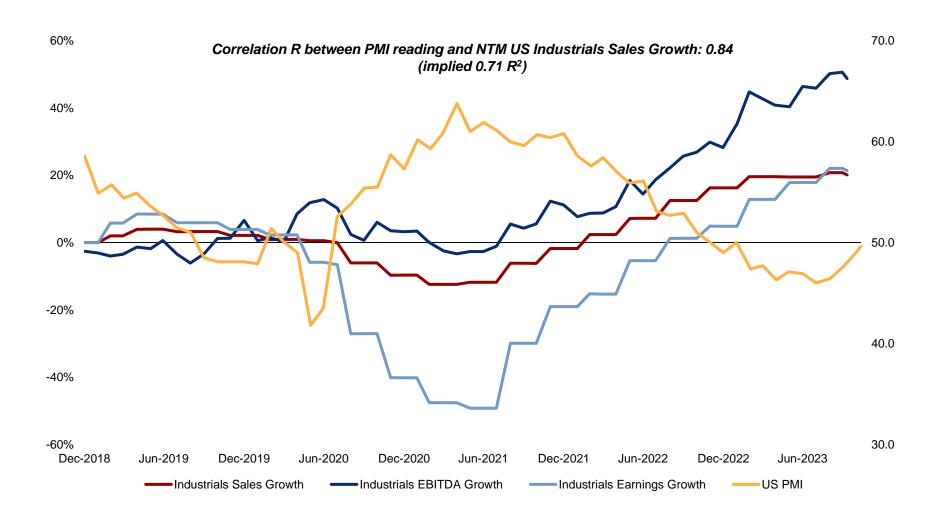


Current average P/E multiples of ~15.5x, above historic average of ~13.2x across periods when ISM < 50









PMI trough could suggest sustained softening demand in the next twelve months, with implications on orders, backlog, sales, inventories, and Capex

Finding Some Pockets of Upside

Peer Group	EV / Sales				EBITDA Margin				Revenue CAGR		
(in US\$ M, except ratios)	FY19A	FY20A	FY21A	FY22A	LTM	FY19A	FY20A	FY21A	FY22A	LTM	19A - '22
Capital Goods Subsectors											
Aerospace and Defense	2.2x	1.8x	2.3x	2.6x	2.1x	15%	12%	12%	13%	13%	-2%
Building Products	1.8x	2.1x	2.4x	1.7x	2.0x	13%	14%	16%	16%	16%	14%
Construction and Engineering	0.9x	1.1x	1.5x	1.5x	1.6x	7%	8%	8%	8%	8%	15%
Electrical Components and Equipment	2.9x	3.7x	4.6x	3.8x	3.7x	20%	19%	20%	21%	22%	1%
Industrial Conglomerates	2.4x	3.2x	3.1x	2.4x	2.1x	17%	16%	18%	16%	17%	-4%
Machinery	2.3x	3.0x	3.1x	2.8x	2.6x	17%	17%	19%	19%	20%	4%
Trading Companies and Distributors	2.7x	3.2x	3.8x	3.0x	3.1x	22%	20%	20%	22%	24%	10%
Capital Goods	2.2x	2.6x	3.0x	2.5x	2.5x	16%	15%	16%	17%	17%	6%
Services Subsectors											
Commercial Services and Supplies	4.4x	5.1x	5.9x	4.9x	4.9x	27%	28%	29%	28%	28%	9%
Professional Services	4.7x	5.6x	3.9x	2.9x	3.9x	23%	23%	18%	16%	19%	25%
Services	4.5x	5.4x	4.9x	3.9x	4.4x	25%	25%	23%	22%	24%	17%
Transportation Subsectors											
Air Freight & Logistics	1.3x	1.6x	1.5x	1.1x	1.3x	8%	10%	11%	12%	13%	13%
Passenger Airlines	1.1x	1.6x	1.8x	0.9x	0.7x	16%	-11%	-16%	8%	13%	-3%
Marine Transportation	2.4x	2.0x	2.3x	1.9x	2.0x	18%	15%	14%	14%	16%	-3%
Transportation Infrastructure	7.4x	9.5x	9.9x	9.2x	8.0x	54%	46%	47%	51%	51%	-17%
Ground Transportation	1.6x	1.6x	1.6x	1.0x	1.5x	18%	15%	17%	18%	17%	27%
Transportation	2.7x	3.3x	3.4x	2.8x	2.7x	23%	15%	15%	21%	22%	3%



	LTM EV / Sales	Revenue CAGR	EBITDA Margin	Implied Multiple	% Over (+) /Undervalued (-)
Capital Goods (Regression R ² : 76%)					
Aerospace and Defense	2.1x	-2%	13%	2.0x	3%
Building Products	2.0x	14%	16%	2.3x	-14%
Construction and Engineering	1.6x	15%	8%	1.3x	19%
Electrical Components and Equipment	3.7x	1%	22%	3.1x	21%
Industrial Conglomerates	2.1x	-4%	17%	2.5x	-14%
Machinery	2.6x	4%	20%	2.8x	-8%
Trading Companies and Distributors	3.1x	10%	24%	3.2x	-2%
Transportation Regression R ² : 99%)					
Air Freight & Logistics	1.3x	13%	13%	1.0x	23%
Passenger Airlines	0.7x	-3%	13%	1.1x	-37%
Marine Transportation	2.0x	-3%	16%	1.7x	19%
Transportation Infrastructure	8.0x	-17%	51%	8.0x	0%
Ground Transportation	1.5x	27%	17%	1.6x	-8%
[Sector Overweig	ght	Sect	or Underweight	

What We're Looking For

True Pricing Power – Ability to defend or expand margins

Ability to drive pricing without inflation as support

Strong Aftermarket Presence – Defensible moat in capital goods

■ High share of aftermarket = ability to drive organic growth and margins

Closer to the End-Market – *Avoid inventory uncertainties*

 Impact of change in demand is magnified at each stage of the value chain, bullwhip effect from retailers to distributor to wholesaler to OEM



A Closer Look at Industry Unit Economics

	Assu	mptions	Revenue	Operating Profit	Margin	
		Incremental			J	
	Growth	Margin				
Start			10,000	1,500	15%	
Volume/Mix	5%	30%	500	150		
Price	2%	100%	200	200		
Materials				(200)		
End			10,700	1,650	15%	
% Change			7%	10%		

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5%	100%	500	500		
			(500)		
		10,700	1,560	15%	
		7%	4%		
	Growth	Growth Margin 2% 30% 5% 100%	Incremental Margin 10,000 2% 30% 200 5% 100% 500 10,700	Incremental	

A Closer Look at Industry Unit Economics

Distinction between positive pricing and true pricing power becomes apparent during periods of high inflation. While much of the focus is on passing on costs (positive pricing), pricing simply to offset inflation has a negative impact on

	operati		
	30%	200	

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	Assu	mptions	Revenue	Operating Profit	Margin
		Incremental			
	Growth	Margin			
Start			10,000	1,500	15%
Volume/Mix	-10%	30%	(1,000)	(300)	
Price	1%	100%	100	100	
Materials				100	
End			9,100	1,400	15%
% Change			-9%	-7%	

	Assu	mptions	Revenue	Operating Profit	Margin
	Growth	Incremental Margin			
Start			10,000	1,500	15%
Volume/Mix	-10%	30%	(1,000)	(300)	
Price	-3%	100%	(250)	(250)	
Materials				100	
End			8,750	1,050	12%
% Change			-13%	-30%	

In a more 'normal' environment without historically high inflation, pricing becomes more differentiated. As cost bases and macro conditions fluctuate,) the ability to maintain or increase prices, without inflation as a support,

	becomes	more importa	ant. _{1,500}	

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Subsector Overview - I

Capital Goods



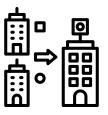




Subsectors













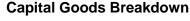


Aerospace & Defense

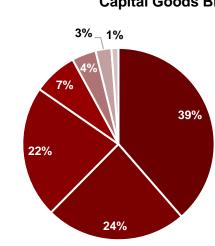
Machinery

Conglomerates

Electrical Equipment Building Products Trade & Distribution Construction & Engineering







- Aerospace & Defense
- Machinery
- Conglomerates
- Electrical Equipment
- Building products
- Trade & Distribution
- Construction & Engineering









Capital goods is the largest subsector of Industrials

Source: Industrials primer, S&P Global



Key Drivers



CAPEX cycles

- · Earnings linked to end markets' CAPEX spending
- · Customer activity linked to economic cycle and whether CAPEX generate NPV positive projects



New equipment & aftermarket

- Maintenance, repairs, replacement of equipment
- Some companies sell new equipment at low margins, and charge fat service margins



Input costs

- · Raw material costs
- Companies with strong pricing power pass on prices to customers

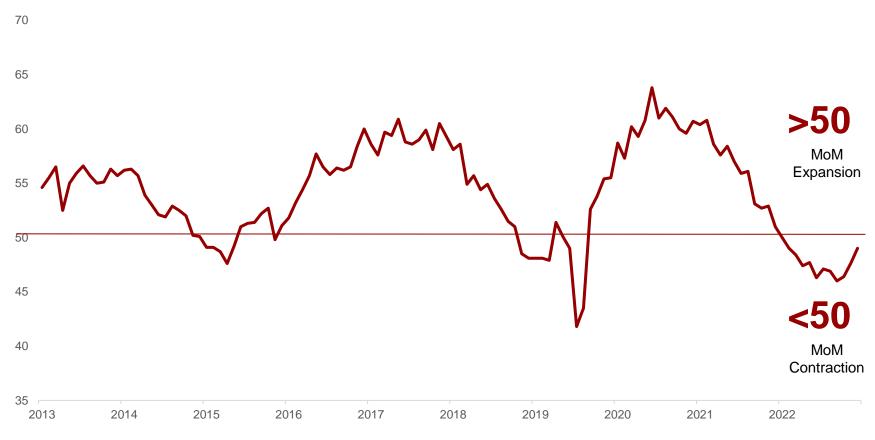


Government spending

• Infrastructure investments and jobs act, Inflation reduction act, CHIPS act, defense spending... etc

$$\beta = 0.94$$

$$\sigma = 0.146$$





PMI index as an indicator of current CAPEX cycles

- PMI index measures performance by manufacturing and services on a monthly basis
- 5 major survey areas: new orders, inventory levels, production, supplier deliveries, employment

Manufacturers have been facing record-high backlogs and destocking

Source: Bloomberg







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Infrastructure Investment
and Jobs Act

Inflation Reduction Act

CHIPS Act

Funding

\$550 Bn

\$369 Bn

\$258 Bn

Timeline

5 years

10 years

5-10 years

Impact on capital goods

Commodity building and construction materials and other parts of the infrastructure supply chain will likely be clear beneficiaries

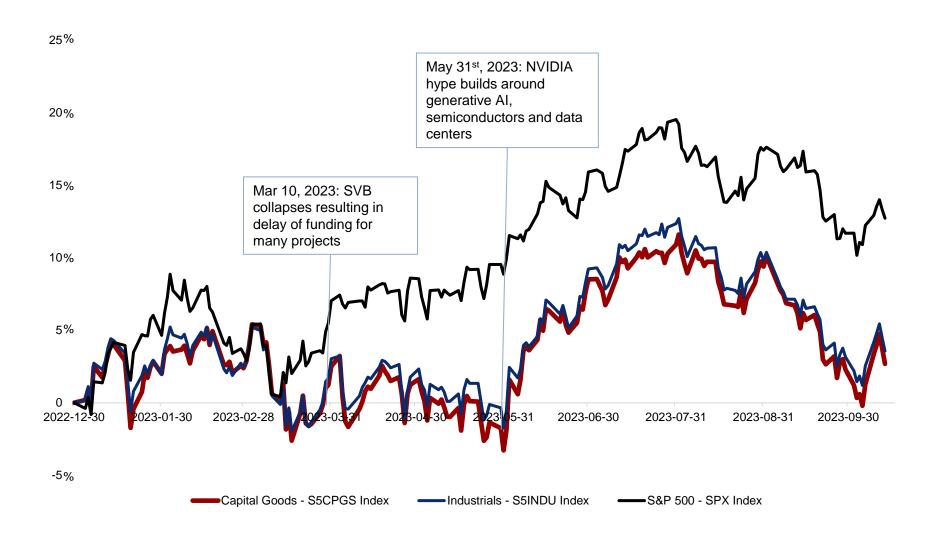
Driving companies to improve energy efficiency translating to demand for energy efficient equipment and building products

Law aims to catalyze investments in domestic semiconductor manufacturing capacity

Government spending stimulating need for manufacturing



YTD Performance

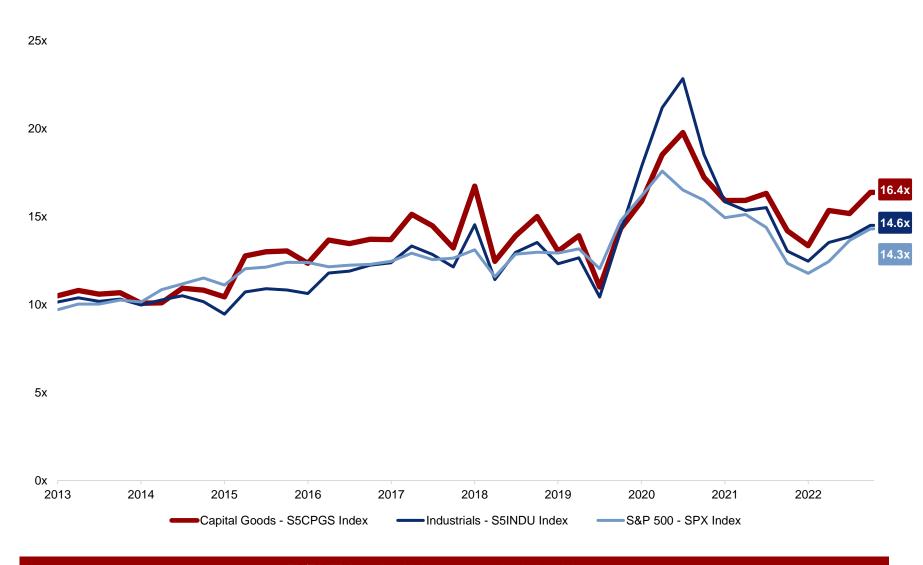


Capital goods returns follow closely with industrials, underperforming S&P



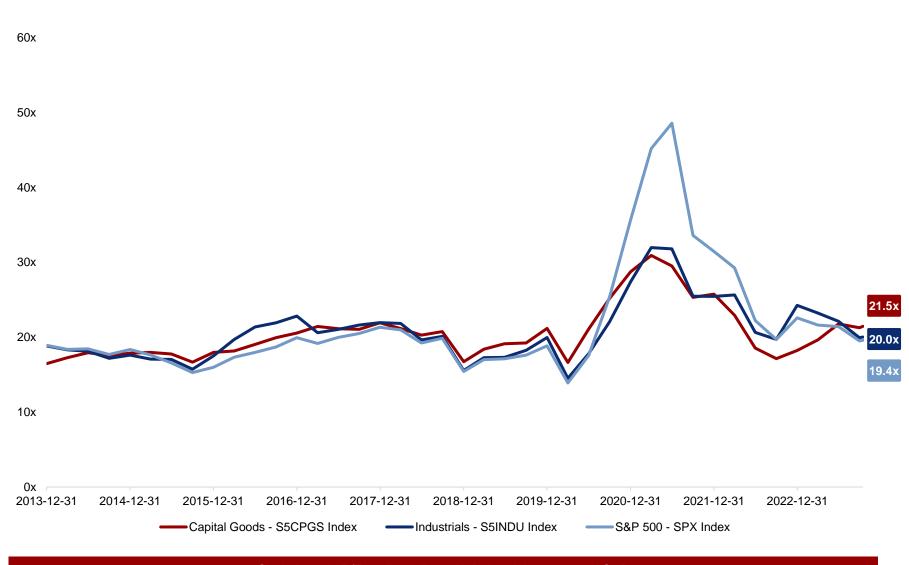


10 year Historical performance: EV/EBITDA



EV/EBITDA trading higher compared to industrials sector

P/E ratios







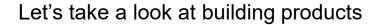
Comparables

Peer Group			E	V / Sale	s			E۱	/ / EBIT	DA			EBI	TDA Ma	rgin		EBITDA CAGR	Revenue CAGR
(in US\$ M, except ratios)	Ticker	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	LTM	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	LTM	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	LTM	19A - '22	19A - '22
Capital Goods Subsectors																		
S&P 500 Aerospace & Defense	^SP500-																	
(Industry)	201010	2.2x	1.8x	2.3x	2.6x	2.1x	15.4x	15.8x	18.7x	19.9x	15.9x	15%	12%	12%	13%	13%	-6%	-2%
S&P Composite 1500 Building	^SP1500-																	
Products (Industry)	201020	1.8x	2.1x	2.4x	1.7x	2.0x	14.0x	14.6x	15.7x	10.5x	12.2x	13%	14%	16%	16%	16%	23%	14%
S&P 500 Construction & Engineering	^SP500-																	
(Industry)	201030	0.9x	1.1x	1.5x	1.5x	1.6x	11.8x	14.3x	17.9x	18.2x	19.4x	7%	8%	8%	8%	8%	20%	15%
S&P 500 Electrical Components &	^SP500-																	
Equipment (Sub Ind)	20104010	2.9x	3.7x	4.6x	3.8x	3.7x	14.3x	19.6x	22.5x	17.7x	16.8x	20%	19%	20%	21%	22%	3%	1%
S&P 500 Industrial Conglomerates	^SP500-																	
(Sub Ind)	20105010	2.4x	3.2x	3.1x	2.4x	2.1x	14.6x	19.4x	17.1x	15.3x	12.6x	17%	16%	18%	16%	17%	-6%	-4%
	^SP500-																	
S&P 500 Machinery (Industry)	201060	2.3x	3.0x	3.1x	2.8x	2.6x	13.4x	18.4x	16.4x	15.3x	12.9x	17%	17%	19%	19%	20%	6%	4%
S&P 500 Trading Companies &	^SP500-																	
Distributors (Industry)	201070	2.7x	3.2x	3.8x	3.0x	3.1x	12.6x	15.4x	18.7x	13.2x	13.2x	22%	20%	20%	22%	24%	12%	10%
S&P 500 Capital Goods (Industry																		
Group)	^SP500-2010	2.3x	2.5x	2.9x	2.7x	2.4x	14.4x	17.4x	17.9x	16.7x	14.2x	16%	15%	16%	16%	17%	0%	0%

Building products may be an interesting subsector may be undervalued







- 1. Building products returns are outperforming capital goods and industrials sectors mainly due to performance of HVACs
- 2. However EV/EBITDA multiples & P/E ratios trade at a higher compared to industrials and capital goods sector as a whole
- 3. DCM view of HVAC: Market's priced in HVAC's

Overview of Building Products Subsectors

Building products are used for residential and non-residential construction



Building Products Subsector

Building products consist of a wide range of specialty products used for residential and non-residential construction. Important building products used in the construction process consist of roofing materials, windows and doors, heating, ventilation and air-conditioning (HVAC), and plumbing products.

Subsecto	r	Overview	Financials	Players
Constru	uction	 These companies engage in the construction of residential & non-residential buildings. They use building products provided by the 	 Direct relationship with demand for housing; high margins due to ease of differentiation 	D'R'HORTON LENNAR America's Builder
		other subsectors		Toll Brothers
Build Compo	•	• Manufacturers of products used in the construction of houses; includes windows, roofs, doors, insulation, etc.	 Direct relationship with demand for housing, below-average margins due to very competitive environment 	MASONITE. OWENS BEACON
				CORNING
Hon - Improve		 Manufacturers of products to upgrade an existing home interior or upgrades such as 	 Direct relationship with the economy; low margins – high competition and little 	MASCO MASCO
Produ	ucts	outdoor living spaces	differentiation	Trex Whirlpool
Equip	ment '	 Providers of equipment used in homes; includes security equipment, appliances, etc. 	 More resilient due to nature of product, average margins 	Fortune Brands Home & Security Stanley Black & Decker
Distrib	utors	 Distribute building products that are either manufactured in house or by other firms 	 Direct relationship with demand for housing; average margins 	Builders FirstSource
				BEACON

Source: JPMorgan, Roland Berger

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Building Products End Market Activity

Is 2023 the year for HVACs?

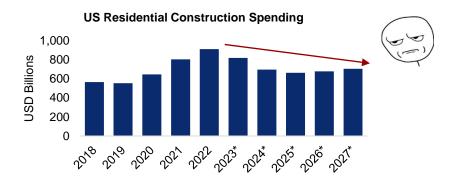
Key Drivers: Construction activity in end markets

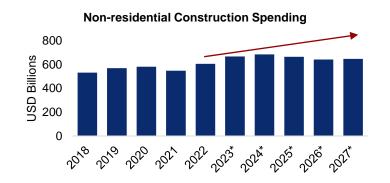


Residential

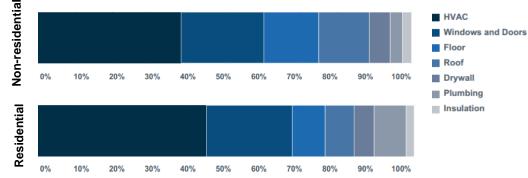


Non-residential









HVAC's are anticipated to represent the largest volume of spending in both the residential and nonresidential sectors



Weak residential end markets, stronger non-residential end markets

Source: FMI research





Building products: Comparables

Peer Group		Share	Market	Enterprise		EV/	Sales			EV/E	BITDA			EBITDA	Margin		EBITDA CAGR	Revenue CAGR	Net Debt /
(in US\$ M, except ratios)	Ticker	Price	Сар.	Value	LTM	2023E	2024E	2025E	LTM	2023E	2024E	2025E	LTM	2023E	2024E	2025E	19A - '22E	19A - '22E	LTM
Tier 1 Comparables:																			
Johnson Controls International plc	NYSE:JCI	52.36	35,622	46,900	1.8x	1.7x	1.7x	1.6x	13.0x	11.3x	10.5x	9.7x	13.5%	15.4%	15.8%	16.3%	10.3%	3.7%	2.8x
Carrier Global Corporation	NYSE:CARR	54.48	45,634	52,018	2.4x	2.3x	2.2x	2.1x	19.8x	13.9x	13.1x	12.2x	12.0%	16.7%	17.1%	17.6%	17.6%	3.6%	2.3x
Builders FirstSource, Inc.	NYSE:BLDR	116.43	14,558	18,652	1.0x	1.1x	1.0x	1.0x	6.0x	6.7x	7.2x	6.8x	16.9%	15.9%	14.1%	14.5%	(4.4%)	0.6%	1.3x
Trane Technologies plc	NYSE:TT	206.86	47,246	51,628	3.1x	2.9x	2.8x	2.6x	18.0x	16.4x	15.4x	14.4x	17.1%	17.8%	18.1%	18.4%	7.8%	5.1%	1.5x
Stanley Black & Decker, Inc.	NYSE:SWK	82.80	12,687	20,703	1.3x	1.3x	1.2x	1.2x	21.4x	16.0x	10.6x	8.9x	6.0%	8.1%	11.8%	13.5%	34.0%	2.1%	8.3x
Illinois Tool Works Inc.	NYSE:ITW	233.73	70,678	77,979	4.9x	4.8x	4.6x	4.5x	17.8x	17.5x	16.7x	16.0x	27.3%	27.4%	27.8%	28.0%	3.6%	2.6%	1.7x
Westlake Corporation	NYSE:WLK	121.89	15,564	18,963	1.4x	1.5x	1.4x	1.4x	6.7x	6.9x	6.5x	5.9x	20.3%	21.3%	21.7%	22.9%	4.4%	0.3%	1.0x
Mohawk Industries, Inc.	NYSE:MHK	79.55	5,066	7,969	0.7x	0.7x	0.7x	0.7x	5.8x	5.6x	5.1x	4.8x	12.2%	12.9%	13.9%	14.4%	6.8%	0.8%	2.1x
Owens Corning	NYSE:OC	129.22	11,608	13,944	1.4x	1.4x	1.4x	1.4x	6.1x	6.2x	6.1x	6.1x	23.4%	23.3%	23.0%	22.6%	0.4%	1.6%	1.0x
Masco Corporation	NYSE:MAS	51.62	11,611	14,728	1.8x	1.9x	1.8x	1.8x	10.2x	10.4x	9.8x	9.3x	17.6%	18.0%	18.5%	18.8%	3.1%	0.6%	2.0x
Median			11,608	13,944	1.4x	1.4x	1.4x	1.4x	6.1x	6.2x	6.1x	6.1x	17.6%	18.0%	18.5%	18.8%	3.1%	0.8%	2.0x
Mean			9,428	12,214	1.3x	1.3x	1.3x	1.3x	7.4x	7.4x	7.0x	6.7x	17.7%	18.0%	18.5%	18.6%	3.4%	1.0%	1.7x

Peer Group			E	:V / Sale	S			E	V / EBITI	DA .			EBI	TDA Ma	rgin		EBITDA CAGR	Revenue CAGR
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Top 10 building products players on average are trading at lower multiples of EV/EBITDA than capital goods industry

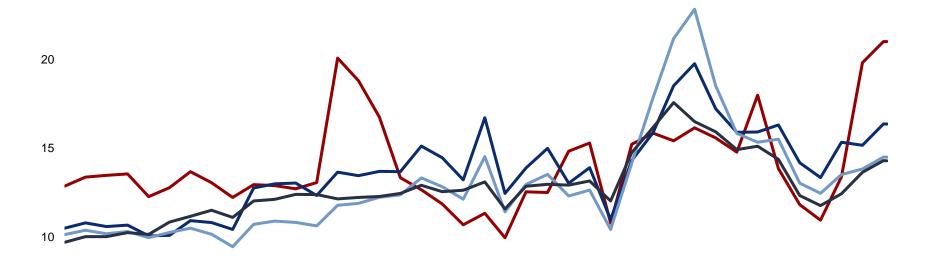
Source: CapIQ





Building Products: EV/EBITDA

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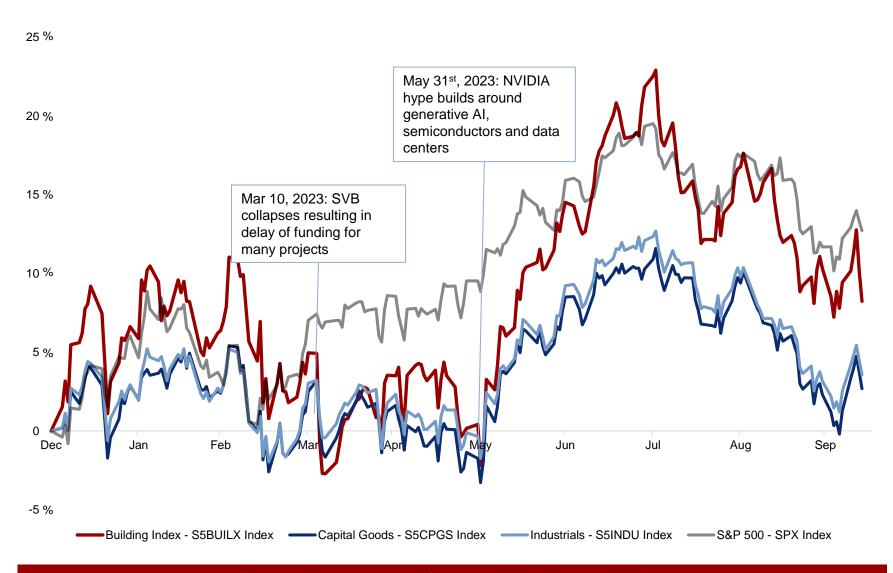
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Building products multiples trading at a premium right now



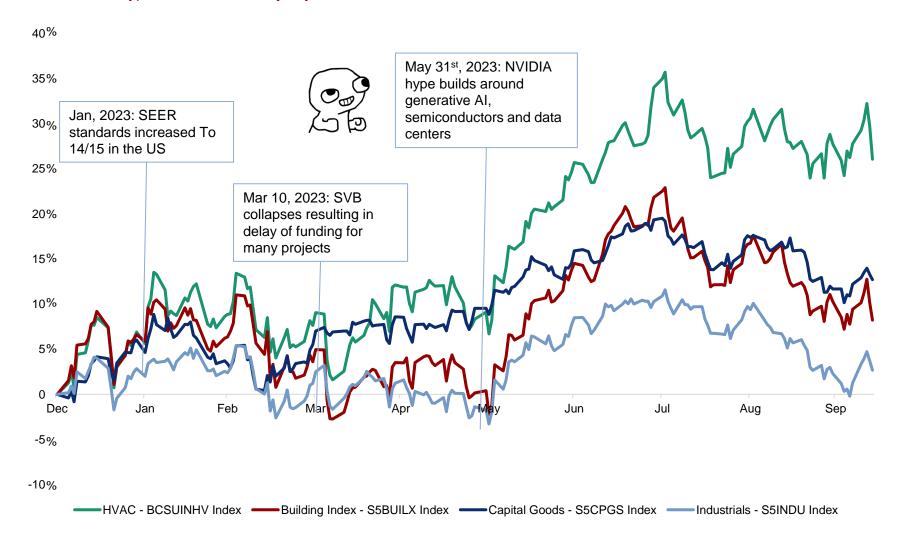
Building Products: YTD Performance



Building products returns outperforming capital goods returns since May

HVACs YTD performance

What's all the hype about HVACs anyways?



HVAC's driving building products outperformance due to recent hype

2022 Market Size \$159Bn USD



2027 Market Size \$227Bn USD



What is driving the hype?

Infrastructure Job Act: Increased government spending in infrastructure

Stricter regulations for energy efficiency

- AC refrigerant regulations and seasonal energy efficiency ratios (SEER)
- Inflation Reduction Act providing tax credits to install efficient HVAC systems

Data centres increasing requirement for energy efficiencies

· Heat recovery market opportunity in the US



Concerns

Softening pricing power

- Volume contracts due to channel destocking and weak residential deman
- · Record backlogs persist

Pressures from housing market

Labour shortage

Source: Global Newswire. FMI research. Johnson Controls. Forbes. Trane





HVAC: Comparables



Seems like the hype has been priced in...

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Lennox International Inc.	NYSE: LII	369.74	13,131	14,874	3.1x	3.1x	3.0x	2.8x	18.4x	16.8x	15.6x	14.5x	16.8%	18.4%	18.9%	19.2%	8.2%	3.5%	2.2x
Trane Technologies plc	NYSE: TT	204.69	46,751	51,132	3.0x	2.9x	2.8x	2.6x	17.8x	16.3x	15.3x	14.2x	17.1%	17.8%	18.1%	18.4%	7.8%	5.1%	1.5x
A. O. Smith Corporation	NYSE:AOS	70.26	10,573	10,405	2.8x	2.7x	2.7x	2.6x	13.4x	12.9x	12.3x	11.7x	20.8%	21.2%	21.5%	21.7%	4.5%	3.0%	(0.2x)
SPX Technologies, Inc.	NYSE:SPXC	79.91	3,643	4,223	2.6x	2.4x	2.3x	NM	16.5x	12.4x	11.4x	10.8x	15.8%	19.5%	19.9%	-	15.0%	(100.0%)	2.3x
Hayward Holdings, Inc.	NYSE:HAYW	12.76	2,719	3,685	3.7x	3.6x	3.3x	3.0x	16.6x	13.6x	11.9x	10.7x	22.3%	26.6%	27.5%	28.5%	15.8%	6.7%	4.3x
Cadre Holdings, Inc.	NYSE:CDRE	27.66	1,040	1,129	2.4x	2.4x	2.2x	2.1x	15.1x	13.7x	12.6x	11.9x	16.0%	17.1%	17.7%	18.0%	8.3%	4.1%	1.2x
Global Industrial Company	NYSE:GIC	33.63	1,279	1,376	1.2x	1.1x	1.1x	1.1x	14.1x	14.2x	13.8x	14.3x	8.4%	7.7%	7.7%	7.6%	(0.5%)	3.0%	1.0x
Median			1,279	1,376	2.7x	2.6x	2.5x	2.6x	16.5x	13.6x	12.6x	11.8x	16.4%	18.1%	18.5%	18.2%	8.2%	3.6%	1.8x
Mean			1,279	1,376	2.6x	2.6x	2.4x	2.3x	16.4x	14.2x	13.2x	12.5x	16.2%	18.1%	18.5%	16.4%	9.6%	(8.9%)	1.8x
Peer Group					EV /	/ Sales				E۱	/ EBITI	DA			E	BITDA Ma	argin	EBITDA CAGR	Revenue CAGR
(in US\$ M, except ratios)		Tic	ker	FY2019 FY	2020 FY	/2021 FY	2022	LTM	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	LTM	FY201	9 FY202	20 FY202 ⁻	1 FY2022 L	TM 19A - '2	2 19A - '22
S&P 500 Capital Goods (Industry																		
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HVAC companies EV/EBITDA trade in par with capital goods, but at a premium compared to building products





DCM View: Overweight Capital Goods— No exposure to Capital © This category seems the most undervalued in terms of relative valuatio HVAC overvalued in terms of relative valuation	

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Subsector Overview - II

Services







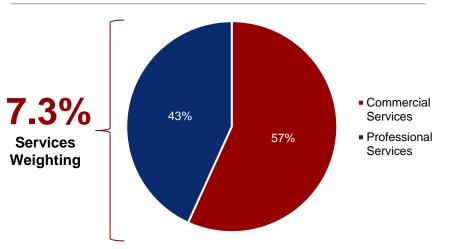
Services Sector Overview

From waste management to car reselling to consulting

Subsectors



Subsector Weights



Fundamentals

Labour Market

 Labour shortages are the main factor that affects services as they rely on their workers

CapEx Cycles

Earnings growth linked to markets' CAPEX spending

Digital Transformation

An oncoming digitalization is expected to develop the subsector

Services is the smallest subsector of Industrials with the most diversified companies

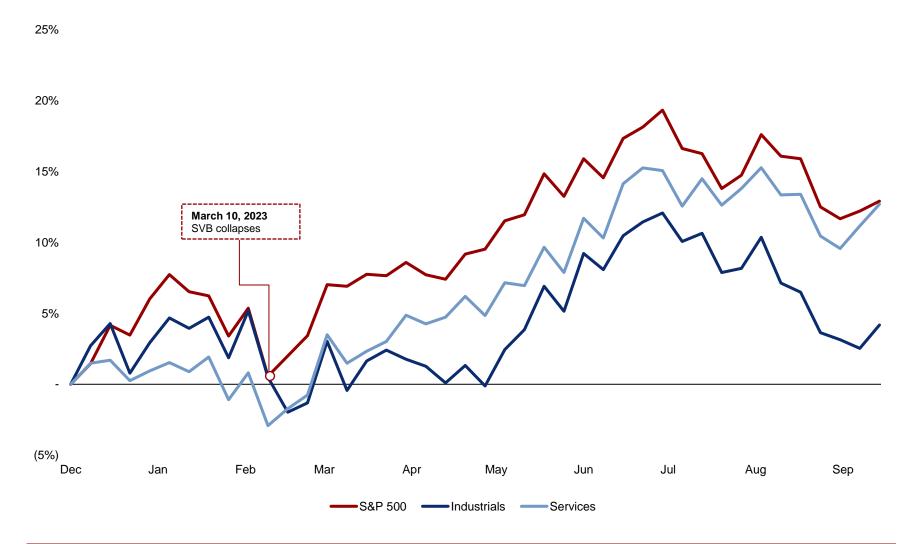
Source: Industrials primer, S&P Global





YTD Subsector Performance

Services is outperforming the sector and reaching the S&P 500



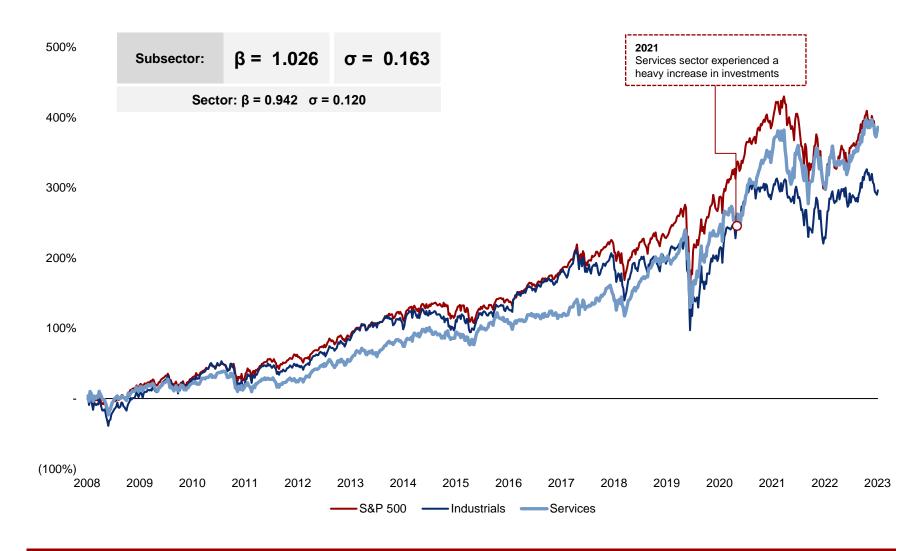
Services was able to recover better than the sector after SVB's collapse





15Y Subsector Performance

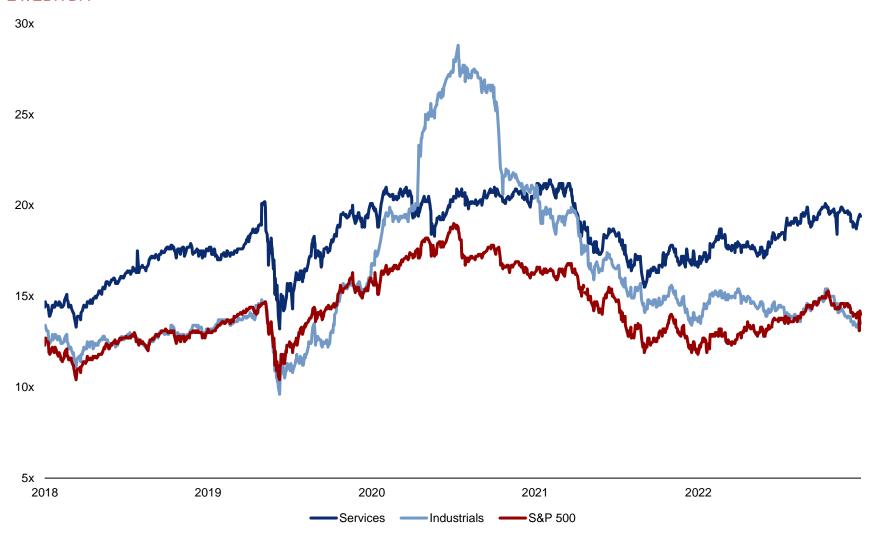
Services is a bit more volatile and riskier than the sector



Services category has been outperforming industrials sector since 2021

5Y Services Valuation

EV/EBITDA



Services has generally generally been valued higher than the sector and the S&P 500



5Y Services Subsectors Valuation

EV/EBITDA



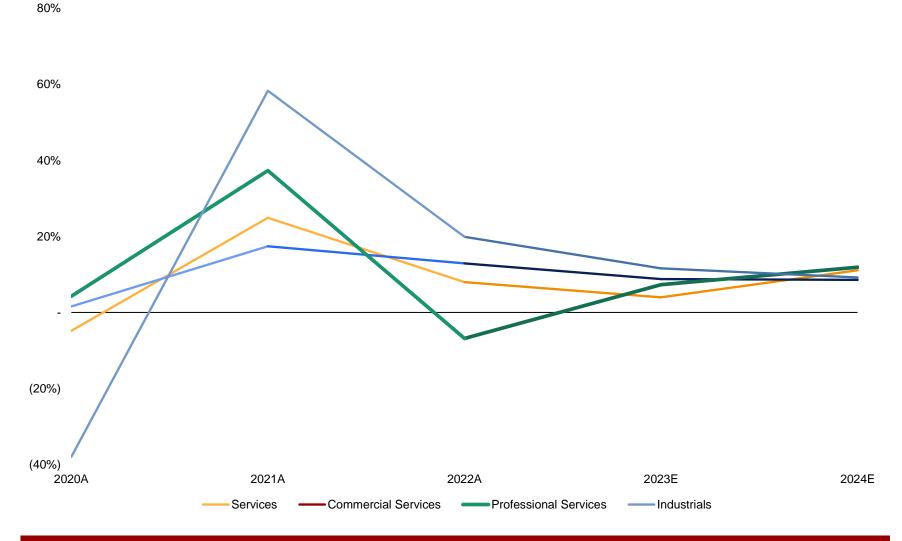
Professional services has generally been valued higher than Commercial servicess





Services Earnings Growth

Services sector is poised to experience growth in the coming years



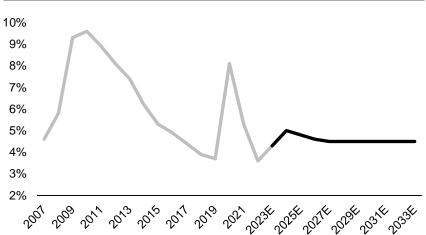
Professional services is estimated to growth more than the commercial services in 2023



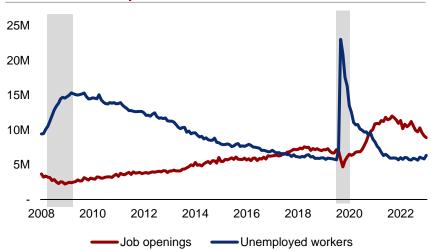
Tight Skilled Labor Market Will Continue

Labour market projected to remain tight

Forecasted US Unemployment

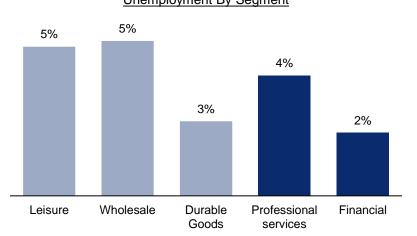


Labour Market Expected to Soften

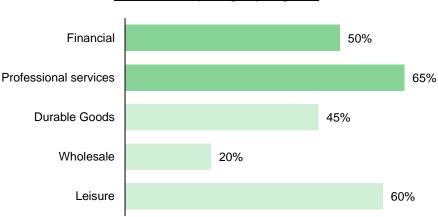


Tight SKILLED Labour Market

Unemployment By Segment



Unfilled Job Openings by Segment



We believe that the skilled labour market will stay tight as worker mentally has changed

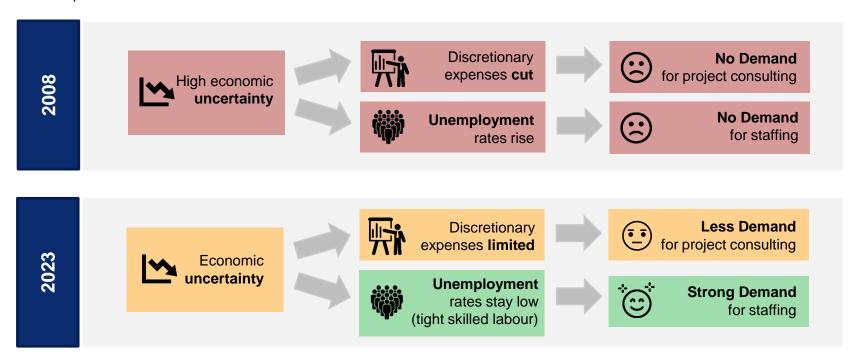
Source: Statista. US Chamber of Commerce



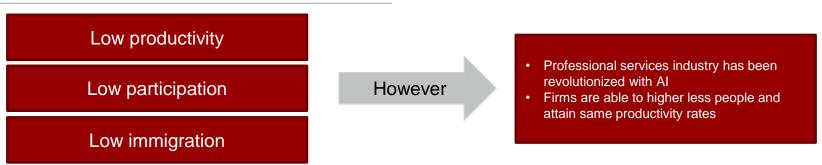


What If There's a Recession?

Initial Perspective: 2023 is not 2008



BUT: The Productivity Rate Issue



The rise of AI and the digital transformation may loosen the tight skilled labour market

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Subsector Overview - III

Transportation



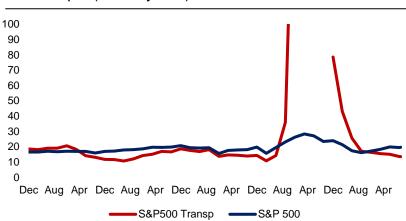




Subsector Overview

Transportation Sector

P/E Multiple (Last 5 years)



EV/EBITDA Multiple (Last 5 years)



Macro Trends	
Economic Factors: Fuel prices (Russiar Trade value Retail sales Consumer spending	,
Technology: E-commerce Innovation (Regulati	ons, automation)
Geopolitical Relations Trade Policies Exchange Rates	

	Raw Beta	Adjusted Beta	Stand. Dev.
Industrials	0.91x	0.94x	0.05x
Transportation	0.94x	0.96x	0.07x
23% Transportation weighting	41%	■ Air Frei ■ Airlines	I Transportation ght & Logistics ; ial conglomerates

Transportation sector faces a lot of uncertainty despite COVID recovery

Bloomberg, Capital IQ



	LTM EV / Sales	Revenue CAGR	EBITDA Margin	Implied Multiple	% Over (+) /Undervalued (-
Capital Goods (Regression R ² : 76%)					
Aerospace and Defense	2.1x	-2%	13%	2.0x	3%
Building Products	2.0x	14%	16%	2.3x	-14%
Construction and Engineering	1.6x	15%	8%	1.3x	19%
Electrical Components and Equipment	3.7x	1%	22%	3.1x	21%
Industrial Conglomerates	2.1x	-4%	17%	2.5x	-14%
Machinery	2.6x	4%	20%	2.8x	-8%
Trading Companies and Distributors	3.1x	10%	24%	3.2x	-2%
Transportation Regression R ² : 99%)					
Air Freight & Logistics	1.3x	13%	13%	1.0x	23%
Passenger Airlines	0.7x	-3%	13%	1.1x	-37%
Marine Transportation	2.0x	-3%	16%	1.7x	19%
Transportation Infrastructure	8.0x	-17%	51%	8.0x	0%
			17%	1.6x	-8%

Top Players by Revenue

Company Name	Type of transport	Key Geographies	Description	EV/EBIDTDA
UNION PACIFIC		US (23 States)	North America's premier railroad franchise	13.06x
		Canada, mid-America (only railroad connecting Atlantic, Gulf and the Pacific	Canadian Class I freight railway headquartered in Montreal, Quebec	11.87x
NORFOLK SOUTHERN		Primarily Eastern US (22 States)	North American Class I freight railway, headquartered in Norfolk, Virginia	10.0x
Ryder		US	A worldwide logistics and transportation (3 segments: Fleet Management (FMS), Supply Chain (SCS), and Dedicated Transportation (DTS)	3.96x
XPO		North America	Provider of asset- based less-than- truckload (LTL) for freight transportation	16.02x

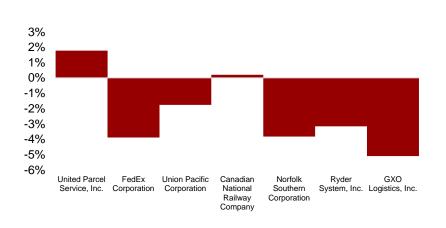
Ground Transportation

Ground Transportation Evolution since 2013

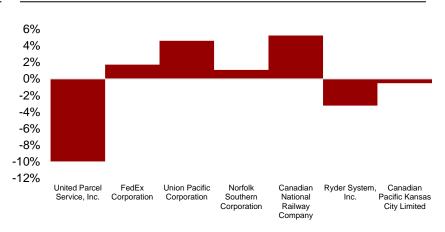
What's the story?

- CPI much lower in 2013-18
- Regulations increase in 2013 (Driver Logs, Hours-of-Service, Compliance Safety Accountability, Electronic On-Board Recorders)
- Oil Prices higher in 2013-23
- Rising inventory-to-retail sales ratio (2013)
- Tailwinds from ELD's, driver squeeze and economic factors (2018)

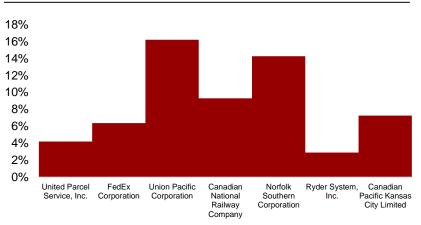
Profit pools for top players 2023



Profit pools for top players 2013



Profit pools for top players 2018



2023, far from transportation's 2018 record year...

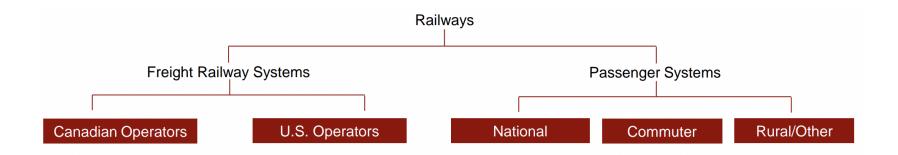
Bloomberg, Global News, Statista



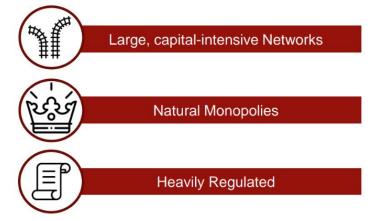


Ground Transportation

Railways Operations Breakdown



Industry Characteristics



Risks

- The Association of American Railroads reports a 46% drop in freight rail traffic entering the U.S. from Canada
- CN Rails received a strike notice from signal workers
- Union Pacific under investigation for safety breaches
- Enhanced regulations imposed by Canada's Government (Railway Training and Qualifications, Enhanced Train control regulations, Fatigue Management System regulations)

Significant headwinds bare too much uncertainty to enter this sub-sector

Statista, Global News, Le Devoir



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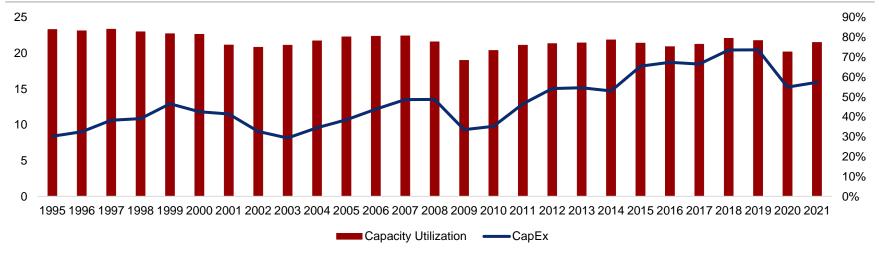




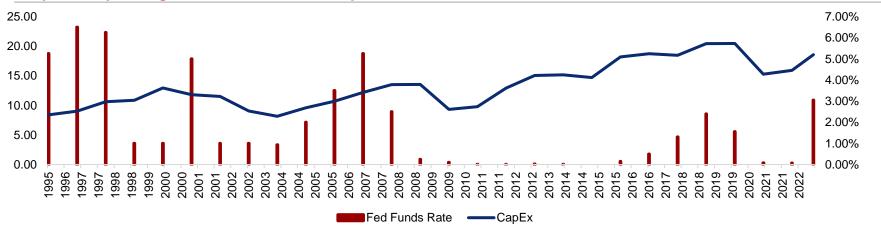
Corporate Spending – The Carrot and The Stick

One of the biggest drivers of the industrials sector

Corporate Spending – Greater Spending When Capacity Utilization > 80%



Corporate Spending – Ease of Access To Capital



Source: Bloomberg

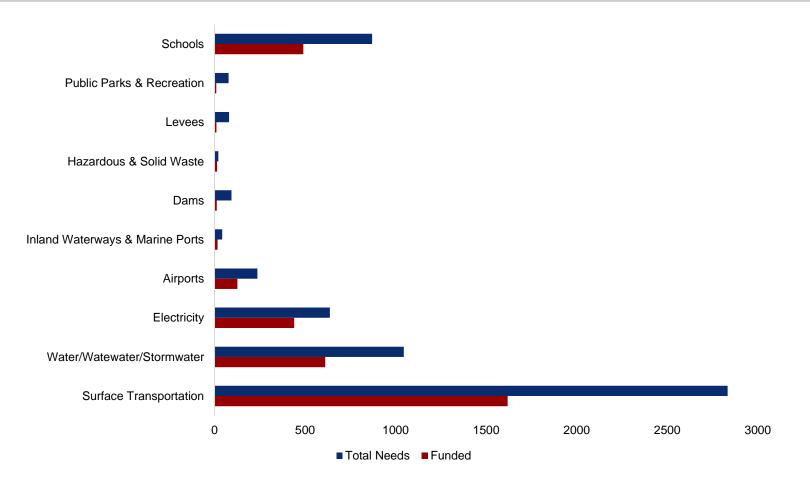




Government Spending

One of the biggest drivers of the industrials sector

Cumulative Infrastructure Needs by System Based on Current Trends Extended to 2029 (billions)

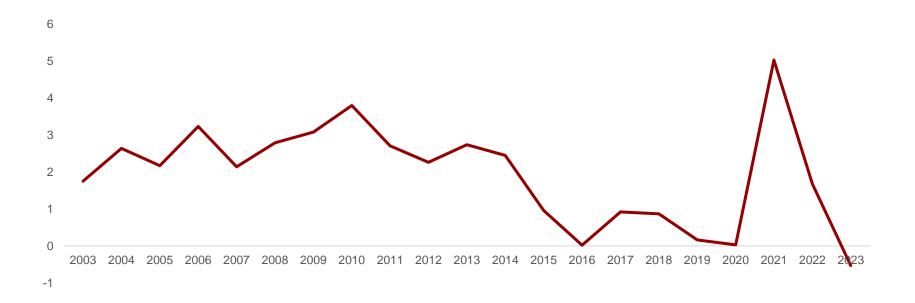


Source: 2021 Infrastructure Report Card

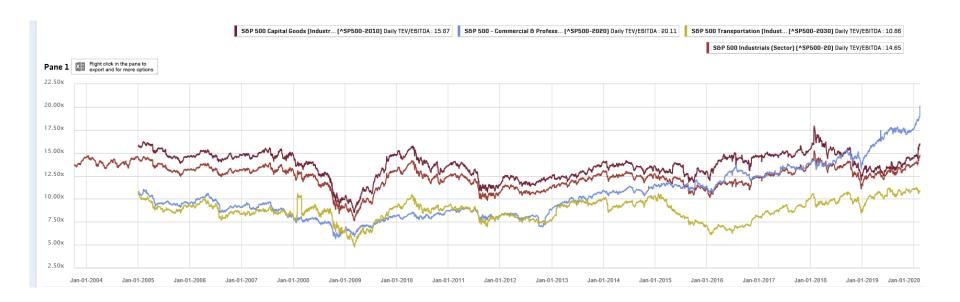




S&P 500 Valuation has grown overtime

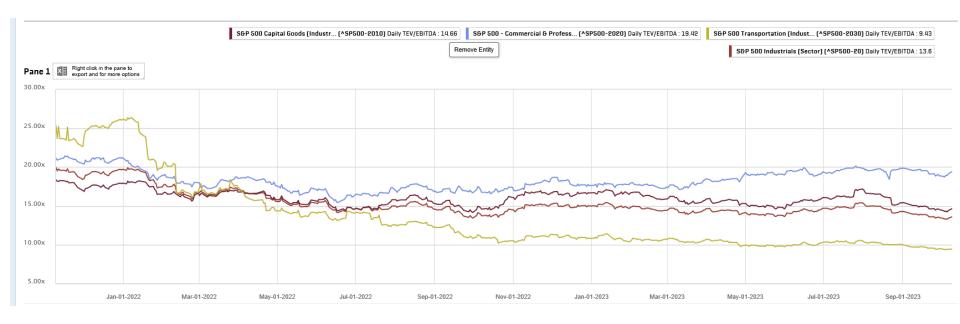


EV/EBITDA By Sub-Sector (pre pandemic)





EV/EBITDA By Sub-Sector (post pandemic)





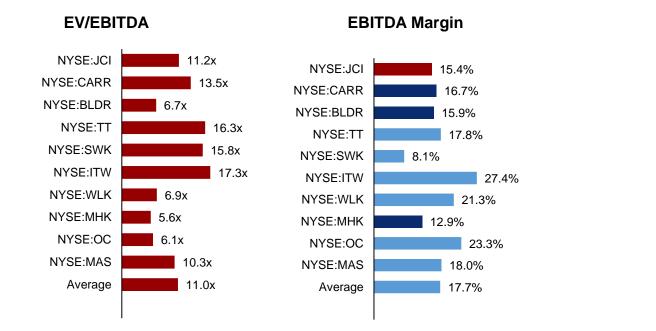
Building Products: 5 year beta



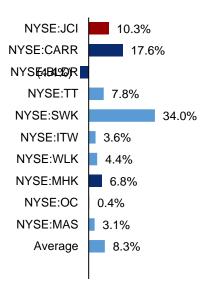
Adj. beta of 1.061 and standard deviation of 2.387, building products sector is higher risk

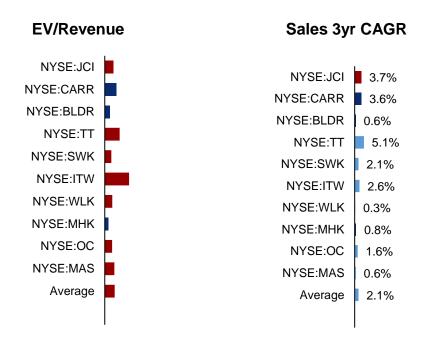






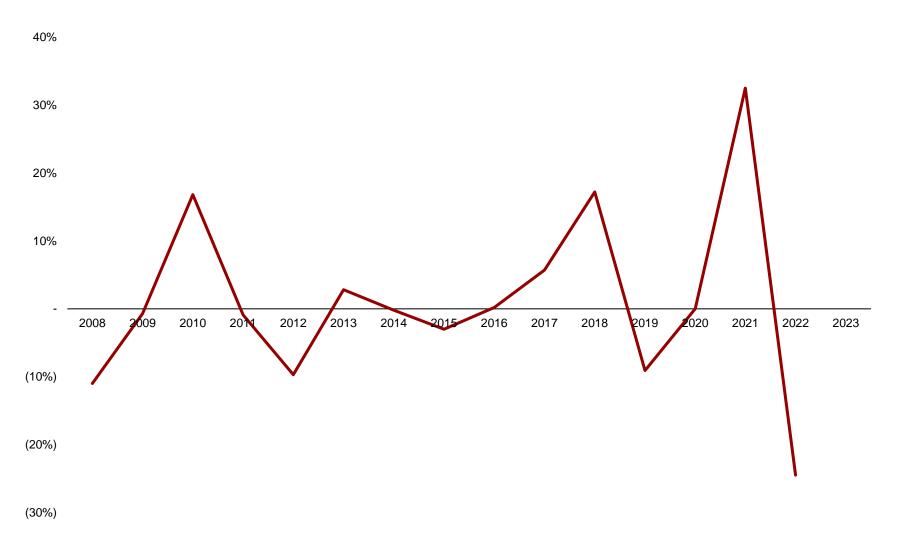
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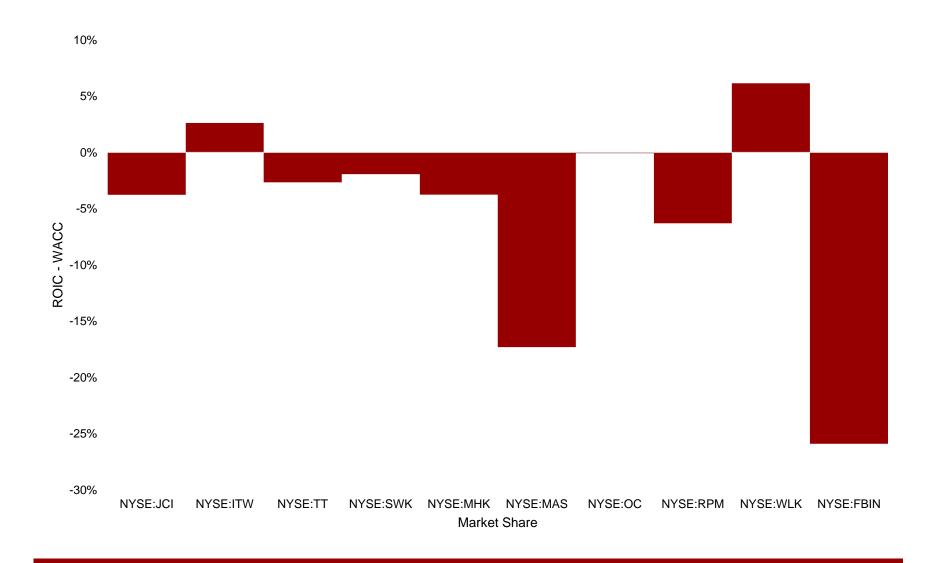
Services CapEx %

CapEx cycles span about 4-5 years

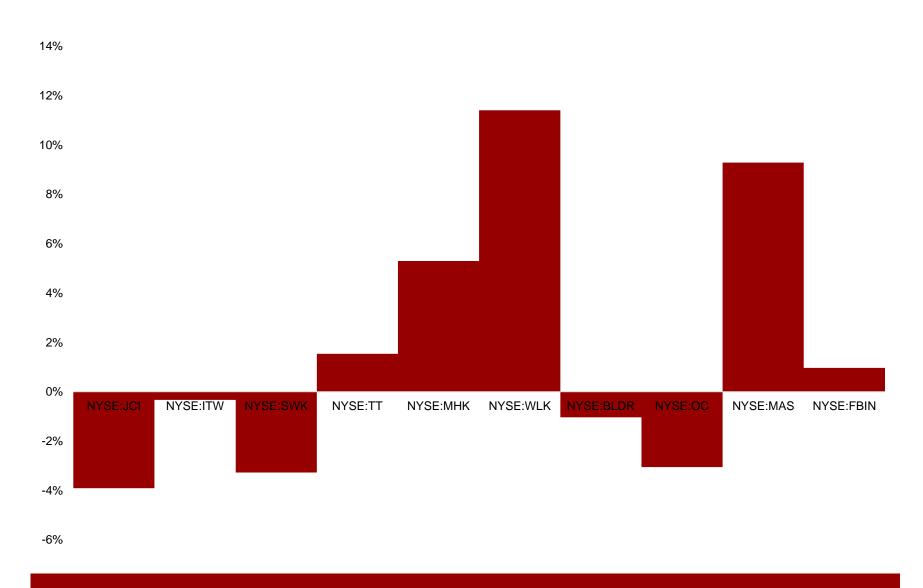


There was a significant investment in 2021

Building Products Profit pools: 2013

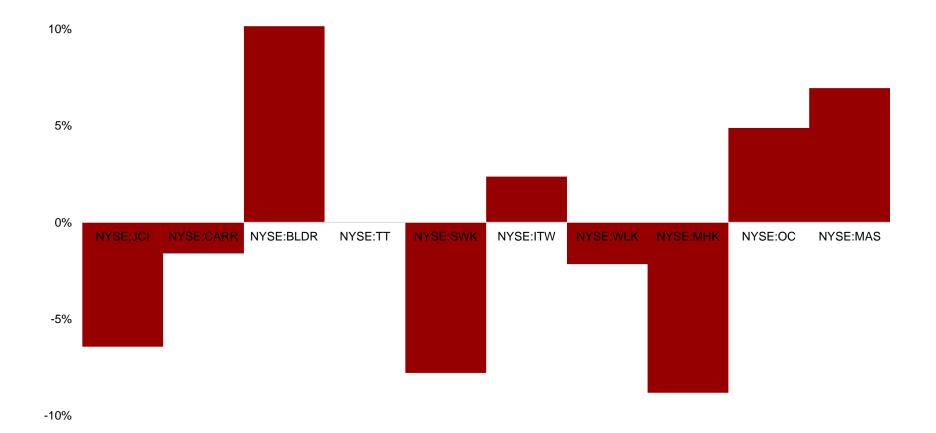


Building Products Profit pools: 2018

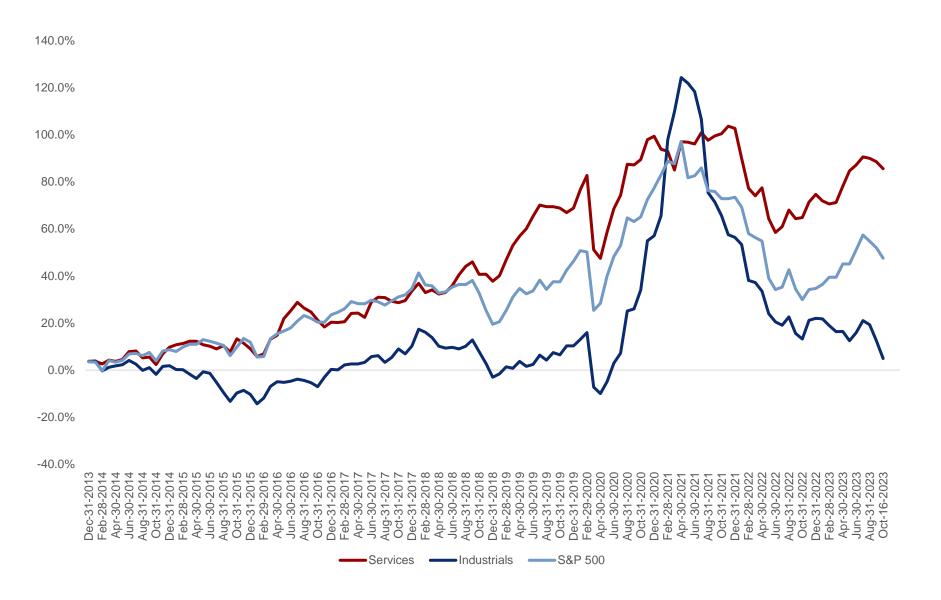


Building Products: Profit Pools LTM

15%



10Y Valuation Spread



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