

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 contributes to transparent, efficient markets and meets 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.

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

	Description	S&P Products and Services
Fixed Income Risk Management Services	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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ RatingsDirect® Global Credit Portal ▪ Securities classifications ▪ Market value opinions and intrinsic scenario valuations ▪ Market, Credit and Risk Strategies ▪ Credit risk and structured finance analysis
Financial Data & Analytics	Provides comprehensive fundamental and quantitative research solutions to over 2,700 investment managers, investment banks, private equity funds, advisory firms, and corporations worldwide.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Capital IQ Platform ▪ Capital IQ Data Feeds ▪ ClariFI® ▪ Compustat® ▪ SystematIQ Research™ ▪ Money Market Directories
Index Services	Offers investment professionals around the world an array of choices—from efficiently representative indices to broadly comprehensive benchmarks.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ S&P 500 ▪ S&P Global 1200 ▪ S&P/Case-Shiller® Home Price Indices ▪ S&P GSCI ▪ S&P/LSTA U.S. Leveraged Loan 100 ▪ Index data ▪ Custom indices
Equity Research Services	Provides actionable, multi-asset class global research to wealth management institutions and financial advisors.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ MarketScope® Advisor ▪ Stock research and tools ▪ Fund Management Ratings ▪ Exchange-traded fund research and tools ▪ Mutual fund research and tools ▪ Portfolio tools

Creating a Global Standard

Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS®)

GICS® is an enhanced industry classification system that was jointly developed by Standard & Poor's and MSCI Barra in 1999 in response to the global financial community's need for one complete, consistent set of global sector and industry definitions. GICS® has become a standard that is widely recognized by market participants worldwide. It sets a foundation for the creation of replicable, custom-tailored portfolios and enables meaningful comparisons of sectors and industries globally. More than 38,500 companies worldwide are classified in accordance with GICS®, with each company classified at the sub-industry level.

