

# IYM

## iShares U.S. Basic Materials ETF

### Analyst Report

This ETF offers exposure to the U.S. materials sector, a corner of the domestic economy that includes companies engaged in the extraction and production of various natural resources (and therefore potentially useful as a means of establishing "indirect" commodity exposure through commodity-intensive companies). Given the targeted nature of the underlying benchmark, IYM probably isn't very useful for those building a long-term portfolio; it will be more useful as a means of establishing a tactical tilt towards the materials sector or as part of a sector rotation strategy. Investors seeking more targeted exposure to companies engaged in the production of a certain type of raw material likely have a more granular ETF available to them; the Commodity Producers Equities ETFdb Category includes dozens of resource-specific funds, ranging from agribusiness to gold to timber. With regards to the underlying portfolio, it should be noted that while IYM includes about 70 individual stocks, a small handful account for a significant chunk of assets--a characteristic common among ETFs focused on this sector. Investors looking for better balance among materials stocks may prefer the equal-weighted RTM. The biggest drawback of IYM is the hefty price tag; investors can achieve generally similar exposure through FBM or XLB, both of which are considerably cheaper (and FBM may be eligible for commission-free trading in Scottrade accounts).

### ESG Themes and Scores

6.55/10

ESG Rate

50.01%

Global Percentile

70.0%

Peer Percentile

### Performance Data

	IYM	ETF Database Category Average	Factset Segment Average
1 Month	5.32%	6.41%	3.57%
3 Month	8.15%	13.22%	7.21%
YTD Return	10.94%	16.58%	8.62%
1 Year Return	23.15%	30.43%	18.97%
3 Year Return	8.32%	5.64%	6.23%
5 Year Return	12.48%	9.17%	10.56%

### Top 5 Holdings

Symbol	Holding	% Assets
LIN	Linde plc	21.40%
FCX	Freeport-McMoRan, Inc.	8.39%
APD	Air Products and Chemicals, Inc.	7.50%
ECL	Ecolab Inc.	7.21%
NEM	Newmont Corporation	4.52%

### Vitals

Issuer	BlackRock, Inc.
Brand	iShares
Structure	ETF
Expense Ratio	0.39%
Inception	Jun 12, 2000
Index Tracked	Russell 1000 Basic Materials RIC 22.5/45 Capped Index

### ETF Database Themes

Category	Materials
Asset Class	Equity
Asset Class Size	Large-Cap
Asset Class Style	Blend
Region (General)	Developed Markets
Region (Specific)	Broad

### FactSet Classifications

Segment	Equity: U.S. Materials
Category	Sector
Focus	Materials
Niche	Broad-based
Strategy	Vanilla
Weighting Scheme	Market Cap

