

# GLOBAL INDUSTRY CLASSIFICATION STANDARD (GICS®) METHODOLOGY

Guiding Principles and Methodology for GICS

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# Outline of the GICS® Methodology Book

This Methodology book primarily provides details on the guidelines used by both MSCI and S&P Dow Jones Indices to assign Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS®) to companies that have issued equity securities.

Section 1 introduces GICS and its philosophy and objectives.

**Section 2** details the eligibility for GICS classification.

**Section 3** explains the guidelines used by MSCI and S&P Dow Jones Indices to classify companies that have issued equity securities under the GICS framework.

**Section 4** details the review of GICS at the company level.

**Section 5** explains the GICS Structure Review process undertaken by MSCI and S&P Dow Jones Indices to ensure that the GICS Structure remains relevant and up-to- date.

**Section 6** highlights GICS governance policy that includes the GICS Operations Committee, with members from both MSCI and S&P Dow Jones Indices.

**Section 7** details the GICS Sub-Industry level definitions.

**Section 8** details MSCI's guidelines for leveraging GICS for the classification of companies that have issued corporate bonds.

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### **Section 1: Introduction**

In 1999, the Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS) was developed by MSCI in collaboration with S&P Dow Jones Indices to provide an efficient, detailed and flexible tool for use in the investment process. It is designed to respond to the global financial community's need for a global, accurate, complete and widely accepted approach to defining industries and classifying securities by industry. Its universal approach to industry classification aims to improve transparency and efficiency in the investment process.

### The key features of the GICS Structure are that it is:

- Universal: the Structure applies to companies globally.
- Reliable: the Structure correctly reflects the current state of industries in the equity investment universe.
- Flexible: the Structure offers four levels of analysis, ranging from the most general Sector to the most specialized Sub-Industry.
- Evolving: Annual Reviews are conducted by MSCI and S&P Dow Jones Indicesto ensure that the Structure remains fully representative of today's global markets.
- The GICS Structure presented in this document is the latest Structure post our recent major reviews that included the creation of a new Sector for Real Estate that was carved out from the Financials Sector and transformation of the Telecommunication Services Sector as the Communication Services Sector.





### 1.1 Overview of GICS

To provide the level of precision critical in the investment process, the GICS is designed with four levels of classifications that includes 11 Sectors, 25 Industry Groups, 74 Industries, and 163 Sub-Industries.

### The GICS has 11 Sector classifications:

- Energy
- Materials
- Industrials
- Consumer Discretionary
- Consumer Staples
- Health Care
- Financials
- Information Technology
- Communication Services
- Utilities
- Real Estate

GICS classifications can be presented in either text or numeric formats. The complete GICS classification for each company is an 8-digit code with text description. The hierarchical design of the 8-digit coding system allows for easy transition between GICS tiers.

Definitions of GICS Sub-Industries are provided in Section 7.



# 1.2 The GICS Structure



### 1010 Energy

101010 Energy Equipment & Services

10101010 Oil & Gas Drilling

10101020 Oil & Gas Equipment & Services

101020 Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels

10102010 Integrated Oil & Gas

10102020 Oil & Gas Exploration & Production 10102030 Oil & Gas Refining & Marketing 10102040 Oil & Gas Storage & Transportation

10102050 Coal & Consumable Fuels



### 1510 Materials

151010	Chemicals
	15101010 Commodity Chemicals
	15101020 Diversified Chemicals
	15101030 Fertilizers & Agricultural Chemicals
	15101040 Industrial Gases
	15101050 Specialty Chemicals
151020	Construction Materials
	15102010 Construction Materials
151030	Containers & Packaging
	15103010 Metal, Glass & Plastic Containers
	15103020 Paper & Plastic Packaging Products & Materials
151040	Metals & Mining
	15104010 Aluminum
	15104020 Diversified Metals & Mining
	15104025 Copper
	15104030 Gold
	15104040 Precious Metals & Minerals
	15104045 Silver
	15104050 Steel
151050	Paper & Forest Products
	15105010 Forest Products
	15105020 Paper Products





### 20 Industrials

### 2010 Capital Goods

201010 Aerospace & Defense

20101010 Aerospace & Defense

201020 Building Products

20102010 Building Products

201030 Construction & Engineering

20103010 Construction & Engineering

201040 Electrical Equipment

20104010 Electrical Components & Equipment

20104020 Heavy Electrical Equipment

201050 Industrial Conglomerates

20105010 Industrial Conglomerates

201060 Machinery

20106010 Construction Machinery & Heavy Transportation Equipment

20106015 Agricultural & Farm Machinery

20106020 Industrial Machinery & Supplies & Components

201070 Trading Companies & Distributors

20107010 Trading Companies & Distributors

### 2020 Commercial & Professional Services

202010 Commercial Services & Supplies

20201010 Commercial Printing

20201050 Environmental & Facilities Services

20201060 Office Services & Supplies 20201070 Diversified Support Services 20201080 Security & Alarm Services

202020 Professional Services

20202010 Human Resource & Employment Services

20202020 Research & Consulting Services 20202030 Data Processing & Outsourced Services

### 2030 Transportation

203010 Air Freight & Logistics

20301010 Air Freight & Logistics

203020 Passenger Airlines

20302010 Passenger Airlines

203030 Marine Transportation

20303010 Marine Transportation

203040 Ground Transportation

20304010 Rail Transportation

20304030 Cargo Ground Transportation 20304040 Passenger Ground Transportation

203050 Transportation Infrastructure

20305010 Airport Services 20305020 Highways & Railtracks 20305030 Marine Ports & Services





# **25 Consumer Discretionary**

### 2510 Automobiles & Components

251010 Automobile Components

25101010 Automotive Parts & Equipment

25101020 Tires & Rubber

251020 Automobiles

25102010 Automobile Manufacturers 25102020 Motorcycle Manufacturers

### 2520 Consumer Durables & Apparel

252010 Household Durables

25201010 Consumer Electronics 25201020 Home Furnishings 25201030 Homebuilding 25201040 Household Appliances

25201040 Household Appliances
25201050 Housewares & Specialties

252020 Leisure Products

25202010 Leisure Products

252030 Textiles, Apparel & Luxury Goods

25203010 Apparel, Accessories & Luxury Goods

**25203020** Footwear **25203030** Textiles

### **2530 Consumer Services**

253010 Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure

**25301010** Casinos & Gaming

25301020 Hotels, Resorts & Cruise Lines

25301030 Leisure Facilities 25301040 Restaurants

253020 Diversified Consumer Services

25302010 Education Services

25302020 Specialized Consumer Services

### 2550 Consumer Discretionary Distribution & Retail

255010 Distributors

25501010 Distributors

255030 Broadline Retail

25503030 Broadline Retail

255040 Specialty Retail

25504010 Apparel Retail

25504020 Computer & Electronics Retail 25504030 Home Improvement Retail 25504040 Other Specialty Retail 25504050 Automotive Retail 25504060 Homefurnishing Retail





# **30 Consumer Staples**

### 3010 Consumer Staples Distribution & Retail

301010 Consumer Staples Distribution & Retail

30101010 Drug Retail 30101020 Food Distributors 30101030 Food Retail

30101040 Consumer Staples Merchandise Retail

### 3020 Food, Beverage & Tobacco

302010 Beverages

30201010 Brewers

30201020 Distillers & Vintners

30201030 Soft Drinks & Non-alcoholic Beverages

302020 Food Products

30202010 Agricultural Products & Services

30202030 Packaged Foods & Meats

302030 Tobacco

30203010 Tobacco

### 3030 Household & Personal Products

303010 Household Products

30301010 Household Products

303020 Personal Care Products

30302010 Personal Care Products



# 35 Health Care

### 3510 Health Care Equipment & Services

351010 Health Care Equipment & Supplies

**35101010** Health Care Equipment **35101020** Health Care Supplies

351020 Health Care Providers & Services

35102010 Health Care Distributors 35102015 Health Care Services 35102020 Health Care Facilities 35102030 Managed Health Care

351030 Health Care Technology

35103010 Health Care Technology

### 3520 Pharmaceuticals, Biotechnology & Life Sciences

352010 Biotechnology

35201010 Biotechnology

352020 Pharmaceuticals

35202010 Pharmaceuticals

352030 Life Sciences Tools & Services

35203010 Life Sciences Tools & Services





### 40 Financials

### 4010 Banks

401010 Banks

**40101010** Diversified Banks **40101015** Regional Banks

### **4020 Financial Services**

402010 Financial Services

40201020 Diversified Financial Services

**40201030** Multi-Sector Holdings **40201040** Specialized Finance

**40201050** Commercial & Residential Mortgage Finance **40201060** Transaction & Payment Processing Services

402020 Consumer Finance

40202010 Consumer Finance

402030 Capital Markets

40203010 Asset Management & Custody Banks 40203020 Investment Banking & Brokerage 40203030 Diversified Capital Markets 40203040 Financial Exchanges & Data

402040 Mortgage Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs)

40204010 Mortgage REITs

### 4030 Insurance

403010 Insurance

40301010 Insurance Brokers 40301020 Life & Health Insurance 40301030 Multi-line Insurance

40301040 Property & Casualty Insurance

40301050 Reinsurance



# 45 Information Technology

### 4510 Software & Services

451020 IT Services

45102010 IT Consulting & Other Services
45102030 Internet Services & Infrastructure

451030 Software

**45103010** Application Software **45103020** Systems Software

### 4520 Technology Hardware & Equipment

452010 Communications Equipment

45201020 Communications Equipment

452020 Technology Hardware, Storage & Peripherals

45202030 Technology Hardware, Storage & Peripherals

452030 Electronic Equipment, Instruments & Components

45203010 Electronic Equipment & Instruments

45203015 Electronic Components

45203020 Electronic Manufacturing Services

45203030 Technology Distributors

### 4530 Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment

453010 Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment

45301010 Semiconductor Materials & Equipment

45301020 Semiconductors

# 50 Communication Services

### 5010 Telecommunication Services

501010 Diversified Telecommunication Services

50101010 Alternative Carriers

50101020 Integrated Telecommunication Services

501020 Wireless Telecommunication Services

50102010 Wireless Telecommunication Services

### 5020 Media & Entertainment

502010 Media

50201010 Advertising 50201020 Broadcasting 50201030 Cable & Satellite 50201040 Publishing

502020 Entertainment

50202010 Movies & Entertainment

50202020 Interactive Home Entertainment

502030 Interactive Media & Services

50203010 Interactive Media & Services



# 55 Utilities

### 5510 Utilities

551010 Electric Utilities

55101010 Electric Utilities

551020 Gas Utilities

55102010 Gas Utilities

551030 Multi-Utilities

55103010 Multi-Utilities

551040 Water Utilities

55104010 Water Utilities

551050 Independent Power and Renewable Electricity Producers

55105010 Independent Power Producers & Energy Traders

55105020 Renewable Electricity

# 60 Real Estate

### 6010 Equity Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs)

601010 Diversified REITs

60101010 Diversified REITs

601025 Industrial REITs

60102510 Industrial REITs

601030 Hotel & Resort REITs

60103010 Hotel & Resort REITs

601040 Office REITs

60104010 Office REITs

601050 Health Care REITs

60105010 Health Care REITs

601060 Residential REITs

**60106010** Multi-Family Residential REITs **60106020** Single-Family Residential REITs

601070 Retail REITs

60107010 Retail REITs

601080 Specialized REITs

60108010 Other Specialized REITs 60108020 Self-Storage REITs 60108030 Telecom Tower REITs 60108040 Timber REITs

60108050 Data Center REITs

### **6020 Real Estate Management & Development**

602010 Real Estate Management & Development

**60201010** Diversified Real Estate Activities **60201020** Real Estate Operating Companies

**60201030** Real Estate Development **60201040** Real Estate Services



# 1.3 Philosophy and objectives of GICS

The way in which securities are classified into asset classes forms the basis of many important investment decisions. The relative merits of each security are judged primarily within these asset classes, and investment decisions are taken within this framework.

### APPROACHES TO INDUSTRY CLASSIFICATION SCHEMES

Grouping companies based on industries is not a relatively straightforward task as multiple factors need to be evaluated in determining the classification that aptly reflects the business model of the company as well as adds value to the investment process. There are many approaches to developing industry classification schemes, some of which are discussed below.

At one extreme is the purely statistical approach, which is solely financial market- based and backward looking, using past returns. Aggregations are formed around correlation, often yielding non-intuitive groupings that are dissimilar across countries and regions. Another approach attempts to define a priori financial market-oriented groups or themes, such as cyclical, interest rate sensitive, etc. The difficulty, however, lies in finding widely accepted and relatively stable definitions for these themes.

Two other approaches begin with an economic perspective on companies. The first focuses on a production orientation while the other adopts a market or demand orientation in company analysis. The production-oriented approach was effective in the past in its analysis of the microstructure of industries from the producers' standpoint. For instance, it segregated goods and services on the premise that it was a different set of companies that provided each to consumers. As the structure of the global economy evolved, limitations of this approach became increasingly obvious. The everincreasing share of discretionary income brought about by economic development, emergence of the service era, and the availability and accessibility of information with the advent of new communication technology has moved the emphasis from producers to consumers.

### THE GICS: MARKET DEMAND-ORIENTED

The Global Industry Classification Standard is designed to be market demand- oriented in its analysis and classification of companies. For example, drawing the line between goods and services is becoming increasingly arbitrary as they are now commonly sold together. This distinction between goods and services is replaced by adopting the more market-oriented Sectors of "Consumer Discretionary" and "Consumer Staples", which group goods and services Sub-Industries.

In addition, the creation of large stand-alone Sectors such as Health Care, Information Technology and Communication Services accurately represents industries that provide significant value to the consumer in today's global and integrated economy. This further contributes to a more uniform distribution of weights among the 11 GICS Sectors.



# **Section 2: Companies Eligible for GICS Classification**

Companies that have issued equity securities are eligible for a GICS classification.

If a company's subsidiary files separate financials to its reporting government agency, that subsidiary is considered a separate entity and classified independently under the GICS Methodology.

GICS is not assigned to supranationals, municipals, sovereigns, shell companies, mutual funds, or exchange traded funds.



### **Section 3: Guidelines for GICS Classification**

The GICS is strictly hierarchical and thus a company can only belong to one grouping at each of the four levels.

# 3.1 Classification by revenue and earnings

In order to provide an accurate, complete and long-term view of the global investment universe, a company's revenues often provide a more stable and precise reflection of its activities than earnings. Furthermore, industrial and geographical breakdowns of revenues are more commonly available than earnings broken down the same way for most companies. Nevertheless, company valuations are more closely related to earnings than revenues. Therefore, earnings remain an important secondary consideration in a company's Industry Classification. In addition to revenue and earnings, market perception is also recognized as relevant for classification purposes.

As a general rule, a company is classified in the Sub-Industry whose definition most closely describes the business activities that generate more than 60% of the company's revenues.

Example: Amazon.com, Inc.

2022 fiscal year	Sales	
Online stores (Broadline Retail)	43%	
Physical stores (Broadline Retail)	4%	
Third-party seller services (Broadline Retail)	23%	
Subscription services	7%	
Advertising services	7%	
Amazon Web Services (AWS)	16%	
Other	1%	
Total	100%	

GICS level	GICS code	GICS description
Sector	25	Consumer Discretionary
Industry Group	2550	Consumer Discretionary Distribution & Retail
Industry	255030	Broadline Retail
Sub-Industry	25503030	Broadline Retail

However, a company engaged in two or more substantially different business activities, none of which contribute 60% or more of revenues, is classified in the Sub- Industry that provides the majority of both the company's revenues and earnings.



When no Sub-Industry provides the majority of both the company's revenues and earnings, the classification will be determined based on further research and analysis.

In addition, a company significantly diversified across three or more Sectors, none of which contributes the majority of revenues or earnings, is classified either in the Industrial Conglomerates Sub-Industry (Industrial Sector) or in the Multi-Sector Holdings Sub-Industry (Financials Sector).

### Example: General Electric (US)

2022 fiscal year	Revenue	Profit/Loss
Aerospace	33%	74%
Renewable Energy	17%	-35%
Power	21%	19%
HealthCare	24%	42%
Corporate	5%	-
Total	100%	100%

GICS level	GICS code	GICS description
Sector	20	Industrials
Industry Group	2010	Capital Goods
Industry	201050	Industrial Conglomerates
Sub-Industry	20105010	Industrial Conglomerates

# 3.2 Propagation of GICS from company level to security level

GICS is assigned at the company level. Thus, all equity securities including ADRs and GDRs issued by a company have the same classification as the company.

A tracking stock issued by a parent company is classified based on its underlying business.

# 3.3 Source of information used for GICS classification

The primary source of information used for classification is a company's annual reports and accounts. Other sources include broker reports and other published research literature. In the case of a new issue, the classification will be based primarily on the description of the company's activities and pro forma results as given in the prospectus.



## **Section 4: Review of GICS Classification**

A company's Sub-Industry classification will be reviewed either when a significant corporate restructuring occurs or when a new annual report is available. GICS reviews also occur upon client request.

In order to provide a stable Sub-Industry classification, when reviewing a company's classification, changes will be minimized in the Sub-Industry classification to the extent possible by disregarding temporary fluctuations in the results of a company's different activities.



### **Section 5: GICS Structure Review**

MSCI and S&P Dow Jones Indices are committed to ensuring that the GICS Structure remains relevant and up-to-date. This is accomplished through an Annual Review of the Structure. This Review includes a detailed internal analysis to develop a proposal for potential structural changes and public request for comments and in-depth client consultations with various market participants as a means of obtaining feedback on proposed structural changes.

Further information on changes to the GICS Structure can be found on MSCI's website at www.msci.com/gics.



# Section 6: GICS Governance by MSCI And S&P Dow Jones Indices

The GICS Methodology and Structure fall under the overall supervision of the GICS Operations Committee, with members from both MSCI and S&P Dow Jones Indices. The Committee will consult with the financial markets community as needed in order to keep the Methodology current and relevant.

MSCI and S&P Dow Jones Indices consider information about changes to the GICS Structure and related matters to be potentially price sensitive. Therefore, all Committee discussions are confidential.



# **Section 7: GICS Sub-Industry Definitions**

# Energy

# **ENERGY**



### 101010

Energy

**Services** 

# **Equipment &**

### 10101010

### Oil & Gas Drilling

### 10101020

Oil & Gas Equipment & Services

Drilling contractors or owners of drilling rigs that contract their services for drilling wells.

Manufacturers of equipment, including drilling rigs and equipment, and providers of supplies and services to companies involved in the drilling, evaluation and completion of oil and gas wells.

Integrated oil companies engaged in the exploration

& production of oil and gas, as well as at least one

### 101020





Integrated Oil & Gas

other significant activity in either refining, marketing and transportation, or chemicals.

### 10102020

Oil & Gas Exploration & Production

### 10102030

Oil & Gas Refining & Marketing

### 10102040

Oil & Gas Storage & Transportation

### 10102050

Coal & Consumable **Fuels** 

Companies engaged in the exploration and production of oil and gas not classified elsewhere.

Companies engaged in the refining and marketing of oil, gas and/or refined products not classified in the Integrated Oil & Gas or Independent Power Producers & Energy Traders Sub-Industries.

Companies engaged in the storage and/or transportation of oil, gas and/or refined products. Includes diversified midstream natural gas companies, oil and refined product pipelines, coal slurry pipelines and oil & gas shipping companies.

Companies primarily involved in the production and mining of coal, related products and other consumable fuels related to the generation of energy. Excludes companies primarily producing gases classified in the Industrial Gases Sub-Industry and companies primarily mining for metallurgical (coking) coal used for steel production.



# **Materials**

# **MATERIALS**



### 151010 Chemicals



Commodity Chemicals Companies that primarily produce industrial chemicals and basic chemicals. Including but not limited to plastics, synthetic fibers, films, commodity-based paints & pigments, explosives and petrochemicals. Excludes chemical companies classified in the Diversified Chemicals, Fertilizers & Agricultural Chemicals, Industrial Gases, or Specialty Chemicals Sub-Industries.

### 15101020

**Diversified Chemicals** 

Manufacturers of a diversified range of chemical products not classified in the Industrial Gases, Commodity Chemicals, Specialty Chemicals or Fertilizers & Agricultural Chemicals Sub-Industries.

Producers of fertilizers, pesticides, potash or other

agriculture-related chemicals not classified

### 15101030

Fertilizers & Agricultural Chemicals

15101040

**Industrial Gases** 

### 15101050

**Specialty Chemicals** 

Manufacturers of industrial gases.

elsewhere.

Companies that primarily produce high value-added chemicals used in the manufacture of a wide variety of products, including but not limited to fine chemicals, additives, advanced polymers, adhesives, sealants and specialty paints, pigments and coatings.

### 151020

### Construction Materials

**15102010** 

Construction Materials Manufacturers of construction materials including sand, clay, gypsum, lime, aggregates, cement, concrete and bricks. Other finished or semi-finished building materials are classified in the Building Products Sub-Industry.

### 151030

# Containers & Packaging

**15103010** 

Metal, Glass & Plastic Containers

### 15103020

Paper & Plastic
Packaging Products
& Materials

Manufacturers of metal, glass or plastic containers. Includes corks and caps.

Manufacturers of paper and cardboard containers and packaging.



151040

Metals & Mining

**1510401** 

Aluminum

Producers of aluminum and related products, including companies that mine or process bauxite and companies that recycle aluminum to produce finished or semi-finished products. Excludes companies that primarily produce aluminum building materials classified in the Building Products Sub-Industry.

### 15104020

Diversified Metals & Mining

Companies engaged in the diversified production or extraction of metals and minerals not classified elsewhere. Including, but not limited to, nonferrous metal mining (except bauxite), salt and borate mining, phosphate rock mining, and diversified mining operations. Excludes iron ore mining, classified in the Steel Sub-Industry, bauxite mining, classified in the Aluminum Sub-Industry, and coal mining, classified in either the Steel or Coal & Consumable Fuels Sub-Industries.

15104025

Copper

15104030

Gold

Producers of gold and related products, including companies that mine or process gold and the South African finance houses which primarily invest in, but do not operate, gold mines.

Companies mining precious metals and minerals not classified in the Gold Sub-Industry. Includes

Companies involved primarily in copper ore mining.

15104040

Precious Metals & Minerals

15104045

Silver

15104050

Steel

companies primarily mining platinum.

Companies primarily mining silver. Excludes

Companies primarily mining silver. Excludes companies classified in the Gold or Precious Metals & Minerals Sub-Industries.

Producers of iron and steel and related products, including metallurgical (coking) coal mining used for steel production.

151550 Paper & Forest Products 15105010

**Forest Products** 

15105020

**Paper Products** 

 Manufacturers of timber and related wood products. Includes lumber for the building industry.

Manufacturers of all grades of paper. Excludes companies specializing in paper packaging classified in the Paper & Plastic Packaging Products & Materials Sub-Industry.



# **Industrials**

# **CAPITAL GOODS**



### 201010



# Aerospace & Defense

Aerospace & Defense

 Manufacturers of civil or military aerospace and defense equipment, parts or products. Includes defense electronics and space equipment.

### 201020

### Building Products

**20102010** 

**Building Products** 

Manufacturers of building components and home improvement products and equipment. Excludes lumber and plywood classified under Forest Products and cement and other materials classified in the Construction Materials Sub-Industry.

### 201030

# Construction & Engineering

20103010

Construction & Engineering

 Companies engaged in primarily non-residential construction. Includes civil engineering companies and large-scale contractors. Excludes companies classified in the Homebuilding Sub-Industry.

### 201040

# Electrical Equipment

20104010

Electrical
Components &
Equipment

Companies that produce electric cables and wires, electrical components or equipment not classified in the Heavy Electrical Equipment Sub-Industry.

### 20104020

Heavy Electrical Equipment

Manufacturers of power-generating equipment and other heavy electrical equipment, including power turbines, heavy electrical machinery intended for fixed-use and large electrical systems. Excludes cables and wires, classified in the Electrical Components & Equipment Sub-Industry.

### 201050

### Industrial Conglomerates

20105010

Industrial Conglomerates Diversified industrial companies with business activities in three or more Sectors, none of which contributes a majority of revenues. Stakes held are predominantly of a controlling nature and stake holders maintain an operational interest in the running of the subsidiaries.



### 201040 Machinery



Construction Machinery & Heavy Transportation Equipment Manufacturers of heavy duty trucks, rolling machinery, earth- moving and construction equipment, and manufacturers of related parts. Includes non-military shipbuilding.

### 20106015

Agricultural & Farm Machinery

Companies manufacturing agricultural machinery, farm machinery, and their related parts. Includes machinery used for the production of crops and agricultural livestock, agricultural tractors, planting and fertilizing machinery, fertilizer and chemical application equipment, and grain dryers and blowers.

### 20106020

Industrial Machinery & Supplies & Components Manufacturers of industrial machinery and industrial components. Includes companies that manufacture presses, machine tools, compressors, pollution control equipment, elevators, escalators, insulators, pumps, roller bearings and other metal fabrications.

### 201070

Trading
Companies &
Distributors



Trading Companies & Distributors

Trading companies and other distributors of industrial equipment and products.

# **COMMERCIAL & PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

### 202010

Commercial Services & Supplies

### **20201010**

**Commercial Printing** 

Companies providing commercial printing services. Includes printers primarily serving the media industry.

### 20201050

Environmental & Facilities Services

Companies providing environmental and facilities maintenance services. Includes waste management, facilities management and pollution control services. Excludes large-scale water treatment systems classified in the Water Utilities Sub-Industry.

### 20201060

Office Services & Supplies

Providers of office services and manufacturers of office supplies and equipment not classified elsewhere.



### 20201070

Diversified Support Services Companies primarily providing labor oriented support services to businesses and governments. Includes commercial cleaning services, dining & catering services, equipment repair services, industrial maintenance services, industrial auctioneers, storage & warehousing, transaction services, uniform rental services, and other business support services.

### 20201080

Security & Alarm Services

Companies providing security and protection services to business and governments. Includes companies providing services such as correctional facilities, security & alarm services, armored transportation & guarding. Excludes companies providing security software classified under the Systems Software Sub-Industry and home security services classified under the Specialized Consumer Services Sub-Industry. Also excludes companies manufacturing security system equipment classified under the Electronic Equipment & Instruments Sub-Industry.

### 202020

# Professional Services

20202010

Human Resource & Employment Services

Companies providing business support services relating to human capital management. This Sub-Industry includes employment agencies, employee training, payroll processing, benefit & retirement support services, corporate & job seeker recruitment services, and online job portals generating revenue from fees or commissions for offering recruitment services to companies or job seekers.

### 20202020

Research & Consulting Services

Companies primarily providing research and consulting services to businesses and governments not classified elsewhere. Includes companies involved in management consulting services, architectural design, business information or scientific research, marketing, and testing & certification services. Excludes companies providing information technology consulting services classified in the IT Consulting & Other Services Sub-Industry.



### 20202030

Data Processing & Outsourced Services

Providers of commercial data processing and/or business process outsourcing services. This Sub-Industry includes companies providing services for customer experience management, back-office automation, call center management, and investor communications.

# **TRANSPORTATION**

### 203010



# Air Freight & Logistics

Air Freight & Logistics

Companies providing air freight transportation, courier and logistics services, including package and mail delivery and customs agents. Excludes those companies classified in the Passenger Airlines, Marine Transportation, Cargo Ground Transportation and Passenger Ground Transportation Sub-Industries.

### 203020



### Passenger Airlines

Passenger Airlines

Companies providing primarily passenger air transportation.

### 203030



20303010

# Marine Transportation

Marine Transportation Companies providing goods or passenger maritime transportation. Excludes cruise-ships classified in the Hotels, Resorts & Cruise Lines Sub-Industry.

### 203040



20303010

Rail Transportation

Companies providing primarily goods and passenger rail transportation.

# Ground Transportation

20304030

Cargo Ground Transportation Companies providing ground transportation services for goods and freight.

### 20304040

Passenger Ground Transportation Companies providing passenger ground transportation and related services, including bus, taxi, vehicle rental, ride sharing and on-demand ride sharing platforms, and other passenger logistics.

### 203050



20305010

**Airport Services** 

Operators of airports and companies providing related services.



# Transportation Infrastructure

20305020

Highways & Railtracks

Owners and operators of roads, tunnels and railtracks.

20305030

Marine Ports & Services Owners and operators of marine ports and related services.



# **Consumer Discretionary**

# AUTOMOBILES & COMPONENTS



### 251010



Automobiles & Components

Automotive Parts & Equipment

25101020

Tires & Rubber

Manufacturers of parts and accessories for automobiles and motorcycles. Excludes companies classified in the Tires & Rubber Sub-Industry.

Manufacturers of tires and rubber.

### 251020

### 25102010

**Automobiles** 

Automobile Manufacturers Companies that produce mainly passenger automobiles and light trucks. Excludes companies producing mainly motorcycles and three-wheelers classified in the Motorcycle Manufacturers Sub-Industry and heavy duty trucks classified in the Construction Machinery & Heavy Transportation Equipment Sub-Industry.

### 25102020

Motorcycle Manufacturers Companies that produce motorcycles, scooters or three-wheelers. Excludes bicycles classified in the Leisure Products Sub-Industry.

# **CONSUMER DURABLES & APPAREL**

### 252010

### **25201010**

Household Durables Consumer Electronics Manufacturers of consumer electronics products including TVs, home audio equipment, game consoles, digital cameras, and related products. Excludes personal home computer manufacturers classified in the Technology Hardware, Storage & Peripherals Sub-Industry, and electric household appliances classified in the Household Appliances Sub-Industry.

### 25201020

Home Furnishings

Manufacturers of soft home furnishings or furniture, including upholstery, carpets and wall-coverings.



### 25201030

Homebuilding

### 25201040

Household Appliances Residential construction companies. Includes manufacturers of prefabricated houses and semi-fixed manufactured homes.

Manufacturers of electric household appliances and related products. Includes manufacturers of power and hand tools, including garden improvement tools. Excludes TVs and other audio and video products classified in the Consumer Electronics Sub-Industry and personal computers classified in the Technology Hardware, Storage & Peripherals Sub-Industry.

### 25201050

Housewares & Specialties

Manufacturers of durable household products, including cutlery, cookware, glassware, crystal, silverware, utensils, kitchenware and consumer specialties not classified elsewhere.

### 252020 Leisure

Leisure Products

### 25202010

Leisure Products

 Manufacturers of leisure products and equipment including sports equipment, bicycles and toys.

### 252030

Textiles.

**Apparel &** 

**Luxury Goods** 



### 25203010

Apparel, Accessories & Luxury Goods

Manufacturers of apparel, accessories & luxury goods. Includes companies primarily producing designer handbags, wallets, luggage, jewelry and watches. Excludes shoes classified in the Footwear Sub-Industry.

### 25203020

Footwear

25203030

Textiles

- Manufacturers of footwear. Includes sport and leather shoes.
- Manufacturers of textile and related products not classified in the Apparel, Accessories & Luxury Goods, Footwear or Home Furnishings Sub-Industries.

# **CONSUMER SERVICES**

253010

25301010

Casinos & Gaming

Owners and operators of casinos and gaming facilities. Includes companies providing lottery and betting services.



### Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure

### 25301020

Hotels, Resorts & Cruise Lines

Owners and operators of hotels, resorts and cruiseships. Includes travel agencies, tour operators and related services not classified elsewhere. Excludes casino-hotels classified in the Casinos & Gaming Sub-Industry.

### 25301030

Leisure Facilities

Owners and operators of leisure facilities, including sport and fitness centers, stadiums, golf courses and amusement parks not classified in the Movies & Entertainment Sub-Industry.

### 25301040

Restaurants

Owners and operators of restaurants, bars, pubs, fast-food or take-out facilities. Includes companies that provide food catering services.

### 253020

### Diversified Consumer Services

25302010

**Education Services** 

Companies providing educational services, either on-line or through conventional teaching methods. Includes, private universities, correspondence teaching, providers of educational seminars, educational materials and technical education. Excludes companies providing employee education programs classified in the Human Resources & Employment Services Sub-Industry.

### 25302020

Specialized Consumer Services  Companies providing consumer services not classified elsewhere. Includes residential services, home security, legal services, personal services, renovation & interior design services, consumer auctions and wedding & funeral services.

# CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY DISTRIBUTION & RETAIL

### 255010

25501010

**Distributors** 

Distributors

Distributors and wholesalers of general merchandise not classified elsewhere. Includes vehicle distributors.

### 255030

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Broadline Retail **Broadline Retail** 

Retailers offering a wide range of consumer discretionary merchandise. This Sub-Industry includes general and discount merchandise retailers, department stores and on-line retailers and marketplaces selling mostly consumer discretionary merchandise.



255040

Specialty Retail

25504010

**Apparel Retail** 

### 25504020

Computer & Electronics Retail

### 25504030

Home Improvement Retail

### 25504040

Other Specialty Retail

### 25504050

**Automotive Retail** 

### 25504060

Homefurnishing Retail

- Retailers specialized mainly in apparel and accessories.
- Owners and operators of consumer electronics, computers, video and related products retail stores.
- Owners and operators of home and garden improvement retail stores. Includes stores offering building materials and supplies.
- Owners and operators of specialty retail stores not classified elsewhere. Includes jewelry stores, toy stores, office supply stores, health & vision care stores, and book & entertainment stores.
- Owners and operators of stores specializing in automotive retail. Includes auto dealers, gas stations, and retailers of auto accessories, motorcycles & parts, automotive glass, and automotive equipment & parts.
- Owners and operators of furniture and home furnishings retail stores. Includes residential furniture, homefurnishings, housewares, and interior design. Excludes home and garden improvement stores, classified in the Home Improvement Retail Sub-Industry.



# **Consumer Staples**



# CONSUMER STAPLES DISTRIBUTION & RETAIL

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Consumer Staples Distribution & Retail

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**Drug Retail** 

### 30101020

Food Distributors

### 30101030

Food Retail

### 30101040

Consumer Staples Merchandise Retail Owners and operators of primarily drug retail stores and pharmacies.

 Distributors of food products to other companies and not directly to the consumer.

 Owners and operators of primarily food retail stores.

 Retailers offering a wide range of consumer staples merchandise such as food, household, and personal care products. This Sub-Industry includes hypermarkets, super centers and other consumer staples retailers such as discount retail spaces and on-line marketplaces selling mostly consumer staples goods.

# FOOD, BEVERAGE & TOBACCO

### 302010

### **Beverages**

30201010

**Brewers** 

### 30201020

Distillers & Vintners

### 30201030

Soft Drinks & Nonalcoholic Beverages

- Producers of beer and malt liquors. Includes breweries not classified in the Restaurants Sub-Industry.
- Distillers, vintners and producers of alcoholic beverages not classified in the Brewers Sub-Industry.
- Producers of non-alcoholic beverages including mineral waters. Excludes producers of milk classified in the Packaged Foods & Meats Sub-Industry.



### 302020

30202010

Food Products

Agricultural Products & Services Producers of agricultural products. Includes crop growers, owners of plantations and companies that produce and process foods but do not package and market them. Excludes companies classified in the Forest Products Sub-Industry and those that package and market the food products classified in the Packaged Foods & Meats Sub-Industry.

### 30202030

Packaged Foods & Meats

 Producers of packaged foods including dairy products, fruit juices, meats, poultry, fish and pet foods.

302020 Tobacco

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Tobacco

 Manufacturers of cigarettes and other tobacco products.

# **HOUSEHOLD & PERSONAL PRODUCTS**

303010



30301010

Household Products **Household Products** 

Producers of non-durable household products, including detergents, soaps, diapers and other tissue and household paper products not classified in the Paper Products Sub-Industry.

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Personal Care Products Personal Care Products  Manufacturers of personal and beauty care products, including cosmetics and perfumes.



# Health Care



# HEALTH CARE EQUIPMENT & SERVICES

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**35101010** 

Health Care Equipment & Supplies

Health Care Equipment

35101020

**Health Care Supplies** 

 Manufacturers of health care equipment and devices. Includes medical instruments, drug delivery systems, cardiovascular & orthopedic devices, and diagnostic equipment.

 Manufacturers of health care supplies and medical products not classified elsewhere. Includes eye care products, hospital supplies, and safety needle & syringe devices.

### 351020

Health Care Providers & Services

35102010

Health Care Distributors

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Health Care Services

 Distributors and wholesalers of health care products not classified elsewhere.

Providers of patient health care services not classified elsewhere. Includes dialysis centers, lab testing services, and pharmacy management services. Also includes companies providing business support services to health care providers, such as clerical support services, collection agency services, staffing services and outsourced sales & marketing services.

### 35102020

**Health Care Facilities** 

35102030

Managed Health Care

 Owners and operators of health care facilities, including hospitals, nursing homes, rehabilitation centers and animal hospitals.

Owners and operators of Health Maintenance
 Organizations (HMOs) and other managed plans.

### 351030

Health Care Technology

**35101010** 

Health Care Technology  Companies providing information technology services primarily to health care providers. Includes companies providing application, systems and/or data processing software, internet- based tools, and IT consulting services to doctors, hospitals or businesses operating primarily in the Health Care Sector.



# PHARMACEUTICALS, BIOTECHNOLOGY & LIFE SCIENCES

### 352010



35201010

### **Biotechnology**

Biotechnology

Companies primarily engaged in the research, development, manufacturing and/or marketing of products based on genetic analysis and genetic engineering. Includes companies specializing in protein-based therapeutics to treat human diseases. Excludes companies manufacturing products using biotechnology but without a health care application.

### 352020



35202010

**Pharmaceuticals** 

Pharmaceuticals

### 352030



35203010

Life Sciences Tools
Tools & Services & Services

 Companies engaged in the research, development or production of pharmaceuticals. Includes veterinary drugs.

Companies enabling the drug discovery, development and production continuum by providing analytical tools, instruments, consumables & supplies, clinical trial services and contract research services. Includes firms primarily servicing the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries.



# **Financials**

# **BANKS**







**Diversified Banks** 



Large, geographically diverse banks with a national footprint whose revenues are derived primarily from conventional banking operations, have significant business activity in retail banking and small and medium corporate lending, and provide a diverse range of financial services. Excludes banks classified in the Regional Banks and Commercial & Residential Mortgage Finance Sub-Industries. Also excludes investment banks classified in the Investment Banking & Brokerage Sub-Industry.

### 40101015

Regional Banks

Commercial banks, savings banks and thrifts whose business are derived primarily from conventional banking operations such as retail banking, corporate lending and originating various residential and commercial mortgage loans funded mainly through deposits. Regional banks tend to operate in limited geographic regions. Excludes companies classified in the Diversified Banks and Commercial & Residential Mortgage Finance Sub-Industries. Also excludes investment banks classified in the Investment Banking & Brokerage Sub-Industry.

# **FINANCIAL SERVICES**

402010

**Financial** Services

40201020

**Diversified Financial** Services

Providers of a diverse range of financial services and/or with some interest in a wide range of financial services including banking, insurance and capital markets, but with no dominant business line. Excludes companies classified in the Regional Banks and Diversified Banks Sub-Industries.

### 40201030

**Multi-Sector Holdings** 

A company with significantly diversified holdings across three or more Sectors, none of which contributes a majority of profit and/or sales. Stakes held are predominantly of a non-controlling nature. Includes diversified financial companies where stakes held are of a controlling nature. Excludes other diversified companies classified in the Industrials Conglomerates Sub-Industry.



Specialized Finance

Providers of specialized financial services not classified elsewhere. Companies in this Sub-Industry derive a majority of revenue from one specialized line of business. Includes, but not limited to, commercial financing companies, central banks, leasing institutions, factoring services, and specialty boutiques. Excludes companies classified in the Financial Exchanges & Data Sub-Industry.

#### 40201050

Commercial & Residential Mortgage Finance Financial companies providing commercial and residential mortgage financing and related mortgage services. This Sub-Industry includes non-deposit funded mortgage lending institutions, building societies, companies providing real estate financing products, loan servicing, mortgage broker services, and mortgage insurance.

#### 40201060

Transaction & Payment Processing Services

Providers of transaction & payment processing services and related payment services including digital/mobile payment processors, payment service providers & gateways, and digital wallet providers.

#### 402020

Consumer Finance

#### **40202010**

Consumer Finance

Providers of consumer finance services, including personal credit, credit cards, lease financing, travel-related money services and pawn shops. Excludes mortgage lenders classified in the Commercial & Residential Mortgage Finance Sub-Industry.

#### 402030

Capital Markets

#### **40203010**

Asset Management & Custody Banks

Financial institutions primarily engaged in investment management and/or related custody and securities fee-based services. Includes companies operating mutual funds, closed- end funds and unit investment trusts. Excludes banks and other financial institutions primarily involved in commercial lending, investment banking, brokerage and other specialized financial activities.

#### 40203020

Investment Banking & Brokerage Financial institutions primarily engaged in investment banking & brokerage services, including equity and debt underwriting, mergers and acquisitions, securities lending and advisory services. Excludes banks and other financial institutions primarily involved in commercial lending, asset management and specialized financial activities.



Diversified Capital Markets Financial institutions primarily engaged in diversified capital markets activities, including a significant presence in at least two of the following area: large/major corporate lending, investment banking, brokerage and asset management.

Excludes less diversified companies classified in the Asset Management & Custody Banks or Investment Banking & Brokerage Sub-Industries.

Also excludes companies classified in the Banks or Insurance Industry Groups or the Consumer Finance Sub-Industry.

#### 40203040

Financial Exchanges & Data  Financial exchanges for securities, commodities, derivatives and other financial instruments, and providers of financial decision support tools and products including ratings agencies.

402040

Mortgage Real Estate Investment 40204010

Mortgage REITs

 Companies or Trusts that service, originate, purchase and/or securitize residential and/or commercial mortgage loans. Includes trusts that invest in mortgage-backed securities and other mortgage related assets.

## **INSURANCE**

403010 Insurance

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Insurance Brokers

Insurance and reinsurance brokerage firms.

#### 40301020

Life & Health Insurance  Companies providing primarily life, disability, indemnity or supplemental health insurance.
 Excludes managed care companies classified in the Managed Health Care Sub-Industry.

#### 40301030

Multi-line Insurance

• Insurance companies with diversified interests in life, health and property and casualty insurance.

#### 40301040

Property & Casualty Insurance

Companies providing primarily property and casualty insurance.

#### 40301050

Reinsurance

Companies providing primarily reinsurance.



# Information Technology **SOFTWARE & SERVICES**



#### 451020

#### **45102010**

#### **IT Services**

IT Consulting & Other Services

Providers of information technology and systems integration services not classified in the Data Processing & Outsourced Services Sub-Industry. Includes information technology consulting and information management services.

#### 45102030

Internet Services & Infrastructure

 Companies providing services and infrastructure for the internet industry including data centers and cloud networking and storage infrastructure. Also includes companies providing web hosting services. Excludes companies classified in the Software Industry.

### 451030 Software

#### 45103010

**Application Software** 

Companies engaged in developing and producing software designed for specialized applications for the business or consumer market. Includes enterprise and technical software as well as cloud-based software. Excludes companies classified in the Interactive Home Entertainment Sub-Industry. Excludes companies classified in the Home Entertainment Software Sub-Industry. Also excludes companies producing systems or database management software classified in the Systems Software Sub-Industry.

#### 45103020

Systems Software

 Companies engaged in developing and producing systems and database management software.

# **TECHNOLOGY HARDWARE & EQUIPMENT**

#### 452010

#### 45201020

Communications Equipment Communications Equipment Manufacturers of communication equipment and products, including LANs, WANs, routers, telephones, switchboards and exchanges.
Excludes cellular phone manufacturers classified in the Technology Hardware, Storage & Peripherals Sub-Industry.



Technology Hardware, Storage & Peripherals

#### 45202030

Technology Hardware, Storage & Peripherals Manufacturers of cellular phones, personal computers, servers, electronic computer components and peripherals. Includes data storage components, motherboards, audio and video cards, monitors, keyboards, printers, and other peripherals. Excludes semiconductors classified in the Semiconductors Sub-Industry.

#### 452030

Electronic
Equipment,
Instruments
&
Components

#### 45203010

Electronic Equipment & Instruments

#### 45203015

Electronic Components

#### 45203020

Electronic Manufacturing Services

#### 45203030

Technology Distributors Manufacturers of electronic equipment and instruments including analytical, electronic test and measurement instruments, scanner/barcode products, lasers, display screens, point-of-sales machines, and security system equipment.

Manufacturers of electronic components. Includes electronic components, connection devices, electron tubes, electronic capacitors and resistors, electronic coil, printed circuit board, transformer and other inductors, signal processing technology/components.

 Producers of electronic equipment mainly for the OEM (Original Equipment Manufacturers) markets.

Distributors of technology hardware and equipment. Includes distributors of communications equipment, computers & peripherals, semiconductors, and electronic equipment and components.

# SEMICONDUCTORS & SEMICONDUCTOR EQUIPMENT

#### 453010

Semiconductors

#### **45301010**

&
Semiconductor
Equipment

Semiconductor Materials & Equipment

#### 45301020

Semiconductors

Manufacturers of semiconductor equipment, including manufacturers of the raw material and equipment used in the solar power industry.

Manufacturers of semiconductors and related products, including manufacturers of solar modules and cells.



# **Communication Services**

# TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES



#### 501010

Diversified
Telecommunication
Services

#### **50101010**

**Alternative Carriers** 

#### 50101020

Integrated Telecommunication Services Providers of communications and high-density data transmission services primarily through a high bandwidth/fiber-optic cable network.

Operators of primarily fixed-line telecommunications networks and companies providing both wireless and fixed-line telecommunications services not classified elsewhere. Also includes internet service providers offering internet access to end users.

#### 501020

Wireless Telecommunication Services

#### **50102010**

Wireless Telecommunication Services Providers of primarily cellular or wireless telecommunication services.

## **MEDIA & ENTERTAINMENT**

#### 502010

Media

#### **50201010**

Advertising

#### 50201020

Broadcasting

Companies providing advertising, marketing or public relations services.

#### acasting

Owners and operators of television or radio broadcasting systems, including programming. Includes radio and television broadcasting, radio networks, and radio stations.

#### 50201030

Cable & Satellite

# Providers of cable or satellite television services. Includes cable networks and program distribution.

#### 50201040

**Publishing** 

#### Publishers of newspapers, magazines and books in print or electronic formats.



#### **Entertainment**



Movies & Entertainment

Companies that engage in producing and selling entertainment products and services, including companies engaged in the production, distribution and screening of movies and television shows, producers and distributors of music, entertainment theaters and sports teams. Also includes companies offering and/or producing entertainment content streamed online.

#### 50202020

Interactive Home Entertainment

Producers of interactive gaming products, including mobile gaming applications. Also includes educational software used primarily in the home. Excludes online gambling companies classified in the Casinos & Gaming Sub-Industry.

#### 502030

# Interactive Media & Services



#### 50203010

Interactive Media & Services

Companies engaging in content and information creation or distribution through proprietary platforms, where revenues are derived primarily through pay-per-click advertisements. Includes search engines, social media and networking platforms, online classifieds, and online review companies.

Specialists and/or Integrated Energy Merchants.

power. Also excludes electric transmission

companies and utility distribution companies classified in the Electric Utilities Sub-Industry.

Excludes producers of electricity using renewable

sources, such as solar power, hydropower, and wind



# **Utilities UTILITIES**

Power and

Renewable

**Electricity** 

**Producers** 



551010	55101010	•	Companies that produce or distribute electricity.
Electric Utilities	Electric Utilities		Includes both nuclear and non-nuclear facilities.
551020	55102010	-	Companies whose main charter is to distribute and
Gas Utilities	Gas Utilities		transmit natural and manufactured gas. Excludes companies primarily involved in gas exploration or production classified in the Oil & Gas Exploration & Production Sub-Industry. Also excludes companies engaged in the storage and/or transportation of oil, gas, and/or refined products classified in the Oil & Gas Storage & Transportation Sub-Industry.
551030	55103010	•	Utility companies with significantly diversified
Multi-Utilities	Multi-Utilities		activities in addition to core Electric Utility, Gas Utility and/or Water Utility operations.
551040	55104010	•	Companies that purchase and redistribute water to
Water Utilities	Water Utilities		the end- consumer. Includes large-scale water treatment systems.
551050	55105010	•	Companies that operate as Independent Power
Independent	Independent Power		Producers (IPPs), Gas & Power Marketing & Trading Specialists and/or Integrated Energy Merchants

**Producers & Energy** 

Traders



# **55105020** Renewable Electricity

Companies that engage in the generation and distribution of electricity using renewable sources, including, but not limited to, companies that produce electricity using biomass, geothermal energy, solar energy, hydropower, and wind power. Excludes companies manufacturing capital equipment used to generate electricity using renewable sources, such as manufacturers of solar power systems, installers of photovoltaic cells, and companies involved in the provision of technology, components, and services mainly to this market.



## Real Estate

# **EQUITY REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUSTS (REITs)**



#### 601010

#### **60101010**

#### **Diversified REITs**

**Diversified REITs** 

 A company or Trust with significantly diversified operations across two or more property types.

#### 601025

#### **60102510**

#### Industrial REITs

Industrial REITs

 Companies or Trusts engaged in the acquisition, development, ownership, leasing, management and operation of industrial properties. Includes companies operating industrial warehouses and distribution properties.

#### 601030

#### 60103010

# Hotel & Resort REITs

Hotel & Resort REITs  Companies or Trusts engaged in the acquisition, development, ownership, leasing, management and operation of hotel and resort properties.

#### 601040

#### 60104010

Office REITs

Office REITs

 Companies or Trusts engaged in the acquisition, development, ownership, leasing, management and operation of office properties.

#### 601050

#### **60105010**

**Health Care REITs** 

Health Care REITs

Companies or Trusts engaged in the acquisition, development, ownership, leasing, management and operation of properties serving the health care industry, including hospitals, nursing homes, and assisted living properties.

#### 601060

#### **60106010**

#### **Residential REITs**

Multi-Family Residential REITs  Companies or Trusts engaged in the acquisition, development, ownership, leasing, management and operation of apartments and other multi-family housing including student housing.

#### 60106020

Single-Family Residential REITs Companies or Trusts engaged in the acquisition, development, ownership, leasing, management and operation of single-family residential housing including manufactured homes.



**Retail REITs** 

#### **60107010**

Retail REITs

 Companies or Trusts engaged in the acquisition, development, ownership, leasing, management and operation of shopping malls, outlet malls, neighborhood and community shopping centers.

#### 601080

**Specialized REITs** 

#### **60108010**

Other Specialized REITs

- Companies or Trusts engaged in the acquisition, development, ownership, leasing, management and operation of properties not classified elsewhere. This Sub-Industry includes REITs that manage and own properties such as natural gas and crude oil pipelines, gas stations, fiber optic cables, prisons, automobile parking, and automobile dealerships.
- **60108020**

Self-Storage REITs

- Companies or Trusts engaged in the acquisition, development, ownership, leasing, management and operation of self storage properties.
- 60108030

Telecom Tower REITs

- Companies or Trusts engaged in the acquisition, development, ownership, leasing, management and operation of telecom towers and related structures that support wireless telecommunications.
- 60108040

Timber REITs

- Companies or Trusts engaged in the acquisition, development, ownership, leasing, management and operation of timberland and timber-related properties.
- **60108050**

**Data Center REITs** 

 Companies or Trusts engaged in the acquisition, development, ownership, leasing, management and operation of data center properties.

## REAL ESTATE MANAGEMENT & DEVELOPMENT

#### 602010

Real Estate Management & Development

#### 60201010

Diversified Real Estate Activities

# Companies engaged in a diverse spectrum of real estate activities including real estate development & sales, real estate management, or real estate services, but with no dominant business line.

#### 60201020

Real Estate Operating Companies

#### Companies engaged in operating real estate properties for the purpose of leasing & management.



Real Estate Development

#### 60102040

Real Estate Services

- Companies that develop real estate and sell the properties after development. Excludes companies classified in the Homebuilding Sub-Industry.
- Real estate service providers such as real estate agents, brokers & real estate appraisers.



#### **Section 8: MSCI Fixed Income Sector Classification Guidelines**

MSCI also leverages the Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS) to classify companies that have issued Fixed Income securities such as corporate bonds.

### 8.1 Fixed income universe eligible for classification

Corporates that have issued bonds are eligible for a classification.

Supranationals, Municipals and Sovereigns that have issued fixed income securities are currently not covered under this Methodology.

# 8.1.1 Classification of a company that has issued both equity and corporate bonds

Propagation of GICS from company level to security level

GICS is assigned at the company level and thus all securities, equities or corporate bonds, issued by the company will have the same GICS classification as the company.

MSCI leverages GICS assigned to a company that has issued equity securities and assigns the same GICS classification to the corporate bonds issued by the company.

#### **Example: GICS of a corporate bond issued by General Electric**

The corporate bond issued by General Electric will have the same GICS as assigned to General Electric.

GICS level	GICS code	GICS description
Sector	20	Industrials
Industry Group	2010	Capital Goods
Industry	201050	Industrial Conglomerates
Sub-Industry	20105010	Industrial Conglomerates



### 8.1.2 Classification of a company that has issued only corporate bonds

Each corporate bond issuer is assigned to a GICS Sub-Industry based on the GICS of its related listed entity, i.e., its parent company or ultimate parent company, as available in GICS Direct.

#### **Example: GICS of corporate bond issued by Coca-Cola Refreshments USA Inc.**

Coca-Cola Refreshments USA Inc.'s parent is Coca-Cola Co which is classified as "30201030 - Soft Drinks".

GICS of the corporate bond issued by Coca-Cola Refreshments USA Inc. will be:

GICS level	GICS code	GICS description
Sector	30	Consumer Staples
Industry Group	3020	Food, Beverage and Tobacco
Industry	302010	Beverages
Sub-Industry	30201030	Soft Drinks & Non-alcoholic Beverages

In cases where the related entities, i.e., its parent and ultimate parent company don't have GICS in GICS Direct, the corporate bond issuer will be classified based on its own or its related entities' underlying business using the GICS framework.

In addition, if the corporate bond issuer is a special purpose vehicle or a captive finance vehicle, it will be classified based on the business of its related entities as described in Section 3.



# 8.2 Source of information used for the GICS classification of fixed income

The primary source of information used to classify fixed income securities is the company's annual reports and accounts. Other sources include broker reports and other published research literature. In the case of a new issue, the classification will be determined based primarily on the description of the company's activities and pro forma results as given in the prospectus.

# 8.3 Maintenance of GICS for companies that have issued corporate bonds

### 8.3.1 Ongoing review

A company's Sub-Industry classification will be reviewed at least annually. It will also be reviewed when a significant corporate restructuring occurs. GICS reviews could also occur upon client request.

In order to provide a stable Sub-Industry classification, when reviewing a company's classification, changes will be minimized in the Sub-Industry classification to the extent possible by disregarding temporary fluctuations in the results of a company's different activities.

## 8.3.2 Impact of GICS structure review

All changes in the GICS Structure and definitions resulting from a Structure Review will be applicable to the classification of companies that have issued fixed income securities as well.



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