

Dividend Equity

U.S. Core Equity Strategy – Individual Stocks

Strategy Overview

As of 3/31/24

Dividend Equity is a fully invested income generation strategy. It is grounded in the conventional wisdom that blue-chip companies will maintain a consistent dividend strategy that is independent of trading conditions. Though some stocks are often experiencing negative headlines, the strategy benefits by investing during times of stress with the expectation that things will improve over time and investors will collect dividends that soften negative price action along the way.

Primary Objective Income Generation

Asset Allocation

100% Individual Stocks

Long-Only, Fully Invested Mandate

Current Yield 4.0%

Investment Philosophy

- We believe a thoroughly researched and systematic investment process grounded in common sense will outperform over time.
- Market research, active security selection, and disciplined risk management are key components in our management process.
- Daily monitoring using our security selection model allows us to capitalize on risk/return attribute changes as they occur, adjusting the portfolio accordingly.

Investment Process

Score & Rank Stocks

Assess relative attractiveness of stocks based on quantitative attributes

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Construct Portfolio

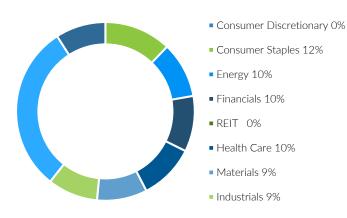
Select stocks with the highest ranked risk-adjusted appreciation potential

Manage Risk

Monitor positions daily to refresh stocks as risk/return attributes change

Sample Allocation

Sample Sector Allocation



Sample Holdings

Ticker	Name	Sector
GS	Goldman Sachs Group	Financial Services
IBM	International Business Machines Corp	Technology
DOW	Dow Inc	Industrials
VZ	Verizon Communications	Communication Services
HD	Home Depot Inc	Consumer Cyclical

Sample holdings by weight. The list above is shown for informational purposes only. It can change and is not a recommendation to buy or sell any of these securities or to allocate a portfolio in this manner.

Performance As of 3/31/24

Total Performance (% Net)

	2021*	2022	2023	2024 YTD	Since Inception	Growth of \$100,000
Dividend Equity	-0.5	-0.1	12.5	4.5	16.9	\$116,901
S&P 500	20.8	-18.5	25.7	10.4	36.7	\$136,660

^{*2021} performance beginning 3/31/2021

Strategy Metrics vs. S&P 500 (since 3/31/21)

Beta	Correlation	Std Dev
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0.49	0.93	17.1%
1.00	1.00	15.8%

Strategy Benefits

Disciplined	Quantitatively researched and rules-based management
Transparent	Separately managed account (SMA) structure provides real-time account access

Management

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Benchmark - The S&P 500 Index is used for comparison purposes as it represents a sample of the 500 leading companies in leading industries of the U.S. economy. It is generally considered a proxy for the total market.