

S&P Investment Services: Contributing to Transparent, Efficient Financial Markets

Standard & Poor's Investment Services offers a spectrum of modular and integrated products and services that contribute to transparent, efficient markets and meet the specific needs of the global investment community. From value-added data and information to insightful analysis, research and models, information is delivered via client-integrated workflow platforms, specific applications, and data feeds that clients can customize to meet their specific distribution requirements.

Standard & Poor's Investment Services consists of four areas:

	Valuation & Risk Strategies	Capital IQ	S&P Indices	Equity Research Services
Description	Offers a broad suite of cross-asset risk analytics, market research services and data sets that are used by institutional investors for risk mitigation, cost control and alpha-generation.	Provides high-impact information, fundamental analysis, and workflow solutions to over 4,200 leading financial institutions, advisory firms, and corporations.	Offers investment professionals around the world an array of choices, from broad comprehensive benchmarks to liquid, investable indices.	Provides actionable, multi-asset class global research to wealth management institutions and financial advisors.
Example Products and Services	RatingsDirect® on the Global Credit Portal® Securities classifications and intrinsic valuations Market, credit, and risk strategies Credit risk and structured finance analysis	Capital IQ Platform Xpressfeed Compustat® ClariFI® Alphaworks	S&P 500® S&P/Case-Shiller® Home Price Indices* S&P GSCI® Commodities S&P Credit Default Swap U.S. Indices S&P/Experian Consumer Credit Default Indices S&P Global BMI S&P Index Data Platform S&P Custom Indices	MarketScope® Advisor Stock research and tools Fund management ratings Exchange-traded fund research and tools Mutual fund research and tools Portfolio tools

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Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS®)

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