

# DIVIDEND GROWTH IN TIMES OF TURBULENCE

## Resilience in a Market Downturn

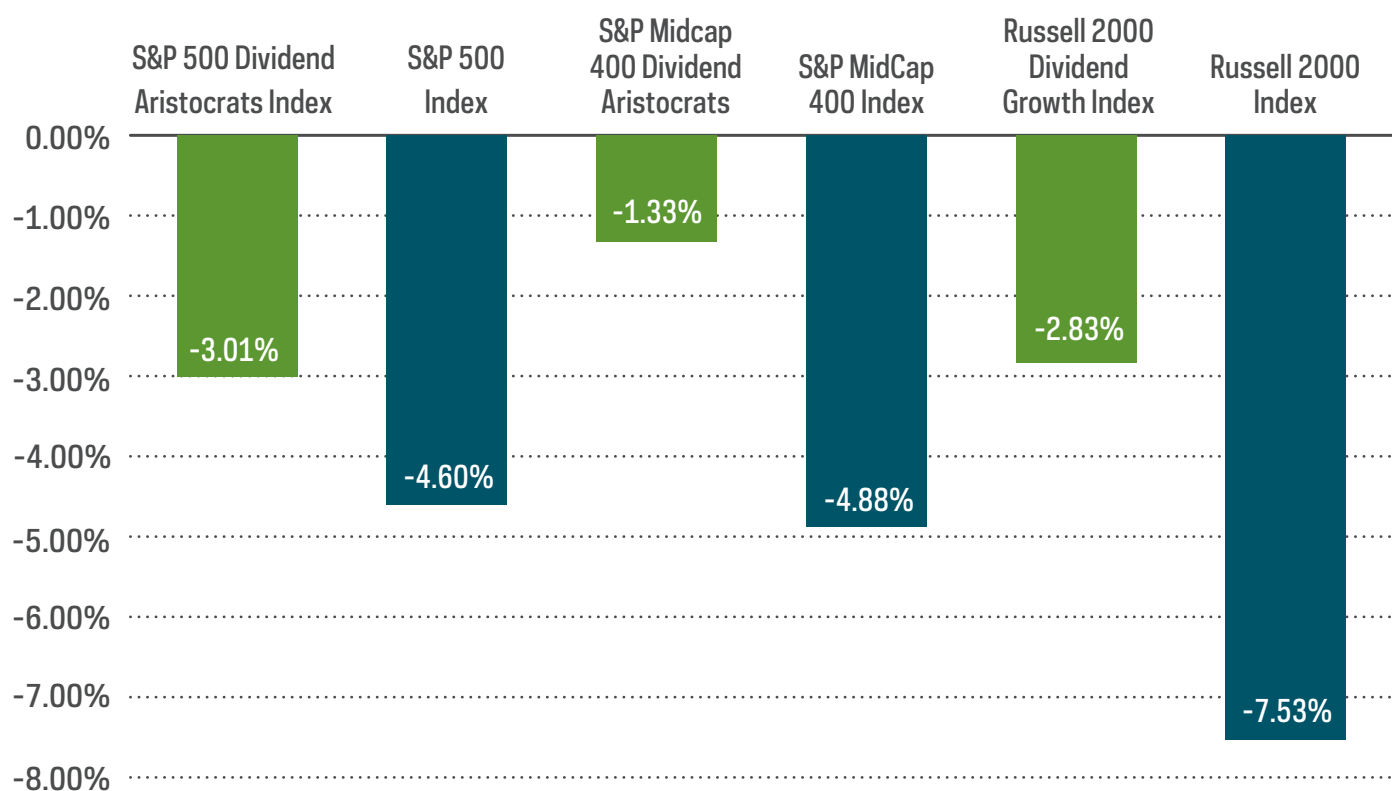
Dividend growth strategies held up better than the broader market during the recent downturn. They have also performed well in rising markets. The key is quality—dividend growers have demonstrated hallmarks of quality like stable earnings, solid fundamentals, and strong histories of profit and growth.

## Quality Drove Results

While the S&P 500® declined more than 4% on a year-to-date basis through March 31, 2022, dividend growth strategies fared far better. And that wasn't limited to the domestic large-cap stock universe. It applied to mid-cap and small-cap stocks as well.

## Outperformance During the Recent Downturn

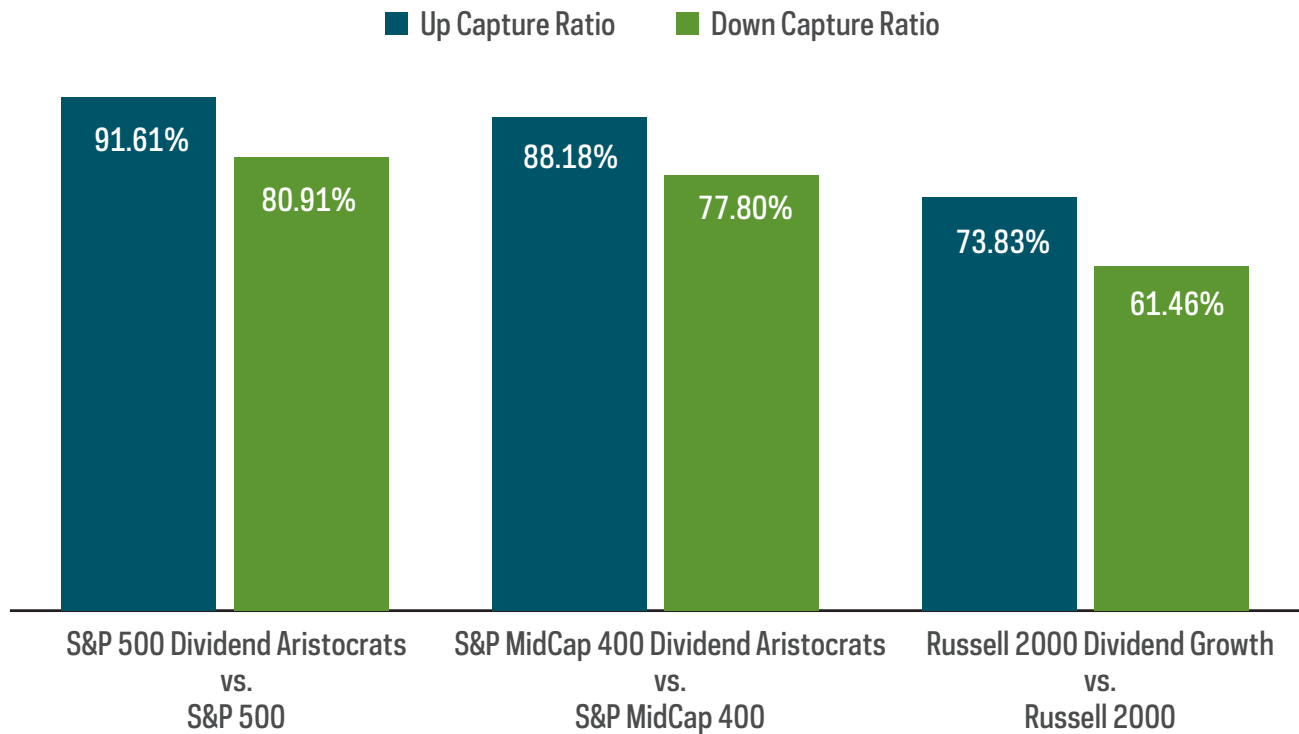
December 31, 2021 – March 31, 2022



Source: Bloomberg. Index performance returns do not reflect any management fees, transaction costs or expenses. Indexes are unmanaged, and one cannot invest in an index.

## Strong Up/Down Capture Ratios

Index inception – March 31, 2022



Source: Morningstar. S&P 500 Dividend Aristocrats - 5/2/05 - 3/31/22. S&P MidCap 400 Dividend Aristocrats: 1/5/15 - 3/31/22. Russell 2000 Dividend Growth: 11/11/14 - 3/31/22. "Up capture ratio" measures the performance of a fund or index relative to a benchmark when that benchmark has risen. Likewise, "down capture ratio" measures performance during periods when the benchmark has declined. Ratios are calculated by dividing monthly returns for the fund's index by the monthly returns of the primary index during the stated time period and multiplying that factor by 100.

### How Can This Benefit Investors?

The more uncertain the markets, the more investors may want to consider incorporating a dividend growth strategy into their portfolio to help contribute to a more resilient portfolio. ProShares offers the only ETF tracking the S&P 500 Dividend Aristocrats Index, as well as dividend growth ETFs covering various U.S. market caps, technology and international markets.

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## Fund Performance and Index History

Fund inception – March 31, 2022

		1-Year	5-Year	Since Fund Inception	Operating Expenses	Fund Inception Date
<b>S&amp;P 500 Dividend Aristocrats ETF (NOBL)</b>	<b>NAV</b>	12.19%	13.43%	13.00%	0.35%	10/09/13
	<b>Market Price</b>	12.23%	13.46%	13.01%	0.35%	10/09/13
<b>S&amp;P 500 Dividend Aristocrats<sup>®</sup> Index</b>		12.62%	13.88%	13.44%	-	-
<b>S&amp;P 500<sup>®</sup></b>		15.65%	15.98%	14.79%	-	-
<b>S&amp;P MidCap 400<sup>®</sup> Dividend Aristocrats ETF (REGL)</b>	<b>NAV</b>	6.69%	9.43%	10.87%	0.40%	2/3/15
	<b>Market Price</b>	6.53%	9.41%	10.88%	0.40%	2/3/15
<b>S&amp;P MidCap 400<sup>®</sup> Dividend Aristocrats Index</b>		7.14%	9.86%	11.29%	-	-
<b>S&amp;P MidCap 400<sup>®</sup></b>		4.59%	11.09%	10.52%	-	-
<b>Russell 2000 Dividend Growers ETF (SMDV)</b>	<b>NAV</b>	1.21%	6.25%	9.09%	0.40%	2/3/15
	<b>Market Price</b>	0.97%	6.22%	9.09%	0.40%	2/3/15
<b>Russell 2000<sup>®</sup> Dividend Growth Index</b>		1.60%	6.73%	9.58%	-	-
<b>Russell 2000<sup>®</sup></b>		-5.79%	9.74%	9.40%	-	-

Periods greater than one year are annualized.

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