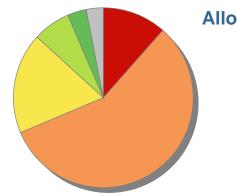
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## **SPHB - Dangerous Rating**

## PowerShares S&P 500 High Beta Portfolio

- We recommend investors avoid PowerShares S&P 500 High Beta Portfolio (SPHB).
- SPHB ranks in the 10th percentile of the 400+ ETFs we cover.
- SPHB gets a Dangerous rating because of the Quality of Earnings and Valuation of the stocks it holds. Details are in the table at the bottom of the page.

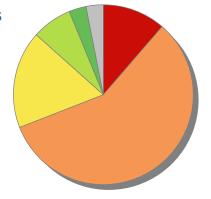


## Expense Ratio Impact

Expense Ratio	0.25%
Rank	73.57%
10-Year Cost	\$641.19

SPHB's fees will cost an investor \$641.19 over 10 years with a \$10,000 investment and 10% returns. To cover all fees, SPHB will need to outperform the S&P 500 by 0.25% every year.

cation Hold		
11.51%	Very Dangerous	11
57.14%	Dangerous	56
18.13%	Neutral	17
6.74%	Attractive	7
3.42%	Very Attractive	3
3.06%	Unrated	3



## **ETF Basics**

Net Asset Value (\$MM)	\$14.23
Issuer	Invesco PowerShares
Category	Large Cap Blend Equities
Index	S&P 500 High Beta
Active/Passive	Passive
Exposure	Long
Inception Date	05/05/11

## **Rating Details**

The ETF rating is based on the combined financials and valuation of the 94 stocks in SPHB. ETFs are not made the same. They have different holdings, allocations and investment merit.

- Neutral EE means that economic earnings are negative but moving in the same direction as GAAP EPS.
- The combination of Neutral economic earnings with a rich stock valuation drives a Risk/Reward Rating of Dangerous for SPHB.
- Our ETF rating is based on our stock rating system, consistently <u>top-ranked</u> by Barron's.

Overall Risk/Reward	Quality of Earnings		Valuation		
Rating	Econ vs Reported Earnings	Return on Invested Capital (ROIC)	Free Cash Flow Yield	Price-to-EBV	Growth Appreciation Period (yrs)
Very Dangerous	Misleading Trend	Bottom Quintile	<-5%	> 3.5 or -1 < 0	> 50
Dangerous	False Positive	4th Quintile	-5%<-1%	2.4 < 3.5 or < -1	20 < 50
Neutral	Neutral EE	3rd Quintile	-1%<3%	1.6 < 2.4	10 < 20
Attractive	Positive EE	2nd Quintile	3%<10%	1.1 < 1.6	3 < 10
Very Attractive	Rising EE	Top Quintile	>10%	0 < 1.1	0 < 3
Weighted-Avg	n/a	6.91%	0.58%	4.23	74

## **Explanation of New Constructs' ETF Rating System**

Our ETF research aggregates results from our Company Valuation models for each of the companies held by an ETF. Our rating system grades ETFs according to the 5 most important criteria for assessing the risk versus reward of an ETF. Our analysis results in the 5 ratings: Very Attractive corresponds to a "Strong Buy" rating, Attractive to "Buy", Very Dangerous to a "Sell or Short", and everything in-between to a "Hold" rating.

#### **Overall Risk/Reward Rating**

The Overall Risk/Reward Rating provides a final rating based on the equal-weighted average rating of each criterion.

Very Dangerous	All criteria are equal-weighted in the average calculation except FCF Yield is excluded.
Dangerous	All criteria are equal-weighted in the average calculation except FCF Yield is excluded.
Neutral	All criteria are equal-weighted in the average calculation.
Attractive	All criteria are equal-weighted in the average calculation.
Very Attractive	All criteria are equal-weighted in the average calculation.

#### **Economic vs Reported Earnings**

Rates ETFs based on how their Economic Earnings compare their Reported Earnings. Values based on Latest Fiscal Year.

Misleading Trend	Very Dangerous = negative and declining Economic Earnings despite positive and rising Reported Earnings
False Positive	Dangerous = same as above except Reported Earnings are not positive or are not rising
Neutral EE	Neutral = Negative Economic and Reported Earnings
Positive EE	Attractive = Economic Earnings are positive
Rising EE	Very Attractive = Economic Earnings are positive and rising

#### **Return on Invested Capital (ROIC)**

Rates ETFs based on their ROIC. Values based on Latest Fiscal Year.

Bottom Quintile	Very Dangerous = in the bottom 20% of all companies
4th Quintile	Dangerous = in the bottom 40% of all companies
3rd Quintile	Neutral = in the middle 20% of all companies
2nd Quintile	Attractive = in the top 40% of all companies
Top Quintile	Very Attractive = in the top 20% of all companies

#### FCF Yield

Rates ETFs based on their Free Cash Flow Yield. Values based on Latest Closing Stock price and Latest Fiscal Year.

< -5%	Very Dangerous = less than or equal to -5%
-5% < -1%	Dangerous = more than -5% but less than or equal to -1%
-1% < 3%	Neutral = more than -1% but less than or equal to +3%
3% < 10%	Attractive = more than +3% but less than or equal to +10%
> 10%	Very Attractive = more than +10%

#### **Price-to-EBV**

Rates ETFs based on their Price-to-Economic Book Value. Values based on Latest Closing Stock price and Latest Fiscal Year.

> 3.5 or -1 < 0	Very Dangerous = greater than or equal to 3.5 or less than 0 but greater than -1	
2.4 < 3.5 or < -1	Dangerous = greater than or equal to 2.4 but less than 3.5 and less than or equal to -1	
1.6 < 2.4	Neutral = greater than or equal to 1.6 but less than 2.4	
1.1 < 1.6	Attractive = greater than or equal to 1.1 but less than 1.6	
0 < 1.1	Very Attractive = greater than or equal to 0 but less than 1.1	

#### **Growth Appreciation Period (yrs)**

Rates ETFs based on their Market-Implied Growth Appreciation Period. Values based on Latest Closing Stock price and Default Forecast Scenario.

> 50Very Dangerous = greater than or equal to 50 years20 < 50Dangerous = greater than or equal to 20 years but less than 5010 < 20Neutral = greater than or equal to 10 years but less than 203 < 10Attractive = greater than or equal to 3 years but less than 100 < 3Very Attractive = greater than or equal to 0 years but less than 3		
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	0 < 3	Very Attractive = greater than or equal to 0 years but less than 3

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- 2. Standard for all companies.
- 3. A more accurate representation of the true underling cash flows of the business.

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