

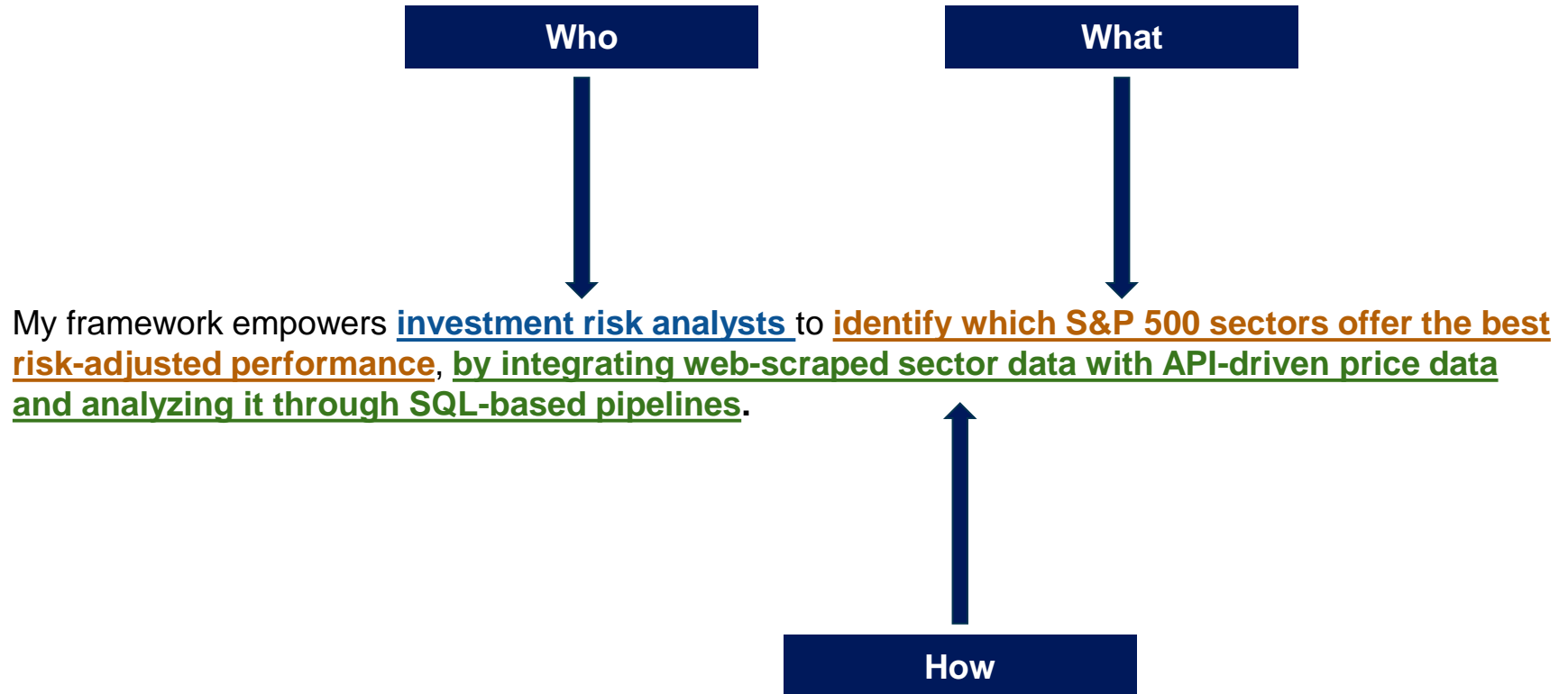
# Sector Shockwaves: Analyzing Volatility in the S&P 500

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# A start-to-finish equities analysis framework to draw strong insights

*Why I have strong conviction in our solutions' ability to meet your needs and provide value to stakeholders*



# Investment Risk and Quantitative Group Analyst Job Description

## Job Description Highlights

## Key Points

- Demonstrates advanced SQL proficiency
- Mimics real financial workflows
- Handles large-scale market data
- Blends analytics, domain knowledge
- Delivers risk-based performance insights

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# Leveraging cutting-edge market data using Tiingo API

*Why our LLM framework offers a superior value proposition*

API Provider



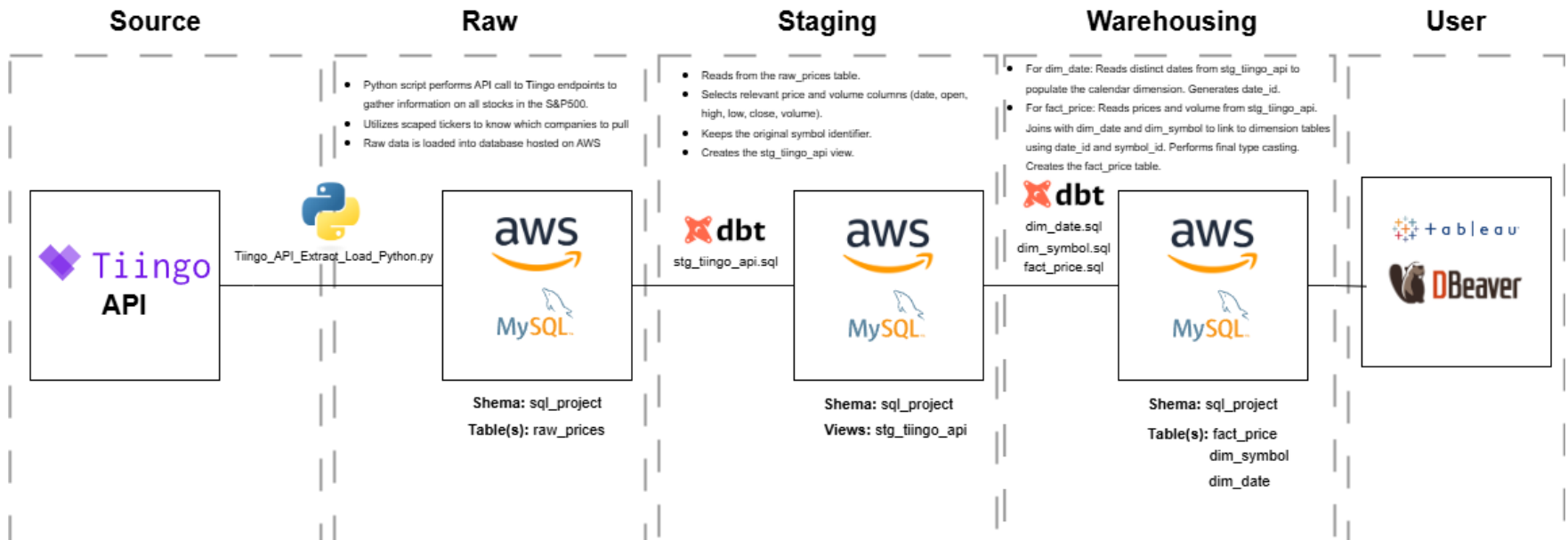
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## Job Relevance

- Provides historical equity pricing necessary for measuring risk-adjusted returns.
- Showcases proficiency in consuming financial APIs for dynamic, up-to-date market data.
- Enables complex performance and volatility calculations aligning with investment risk analysis needs.

# Leveraging cutting-edge market data using Tiingo API

## Data Pipeline Diagram



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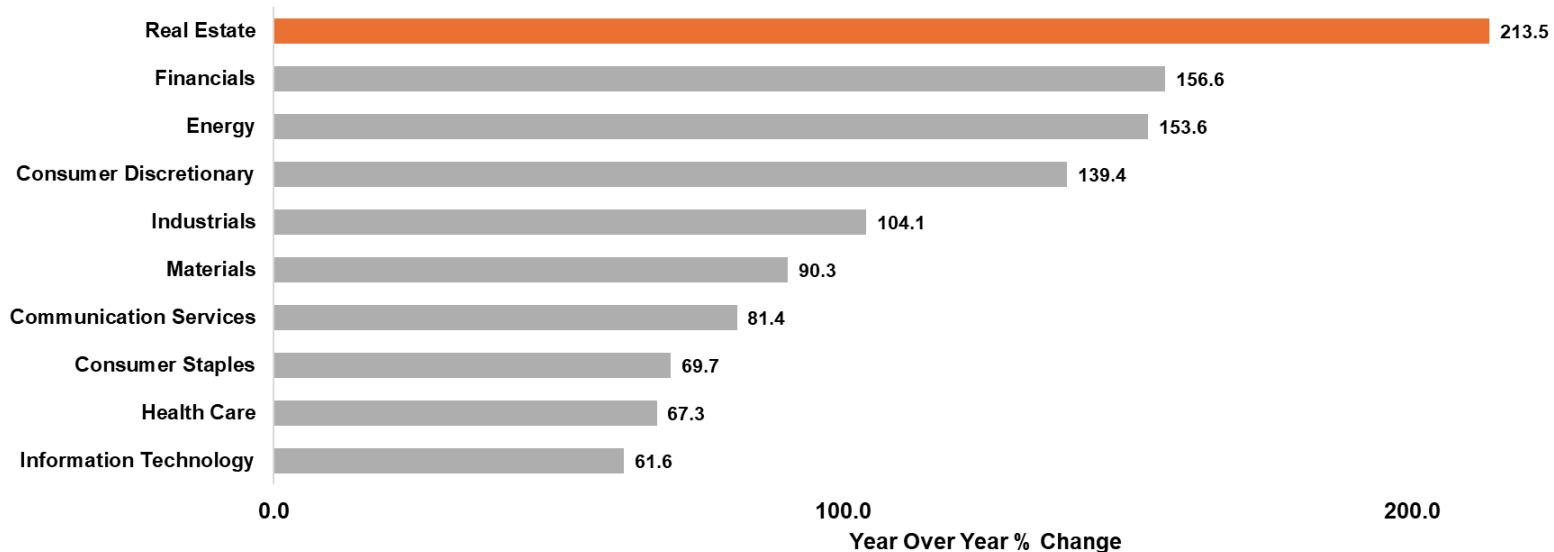
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- `dbt_pipeline.yml`:
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  - Executes dbt run command.
  - Transforms data from raw tables -> staging views -> warehouse tables within MySQL.

# 2020 proves to be the most volatile year for equities in 10 years, with the Real Estate sector leading the charge

## Business Question

Which GICS sector in the S&P 500 has experienced the largest year-over-year increase in daily price volatility since 2015, and when did it occur?

## Most Volatile Year-Over-Year Change (2019-2020) by Sector



## Insights

- Real Estate volatility surged 213.50%
- All sectors increased over 60%

## Recommendation

- Monitor Real Estate exposure closely
- Use defensive sectors as hedges

## Prediction

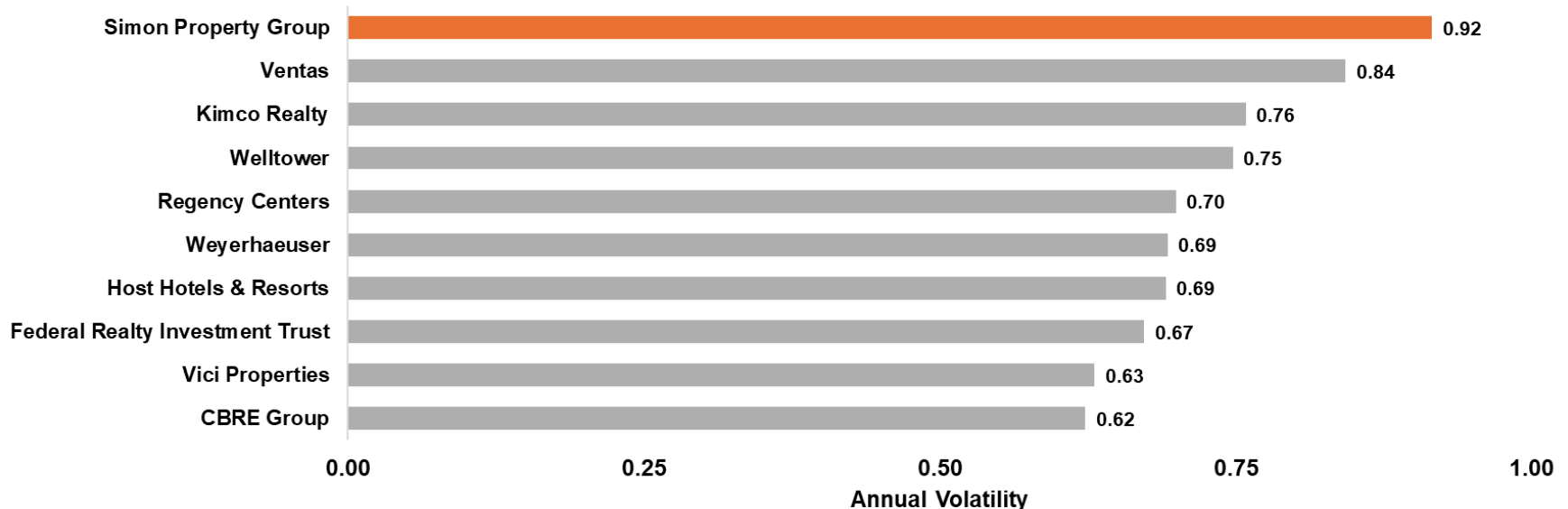
- Real Estate remains crisis-sensitive
- Volatility stays above pre-2020 levels

# Physical-Occupancy REITs show highest volatility during Covid-19 Pandemic

## Business Question

Which sub-industries or individual companies within the Real Estate sector drove the large volatility increase observed in 2020?

## Top 10 Most Volatile Equities in S&P 500 Real Estate Sector During 2020



### Insights

- Retail REITs most volatile (91.59%)
- Digital REITs most stable (40.54%)

### Recommendation

- Balance digital and traditional REITs
- Set sub-industry specific risk limits

### Prediction

- Digital-physical REIT divide continues growing
- Traditional REITs face ongoing volatility

# Utilized Python to extract key S&P 500 metadata from Wikipedia

## Scraped Site Host



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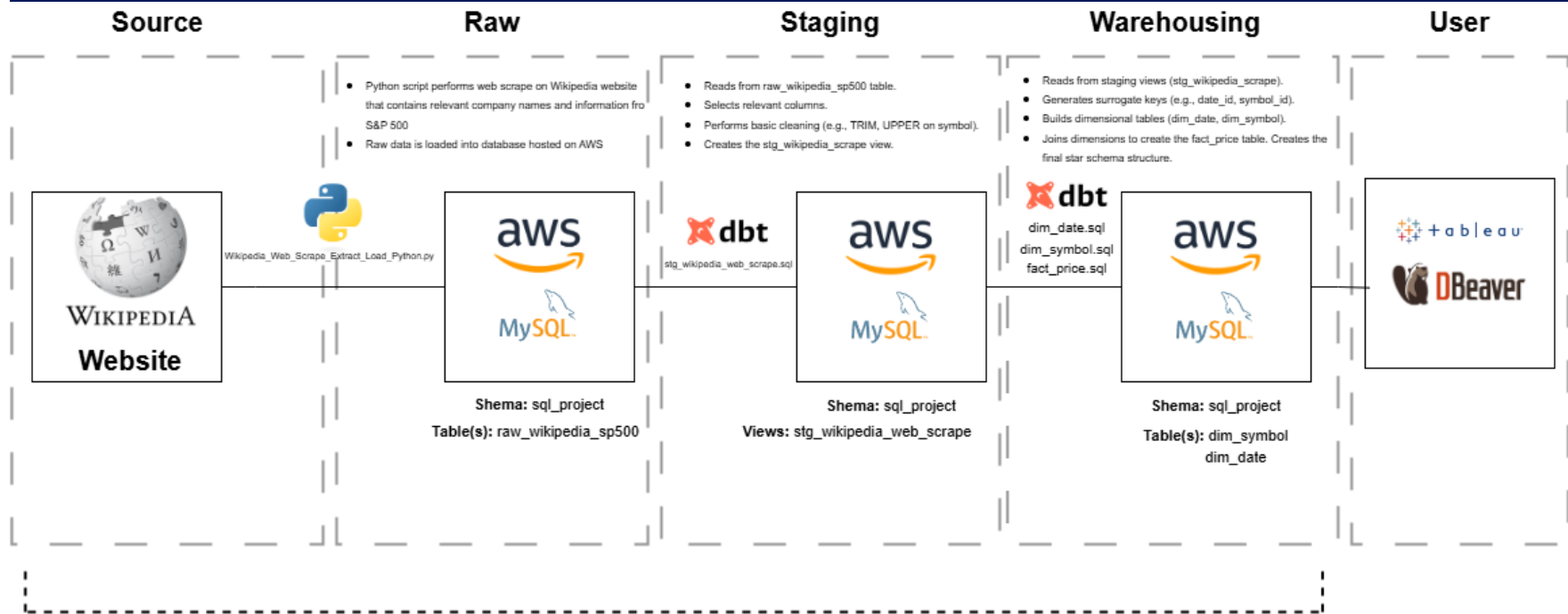
## Job Relevance

- Demonstrates capability to augment internal datasets with external information (S&P 500 listings, sector tags).
- Confirms a solid grasp of sourcing and cleaning real-world data for analytics.
- Enriches sector-level insights crucial for portfolio or market-wide analysis.



# Utilized existing online databases to extract key S&P 500 metadata from Wikipedia

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### Actions

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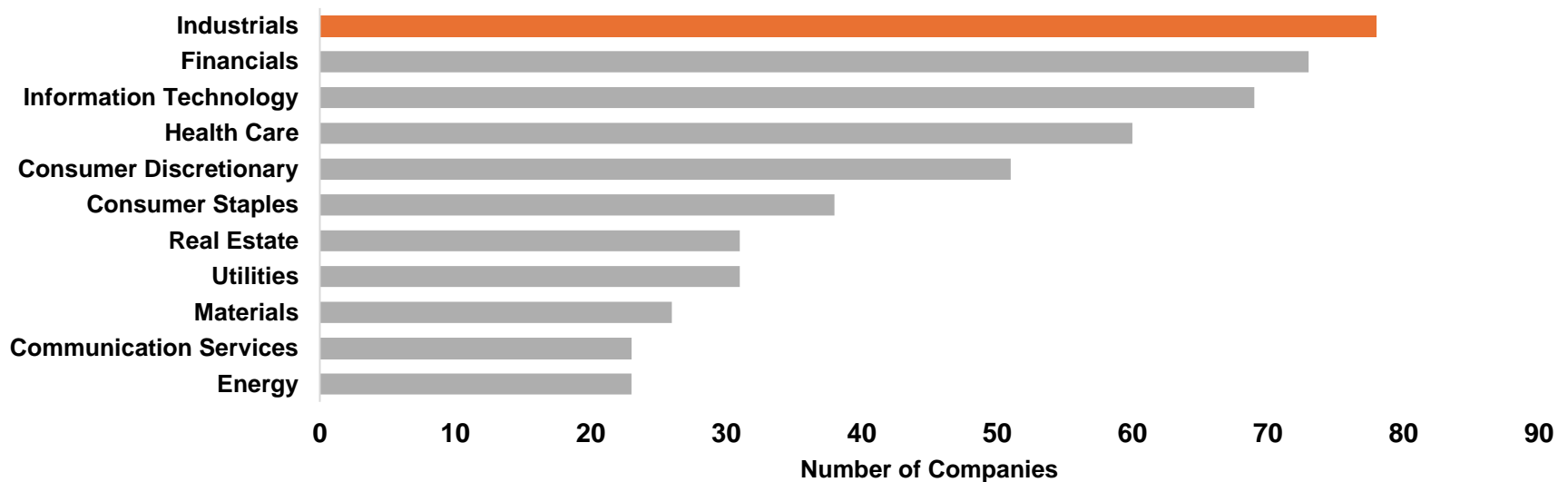
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# Industrials lead with a 15.6% share of S&P 500 sector distribution

## Business Question

What is the current sector composition of the S&P 500, and which sectors have the highest concentration of companies?

## Company Volume by Sector



## Insights

- Growth sectors dominate S&P 500
- Defensive sectors notably underrepresented

## Recommendation

- Monitor high cyclical sector exposure
- Balance with non-index defensive stocks

## Prediction

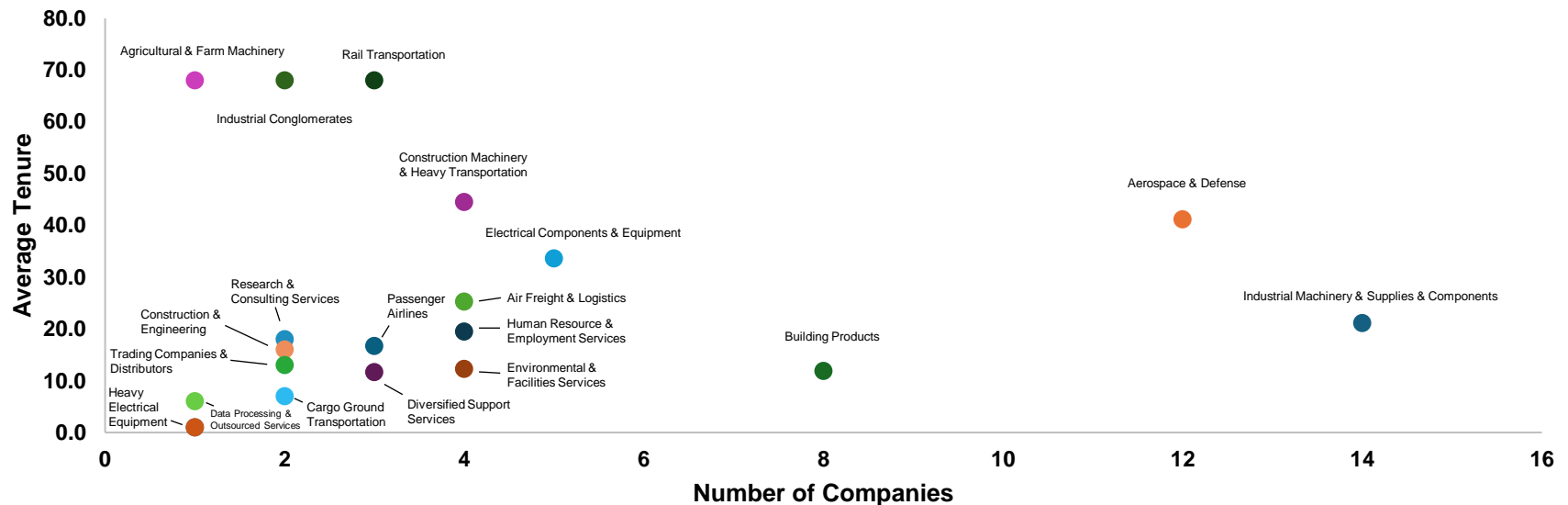
- Growth sectors continue gaining share
- Traditional sectors further consolidate

# The industrial sector is comprised of both new leaders and legacy anchors

## Business Question

Within the Industrials sector (the largest sector by company count), which sub-industries are most prominent, and what is the average tenure (years since being added to the S&P 500) of companies within those dominant sub-industries?

## Largest S&P 500 Sector Composition by Industry



### Insights

- Machinery leads in company count
- Legacy transportation shows highest tenure

### Recommendation

- Balance old and new industries
- Consider tenure in risk assessment

### Prediction

- Tech-driven industrials gain prominence
- Traditional industries maintain core presence