



## **OUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REVIEW** As of 12/31/21

# PROSHARES S&P TECHNOLOGY DIVIDEND ARISTOCRATS ETF

#### Market overview

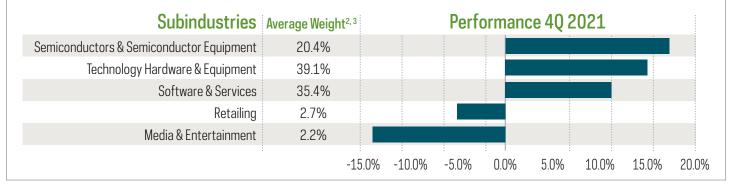
U.S. equity markets rallied sharply in the fourth quarter to close another year of strong performance for risk assets. The S&P 500° advanced nearly 11% for the quarter and closed the year with returns of about 28.7%, marking the third consecutive calendar year of returns over 18%. Investors largely shrugged off concerns about the latest COVID-19 variant and increasing inflation readings, instead focusing on corporate earnings that continued to beat expectations and resilient economic indicators. Information technology stocks were among the market's leading sectors. The S&P® Technology Dividend Aristocrats Index® returned almost 12.8% for the quarter and nearly 28.8% for 2021.

| Fund performance and index history <sup>1</sup>   |         |        |        |        |        | Fund Inception |
|---|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|----------------|
|   | 40 2021 | YTD    | 1-Year | 3-Year | 5-Year | 11/5/19        |
| ProShares S&P Technology Dividend Aristocrats ETF |         |        |        |        |        |                |
| TDV NAV Total Return                              | 12.61%  | 28.16% | 28.16% | _      | _      | 28.59%         |
| TDV Market Price Total Return                     | 12.35%  | 28.29% | 28.29% | _      | _      | 28.63%         |
| S&P Technology Dividend Aristocrats               | 12.76%  | 28.8%  | 28.8%  | _      | _      | 29.14%         |
| S&P Composite 1500 Information Technology         | 16.35%  | 33.76% | 33.76% | _      | _      | 40.18%         |

Sources: ProShares, Morningstar and Bloomberg. Periods greater than one year are annualized.

## Contribution

The S&P Technology Dividend Aristocrats Index targets companies from the information technology sector. The index may also include technology-related names in the communication services and consumer discretionary sectors, which may cover internet direct marketing retail, interactive home entertainment, and interactive media and services. At the subindustry level, technology hardware and equipment—the largest weighting in the portfolio at just over 39%—produced strong returns nearly 15% for the period. Software and services, which was the index's second-largest allocation, delivered returns of nearly 11.2%. Semiconductors produced the strongest performance for the period, with returns of nearly 17.3%. The index's internet retailing and media and entertainment names both produced negative returns. (Continued on page 2)



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# **Contribution** (continued)

At the stock level, semiconductor names Qualcomm and Broadcom were among the portfolio's strongest performers, each with returns in excess of about 38% during the quarter. Qualcomm reported better-than-expected results and offered guidance on smartphone demand, which remains strong. Chipmaker Broadcom also posted financial results that were above consensus, and it raised its quarterly dividend about 14% during the period. A laggard for the fourth quarter was Activision Blizzard, which fellow S&P Technology Dividend Aristocrat name Microsoft recently agreed to purchase in a deal expected to close during Microsoft's fiscal 2023. Other laggards included Power Integrations and Cass Information Systems.

| Stock <sup>2</sup>             | Subindustries                            | 40 2021<br>Performance | TDV's Index<br>Average Weight <sup>3</sup> | Contribution to<br>Relative Performance |
|--------------------------------|--|------------------------|--|---|
| Positive Contributors          |  |                        |  |   |
| Qualcomm Inc.                  | Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment | 42.33%                 | 3.17%                                      | 1.15%                                   |
| HP Inc.                        | Technology Hardware & Equipment          | 38.61%                 | 3.06%                                      | 1.05%                                   |
| Broadcom Inc.                  | Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment | 38.09%                 | 3.00%                                      | 1.03%                                   |
| Negative Contributors          |  |                        |  |   |
| Activision Blizzard, Inc.      | Media & Entertainment                    | -14.03%                | 2.22%                                      | -0.42%                                  |
| Power Integrations, Inc.       | Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment | -6.03%                 | 2.81%                                      | -0.15%                                  |
| Cass Information Systems, Inc. | Software & Services                      | -5.41%                 | 2.73%                                      | -0.13%                                  |

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Sources: FactSet, Bloomberg. TDV's total operating expenses are 0.45%. <sup>1</sup>Market returns are based on the composite closing price and do not represent the returns you would receive if you traded shares at other times. The first trading date is typically several days after the fund inception date. Therefore, NAV is used to calculate market returns prior to the first trading date.

<sup>2</sup>Holdings are subject to change. <sup>3</sup>TDV's average index weight from 10/1/21 to 12/31/21.

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