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02/14/2024 Closing ETF Price as of 02/13/2024: \$83.38 Dividend Yield: 3.8%

Very Attractive Rating

XLE

State Street Select Sector SPDR Trust: Energy Select Sector SPDR Fund

| Predictive Ratin | Very Attractive | | | |
|--|------------------------------------|-----------|--|--|
| Quality of Earnings Components: Ratings & Values | | | | |
| Attractive | ttractive Economic vs Reported EPS | | | |
| Neutral | Return on Invested Capital (ROIC) | 10% | | |
| Valuation Components: Ratings & Values | | | | |
| Attractive | Free Cash Flow Yield | 6% | | |
| Very Attractive | Price to Economic Book Value Ratio | 0.9 | | |
| Attractive | Growth Appreciation Period | 5 year(s) | | |
| Fund Expenses: Rating & Value | | | | |
| Very Attractive | Total Annual Costs | 0.10% | | |

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ETF Details

| \$36,284.80 |
|-------------------------------------|
| State Street Bank and Trust Company |
| Energy |
| Energy Select Sector |
| Passive |
| Long |
| 12/16/1998 |
| 24 |
| 18,292,403 |
| U.S. |
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• We strongly recommend investors buy XLE.

- XLE ranks in the 99th percentile of the 650+ ETFs we cover.
- Positive EE means that economic earnings are positive because the ETF's ROIC is greater than its WACC.
- The Price to Economic Book Value Ratio compares market expectations for future cash flows to existing cash flows. When the ratio is greater than one, the market predicts cash flows will increase, and vice versa.
- Growth Appreciation Period measures the number of years of future profit growth implied by the stock price.
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Predictive Rating Methodology

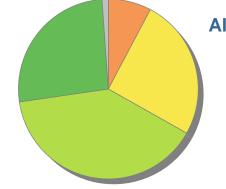
Our predictive rating is based on the aggregation of our financial models for the ETF's holdings, the fund's expenses, and the fund's overall rank.

Our ETF models enable us to asses the profitability and valuation of an ETF just like a stock.

Total Annual Costs

| Expense Ratio | 0.09% |
|--------------------|-------|
| Total Annual Costs | 0.10% |
| Rank (percentile) | 92% |

XLE's Accumulated Total Costs are \$232.49 over 10 years assuming a \$10,000 investment and 10% returns.



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|-----|------------------|-------------------|----|
| | 0% | Very Unattractive | 0 |
| | 8% | Unattractive | 3 |
| | 25% | Neutral | 10 |
| | 40% | Attractive | 7 |
| | 26% | Very Attractive | 2 |
| | 1% | Unrated | 2 |

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Top 5 Holdings

| Exxon Mobil Corp (XOM) | 22.4% |
|---------------------------|-------|
| Chevron Corporation (CVX) | 17.5% |
| ConocoPhillips (COP) | 9.2% |
| EOG Resources, Inc. (EOG) | 4.7% |
| Schlumberger NV (SLB) | 4.7% |
| | |

Capitalization Exposure

| Large Cap | 99% |
|-----------|-----|
| Mid Cap | 0% |
| Small Cap | 0% |

Our Predictive ETF Rating includes an analysis of the total cost of owning an ETF. Please contact us for more information.



Explanation of Predictive ETF Rating System

Predictive ETF Ratings enable smarter investing by assessing the key drivers of future fund performance. We start by analyzing every fund holding based on New Constructs' stock ratings, which are regularly featured as among the best by Barron's.

| | Portfolio Rating | | | | | |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Predictive Rating | Quality of Earnings | | Valuation | | | Total Annual Costs Rating |
| _ | Economic vs Reported EPS | Return on Invested Capital (ROIC) | FCF Yield | Price-to-EBV Ratio | Growth Appreciation Period (yrs) | |
| Very Unattractive | Misleading Trend | Bottom Quintile | < -5% | > 3.5 or -1 < 0 | > 50 | > 4% |
| Unattractive | False Positive | 4th Quintile | -5% < -1% | 2.4 < 3.5 or < -1 | 20 < 50 | 2% < 4% |
| Neutral | Neutral EE | 3rd Quintile | -1% < 3% | 1.6 < 2.4 | 10 < 20 | 1% < 2% |
| Attractive | Positive EE | 2nd Quintile | 3% < 10% | 1.1 < 1.6 | 3 < 10 | 0.5% < 1% |
| Very Attractive | Rising EE | Top Quintile | > 10% | 0 < 1.1 | 0 < 3 | < 0.5% |

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Best Fundamental Data in the World

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Key quotes from the paper:

- "[New Constructs'] Total Adjustments differs significantly from the items identified and excluded from Compustat's adjusted earnings measures. For example... 50% to 70% of the variation in Total Adjustments is not explained by S&P Global's (SPGI) Adjustments individually." -pp. 14, 1st para.
- "A final source of differences [between New Constructs' and S&P Global's data] is due to data collection oversights... we identified cases where Compustat did not collect information relating to firms' income that is useful in assessing core earnings." - pp. 16, 2nd para.

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Key quotes from the paper:

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