

The Syntax Approach

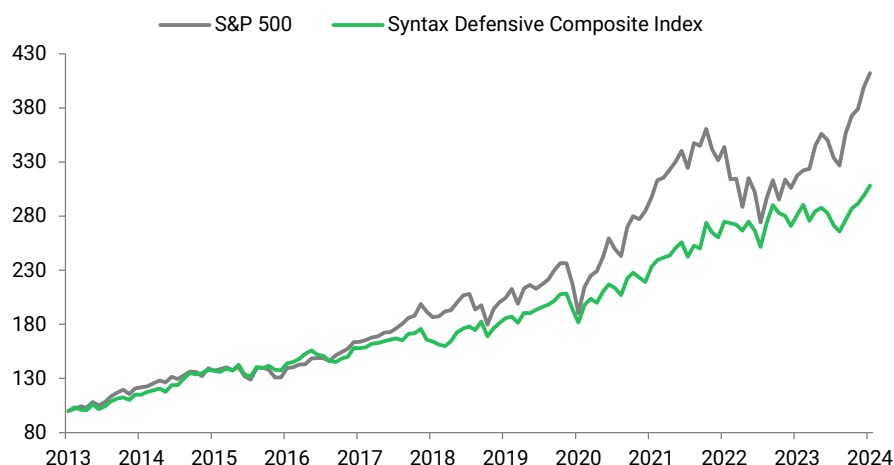
The Syntax Defensive Composite Index float market cap-weights publicly traded US companies that provide goods or services for which demand is relatively inelastic. The Index applies screens for thematic purity of exposure, liquidity, and size, and defines business segments including defensive utilities, consumer staples and necessities, defensive healthcare, and other defensive businesses.

The Index uses company classification data structured in Syntax's proprietary Functional Information System (FIS)®, which draws primarily from audited annual reports (e.g., 10-K filings) and secondarily from unaudited documents (e.g., news articles, company websites) to allow granular groupings and comparisons of companies by the characteristics of their various product lines.

Index Information

Ticker Symbol:	SYDFNC
Total Return Ticker:	SYDFNCG
Benchmark:	S&P 500
# Constituents:	277
Inception Date:	12/16/2022
Rebalancing Freq.:	Quarterly
First Index Value:	03/15/2013

Performance: Growth of \$100



Key Points

- Pure-play: company must have 50+% exposure to theme
- Drawn from the Syntax US 3000 Index
- Chosen for thematic purity of exposure
- Weighted by float market cap, weights capped at 4.5%

Total return, gross of dividends, not including fees (periods greater than one year have been annualized). As of 03.31.2024.

Index Return (%)

	YTD	1Q24	1Y	3Y	5Y	7Y	10Y	Since 03.15.13
Defensive Composite	7.37	7.37	9.62	9.75	10.64	10.03	10.36	10.73
S&P 500	10.56	10.56	29.88	11.49	15.05	14.09	12.96	14.06

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Annual Returns (%)

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Defensive Composite	1.52	3.23	20.18	9.65	22.86	-1.62	15.79	4.85	5.83	19.01
S&P 500	26.29	-18.11	28.71	18.40	31.49	-4.38	21.83	11.96	1.38	13.69

Index Statistics

	Vol.	Sharpe Ratio	Dividend Yield	P / E Ratio	P / B Ratio
Defensive Composite	11.6	0.77	2.60	26.4	4.78
S&P 500	15.2	0.76	1.39	26.5	4.77

* Vol and Sharpe ratio use monthly data over last 10 years.

Top 10 Holdings (%)

Company	Weight (%)
Merck & Co Inc	4.70
Procter & Gamble	4.48
AbbVie Inc.	4.43
Eli Lilly & Co	4.40
Johnson & Johnson	4.38
Walmart Inc.	4.25
Costco Wholesale Corp	4.18
Coca-Cola Co	3.90
PepsiCo Inc	3.71
McDonald's Corp	3.31

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