

# GET DEFENSIVE

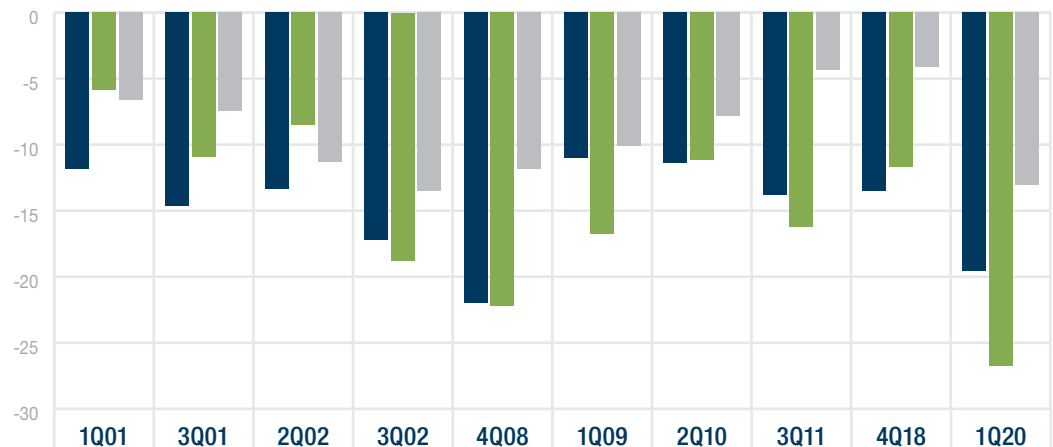
With the recent volatility in the stock market, it may be a good opportunity to look at how your equity portfolio is positioned against another sell-off. Select Sector SPDRs can offer investors exposure to defensive sectors which, historically, have provided downside protection to a portfolio's equity allocation.

Since 1999, there have been 10 times the S&P 500 has pulled back by 10% or more during a calendar quarter. During those occurrences, as the chart shows, an equally weighted portfolio of defensive sectors (Consumer Staples, Health Care, and Utilities) has significantly outperformed the S&P 500.

Further, the defensive sectors portfolio fared better than the Russell 1000 Value Index, outperforming in eight of the 10 quarters.

For more information on the defensive sectors, how they can benefit your portfolios, and their standardized performance, visit [www.sectorspdrs.com](http://www.sectorspdrs.com).

## Portfolio of Equally Weighted Defensive Sectors in Market Downturns



	1Q01	3Q01	2Q02	3Q02	4Q08	1Q09	2Q10	3Q11	4Q18	1Q20
S&P 500	-11.83	-14.65	-13.36	-17.24	-21.95	-11.01	-11.39	-13.84	-13.52	-19.60
Russell 1000 Value Index	-5.86	-10.95	-8.52	-18.77	-22.18	-16.77	-11.15	-16.20	-11.72	-26.73
Equally Weighted Defensive Sectors	-6.61	-7.45	-11.34	-13.51	-11.82	-10.12	-7.81	-4.36	-4.12	-13.07

Source: Morningstar direct. Data as of 3/31/20

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