# S&P/TSX Canadian Dividend Aristocrats

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# **About the Index**

The S&P/TSX Canadian Dividend Aristocrats index is designed to measure the performance of S&P Canada Broad Market Index (BMI) constituents that have followed a managed-dividends policy of consistently increasing dividends every year for at least five years.

Since 1956, dividends have notably contributed 30% of the total equity return of the S&P/TSX Composite index, while capital gains accounted for the remaining 70%. The S&P/TSX Canadian Dividend Aristocrats index captures both sustainable dividend income and capital appreciation potential which are both key factors in investors' total return expectations. The index also offers diversification across all sectors and exhibits both growth and value characteristics.

## **Index Methodology**

The index is weighted by indicated annual dividend yield. To prevent the index from being concentrated in only a few names, the methodology incorporates limits in index weights so that no individual stock represents more than 8% and no income trust represents more than 5%. In aggregate, income trusts are capped at 30% of the index weight. The index is maintained by the S&P/TSX Canadian Index Committee. Comprised of four members from Standard & Poor's and three members from the Toronto Stock Exchange (TSX), the Index Committee meets on a monthly and as needed, basis for review. Complete details of these guidelines are available on our Web site at www.indices.standardandpoors.com.

### **Criteria for Index Additions**

To qualify for inclusion, a company must first be considered a "Dividend Aristocrat" by satisfying the criteria listed below:

- Market Capitalization. The security must have a market capitalization of at least C\$ 300 million at the time of the review
- Universe. A company must be a constituent of the S&P Canada BMI.
- Listing. The company's security must be a common stock or

- an income trust listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange. In the event that a company has more than one class of common shares listed, the more liquid class will be used.
- Dividends. A security must have increased ordinary cash dividends every year for at least five consecutive years. Only ordinary dividend payments are considered. The 12-month period ending November 30 and all dividend ex-dates are used for the dividend analysis.

### **Rebalancing Frequency**

Major rebalancings are made on a yearly basis on the close of the 3rd Friday of December based on a review of the dividend payments of all constituents of the S&P Canada BMI. At this time, new constituents are weighted according to their indicated yield as of the last trading date of November. For minor rebalancings, adjustments to index constituent weights occur after the closing of the 3rd Friday of March, June, and September. At this time, constituents are adjusted so that their weights are based on their most recent month-end indicated yields. No additions are made to the index between rebalancings.

Index calculations are made in Canadian dollars, however, calculations in other currencies and hedged calculations are available from Standard & Poor's on a custom basis.

### **Criteria for Index Deletions**

Index constituents may be deleted from the index for the following reasons:

- At the December rebalancing, if the company's calendar year dividends did not increase from the previous calendar year.
- Between rebalancings, if the stock is removed from the S&P Canada BMI.

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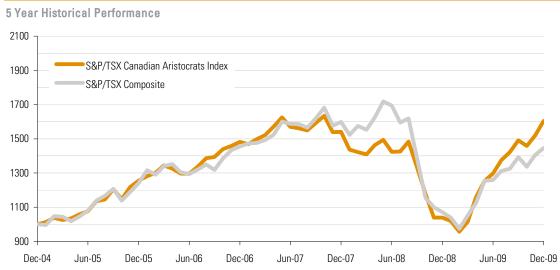
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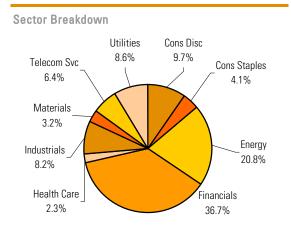




Top 10 Companies By Weight

		Float Adjusted			
		Market Cap	Index	Sector	
Country	Company	(CAN \$ Million)	Weight	Weight	GICS® Sector
Canada	Davis & Henderson Income Fund	900.70	3.53%	9.61%	Financials
Canada	AltaGas Income Trust	1,464.07	3.53%	16.97%	Energy
Canada	AGF Management Ltd B Nvtg	1,241.52	3.49%	9.50%	Financials
Canada	Just Energy Income Fund	1,765.27	3.30%	38.36%	Utilities
Canada	Parkland Income Fund	575.46	3.23%	15.52%	Energy
Canada	Bell Aliant Regional Comm Income Fund	3,567.10	3.22%	50.34%	Telecommunication Services
Canada	TELUS Corp	10,836.00	3.18%	49.66%	Telecommunication Services
Canada	Power Financial Corp	7,018.88	2.88%	7.85%	Financials
Canada	Great-West Lifeco Inc	6,856.34	2.86%	7.78%	Financials
Canada	IGM Financial Inc	4,476.19	2.71%	7.37%	Financials

Tickers						
S&P/TSX Canadian Dividend Aristocrats						
Price Return						
TSX	TXDV	CAN				
BL00MBERG <sup>SM</sup>	SPTXDV	CAN				
Reuters	.GSPTXDV	CAN				
Total Return						
BL00MBERG <sup>SM</sup>	SPTXDVT	CAN				
Reuters	.GSPTXDVT	CAN				



Index Portfolio Characteristics						
Number of Companies		56				
Total Market Cap (CAN \$ Billion)	446.46					
Company Size By Market Cap (Total CAN \$ Billion):						
	Average	7.97				
	Largest	56.70				
	Smallest	0.33				
	Median	2.72				
% Weight Largest Company		3.53%				
Top 10 Holdings (% Index Weight)		31.92%				

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