

US Market Sector Analysis

The 11 Industry Sectors of the US Market

The Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS), developed by MSCI and S&P Dow Jones Indices, categorizes the US stock market into 11 primary sectors. These sectors are designed to group companies with similar business activities, allowing investors and analysts to evaluate performance and trends at a granular level.

The 11 GICS sectors are: Information Technology, Health Care, Financials, Consumer Discretionary, Communication Services, Industrials, Consumer Staples, Energy, Utilities, Real Estate, and Materials.

Most Important Financial Metrics by Sector

Sector	Key Metrics	Why These Metrics Matter
Information Technology	PE Ratio, ROE	Technology companies often exhibit rapid growth and high valuations. The PE ratio helps assess whether their earnings justify their price. ROE is crucial because it indicates how effectively a tech firm uses shareholders' equity to generate profits, reflecting management's value creation ability.
Health Care	ROE, ROA	Health care companies invest heavily in R&D and have long product cycles. ROE captures shareholder value creation, while ROA measures how efficiently assets are used—especially important in capital-intensive drug development and biotech sectors.
Financials	ROE, Debt-to-Equity	Financial institutions generate profits from asset and liability management. ROE measures profitability from equity investments. Debt-to-equity is key for evaluating financial

		leverage, a critical risk indicator in banking and insurance.
Consumer Discretionary	PE, ROA	These firms depend on consumer spending and have volatile revenues. PE assesses market sentiment and earnings strength, while ROA gauges operational efficiency and asset utilization in competitive industries.
Communication Services	EBITDA, PE	These companies often require large upfront infrastructure investment. EBITDA reflects operational profitability before financing or tax impacts. PE adds a valuation lens relevant to monetization models in telecom and media.
Industrials	ROE, Debt-to-Equity	Efficiency in capital deployment is key in this sector with cyclical demand. ROE tracks return generation from equity while debt-to-equity highlights how companies finance capital-intensive operations.
Consumer Staples	Dividend Yield, ROA	These firms generate steady cash flows due to inelastic demand. Dividend yield is critical for income-focused investors. ROA measures how effectively firms convert assets into earnings in this low-margin sector.
Energy	ROA, Debt-to-Equity	Given the sector's exposure to commodity cycles and high capital costs, ROA helps track efficiency of asset utilization. Debt-to-equity

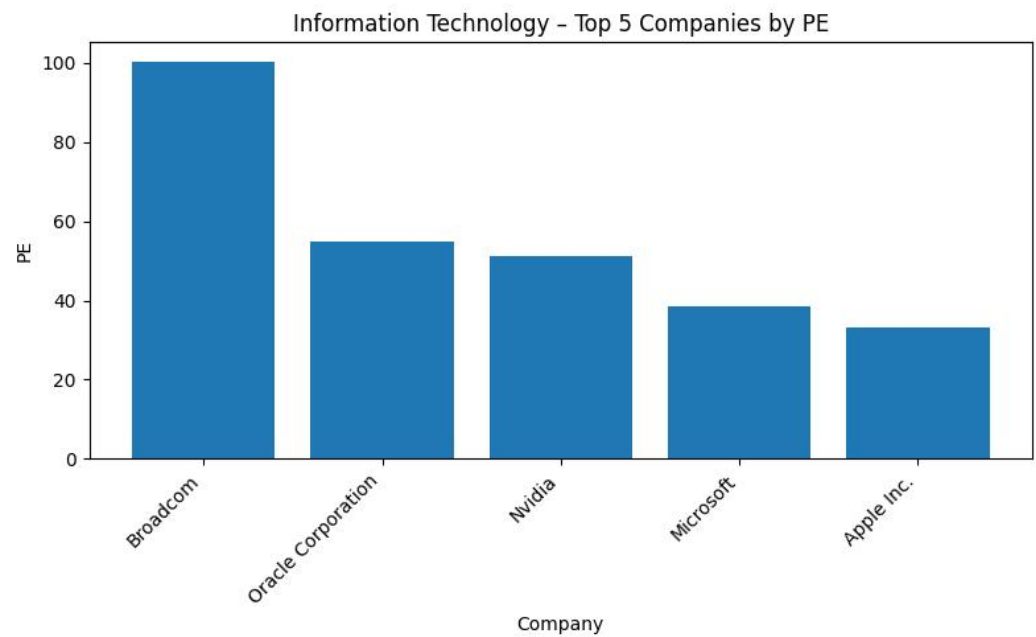
		reflects financial risk from large infrastructure investments and volatile cash flows.
Utilities	Dividend Yield, Debt-to-Equity	Utilities are stable, regulated industries valued for consistent dividends. Dividend yield indicates income potential. Due to heavy capital spending, debt-to-equity is essential to assess long-term solvency.
Real Estate	PE, Debt-to-Equity	REITs and real estate firms generate steady rental income. While Funds From Operations (FFO) is ideal, PE serves as a widely accessible proxy for valuation. Debt-to-equity reveals financing structure—a key concern in a sector driven by debt-financed asset acquisition.
Materials	PE, ROA	This sector is closely tied to global demand and raw material costs. PE indicates valuation amid volatile earnings. ROA measures how well firms manage resources in production-heavy, commodity-based businesses.

Source of Data

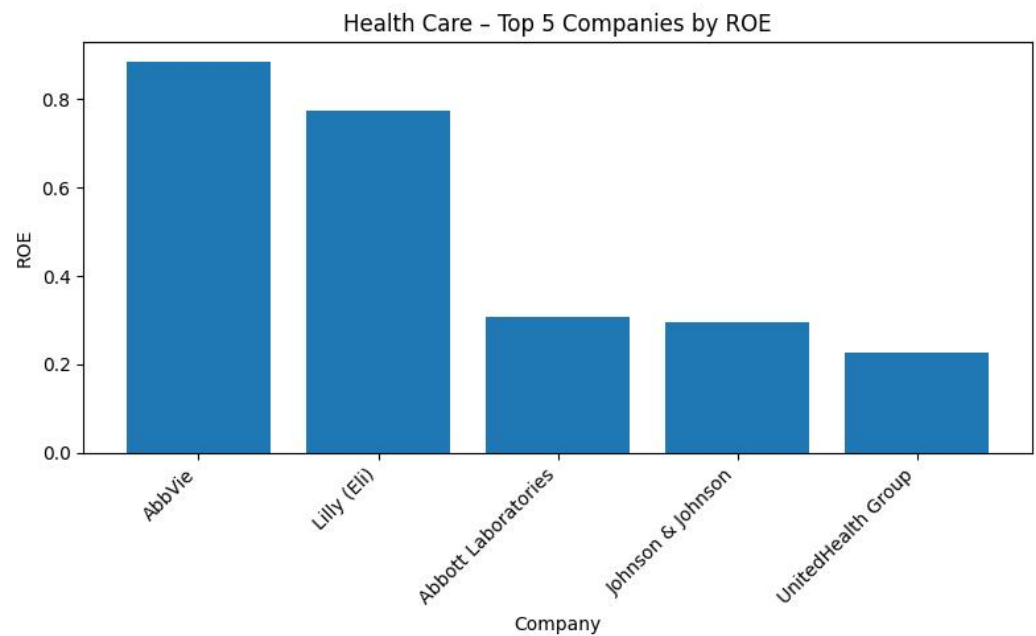
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Sector Ranking Visualizations

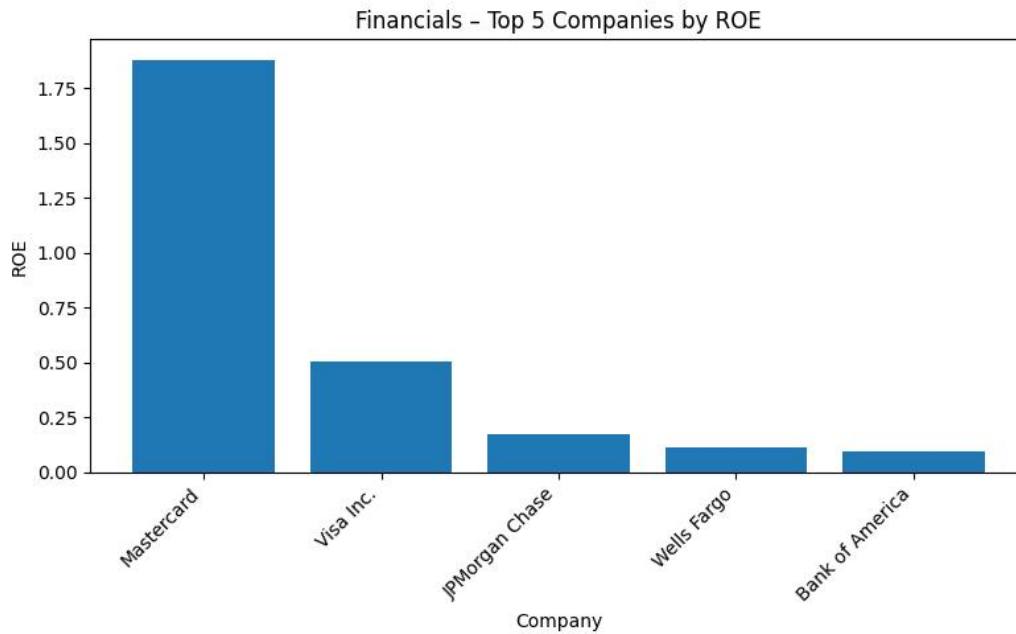
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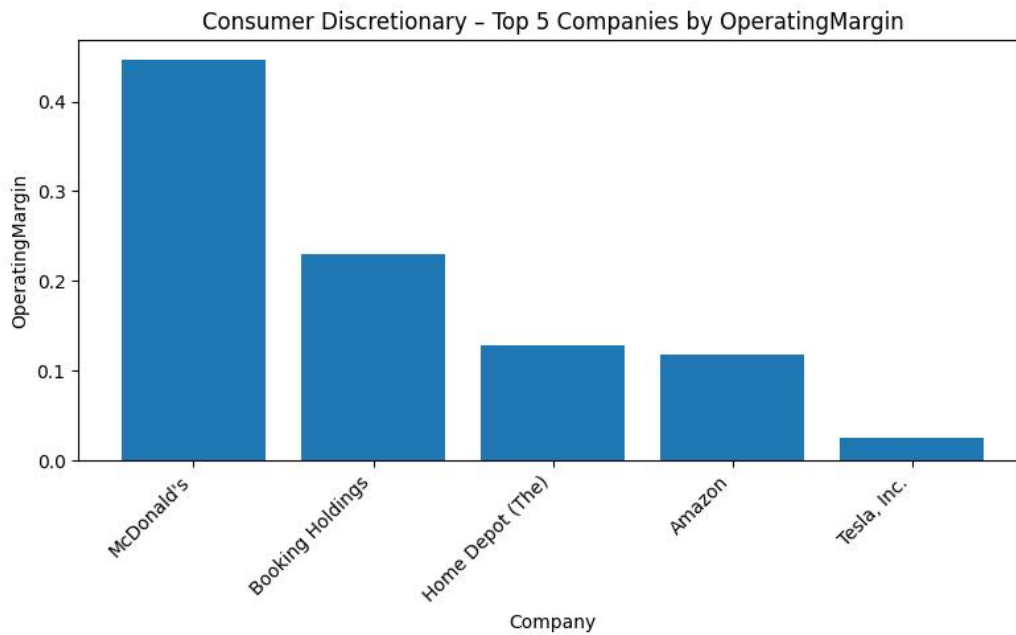
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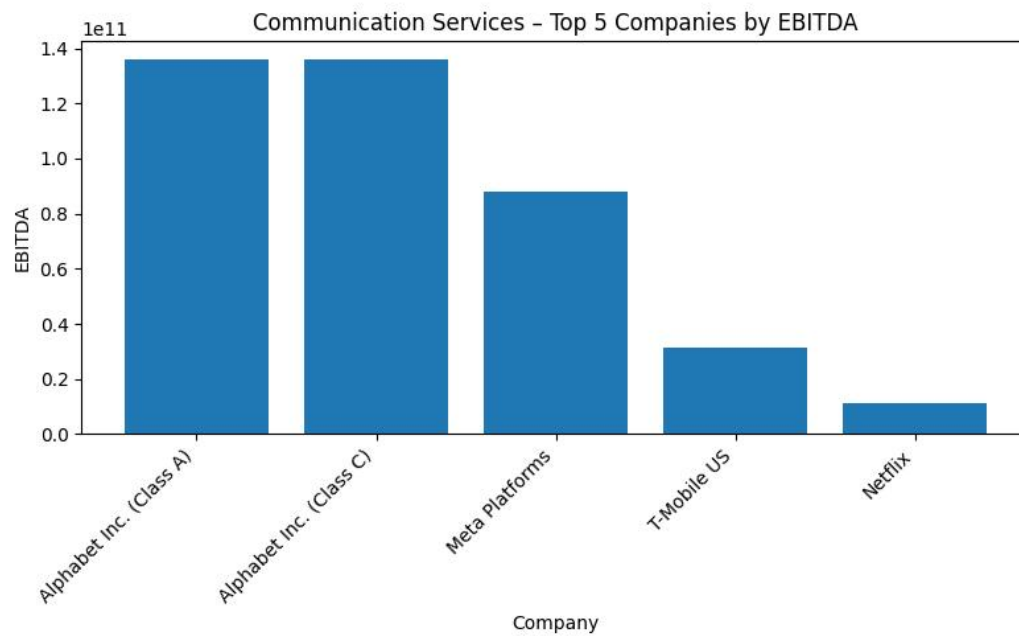
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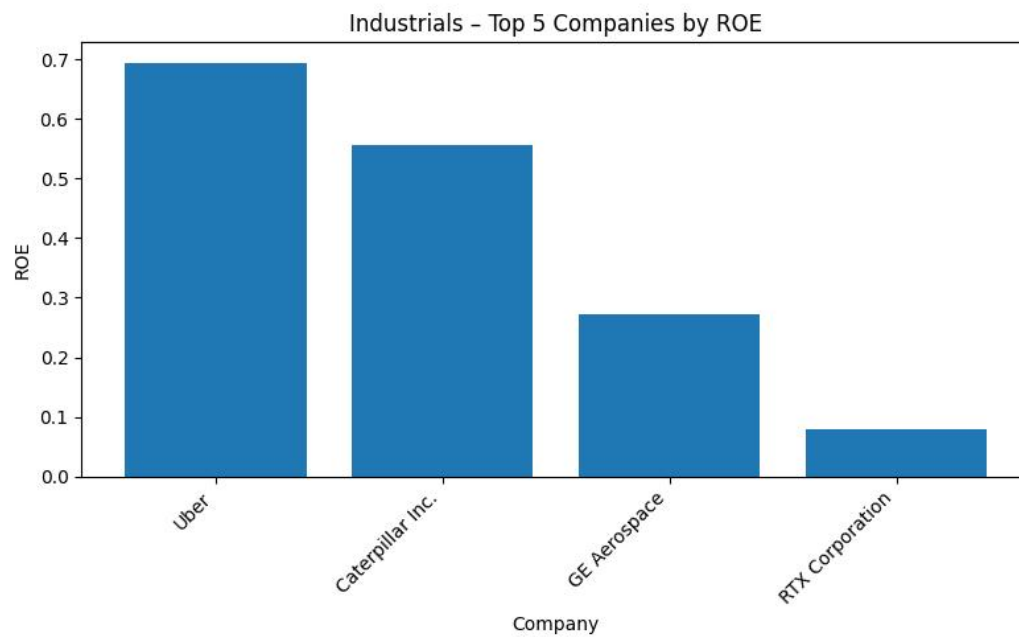
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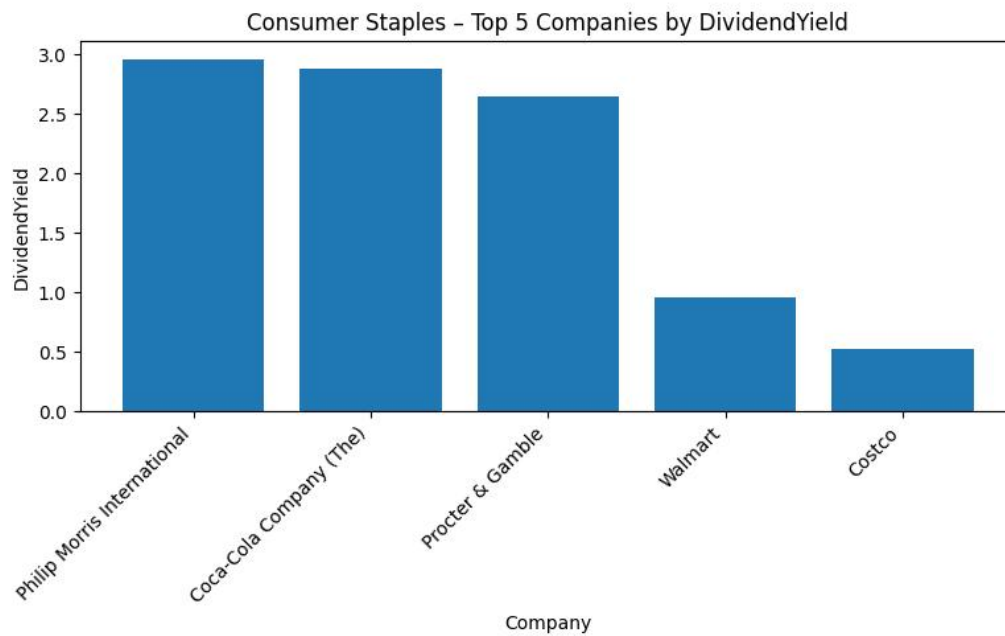
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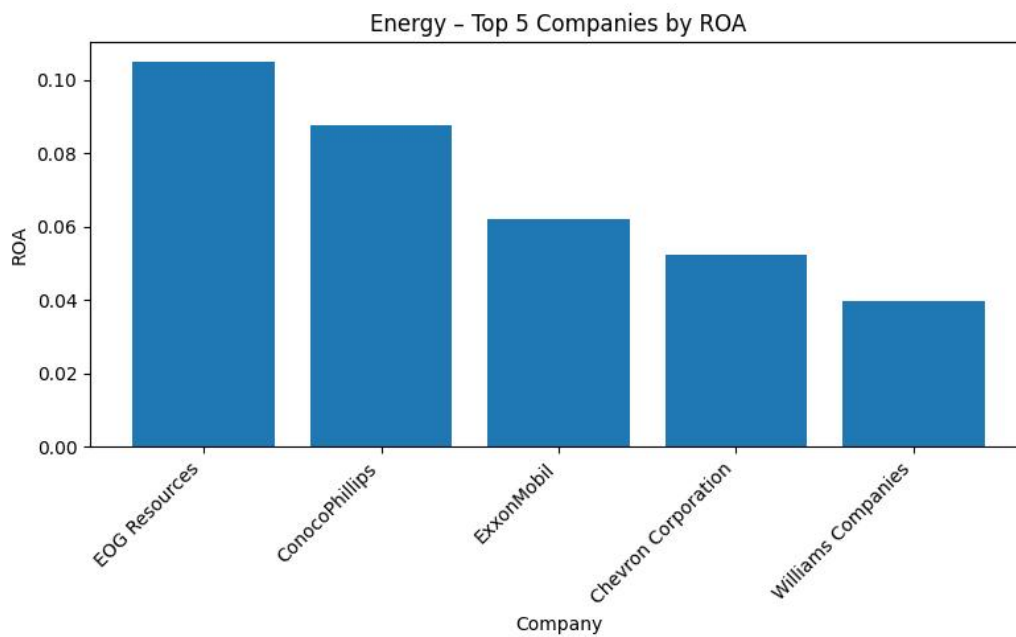
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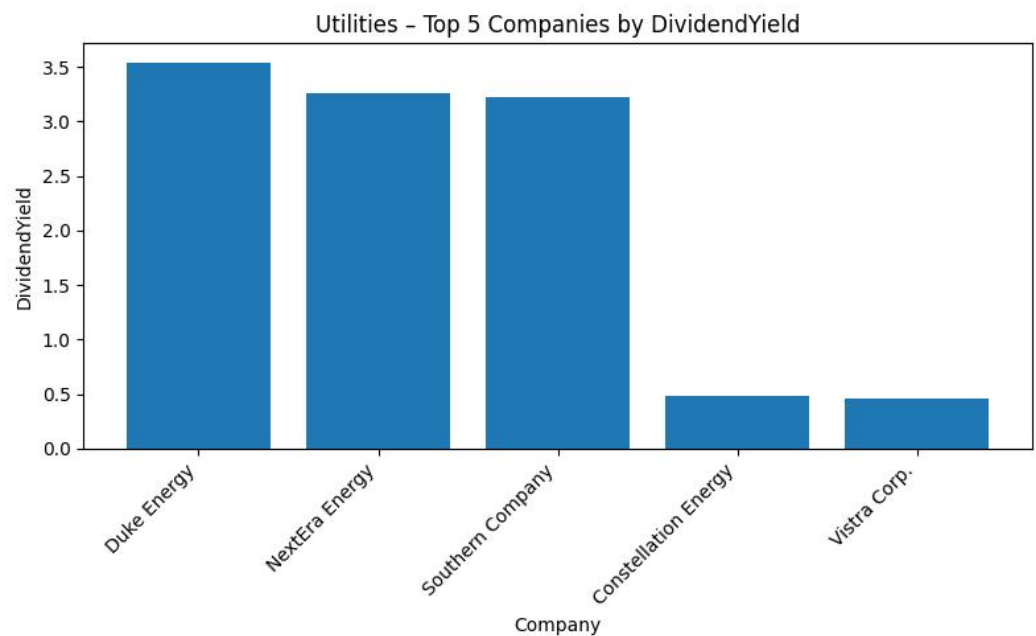
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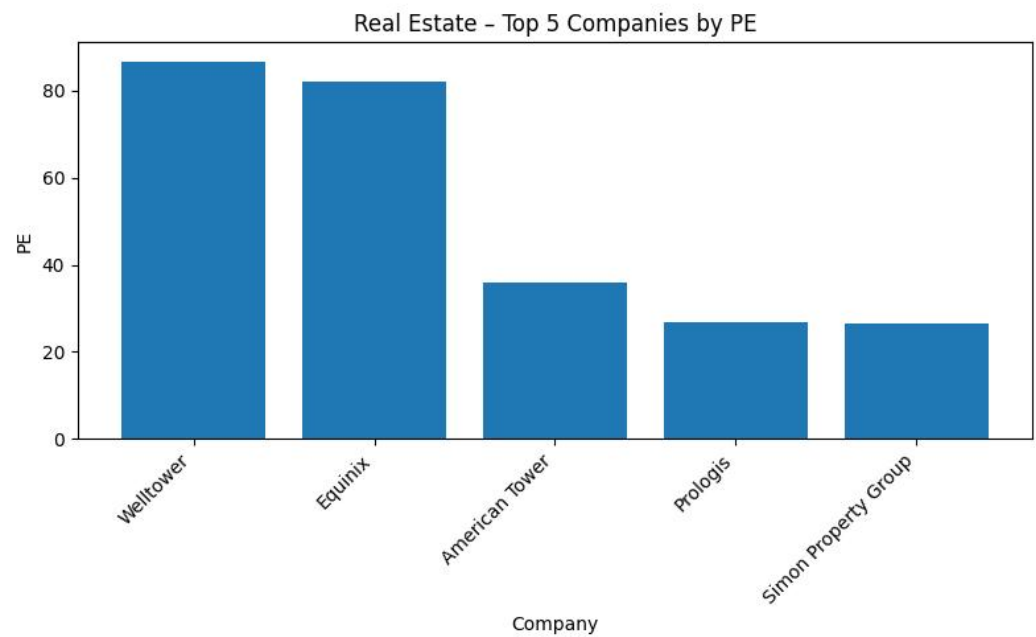
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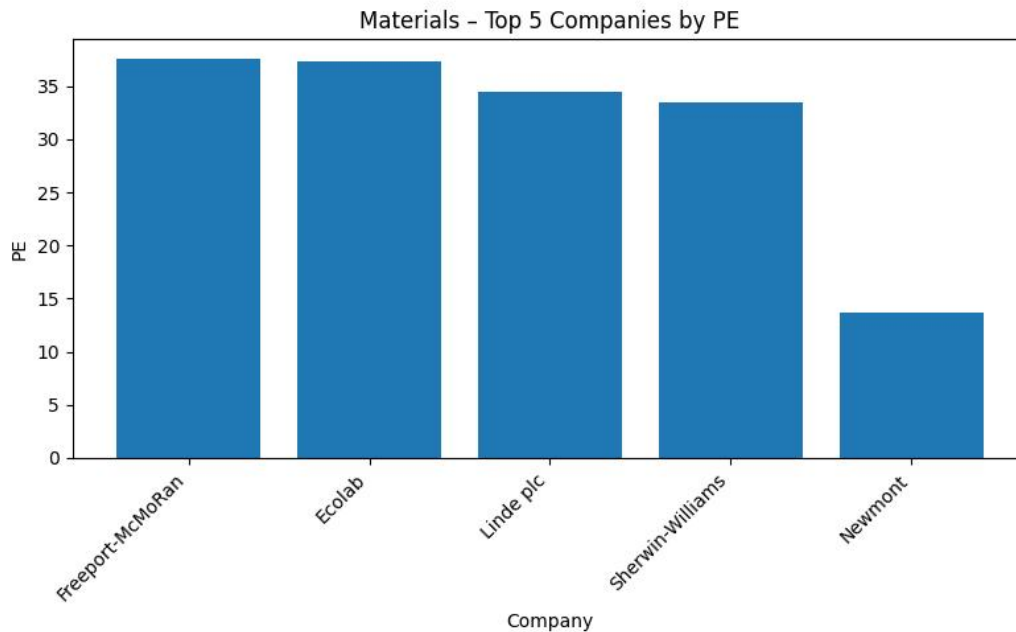
Utilities – Top 5 Companies



Real Estate – Top 5 Companies



Materials – Top 5 Companies



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