

XLB

Materials Select Sector SPDR Fund

Analyst Report

This ETF is one of several funds offering exposure to the U.S. materials sector, a corner of the market that may be appealing for investors looking to gain indirect exposure to commodity prices through the stocks of companies engaged in the extraction or production of natural resources. Because the materials sector often accounts for a small portion of broad-based benchmarks, XLB may be a useful tool for long-term investors looking for more balanced exposure to the U.S. equity market. It can also be handy for those looking to implement a shorter-term tilt towards the materials sector. Like most Sector SPDRs, XLB's appeal lies in its cost efficiency and liquidity; it is among the cheapest funds in the Materials ETFdb Category, and has a higher average daily volume than any comparable fund. XLB is, however, somewhat concentrated; it has far fewer holdings than funds such as VAW, and allocations to the biggest components are significant. The equal-weighted RTM may have some appeal to those seeking more balanced representation of the materials sector, while IRV could be appealing as an international option.

ESG Themes and Scores

6.92/10

ESG Rate

66.8%

Global Percentile

80.95%

Peer Percentile

Performance Data

	XLB	ETF Database Category Average	Factset Segment Average
1 Month	0.36%	-3.34%	1.71%
3 Month	1.69%	1.49%	2.85%
YTD Return	11.66%	10.97%	8.14%
1 Year Return	18.48%	16.68%	15.65%
3 Year Return	5.10%	2.37%	4.34%
5 Year Return	11.71%	8.13%	9.69%

Top 5 Holdings

Symbol	Holding	% Assets
LIN	Linde plc	17.20%
SHW	Sherwin-Williams Company	7.21%
APD	Air Products and Chemicals, Inc.	5.83%
CTVA	Corteva Inc	4.91%
ECL	Ecolab Inc.	4.91%

Vitals

Issuer	State Street
Brand	SPDR
Structure	ETF
Expense Ratio	0.09%
Inception	Dec 16, 1998
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ETF Database Themes

Category	Materials
Asset Class	Equity
Asset Class Size	Large-Cap
Asset Class Style	Blend
Region (General)	North America
Region (Specific)	U.S.

FactSet Classifications

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

