

# High-Dividend Portfolio



## Fact Sheet

As of 9/30/2024

### Highlights

#### Cash Flow Alternative to High-Yield Corporate Bonds

- High corporate debt levels trading at relatively narrow spreads can be indicative of heightened investment risk in that asset class
- Developed with this risk in mind, the portfolio is designed to generate a yield similar to high-yield corporate bonds, but with higher exposure to investment grade companies

#### Differentiated Strategy

- Appropriate for investors desiring a strategy that combines both high yield and broad diversification
- Seeks to balance concentration risk and yield in order to derive a cash flow stream well above traditional dividend strategies while maintaining exposure to numerous industry sectors

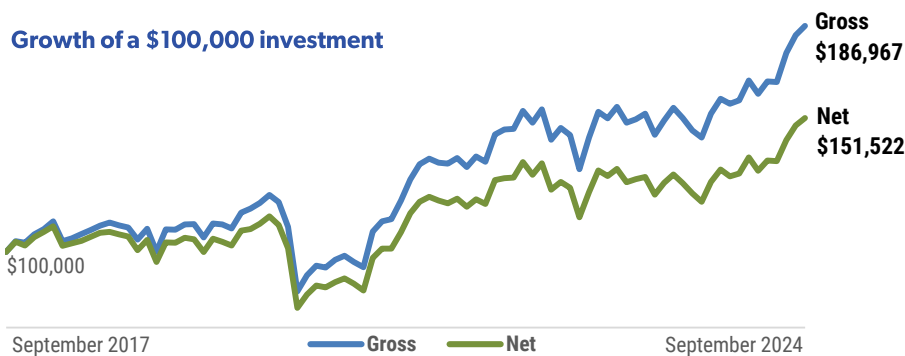
#### Proven Investment Process

- Combines quantitative and qualitative approaches; screens stocks based on financial and fundamental quality, as well as company means and intent to pay and grow dividends
- Managed by dividend-income focused team with extensive credit and portfolio management experience

### Performance Overview

August 31, 2017–September 30, 2024 | Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

#### Growth of a \$100,000 investment



The growth of \$100,000 chart presented herein is for illustrative purposes only. The chart illustrates the growth of \$100,000 had it been invested at the time of inception and includes reinvestment of dividends. It does not assume withdrawals or contributions. Any results shown above may not represent the actual experience of individual investors. Individual account performance may differ due to, e.g., account size, cash flows, investment restrictions, economic factors, and fees.

#### Objective

Seeks to generate a high level of current income with dividend growth covering inflation and a yield that is competitive with high-yield corporate bonds. Recommended allocation is similar to that of high-yield corporate bonds within a well-diversified investment portfolio.

#### Portfolio Characteristics

Inception	September 1, 2017
Number of Holdings	30
Benchmark	S&P 500 Low Vol High Dvd
Weighted Avg. Dvd. Yield	4.7%
Weighted Avg. Mkt. Cap.	\$77.5 Bln.
Forward Price/Earn. Mult.	16.3x
Annual Turnover - 2023	22.5%

#### Risk Statistics

	Portfolio	Benchmark
Standard Deviation (%)	14.45	16.39
Sharpe Ratio	0.59	0.44
Beta	0.86	1.00
R-Squared	0.96	1.00
Alpha (%)	2.50	0.00
Batting Average (%)	47.22	100.00
Up-Market Capture (%)	88.92	100.00
Down-Market Capture (%)	83.53	100.00

All risk measures are based on a 5-year time period using monthly returns.

	Total Returns			Annualized Returns				Calendar-Year Returns					
	3-Mos	6-Mos	YTD	1-year	3-year	5-year	Inception	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Gross %	13.09	12.70	17.62	27.43	12.12	10.16	9.24	-7.95	21.78	-8.30	29.86	4.22	4.99
Benchmark %	14.90	16.09	22.81	34.80	10.82	8.32	8.07	-5.87	20.76	-9.67	25.26	0.93	1.70
Net %	12.30	11.05	15.01	23.64	8.85	6.95	6.04	-10.68	18.25	-10.99	26.08	1.21	1.92

As of 9/30/2024; Inception — September 1, 2017; Benchmark = S&P 500 Low Volatility High Dividend Total Return Index

Net returns reflect the deduction of the potential maximum managed account fee of 3.00% which includes the wrap sponsor fee and EquityCompass investment management fees. Actual fees may vary.

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### Holdings by Market Cap

	%
Large Cap - > \$10 bn (%)	90.46
Mid Cap - \$3.5 - \$10 bn (%)	6.78
Small Cap - < \$3.5 bn (%)	2.76

### Top Ten Portfolio Holdings by Yield

	%
Ares Capital Corp.	9.17
Sixth Street Specialty Lending, Inc.	8.96
BCE Inc.	8.43
Altria Group, Inc.	7.99
Pfizer Inc.	5.81
LyondellBasell Industries NV	5.59
Kinder Morgan Inc. CI P	5.21
VICI Properties Inc.	5.19
Dow, Inc.	5.13
Bank of Montreal	5.05

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### Sector Allocation

	%
Utilities	16.92
Financials	16.57
Real Estate	14.31
Energy	14.21
Consumer Staples	13.18
Health Care	12.73
Materials	5.61
Information Technology	3.98
Communication Services	2.48

### Portfolio Management Team



**Christopher M. Mutascio**  
Senior Managing Director



**James DeMasi, CFA**  
Senior Portfolio Manager



**Bernard J. Kavanagh III, CMT®**  
Senior Portfolio Manager

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**HIGH-DIVIDEND PORTFOLIO WRAP COMPOSITE (09/01/2017 – 12/31/2023)**

Year-End	Gross-of-Fees Return*	Net-of-Fees Return**	Benchmark Return	Composite 3 Yr. Ex Post Std. Deviation	Benchmark 3 Yr. Ex Post Std. Deviation	Composite Number of Portfolios	Internal Dispersion	Portfolios With Bundled Fees	Composite Assets (USD Mil.)	Strategy Assets (USD Mil.)†	Firm & Advisory Assets (USD Mil.)
2017 §	8.8%	7.8%	6.9%	N/A	N/A	<6	N/A	67%	\$0.11	\$0.11	\$3,785
2018	-8.0%	-10.7%	-5.9%	N/A	N/A	<6	N/A	67%	\$0.15	\$0.15	\$3,831
2019	21.8%	18.2%	20.8%	N/A	N/A	<6	N/A	67%	\$0.25	\$14	\$4,294
2020	-8.30%	-10.99%	-9.67%	20.48%	20.29%	<6	N/A	50%	\$0.29	\$36	\$4,012
2021	29.86%	26.08%	25.26%	20.30%	20.76%	<6	N/A	50%	\$0.37	\$87	\$5,038
2022	4.22%	1.21%	0.93%	21.87%	22.34%	<6	N/A	50%	\$0.44	\$180	\$4,469
2023	4.99%	1.92%	1.70%	14.76%	16.82%	<6	N/A	50%	\$0.46	\$206	\$4,707

\* Supplemental information. Please see Fees section for details. \*\* Net returns are calculated by subtracting the highest applicable wrap fee (3.00% on an annual basis) from the gross composite return. † Supplemental Information. § Returns are for the period 09/01/2017 through 12/31/2017.

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**Composite Description**

The performance results displayed herein represent the investment performance record for the High-Dividend Portfolio Wrap Composite. The composite includes wrap and non-wrap accounts that are invested in the composite strategy and managed on a discretionary basis by EquityCompass. High-Dividend Portfolio strategy invests in a focused portfolio of dividend-paying stocks domiciled in the U.S. and developed international markets seeking to generate a high level of current income with dividend growth to cover inflation and a yield that is competitive with U.S. high-yield bond benchmarks. It is available in wrap fee programs through third-party intermediaries (each, a “Sponsor”) that have engaged EquityCompass to manage client accounts on a discretionary basis or to provide non-discretionary investment recommendations in the form of model portfolios. The Composite was created in January 2018 and the inception date is September 1, 2017.

**Benchmark Description**

The benchmark is the S&P 500 Low Volatility High Dividend Index. The **S&P 500 Low Volatility High Dividend Index** measures the performance of the 50 least-volatile high dividend-yielding stocks in the S&P 500. The index is designed to serve as a benchmark for income-seeking investors in the U.S. equity market. All benchmark returns are shown on a total return basis and assume that all cash distributions, such as dividends, are reinvested. The volatility of the indices identified in this report may be materially different from the volatility of the model portfolios presented by EquityCompass. Indices are unmanaged, do not reflect fees and expenses, and are not available for direct investment.

**Fees**

Gross-of-fees returns, are gross of portfolio management and custody fees and net of all actual transaction costs in the case of non-wrap accounts and those wrap accounts traded by EquityCompass. If the wrap account trades are executed by the Sponsor, transaction costs are bundled with the wrap fee and therefore not deducted from gross-of-fee return calculation. Net returns are calculated by subtracting the highest applicable annual wrap fee (3.00%, by deducting 0.75% quarterly) from the gross composite return. The EquityCompass management fee schedule per annum is 0.35% on up to 1,000,000, 0.32% on 1,000,000–2,500,000 million, 0.28% on 2,500,000–5,000,000, 0.25% on 5,000,000–10,000,000, and negotiable over 10,000,000. Clients are typically charged a wrap fee which includes, in addition to the manager fee, trading expenses, as well as custody and administrative fees. The wrap fee schedule varies by Sponsor and is available upon request.

**Reporting Currency**

Valuations are computed and performance reported in U.S. dollars (USD).

**Annualized Standard Deviation**

The three-year annualized ex post standard deviation measures the variability of the monthly returns of the composite (gross-of-fee) and the benchmark over the preceding 36-month period; it is not presented for periods of less than three years.

**Internal Dispersion**

Internal dispersion is calculated using the asset-weighted standard deviation of annual gross returns of all accounts that were in the composite for the entire year; it is not presented for periods less than one year or when there were fewer than five accounts in the composite for the entire year.

**Assets**

Strategy Assets include all discretionary and non-discretionary accounts invested in the High-Dividend Portfolio strategy. Accounts that are excluded from the composite because of significant cash flows or for other reasons are also included in Strategy Assets. This is presented as supplemental information.

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**DESCRIPTION OF TERMS****Alpha**

Alpha is a measure of performance vs. a benchmark on a risk-adjusted basis. A positive alpha of 1.0 means the portfolio has outperformed its benchmark index by 1%. Correspondingly, a similar negative alpha would indicate an underperformance of 1%.

**Batting Average**

A measure of a manager's ability to beat the market consistently, the Batting Average is calculated by dividing the number of quarters in which the manager beat or matched an index by the total number of quarters in the period. For example, a manager who meets or outperforms the market every quarter in a given period would have a batting average of 100. A manager who beats the market half of the time would have a batting average of 50.

**Beta**

Measures the sensitivity of an investment to the movement of its benchmark. A beta higher than 1.0 indicates the investment has been more volatile than the benchmark and a beta of less than 1.0 indicates that the investment has been less volatile than the benchmark.

**Down-Market Capture Ratio**

Measures the manager's overall performance to the benchmark's overall performance, considering only quarters that are negative in the benchmark. A down-market capture ratio of less than 1.0 indicates a manager who outperforms the relative benchmark in the benchmark's negative quarters and protects more of a portfolio's value during down markets.

**R-Squared**

Measures the strength of the linear relationship between a fund and its benchmark. R-squared at 1.00 implies perfect linear relationship and zero implies no relationship exists.

**Sharpe Ratio**

Sharpe Ratio is a risk-adjusted measure, calculated using standard deviation and excess return to determine reward per unit of risk. The higher the Sharpe ratio, the better a portfolio's historical risk-adjusted performance.

**Standard Deviation**

Measures the risk or volatility of an investment's return over a particular time period; the greater the number, the greater the risk.

**Up-Market Capture Ratio**

Measures the manager's overall performance to the benchmark's overall performance, considering only quarters that are positive in the benchmark. An up-market capture ratio of more than 1.0 indicates a manager who outperforms the relative benchmark in the benchmark's positive quarters.

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