



INVESTING IN THE ROBOTICS & AI REVOLUTION

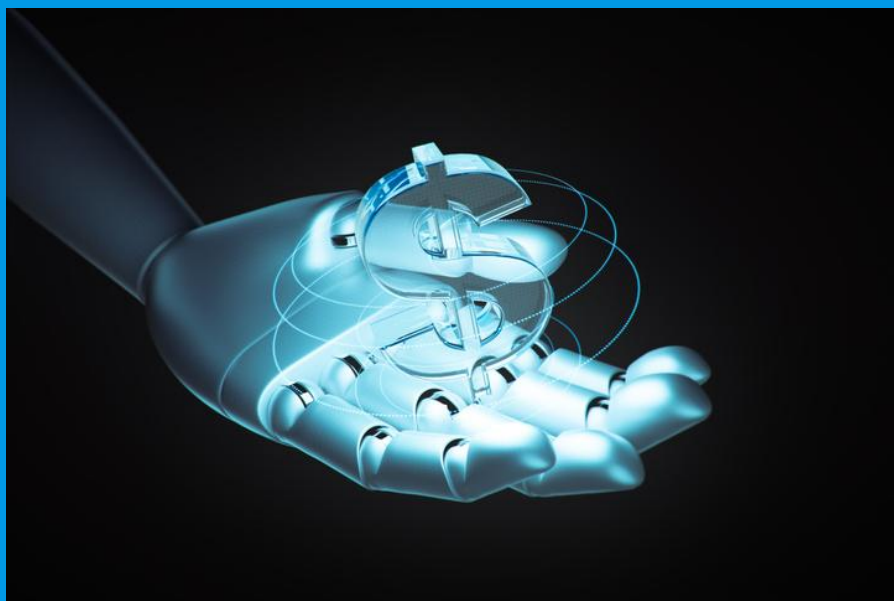
ROBO INVESTMENTS ACCELERATE IN VOLATILE Q2

After 10 consecutive quarters of gains, ROBO declined by 4% in Q2. However, index members reported the strongest earnings growth since inception (+29% YoY) with many members increasing investments in R&D - a reflection of continued corporate confidence. ROBO is currently in line with its long-term average valuation of 22x P/E, compared to 27x a year ago. Among the winners: healthcare, energy, security, and consumer products.

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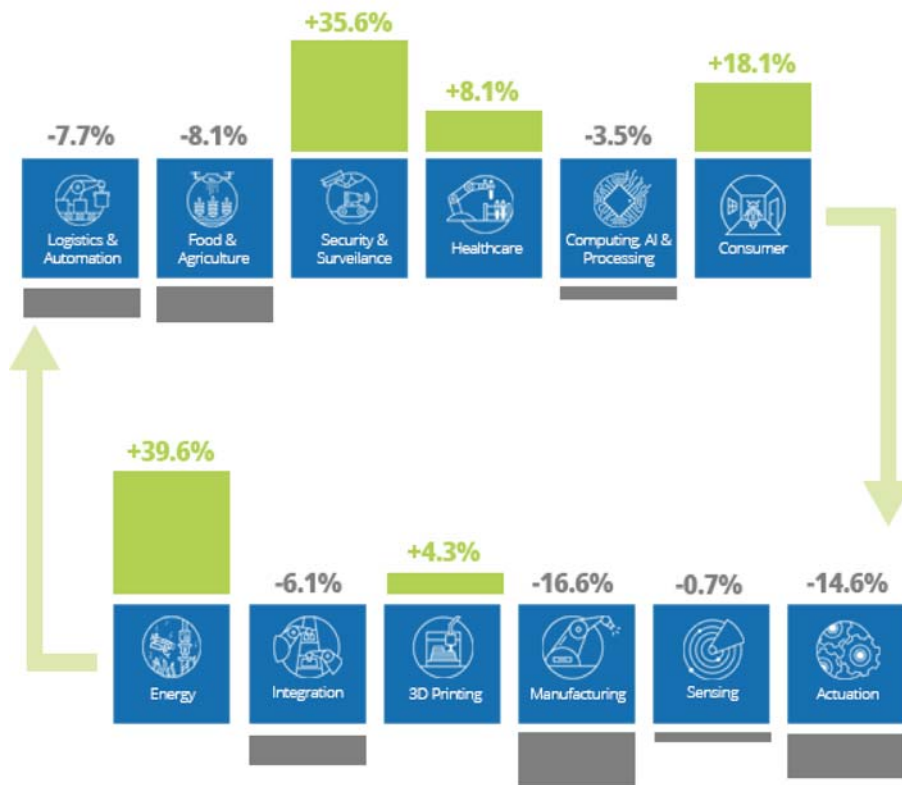


M&A AND FUNDINGS ACCELERATE IN 2018

New M&A announcements in robotics and AI seem to come every day—a fact that is evident in the select universe of ROBO Global Robotics & Automation Index members. Nine index members have been acquired since the inception of the index in 2013, and another four were targets of failed takeover attempts. M&A activity—both completed acquisitions and ongoing attempts—is continuing to accelerate.

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Subsector PERFORMANCE



Top PERFORMERS

 Security	 Sensing
Aerovironment Inc	Isra Vision AG
▲ +57%	▲ +46%

Location: US

Location: Germany

Bottom PERFORMERS



Toshiba Machine Co Ltd

▼ -31%

Location: Japan



THK Co Ltd

▼ -31%

Location: Japan

INDEX INSIGHT

Ocado was included in the ROBO Global Robotics & Automation Index at the June rebalance, after the UK-based e-commerce grocer signed a game changing deal with Kroger, to deploy its cutting-edge warehouse automation technology in 20 customer fulfillment centers. Ocado is building the world's largest automated CFC for online groceries at Erith, just outside London, where 3,500 swarming robots will prepare 200,000 orders a week.



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Meet the Minds Behind the ROBO Global Advisory Board

Henrik Christensen, Illah Nourbakhsh and, Manish Kothari are three of the brains behind the ROBO Index. As some of the top minds in the world of robotics and A.I., we're honored to have their insight and knowledge to help fuel the decisions that keep ROBO state of the art in the realm of robotic developments.

- Henrik Christensen, PhD - Qualcomm Chancellor's Chair of Robot Systems & Professor of Comp. Science at UC San Diego
- Illah Nourbakhsh, PhD - Professor of Robotics & Director of the CREATE Lab at Carnegie Mellon University
- Manish Kothari, PhD - President of SRI Ventures, Vice President of SRI International

HEAR FROM OUR ADVISORS

THE NEWSROOM



ROBO Global Adds Esteemed MIT Professor Daniela Rus to Advisory Board

We are thrilled to announce the strengthening and growing expertise of our advisory board with the addition of Daniela Rus, Ph.D., Professor and Director of CSAIL (Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory) at MIT, one of the largest AI departments in the U.S.

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ESG moves towards 'impact investing' to become a global investor priority

Often labeled as 'impact investments,' funds and stocks that adhered to ESG guidelines used to be considered feel-good vehicles—but not necessarily the best options from a returns perspective. Oh, how times have changed. That fact was made clear to ROBO Global's Richard Lightbound when he met with Australian investors at an ETF event in Sydney earlier this month.

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