

Glossary: Sector Classifications

Agriculture

Animal husbandry	Companies that rear livestock or poultry with the intention of selling them to producers of meat, dairy and other animal related products.
Crop cultivation	Companies that grow crops and plants for sale to food and other products (for example tobacco for sale to cigarette manufacturers). Includes seed producers.
Fishing	Companies that catch fish and other sea creatures (for example lobsters and crabs) for sale to food producers and retailers.
Forestry	Companies that fell trees to manufacture timber and related wood products for sale to the construction industry and manufacturers of paper and furniture.

Business services

Computer services

Data processing	Companies that provide data storage and protection, back-up and disaster recovery services.
Hardware maintenance	Companies that repair, maintain and upgrade the computer hardware of companies.
IT consulting	Companies that provide advice and assistance on implementing, maintaining and upgrading a company's IT system.
IT training	Companies that provide training and specific courses related to IT.

Services (other)

Business support services	Companies providing any service supporting a business that does not fall into any of the other sub industries. Examples include recruitment, teaching/training, cleaning, office management, food services, information providers, and document management services.
Consulting services (excl. IT consulting)	Companies providing non IT consultancy/advisory services. Examples include strategic, management, marketing and environmental consultants and accounting and law firms.
Distributors	Distributors of any product, as long as their main business is the distribution itself.
Educational and Training Services	Companies providing any educational and training services. Examples include educational publishing, colleges/schools, educational software, online educational programs and games.
Engineering services	Companies providing mechanical engineering advice. Companies providing structural engineering advice are included in the 'Construction Services' sub-sector of the 'Construction' industry.
Importers and wholesalers	Companies that purchase product from overseas for resell domestically and companies that purchase from manufacturers for sale to retailers/other businesses. Examples include import agencies and cash and carry stores.
Other Services	Companies providing any service not classified in any of the other sub-industries. Examples include companies providing consumer services,

Construction

Aggregates	Companies that own and operate quarries to procure aggregates such as sand, gravel, and stones for use by manufacturers of products such as concrete and roads.
Building suppliers (trade)/DIY	Distributors of building tools, materials, equipment and accessories to building contractors. Includes builders, merchants and wholesale do-it-yourself (DIY) stores. Excludes manufacturers of hardware and plumbing supplies who are included in the 'Hardware and Plumbing Supplies' sub-sector of the 'Manufacturing Other' industry.
Cement	Manufacturers of cement.
Concrete	Manufacturers of concrete and ready-mixed concrete.
Construction services	Companies that provide construction related services such as designing, planning and managing construction projects. Includes architects, surveyors and engineers providing structural advice. Excludes engineers providing mechanical advice who are included in the 'Engineering Services' sub-sector of the 'Services (Other)' industry.
Glass	Manufactures/processes/distributes glass and related products for buildings.
Heavy construction	Companies that engage primarily in large scale, non-residential construction, for example the construction of civil infrastructure, such as bridges, roads and motorways, and industrial plants and buildings.
Manufacture of pre fabricated buildings and systems	Companies that manufacture prefabricated (factory built) buildings. These comprise all buildings that are pre-manufactured either in sections, complete units or in components for "on-site" erection. Examples include garden sheds, conservatories, garages, farm buildings, greenhouses and swimming pool enclosures.
Other heavyside materials	Manufacturers/distributors of 'heavy' construction materials, for example pre cast concrete supports and structures, drainage pipes, timber, bricks and roofing tiles.
Other lightside materials	Manufacturers/distributors of 'light' construction materials. Examples include internal fittings and materials for bathrooms, kitchens, heating and plumbing.
Plastics	Manufacturers of plastics and related products for use in the construction industry. Examples include plastic tubes and pipes, insulating materials, structural panels, profiles for windows and doors, flooring materials and wall linings.
PVC Windows	Companies that design and produce PVC windows and door systems for applications such as windows, doors, roller shutters, and suspended ceilings.
Residential builders	Companies that build residential accommodation such as houses, apartment blocks and hotels.

Consumer

Consumer: Other (Manufacture and supply of consumer products)

Beer	Owners and operators of breweries.
Bottling/canning	Bottlers and canners of consumer foods/drinks.
Clothes	Manufacturers/distributors of clothes and related accessories, including footwear.
Household electrical appliances	Manufacturers/distributors of household electrical appliances such as kitchen appliances, TV/video/audio equipment, cleaning appliances, and garden/DIY tools.
Household products	Producers/distributors of durable household products, such as cutlery, cookware, glassware, crystal, silverware, utensils and kitchenware; non-durable household products, including detergents, soaps, diapers and other tissue and household paper products; and home furnishings, including upholstery, carpets and wall coverings. Excludes manufacturers of furniture who are included in the 'Office and Household Furniture' sub-sector of the 'Manufacturing (Other)' industry.
Luxury goods	Manufacturers/distributors of luxury goods such as designer handbags, wallets, luggage, jewelry and watches.
Manufacture and supply of other consumer products	Manufactures/distributors of other consumer products which are not classifiable in the other sub-sectors of the 'Consumer: Other' industry. Examples include bicycles, sports equipment, and photographic equipment.
Personal care	Manufacturers/distributors of personal and beauty care products, including perfume, skin care and cosmetics.
Soft beverages	Manufacturers of non-alcoholic beverages, for example carbonated/non-carbonated drinks and fruit juices.
Tobacco	Manufacturers/distributors of tobacco products such as cigarettes, cigars, and snuff.
Toys	Manufacturers/distributors of toys.
Wine / spirits	Companies that own and operate vineyards and distilleries.

Consumer: Retail (Retailing of consumer products and services)

Apparel	Companies that mainly retail apparel and accessories.
Building materials/DIY/Garden	Retailers of home and garden improvement related products. Includes stores offering building materials and supplies.
Pharmacies/health	Retailers of pharmaceutical, personal care and health products. Examples include pharmacies, health food, alternative medicine and optical goods stores.
Department stores	Owners and operators of multi-department stores.
Electrical appliances	Retailers of all kinds of consumer electrical equipment and appliances: audio/visual, household products, garden/household tools, entertainment products, personal computers etc.
Furniture	Retailers of all kinds of furniture: sofas, chairs, tables, desks, bookcases, general household and office furniture
Lifestyle including sports/music/books etc	Retailers of lifestyle products. Includes entertainment, book, and sports/leisure stores.
Other retailing of consumer products and services	Retailers of products and services which are not classifiable in the other sub-sectors of the 'Consumer: Retail' industry.
Supermarkets	Full service retailers of food, household products and other general merchandise on a 'super' scale.
Vehicles	Automotive dealerships

Consumer: foods (manufacturing)

Agri processing / cereals	Companies that process agricultural commodities to produce food products such as breakfast cereals, flour, animal feed, pasta, malt, salad dressing, and sunflower oil.
Baby food	Companies that manufacture food for babies.
Baked goods	Manufacturers of baked, flour based products such as bread, cakes, cookies, pastries and pies.
Dairy products	Manufacturers of butter, cheese, yoghurt, condensed, concentrated and evaporated milk, milk powder, and other dairy products.
Fish / meat / poultry	Companies that manufacture meat/poultry/ fish products. Includes eggs.
Food ingredients	Manufacturers of food ingredients that are available on the supermarket shelf such as herbs and spices, baking powder and icing sugar.
Food-others	Companies that manufacture foods which are not classifiable in the other sub-sectors of the 'Consumer: foods' industry.
Fresh produce	Companies that grow fruits and vegetables
Frozen and chilled foods	Companies that manufacture and process frozen/chilled foods such as frozen pastries, desserts, meals, seafood/fish, finger food and vegetables.
Sugar and confectionery	Manufacturers of candy, chocolate, and sugary snacks.

Defence

Armored vehicles etc	Manufacturers of armored fighting vehicles such as tanks, armored cars, and security vans
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Defense aircraft and parts manufacture	Manufacturers of military aircraft and helicopters, and parts associated with these.
Missiles and guidance systems	Manufacturers of missiles and guidance systems.
Other ordnance	Manufacturers of any defence products which are not classifiable in the other sub sectors of the 'Defense' industry.
Small arms manufacturing	Manufacturers of small arms and light weapons such as handguns, ammunition, grenades, machine guns, rifles, and other hand held weapons.

Energy, mining and utilities

Energy

Alternative energy	Companies that produce energy from sources other than traditional fossil fuels. Examples include solar, wind, hydro and nuclear energy.
Coal related	Owners and operators of coal-fired power stations
Electrical power generation	Companies that generate electrical power
Electrical power transmission	Companies that transmit/distribute electrical power.
Energy conservation related	Companies that employ energy-saving products/methods

Mining

Metal ore	Companies mining for metal ore such as gold, silver, copper, nickel and zinc.
Non-metallic ores	Companies mining for non-metallic minerals such as coal, salt, stones, gypsum, and talc.
Other mining activities	Companies mining for anything not classified in the 'Metal Ore' and 'Non Metallic Ore' sub-industries.

Utilities (other)

Integrated utilities	Companies involved in diversified activities in the electricity, water and gas utilities sub industries.
Others	Companies providing utility services that aren't classifiable in the other sub sectors of the Utilities (Other) industry. Includes, for example, distributors of natural and manufactured gas.
Water, sewage and other systems	Companies that purchase and redistribute water to the end consumer. Includes water purification systems and water treatment companies

Oil & gas

Oil and gas exploration and production	Companies that engage in the exploration and production of oil and gas.
Exploration and drilling services and equipment	Companies that manufacture equipment for and provide exploration and drilling services to the oil and gas industry. May include pipelines.

Financial services

Banking	Commercial savings & loans and mortgage banks. Excludes investment banks classified in the 'Investment Banking' sub-industry.
Fund management	Companies engaged in the management of assets on behalf of institutional and retail clients.
Insurance related	Insurance and reinsurance companies
Investment banking	Investment banks (providers of a range of financial services, including acting as underwriters for the issue of securities, advising on M&A transactions, and debt structuring advice)
Investment broking	Companies that broker investment products, for example investment trusts, managed funds and life insurance policies.
Principal finance	Companies that specialize in originating, arranging and financing investments in/acquisitions of assets/businesses from their own balance sheet.
Rental and leasing	Companies that hire/rent any kind of product/service
Venture capital/Private Equity	Companies that specialize in originating, arranging and financing investments in/acquisitions of assets/businesses principally using 3rd party funds.

Industrials and chemicals

Automotive

Automotive components	Manufacturers/distributors of parts and accessories, including tires and rubber, for cars, trucks, motorcycles, scooters and other three wheelers.
Vehicle manufacturing	Manufacturers of passenger vehicles, light and heavy duty trucks, motorcycles, scooters and other three wheelers, and earthmoving and construction vehicles. Excludes bicycles classified in the "Manufacture and Supply of Other Consumer Products" sub-sector of the "Consumer: Other" industry and armored vehicles classified in the "Armored Vehicles" sub-sector of the "Defense" industry.

Chemical and materials

Agrochemicals	Producers of fertilisers, pesticides, insecticides and other agriculture-related chemicals.
Commodities (non-petrochemical)	Producers of basic chemicals that can be used for a wide variety of applications and which don't fall into any of the other chemical sub-industries. Examples include, but are not limited to, salt, fluorochemicals and acids. Excludes basic petrochemicals, which are classified in the "Petrochemicals-Base" sub sector.
Construction chemicals	Producers of chemicals used in the construction industry. Examples include chemical grouts, sealants, waterproofing products, floor/wall/ceiling coatings, and adhesives.
Cosmetic/care chemicals	Manufacturers of chemicals used to produce cosmetics and personal care products as well as household cleaning products. Examples include aroma chemicals, specialty fats, oils, waxes, emollients, fatty alcohols, and exfoliating agents.
Fine chemicals - other	Manufacturers of fine chemicals (defined as chemical intermediates which are used to manufacture other chemical products) for use in industries other than the pharmaceutical industry, for example the photographic, electronics and aerospace industries.
Fine chemicals - pharmaceuticals	Manufacturers of fine chemicals (defined as chemical intermediates which are used to manufacture other chemical products) for use by the pharmaceutical industry in the production of drugs and medicines.
Flavours and fragrances	Producers of fragrance and flavour chemicals used primarily by the personal care industry to manufacture products such as perfumes, cosmetics and toiletries and by the food, drinks, pharmaceuticals and tobacco industries. Examples include perfume oils, aroma chemicals, esters and beverage compounds.
Food additives/ingredients	Manufacturers of chemicals used as additives and ingredients by food and drink manufacturers. Examples include sweeteners, colorings, preservatives, flavorings, antioxidants, emulsifiers, and starches.
Industrial gases	Companies that produce industrial gases, such as oxygen, hydrogen and nitrogen, in various states for use by manufacturers in most industries.
Inorganic chemicals	Manufacturers of chemicals without carbon; mainly the production of oxides.
Paints and chemicals	Manufacturers of paints, varnishes, creosote, lacquers and any industrial coatings.
Petrochemicals - base	Companies that produce chemicals directly from petrol/natural gas, such as ethylene, propylene, acetone and styrene.
Petrochemicals - derivatives	Companies that manufacture materials derived from petrochemicals, such as polystyrene, PVC, acetates, polypropylene, polyethylene, plastics, lubricants, acrylics and nylon.
Specialties - intermediates	Manufacturers of chemicals that have been produced for a specialized purpose which will be used to manufacture other chemical products. Examples include colorants, additives and fibers.
Specialties - other	Manufacturers of chemicals that have been produced for a specialized purpose and which don't fit into any of the other chemical sub-industries. Examples include absorbents, adhesives, ceramics, catalysts, biocides, enzymes, electronic chemicals, leather chemicals, non-woven, polymers, water treatment chemicals, paper chemicals, resins, textiles and surfactants.

Industrial automation

Industrial measurement and sensing equipment	Manufacturers/distributors of equipment used for sensing and measuring that are an integral part of the industrial process. Examples include calibration equipment, environmental sensors, speciality testing equipment, and weighing apparatus.
Machine vision systems	Manufacturers/distributors of machine vision systems (hardware and software) which replace human vision in industrial applications. Examples include systems that automatically identify products, inspect them for defects, measure their part dimensions, and guide robotic production equipment.
Numeric and computerized control of machine tools	Manufacturers/distributors of computer numerical controlled (CNC) machine tools which automate industrial processes such as cutting, boring and drilling. Examples include vertical machining centers (VMCs), horizontal machining centers (HMCs), CNC lathes and rotary tables.
Process control equipment	Manufacturers/distributors of process control equipment: instruments used for the physical control of industrial process variables such as temperature, pressure and flow. Examples include valves. Companies involved with process control equipment are also often producers/distributors of industrial measurement and sensing equipment and therefore may also fall into the 'Industrial Measurement and Sensing Equipment' sub-sector.
Robotics	Manufacturers/distributors of robots and related equipment. A robot generally consists of mechanics, electronics, software and hardware.

Industrial products and services

Aerospace	Manufacturers/distributors of commercial airplanes and related parts and equipment
Aluminium raw material production	Companies that produce aluminium and related products from bauxite and aluminium oxide through a process of smelting, electrolysis and casting. Includes companies that recycle aluminium to produce finished or semi-finished products. Excludes companies that mine bauxite or process aluminium oxide. These are included in the 'Metal Ore' sub sector of the 'Mining' industry.

Industrial equipment and machinery	Manufacturers/distributors of industrial equipment and machinery. Includes companies that manufacture machines, presses, compressors, elevators, escalators and other 'heavy' metal fabrications for industrial use. Does not include equipment comprising the various subsectors of the 'Industrial: Automation' and 'Industrial: Electronics' industries.
Industrial services	Companies that provide services to manufacturing industries, for example repair and maintenance, installation of equipment, sub contracting and cleaning.
Iron and steel raw material production	Companies that produce iron and steel and related products from iron ore. Excludes companies that mine the iron ore. These are included in the 'Metal Ore' sub-sector of the 'Mining' industry.
Other metal products	Companies that produce any metal that isn't iron, steel or aluminium. Excludes companies that mine the ores used to make the metals.
Pollution and recycling related	Companies that provide waste disposal/management services, and air, water and noise pollution products/services.
Pumps and compressors	Manufacturers/distributors of air or gas compressors, liquid pumps and pumping machines.
Rail stock and parts	Companies that manufacture and rebuild locomotives and railroad cars, including frames and parts such as wheels, engines and brakes. Also includes companies that manufacture/distribute rail infrastructure such as track, track/signal equipment, gauges, buffers and switches.
Refrigeration equipment	Manufacturers/distributors of industrial refrigeration equipment such as fridges, freezers, and walk-in coolers.
Security and safety	Companies that manufacture/distribute security and safety products such as fire protection/detection equipment, and burglar alarms; and provide security services such as security guards.
Ship building and parts	Manufacturers/distributors of marine vessels and any related parts and equipment
Ventilation / Heating / Air conditioning	Manufacturers/distributors of industrial air filtration/ heating/ air conditioning systems and products.

Manufacturing (other)

Business products	Manufacturers of office products such as stationery, presentation equipment, photocopiers and fax machines. Excludes office furniture which is included in the 'Office and Household Furniture' sub-industry.
Hardware and plumbing supplies	Manufacturers of hardware and plumbing supplies, such as screws, screwdrivers, faucets, washers, pipes and fittings.
Office and household furniture	Manufacturers of office and household furniture, such as desks, tables, chairs, bookcases, dressers and beds.
Packaging products and systems	Manufacturers of metal, glass, plastic, cardboard or plastic containers. Includes corks and caps.
Printing and binding	Companies that engage in any form of printing, including printing into surfaces other than paper; and companies engaged in binding mainly documents/books/magazines.
Pulp and paper	Manufacturers of wood pulp and paper. Includes the manufacture of bulk paper from any fibre, and the production of pulp from recycled paper.
Textiles	Manufacturers of yarn, thread, braids, twine and cordage and manufacturers of woven, non-woven and knitted fabrics, carpets and rugs and other textile products. Includes sewing related equipment.

Leisure

Accommodation	Owners and operators of hotels, guesthouses, motels, resorts and cruise ships.
Other entertainment	Companies that provide any form of entertainment other than those that fall in the 'Accommodation' and 'Restaurants/Pubs' sub industries. Includes, for example, sport and fitness centres, cinemas, nightclubs, bowling alleys, sports teams, theme parks, and casinos and gaming machines.
Restaurants/Pubs	Owners and operators of bars, cafes, restaurants, and fast food outlets.
Travel / Holidays / tour operators	Companies that provide travel agency services such as transport and/or accommodation bookings and tour wholesaling or retailing. Includes tour operators.

Pharma, medical and biotech

Biotechnology

Agricultural/animal biotechnology	Companies that develop genetically modified crops and animals for sale to farmers.
Biotechnology production equipment	Manufacturers/distributors of the equipment needed for biotechnology procedures.
Biotechnology related research	Companies that research and develop commercial products from the genetic manipulation of plants and animals, for example pharmaceuticals and medicines.
Industrial biotechnology	Companies that use biotechnological techniques to develop products that improve the efficiency and reduce the environmental impacts of industrial processes, for example the development of biocatalysts to reduce unwanted by-products.

Medical

Handicap aids and basic healthcare supplies	Manufacturers of products that assist the physically impaired with day to day living, such as prosthetics, hearing aids, crutches, wheelchairs, walking sticks, reading glasses, and dental braces; and manufacturers of basic healthcare supplies, such as first-aid kits and related items.
Health institutions	Owners and operators of non-hospital institutions such as nursing homes, and rehabilitation, retirement and psychiatric centres. Institutions providing diagnostic, medical or surgical services are included in the 'Hospital Management' sub-industry.
Hospital management	Companies mainly engaged in providing hospital facilities such as diagnostic medical or surgical services as well as continuous in-patient nursing care.
Medical equipment and services	Companies that manufacture medical equipment and devices, for example ventilators, cardiac equipment, X-ray machines, catheters and stethoscopes; and companies that provide medical services such as equipment maintenance and ambulances.

Medical: Pharmaceuticals

Drug development	Companies engaged in researching and developing new drugs.
Drug manufacture	Companies engaged in manufacturing drugs
Drug supply	Companies engaged in supplying drugs

Real estate

Real estate	Companies engaged in property ownership and/or development and/or management. Includes real estate agents.
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Computer software (includes manufacturers, resellers and distributors)

Application software products	Manufacturers/distributors/resellers of application software (software designed for specific applications for the business and consumer market). Examples include financial, publishing, database/document management, communications, engineering/design, and entertainment software.
Operating systems and systems related software	Manufacturers/distributors/resellers of operating systems software (software which enables the application programs on a computer to operate) and systems related software. Examples include Windows, Unix, and Linux.
Software development	Companies that design and develop new forms of software
Systems integration	Companies that specialize in integrating different operating systems, or developing products which allow this integration.

Computer: Hardware (includes manufacturers, resellers and distributors of component hardware)

Computer mainframes	Manufacturers/distributors/resellers of computer mainframes, 'supercomputers', and servers.
Computer peripherals	Manufacturers/distributors/resellers of computer peripherals such as mice, keyboards, monitors, modems and printers.
Laptops	Manufacturers/distributors/resellers of laptops, portable computers and personal computers
Minicomputers	Manufacturers/distributors/resellers of minicomputers
Optical scanning equipment	Manufacturers/distributors/resellers of equipment which uses light to scan images. Examples include digital photo copiers, fax machines and scanners.
PDA/hand held devices	Manufacturers/distributors/resellers of hand held digital and electronic devices such as Palm Pilots, electronic organizers and hand-held computers.
Voice synthesis/recognition equipment	Manufacturers/distributors/resellers of hardware technologies that enable speech recognition and/or speech synthesis, for example voice recognition based security systems.

Computer: semiconductors

Electronic components	Companies that manufacture the electronic components of a computer such as transistors, relays, switches, circuit boards, quartz crystals, liquid crystal display, LED's, and diodes.
Semiconductor fabrication equipment	Companies that manufacture the equipment necessary to make semiconductors.
Semiconductors	Companies that manufacture semiconductors.

Media

Advertising	Companies that provide advertising, marketing or public relations services.
Media houses	Companies involved in multimedia activities. Includes companies that produce and distribute movies, television shows and music.
Publishing	Companies that publish newspapers, books and magazines in print or electronic formats.
Radio broadcast	Companies engaged in radio programming and broadcasting.
TV broadcast	Companies engaged in television programming and broadcasting

Telecommunications: Carriers

Cable telecom carriers	Operators of cable transmission services such as cable television, and internet access.
Fixed line telecom carriers	Operators of primarily fixed-line telecommunications networks
Mobile / satellite telecoms carriers	Operators of wireless and satellite telecommunications networks.

Telecommunications: Hardware

Cable equipment	Manufacturers of telecommunications cables and related products including copper cables, optical fiber cables, optical fibers, and accessories for cable production.
Mobile/satellite network equipment	Companies that manufacture and market wireless telecommunications equipment and infrastructure, such as wireless systems and networks; and companies that manufacture and market satellite products and equipment and satellite-based search and navigation equipment.
Voice and data communication equipment	Manufacturers of voice and data communication equipment such as handsets, switchboards, modems and transmission equipment.

Transportation

Airlines	Companies providing primarily passenger transportation by air.
Airports	Operators/managers of airports and companies providing related services.
Buses	Companies providing primarily passenger transportation by bus/coach.
Freight and other transportation services	Companies providing transportation services not classifiable in any of the other sub-sectors of the 'Transportation' industry, for example water transportation, taxi firms, and logistics companies.
Mail and package shipment	Companies providing mail and package delivery services by ship/air/rail.
Railways	Companies providing goods and passenger transportation by rail.