

Global Dividend Growth ADR

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Strategy description

Global Dividend Growth ADR is a broadly-diversified portfolio of mid- to large-capitalization global equities that seeks total return from the long-term investment in often overlooked dividend-paying companies with a broad range of yields, including those initiating dividends, driving enhanced diversification potential.

At-a-glance

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|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| Benchmark | MSCI World Index |
| Number of positions range | 30 – 60 |
| Initial investable universe | \$3B+ |
| Sectors represented | All |
| Individual country exposure (ex-U.S.) | 30% maximum |
| Non-U.S. exposure (%) | 25 – 75 |
| Dividend growth rate target | > MSCI World |
| Beta target | < MSCI World |
| Dividend yield target | >/= MSCI World |

Investment process

The investment team utilizes bottom up, fundamental analysis to identify high-quality global companies that are well-positioned to grow their dividend over time. Companies are evaluated based on their balance sheet strength, earnings growth, return on equity, quality of management and their commitment to returning cash to shareholders.

Average annualized total returns (%)

| | Inception date | QTD | YTD | 1 year | 3 years | 5 years | 10 years | Since inception |
|-----------|----------------|-------|-------|--------|---------|---------|----------|-----------------|
| Gross | 01 Jul 12 | -2.51 | 16.10 | 16.10 | 6.88 | 9.18 | 9.02 | 10.18 |
| Net | 01 Jul 12 | -3.25 | 12.70 | 12.70 | 3.74 | 5.97 | 5.81 | 6.94 |
| Benchmark | | -0.16 | 18.67 | 18.67 | 6.34 | 11.17 | 9.95 | 11.16 |

Performance data shown represents past performance and does not predict or guarantee future results. Performance shown is based on the composite. The value of the portfolio will fluctuate based on the value of the underlying securities. Individual returns may vary based on factors such as the account type, market value, cash flows and fees. Current performance is preliminary and may be higher or lower than the performance shown. Final numbers are available upon request. Total returns for a period of less than one year are cumulative.

Portfolio management

David S. Park, CFA, CPA | 27 years industry experience

David A. Chalupnik, CFA | 41 years industry experience

Portfolio statistics

| | Portfolio | Benchmark |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| Number of positions | 49 | 1,395 |
| Median market cap (\$B) | \$145.4 | \$21.1 |
| Weighted average market cap (\$B) | \$663.9 | \$813.3 |
| Dividend growth (5 years) (%) ^{1,2} | 8.1 | 6.8 |
| Beta (trailing 1 year) | 0.83 | |
| Dividend yield (%) ² | 2.0 | 1.7 |
| Return on equity (%) | 21.1 | 20.1 |
| P/E ratio (forward 1 year) | 18.7 | 19.1 |
| Active share (%) | 79 | |

Negative P/Es are excluded in the calculation of the P/E ratio.

Performance metrics

| | | 5 years | 10 years | Since inception |
|-------------------------------|-----------|---------|----------|-----------------|
| Alpha | | -0.63 | 0.20 | 0.30 |
| Beta | | 0.88 | 0.88 | 0.88 |
| Up market capture ratio (%) | | 87.09 | 90.76 | 90.88 |
| Down market capture ratio (%) | | 95.17 | 93.48 | 92.99 |
| Standard deviation (%) | Portfolio | 17.87 | 14.42 | 13.21 |
| | Benchmark | 20.54 | 16.46 | 18.68 |
| Sharpe ratio | Portfolio | 0.38 | 0.51 | 0.67 |
| | Benchmark | 0.11 | 0.21 | 0.34 |

Top ten positions (%)

| | Portfolio |
|--|-----------|
| Apple Inc. | 5.9 |
| Microsoft Corporation | 5.5 |
| Broadcom Inc. | 4.9 |
| Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., Ltd. Sponsored ADR | 3.7 |
| JPMorgan Chase & Co. | 3.7 |
| SAP SE Sponsored ADR | 3.2 |
| American Express Company | 2.8 |
| AbbVie, Inc. | 2.6 |
| Itochu Corporation Unsponsored ADR | 2.5 |
| Motorola Solutions, Inc. | 2.5 |

Sector allocation (%)

| | Portfolio | Benchmark |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Information Technology | 27.5 | 26.2 |
| Financials | 15.8 | 16.0 |
| Health Care | 11.4 | 10.3 |
| Industrials | 9.9 | 10.6 |
| Consumer Discretionary | 7.7 | 11.1 |
| Consumer Staples | 6.7 | 6.0 |
| Energy | 4.7 | 3.7 |
| Utilities | 4.2 | 2.5 |
| Communication Services | 3.6 | 8.1 |
| Materials | 2.3 | 3.2 |
| Real Estate | 1.8 | 2.1 |

Top five countries (%)

| | Portfolio | Benchmark |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|
| United States | 57.9 | 73.5 |
| United Kingdom | 8.0 | 3.7 |
| France | 6.1 | 2.6 |
| Japan | 5.2 | 5.4 |
| Taiwan | 3.7 | 0.0 |

Data source: FactSet, eVestment. All characteristics are based on a model portfolio deemed appropriate and are dollar weighted measures, except for weighted average market cap. Specific securities described do not represent all of the securities purchased, sold or recommended over the past year and you should not assume that securities identified were or will be profitable. Performance statistics are based on quarterly composite return data versus the benchmark.

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| Year | Calendar year total return (net of fees) (%) | Composite total return gross of fees (%) | Benchmark return (%) | Composite 3-year standard deviation (%) | Benchmark 3-year standard deviation (%) | Number of accounts | Composite internal dispersion (%) | % Non fee paying accounts | % of SMA portfolios | Composite assets at period end (\$ millions) | Firm assets at period end (\$ billions) |
|------|--|--|----------------------|---|---|--------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|--|---|
| 2023 | 12.19 | 15.57 | 23.79 | 15.2 | 16.7 | </= 5 | N/A | 69 | 0 | 2 | 237.6 |
| 2022 | -11.71 | -8.99 | -18.14 | 19.0 | 20.4 | </= 5 | N/A | 69 | 0 | 2 | 247.0 |
| 2021 | 17.44 | 20.97 | 21.82 | 16.0 | 17.1 | </= 5 | N/A | 47 | 0 | 3 | 296.1 |
| 2020 | 1.94 | 5.04 | 15.90 | 16.9 | 18.3 | </= 5 | N/A | 48 | 0 | 2 | N/A |
| 2019 | 24.33 | 28.04 | 27.67 | 10.3 | 11.1 | </= 5 | N/A | 42 | 0 | 3 | N/A |
| 2018 | -10.78 | -8.04 | -8.71 | 9.9 | 10.4 | 6 | 0.3 | 51 | 0 | 3 | N/A |
| 2017 | 17.35 | 20.87 | 22.40 | 9.7 | 10.2 | 7 | N/A | 33 | 0 | 3 | N/A |
| 2016 | 4.95 | 8.13 | 7.51 | 10.6 | 10.9 | 6 | 0.2 | 35 | 0 | 2 | N/A |
| 2015 | -3.62 | -0.68 | -0.87 | 10.7 | 10.8 | 6 | 0.2 | 33 | 0 | 2 | N/A |
| 2014 | 3.91 | 7.06 | 4.94 | N/A | N/A | 6 | N/A | 33 | 0 | 2 | N/A |

Current benchmark: MSCI World Index

* For each period presented in the above table, the composite does not contain actual wrap fee/SMA portfolios and is based on the institutional composite track record (0% or none of the composite portfolios/assets are wrap fee/SMA portfolios).

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