

# PROSHARES RUSSELL 2000 DIVIDEND GROWERS ETF

## Quality Small Caps for the Long Term

### Only the Best Small-Cap Dividend Growers

Investors looking to build a durable equity portfolio with quality companies at its core may want to consider a dividend growth strategy—specifically one that invests in companies with the longest track records of dividend growth. ProShares Russell 2000 Dividend Growers ETF (SMDV) is the only ETF focusing exclusively on a rare breed of companies within the Russell 2000® Index that have raised their dividends for at least 10 consecutive years.



Average of 22 years of uninterrupted dividend growth

### How the Strategy Captures Quality

SMDV invests in the small-cap companies of the Russell 2000 Dividend Growth Index. As a group, SMDV's holdings have had hallmarks of quality, like stable earnings, solid fundamentals, and often strong histories of profit and growth.

### Higher Average Return on Equity

12/31/16 – 12/31/20

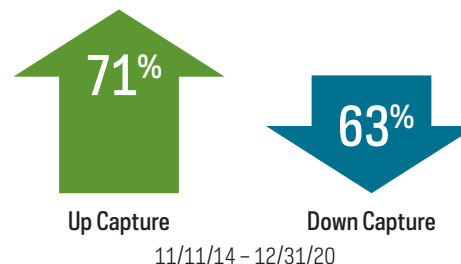
	Return on Equity (ROE)
Russell 2000 Dividend Growth Index	9.67%
Russell 2000 Index	4.60%

Source: Factset

### A History of Weathering Market Turbulence

SMDV's strategy has captured more of the gain in rising markets and less of the loss in falling markets. Moreover, the Russell 2000 Dividend Growth Index has exhibited less volatility than the Russell 2000 Index since its inception in 2014.

### SMDV's Strategy Has Captured More of the Market's Gain with Less of the Loss



Source: Morningstar. "Up capture ratio" measures the performance of a fund or index relative to a benchmark when that benchmark has risen. "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. Index returns are for illustrative purposes only and do not represent actual fund performance. Index performance returns do not reflect any management fees, transaction costs or expenses. Indexes are unmanaged and one cannot invest directly in an index. Past performance does not guarantee future results.

# How the Russell 2000 Dividend Growth Index Works

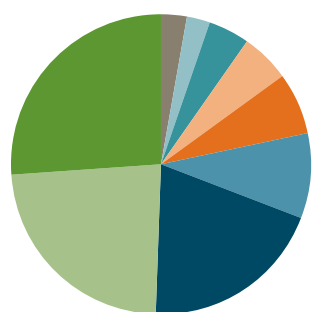
SMDV follows the Russell 2000 Dividend Growth Index, which includes companies in the Russell 2000 that have increased dividends every year for at least 10 consecutive years. As of March 31, 2021, the index held 75 constituents, with an average of 22 years of consecutive dividend growth.

## Index Holdings with the Longest Records of Dividend Growth as of 12/31/20

Name	Ticker	Sector	Years	Name	Ticker	Sector	Years
Northwest Natural Gas	NWN	Utilities	65	SJW Group	SJW	Utilities	53
Tootsie Roll Industries	TR	Consumer Staples	57	Stepan Co.	SCL	Materials	53
ABM Industries Inc.	ABM	Industrials	56	Lancaster Colony	LANC	Consumer Staples	51
California Water Service Group	CWT	Utilities	53	Universal Corp.	UVV	Consumer Staples	50
HB Fuller Company	FUL	Materials	53	Black Hills Corp.	BKH	Utilities	49

Source of Years: Mergent, FTSE Russell, data as of 12/31/20. Number of consecutive years of dividend growth is based on dividends paid during the calendar year. Constituents are subject to change. If fewer than 40 stocks meet criteria the index may include companies with shorter dividend growth history. ProShares makes reasonable efforts to obtain content from sources it believes to be reliable, but cannot guarantee that information from such sources is correct, accurate, complete or reliable. Data from sources may vary.

## Index Breakdown by Sector (as of 03/31/21)



Financials	26.10%	Consumer Discretionary	5.47%
Utilities	23.45%	Health Care	4.25%
Industrials	19.58%	Real Estate	2.64%
Consumer Staples	9.17%	Information Technology	2.58%
Materials	6.70%		

Sectors are based on the Global Industry Classification System ("GICS"), which was developed by and is the exclusive property of MSCI Inc. ("MSCI") and Standard & Poor's, a division of The McGraw-Hill Companies Inc. ("S&P"). Neither MSCI, S&P nor any third party involved in making or compiling GICS or any GICS classifications makes any express or implied warranties or representations with respect thereto (or the results to be obtained by the use thereof).

## Index Highlights

- **10 years of consecutive dividend growth** points to the general strength and stability of the index constituents.
- **Contains a minimum of 40 stocks.**
- **Equal weighting methodology**, unlike market cap weighting:
  - Treats each company as a distinct investment opportunity without regard to its size.
  - Does not have any single large weighting, so the index is not overly dependent on a few holdings for performance.
- **Well diversified** across sectors.
  - Limits the weight of any single sector to no more than 30% of the total index.
- **Is rebalanced quarterly** to equal weights in March, June, September and December, with an annual reconstitution during the June rebalance.

## About the ETF

Ticker Symbol: SMDV

Intraday Symbol: SMDV.IV

Bloomberg Index Symbol: R2DIVGRO

Investment Objective: SMDV seeks investment results, before fees and expenses, that track the performance of the Russell 2000 Dividend Growth Index.

Inception: 2/3/15

## Key takeaways

SMDV is the only ETF focused exclusively on dividend growers within the Russell 2000 Index that have the longest track records of dividend growth.

### Best levels of dividend growth

SMDV's holdings are the quality names of the Russell 2000 Dividend Growth Index—companies that have not just paid dividends but grown them for at least 10 consecutive years.

### A legacy of stability and strength

As a group, SMDV's holdings have had stable earnings, solid fundamentals, and often strong histories of profit and growth.

### A demonstrated history of weathering market turbulence

SMDV's strategy has captured most of the gains of rising markets and limited losses in falling markets. In addition, the strategy had lower volatility than the Russell 2000 Index—providing a smoother ride over the long term.

## Key potential risks

### Market risk

Adverse developments in equity markets may cause the value of your investment to decrease.

### Small-cap stocks

Investments in smaller companies typically exhibit higher volatility.

### See prospectus

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## Fund performance and index history

Fund inception (February 3, 2015) through March 31, 2021

	Year to Date	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	Fund Inception
ProShares Russell 2000 Dividend Growers ETF NAV Total Return	14.29%	43.99%	9.15%	10.65%	10.43%
ProShares Russell 2000 Dividend Growers ETF Market Price Total Return	14.34%	44.68%	9.21%	10.65%	10.47%
Russell 2000 Dividend Growth Index	14.43%	44.64%	9.68%	11.16%	10.93%
Russell 2000 Index	12.70%	94.85%	14.75%	16.34%	12.09%

Source: ProShares, Bloomberg

SMDV's total operating expenses are 0.41%. The performance quoted represents past performance and does not guarantee future results. Investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when sold or redeemed, may be worth more or less than the original cost. Shares are bought and sold at market price (not NAV) and are not individually redeemed from the fund. Market price returns are based upon the midpoint of the bid/ask spread at 4:00 p.m. ET (when NAV is normally determined for most funds) and do not represent the returns you would receive if you traded shares at other times. Brokerage commissions will reduce returns. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance quoted. Standardized returns and performance data current to the most recent month end may be obtained by visiting [ProShares.com](https://www.proshares.com). Indexes are unmanaged and one cannot invest directly in an index. Index performance does not reflect any management fees, transaction costs or expenses. There is no guarantee dividends will be paid. Companies may reduce or eliminate dividends at any time, and those that do will be dropped from the index at reconstitution.

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