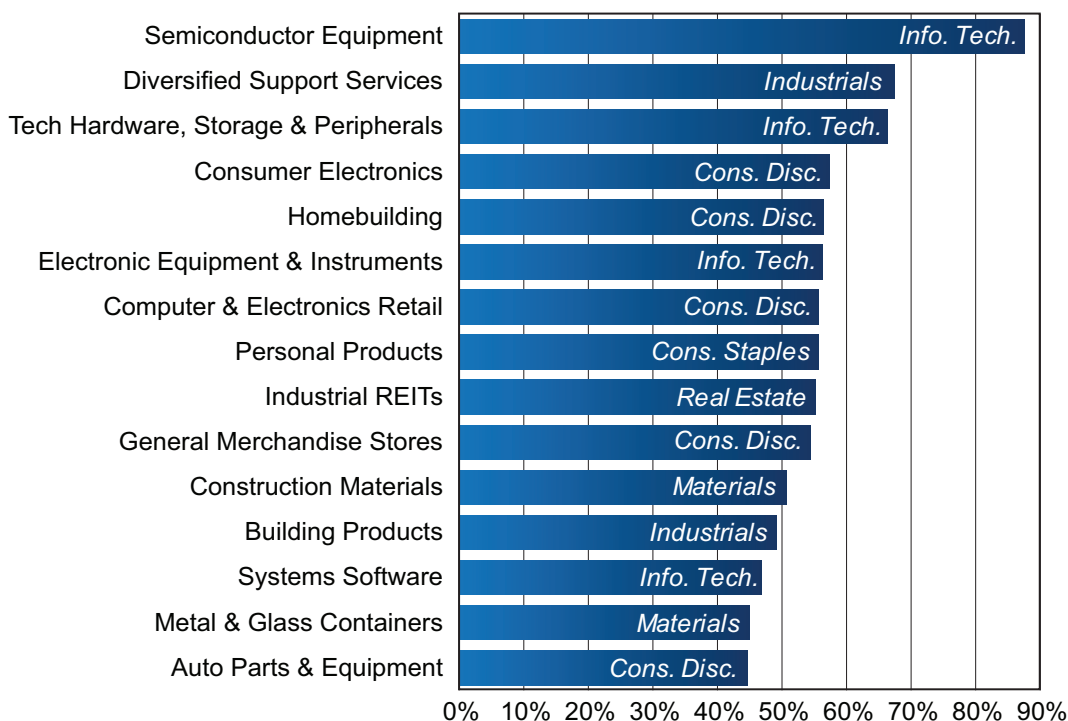


Top-Performing S&P 500 Index Subsectors in 2019

Top 15 S&P 500 Index Subsector Total Returns (12/31/18-11/29/19)



Source: Bloomberg. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

View from the Observation Deck

1. Today's blog post is for those investors who want to drill down below the sector level to see what is performing well in the stock market.
2. The S&P 500 Index is currently comprised of 11 sectors and 128 subsectors, according to S&P Dow Jones Indices.
3. Of the 15 subsectors featured in the chart, nine are classified as either Consumer Discretionary or Information Technology.
4. As of 11/29/19, the most heavily weighted sector in the S&P 500 Index was Information Technology at 22.8%, followed by Health Care at 14.1%, according to S&P Dow Jones Indices. Consumer Discretionary ranked fifth at 9.8%.
5. The 15 top-performing subsectors in the chart posted total returns ranging from 44.6% (Auto Parts & Equipment) to 87.5% (Semiconductor Equipment).
6. For comparative purposes, from 12/31/18-11/29/19, the top-performing S&P 500 sector indices were Information Technology and Communication Services, up 43.8% and 30.1%, respectively, on a total return basis, according to Bloomberg. Consumer Discretionary was up 24.5%. The S&P 500 Index posted a total return of 27.6% for the period.
7. There are a growing number of packaged products, such as exchange-traded funds, that feature index subsectors.

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