

TalkingPoints

Introducing the S&P 500® Dividend Aristocrats® Bond Select 30 Index



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What is the S&P 500 Dividend Aristocrats Bond Select 30 Index?

The S&P 500 has been the flagship index tracking the U.S. equity market for over 50 years. Over the past few years, corporations have issued large amounts of debt, likely taking advantage of the lower interest rate environment. The S&P 500 Bond Index seeks to track debt issued by members of the S&P 500.

The S&P 500 Dividend Aristocrats Bond Select 30 Index is composed of up to 30 bonds issued by unique “Aristocrat” dividend issuers of the S&P 500 Dividend Aristocrats, based on a set of eligibility criteria. The select index universe consists of bonds that are members of the S&P 500 Investment Grade Corporate Bond Index, and each issuer must be a current member of the S&P 500 Dividend Aristocrats. The issuers are ranked in order of market value, and the 30 largest names are selected. The index captures bonds that mature between one and seven years, and it captures only one bond per issuer, with the largest bond of that issuer chosen. The S&P 500 Dividend Aristocrats Bond Select 30

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What are some of the key benefits of the index?

- **Diversification:** One bond per issuer is chosen from 30 of the most recognizable names in the U.S. corporate bond market.
As of April 28, 2017, the index was tracking over USD 40 billion of market value in those 30 bonds.
- **Liquidity:** To help ensure liquidity, the largest bond by market value is used for each issuer.

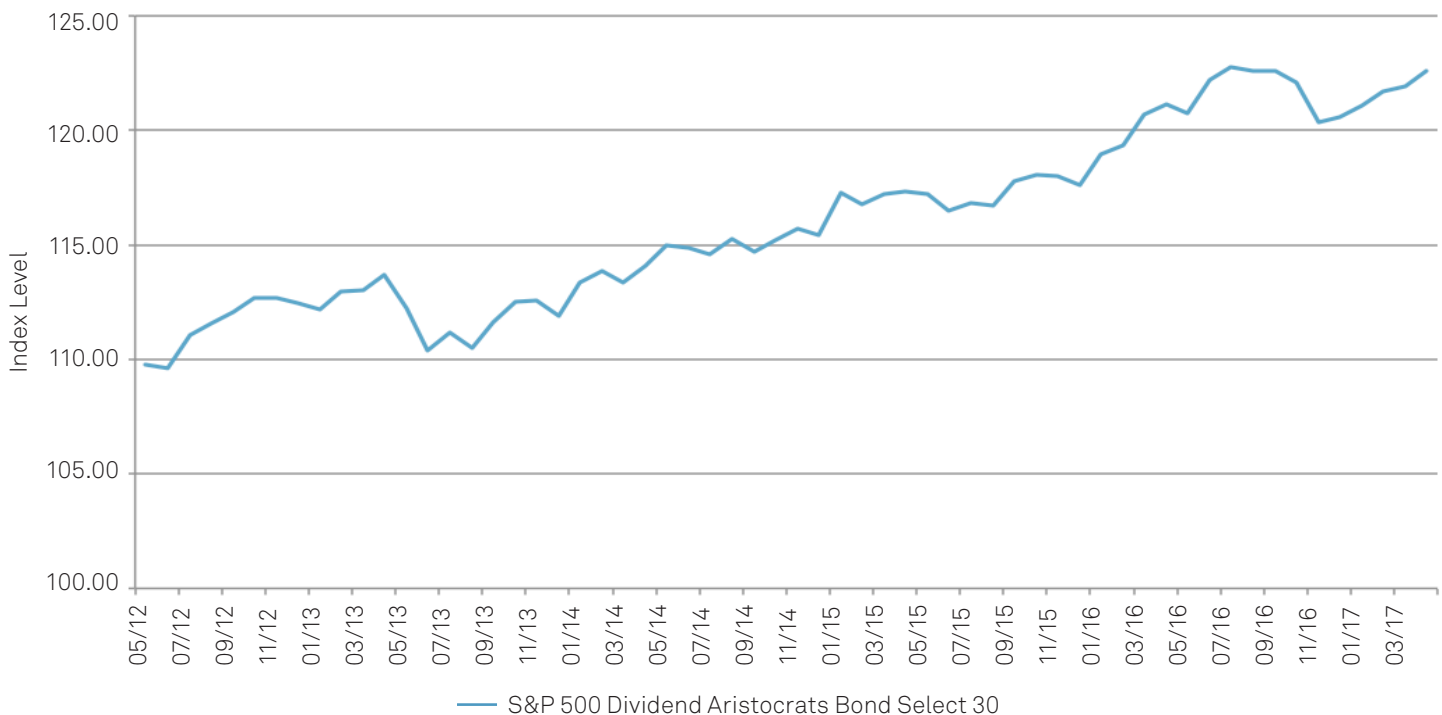
- Short Duration: Bonds selected are within a 1-7 year maturity range, resulting in a 3.67-year effective duration (as of April 28, 2017).
- High Quality: The weighted average rating of the index is A- (as of April 28, 2017).
- Transparency: The index makes opaque bond markets more transparent by focusing on issuers that are already familiar to market participants.

Exhibit 1: Eligibility Criteria of the S&P 500 Dividend Aristocrats Bond Select 30 Index

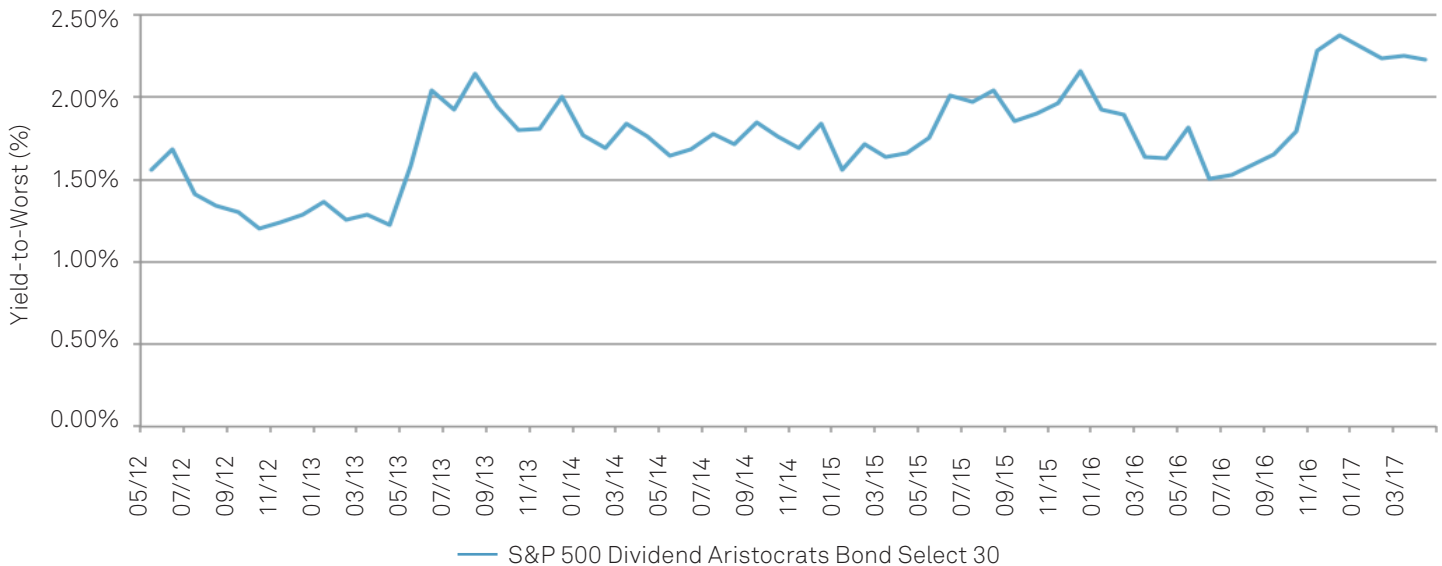
Feature	Criteria
Currency	USD
Coupon type	Fixed, Step-Up, Zero, and Fixed to Float can be included
Optionality	Bullets, callable, and puttable
Maturity	1-7 years (Maturity of at least one year, but less than seven years)
Size	Minimum par: USD 250 million
Eligible Issuers	Unique S&P 500 Dividend Aristocrats Index issuers
Rating	Lowest investment grade rating of S&P Global Ratings, Moody's, and Fitch
Weighting	Market value-weighted
Index Calculation	Daily
Index Rebalancing	Monthly, effective after the close of the last calendar day of the month

Source: S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC. Table is provided for illustrative purposes.

Exhibit 2: S&P 500 Dividend Aristocrats Bond Select 30 Index (TR)



Source: S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC. Data as of April 28, 2017. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Chart is provided for illustrative purposes and reflects hypothetical historical performance. Please see the Performance Disclosure at the end of this document for more information regarding the inherent limitations associated with back-tested performance.

Exhibit 3: S&P Dividend Aristocrats Bond Select 30 Index Yield-to-Worst

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Exhibit 4: S&P 500 Dividend Aristocrats Bond Select 30 Index Quick Facts

Category	Date
Ticker	SP5DABDT
First Value Date	Dec. 31, 2010
Base Date	Dec. 31, 2010
Launch Date	March 10, 2017
Base Value	100

Source: S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC. Table is provided for illustrative purposes.

Exhibit 5: Index Characteristics

Metric	Value
Number of Constituents	30
Total Par Value (USD Millions)	39,189.63
Market Value Outstanding (USD Millions)	40,327.13
Par Weighted Coupon	2.86%
Weighted Average Maturity	3.99 Years
Par Weighted Price	101.88
Yield-to-Maturity	2.23%
Yield-to-Worst	2.23%
Option-Adjusted Spread	61
Modified Duration	3.69
Effective Duration	3.67
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Exhibit 6: S&P 500 Dividend Aristocrats Bond Select 30 Index (TR)

Period	Total Return (%)
1-Year	1.23
3-Year	2.43
5-Year	2.33

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The S&P 500 Dividend Aristocrats Bond Select 30 Index was launched on March 10, 2017. All information presented prior to an index's Launch Date is hypothetical (back-tested), not actual performance. The back-test calculations are based on the same methodology that was in effect on the index Launch Date. Complete index methodology details are available at www.spdji.com.

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