

PORTFOLIO STRATEGY

Dearborn Partners' Core Rising Dividend Separately Managed Account (SMA) invests in a diversified set of companies with consistently rising dividends that offer a potential yield greater than the S&P 500. Companies selected offer the potential for mid to high single digit annual dividend growth over the long term. The combination of this attractive current yield plus potential regular dividend increases offers investors a portfolio that we believe will perform well in both rising and falling markets.

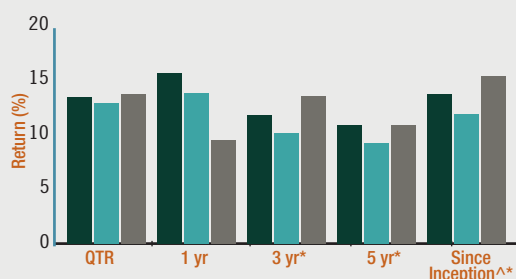
INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY

- ▶ Growth of dividend income
- ▶ Disciplined stock selection
- ▶ Participate in the long-term wealth-building potential of investing in great businesses
- ▶ Relatively low turnover
- ▶ Long-term investment time horizon (5+ years)

PORTFOLIO COMPANY CHARACTERISTICS

- ▶ Solid financial condition with very strong balance sheets
- ▶ Investment-grade debt (if company has debt)
- ▶ Dividends well covered by cash flow and earnings
- ▶ Operations in generally defensive businesses
- ▶ The potential to raise dividends consistently year after year

RETURNS



RETURNS (%)

	QTR	1 yr	3 yr*	5 yr*	Since Inception^*
Core Dividend (Pure Gross)	13.4%	15.6%	11.8%	10.9%	13.7%
Core Dividend (Net)	12.9%	13.8%	10.1%	9.2%	11.9%
S&P 500 Index	13.7%	9.5%	13.5%	10.9%	15.4%

^9/30/2011

\*Average annualized return

CHARACTERISTICS

Dividend Yield (%)	2.4
P/E 2019e (X)	20.6
Est. 3-5 yr. EPS Growth (%)	8.9
P/E to Growth Ratio (X)	2.31
ROE (%)	24.5
LT Debt/Cap (%)	42.3
Beta - 5 Year	0.83
Standard Deviation 5Y - Portfolio	9.90
Standard Deviation 5Y - S&P 500	11.09
Turnover - 5 Year (%)	11.9

TOP TEN HOLDINGS (% PORTFOLIO)

Apple Inc	3.2%	WEC Energy Group Inc	2.4%
Mastercard Inc	3.1%	Stryker Corp	2.4%
Automatic Data Processing	2.7%	McDonalds Corp	2.4%
Republic Services Inc	2.5%	Realty Income Corp	2.3%
Union Pacific Corp	2.4%	American Tower Corp	2.2%
<b>Total</b>		<b>25.6%</b>	
Number of Holdings		49	

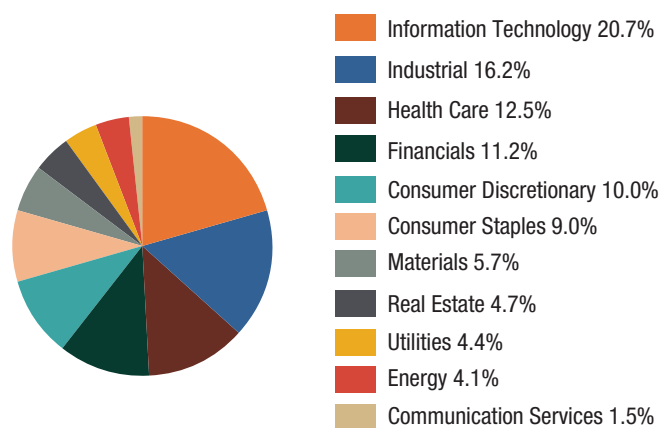
DIVIDEND INCREASE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Companies	Quarter	YTD
Reporting Increase	17 of 49	17 of 49
Average Increase	11.8%	11.8%

MARKET CAP

Weighted Average Market Cap. (B)	\$105.4
Median Market Cap (B)	\$41.9
Large Cap (>\$10B)	84.9%
Mid Cap (\$2B-\$10B)	15.1%
Small Cap (<\$2B)	0.0%

SECTORS



## PORTFOLIO REVIEW

The March 19, 2019 **Ned Davis Research Group's U.S. Comment** titled **"How Powell's Dovish Pivot Impacts Dividend Stocks"** includes information persuasive to owning stocks of companies that pay dividends, especially growing dividends, given the Federal Reserve's stance revealed at the Federal Open Market Committee meeting that week. "... The results are lower bond yields and a flatter yield curve than if the Fed shrank the balance sheet further.

The changes could have profound implications for dividend stocks, since they have acted as bond proxies throughout the era of ultralow interest rates. The implications vary, depending on the type of dividend stock and what they are compared to.

Lower interest rates mean that **dividend stocks should remain an attractive alternative to bonds**. Income-seeking investors will continue to need dividend stocks to be part of their portfolios. Bond yields should not be high enough to meet most income requirements, unless bond investors reach for riskier fixed income securities, in which case blue-chip stocks may fit their risk profiles better. . ."

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Both of our Dearborn Partner Rising Dividend SMA portfolios have average current yields competitive with the end-of-quarter 2.4% yield of the U.S. 10-year Treasury bond. An objective of our strategy is to reduce vulnerability. We believe that rising dividends offer the potential to reduce vulnerability in challenging markets.

Time Period	Composite TWR - Pure Gross* (%)	Composite TWR - Net (%)	S&P 500 (%)	Standard Dispersion (%)	3-Yr Ann Deviation Composite (%)	3-Yr Ann Deviation S & P 500 (%)	Portfolios in Composite	End of Period Composite Assets (\$ millions)	End of Period Strategy Assets* (\$ millions)	Pct of Composite \$ in Bundled-Fee	End of Period Total Firm GIPS Assets (\$ millions)
4 Qtr 11	10.33	9.88	11.82	N/A	N/A	18.71	32	\$6	\$6	82%	\$2,016
2012	10.73	8.73	16.00	0.25	N/A	15.09	432	\$96	\$185	97%	\$2,150
2013	25.74	23.63	32.39	0.24	N/A	12.23	811	\$205	\$379	98%	\$1,235
2014	14.14	12.27	13.69	0.17	8.43	8.97	1130	\$318	\$607	98%	\$1,452
2015	0.46	-1.10	1.38	0.19	9.89	10.47	1450	\$366	\$823	98%	\$1,384
2016	13.01	11.21	11.96	0.30	9.51	10.59	1984	\$526	\$1,244	98%	\$1,600
2017	15.69	13.88	21.83	0.18	8.42	9.92	2224	\$620	\$1,636	98%	\$2,056
2018	0.26	-1.29	-4.38	0.22	9.52	10.80	2088	\$551	\$1,793	97%	\$2,297
1 Qtr 19	13.36	12.93	13.65	N/A	9.72	10.58	2146	\$663	\$2,157	97%	\$2,574

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\*This statistic is Supplemental Information.

Dispersion is calculated only for an entire year.

**Dividend Yield %** is a percentage calculated by dividing total dividends by the current market price and multiplying by 100. **P/E 2019e** is the most-recent stock price divided by the mean analyst EPS (earnings per share) estimate for the current fiscal year. This number gives some indication of how cheap or expensive a stock is compared with consensus earnings estimates. The lower the forward P/E, the cheaper the stock. FactSet Estimates data is used in the denominator of this calculation. **Standard Deviation** is the annualized standard deviation of monthly portfolio returns, according to Bloomberg. **Estimated 3-5 Year EPS Growth** is the FactSet mean analyst estimate for annualized future EPS growth for a minimum of 3 years and maximum of 5 years, depending on available analyst estimate data. **P/E to Growth** is the P/E 2019e divided by the Estimated 3-5 Year EPS Growth. **Beta** is a measure of the degree of change in value one can expect in a portfolio given a change in value in a benchmark index. A portfolio with a beta greater than one is generally more volatile than its benchmark index, and a portfolio with a beta of less than one is generally less volatile than its benchmark index. **The Return on Equity (ROE)** is the percentage a company earns on its shareholders' equity in a given year. The calculation is net income divided by end-of-year net worth, multiplied by 100. **Long-Term Debt as a Percentage of Capital** is calculated by dividing long-term debt by total capitalization (the sum of common equity plus preferred equity plus long-term debt). **TWR** is the Time Weighted Return, also known as the Geometric Mean Return. **YTD**: year to date. **Turnover** is the lesser of purchases or sales as a percentage of the average portfolio value of a representative portfolio in the composite, annualized.

**The Core Rising Dividend Composite** contains discretionary accounts with a minimum size of \$100,000 that Dearborn manages pursuant to the Dearborn Partners Core Rising Dividend strategy (the "Strategy"), which is one of Dearborn's Rising Dividend strategies. For comparison purposes the composite is measured against the S&P 500 Index. The composite's inception date was September 30, 2011.

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