

STATE STREET ETF SPOTLIGHT

Counter the income squeeze – SSPI

The lead

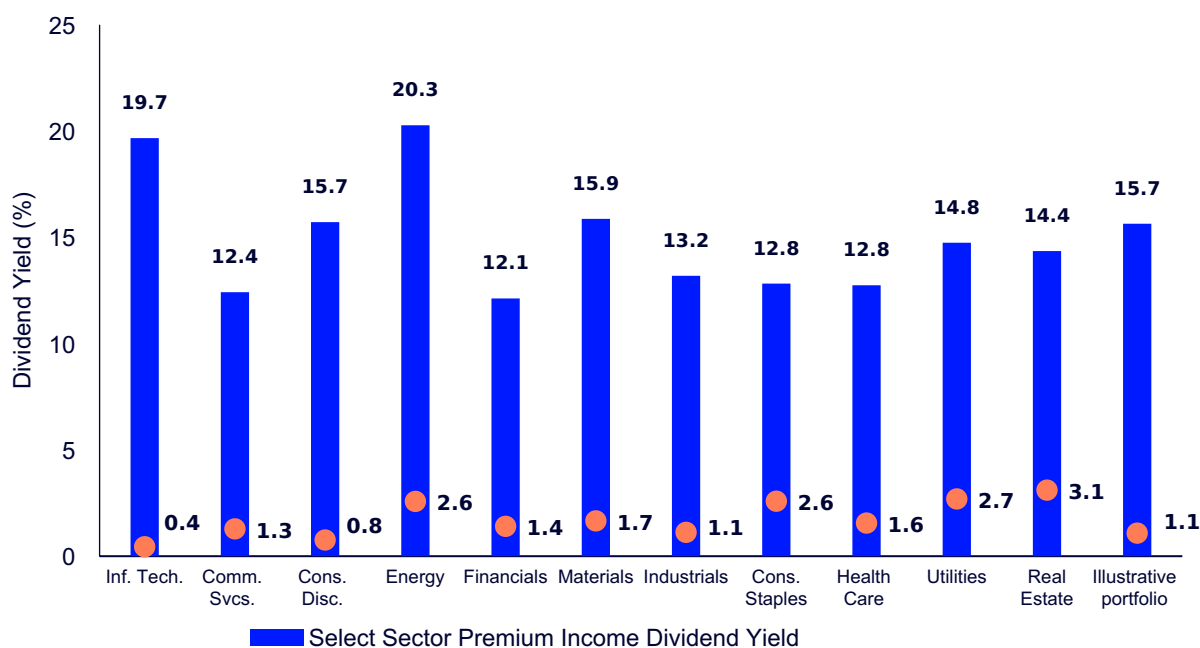
- Traditional income sources face challenges from record low equity dividend yields¹ and elevated bond market volatility, increasing the demand for differentiated sources of portfolio income
- Sector-based covered call strategies may enhance income by capturing option income opportunities across diverse sectors with volatility profiles that are higher than the broader market²
- The State Street® [Select Sector SPDR® Premium Income Funds \(“SSPI”\)](#) combine targeted sector exposures with an actively managed, systematic covered call strategy, seeking to enhance current income potential while maintaining a portion of upside participation of the underlying sector

The takeaway

SSPI helps investors rethink income generation by turning sector volatility into a potential source of income. By focusing on sectors rather than broad market exposures or single stocks, SSPI may help investors diversify income sources, access sector-specific option income opportunities, while maintaining the prospects for long-term capital growth.

An illustrative SSPI portfolio built based on the weights of GICS sectors within S&P 500 Index, would have produced a dividend yield of 15.7%³ compared to 1.1% for the S&P 500 Index, while capturing 69.9% of the broad equity market’s upside since SSPI’s inception, highlighting the potential for enhanced income and upside participation⁴.

Chart of the week: Double digit dividend yields across the SSPI suite



Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P. as of August 3, 2026. Calculations by Global ETF Research. **Characteristics are as of the date indicated and should not be relied upon a current thereafter.** The illustrative portfolio is built based on the weights of the GICS sectors in S&P 500 Index as on 07/29/2025, which is the inception date of the SSPI suite of funds and the dividend yield is calculated as the weighted average of the dividend yield of the respective SSPI funds as of 08/03/2026.

Standard Performance

Ticker	Name	QTD (%)	YTD (%)	Annualized					Inception Date	30 Day Unsubsidized SEC Yield (%)	Gross Expense Ratio (%)
				1-Year (%)	3-Year (%)	5-Year (%)	10-Year (%)	Since Inception (%)			
XLCI (NAV)	State Street® Communication Services Select Sector SPDR® Premium Income ETF	-1.88	-4.32	-	-	-	-	2.42	Jul 29 2025	1.05	0.35%
XLCI (MKT)	State Street® Communication Services Select Sector SPDR® Premium Income ETF	-1.62	-4.15	-	-	-	-	2.53	-	-	-
XLVI (NAV)	State Street® Consumer Discretionary Select Sector SPDR® Premium Income ETF	7.10	0.21	-	-	-	-	5.71	Jul 29 2025	0.52	0.35%
XLVI (MKT)	State Street® Consumer Discretionary Select Sector SPDR® Premium Income ETF	7.08	0.11	-	-	-	-	5.65	-	-	-
XLFI (NAV)	State Street® Consumer Staples Select Sector SPDR® Premium Income ETF	2.61	4.48	-	-	-	-	3.12	Jul 29 2025	2.34	0.35%
XLFI (MKT)	State Street® Consumer Staples Select Sector SPDR® Premium Income ETF	2.51	4.17	-	-	-	-	3.06	-	-	-
XLEI (NAV)	State Street® Energy Select Sector SPDR® Premium Income ETF	-6.90	12.42	-	-	-	-	18.52	Jul 29 2025	2.56	0.35%
XLEI (MKT)	State Street® Energy Select Sector SPDR® Premium Income ETF	-6.72	12.48	-	-	-	-	18.65	-	-	-
XLFI (NAV)	State Street® Financial Select Sector SPDR® Premium Income ETF	6.48	-1.53	-	-	-	-	3.65	Jul 29 2025	1.25	0.35%
XLFI (MKT)	State Street® Financial Select Sector SPDR® Premium Income ETF	6.50	-1.53	-	-	-	-	3.71	-	-	-
XLVI (NAV)	State Street® Health Care Select Sector SPDR® Premium Income ETF	8.18	5.02	-	-	-	-	18.39	Jul 29 2025	1.36	0.35%
XLVI (MKT)	State Street® Health Care Select Sector SPDR® Premium Income ETF	8.37	5.19	-	-	-	-	18.62	-	-	-

XLII (NAV)	State Street®Industrial Select Sector SPDR® Premium Income ETF	13.65	12.87	-	-	-	-	19.80	Jul 29 2025	0.88	0.35%
XLII (MKT)	State Street®Industrial Select Sector SPDR® Premium Income ETF	13.66	12.84	-	-	-	-	19.79	-	-	-
XLBI (NAV)	State Street®Materials Select Sector SPDR® Premium Income ETF	4.65	7.26	-	-	-	-	9.69	Jul 29 2025	1.43	0.35%
XLBI (MKT)	State Street®Materials Select Sector SPDR® Premium Income ETF	4.94	7.21	-	-	-	-	9.75	-	-	-
XLRI (NAV)	State Street®Real Estate Select Sector SPDR® Premium Income ETF	6.75	5.66	-	-	-	-	4.92	Jul 29 2025	2.93	0.35%
XLRI (MKT)	State Street®Real Estate Select Sector SPDR® Premium Income ETF	6.71	5.69	-	-	-	-	4.96	-	-	-
XLKI (NAV)	State Street®Technology Select Sector SPDR® Premium Income ETF	20.83	17.08	-	-	-	-	29.07	Jul 29 2025	0.36	0.35%
XLKI (MKT)	State Street®Technology Select Sector SPDR® Premium Income ETF	20.75	16.99	-	-	-	-	28.98	-	-	-
XLUI (NAV)	State Street®Utilities Select Sector SPDR® Premium Income ETF	2.12	9.53	-	-	-	-	10.32	Jul 29 2025	2.40	0.35%
XLUI (MKT)	State Street®Utilities Select Sector SPDR® Premium Income ETF	2.18	9.37	-	-	-	-	10.30	-	-	-
	Benchmark: S&P 500 Index	15.20	10.21	22.32	20.61	13.41	15.51	19.06	-	-	-

Source: State Street Investment Management, Morningstar as of 06/30/2026. **The performance data quoted represents past performance. Past performance does not guarantee future results. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate, so you may have a gain or loss when shares are sold. Current performance may be higher or lower than that quoted. All results are historical and assume the reinvestment of dividends and capital gains. Visit www.statestreet.com/im for most recent month-end performance.** Performance returns for periods of less than one year are not annualized. Performance is shown net of fees. The gross expense ratio is the fund's total annual operating expenses ratio. It is gross of any fee waivers or expense reimbursements. It can be found in the fund's most recent prospectus. The market price used to calculate the market value return is the midpoint between the highest bid and the lowest offer on the exchange on which the shares of the fund are listed for trading, as of the time that the Fund's NAV is calculated. If you trade your shares at another time, your returns may differ.

Footnotes

1 Bloomberg Finance L.P., as of 08/04/2026. Dividend yield of S&P 500 Index marked the lowest level on 08/04/2026 of 1.0518%, eclipsing its previous low of 1.0537% set on 07/17/2000. Characteristics are as of the date indicated, are subject to change, and should not be relied upon as current thereafter.

2 Bloomberg Finance L.P., as of 07/31/2026, Based on implied volatilities of Select Sector ETFs, compared to S&P 500 Index options on current monthly expiration.

3 Bloomberg Finance L.P. as of August 3, 2026. Calculations by Global ETF Research. **Characteristics are as of the date indicated and should not be relied upon a current thereafter.** The illustrative portfolio is built based on the weights of the GICS

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4 Bloomberg Finance L.P., as of 08/04/2026 based on the gross aggregate index yield of S&P 500 Index. Characteristics are as of the date indicated, are subject to change, and should not be relied upon as current thereafter. The illustrative SSPI portfolio is rebalanced monthly to S&P 500 sector allocation prevailing at each month end. Upside capture is calculated relative to the S&P 500 Index and based on weekly returns for the period since the first full week of performance. SSPI inception date is July 29, 2025.

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