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Dearborn Partners Core Rising Dividend SMA

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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

CHARACTERISTICS

Dividend Yield (%)	2.0
P/E (Next Four Quarters) (X)	23.4
Est. 3-5 yr. EPS Growth (%)	6.2
P/E to Growth Ratio (X)	3.8
ROE (%)	24.2
LT Debt/Cap (%)	42.6
Beta - 5 Year	0.86
Standard Deviation 5Y - Portfolio (%)	16.6
Standard Deviation 5Y - S&P 500 (%)	18.5
Turnover - 5 Year Annualized (%)	11.8

DIVIDEND INCREASE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Companies	Quarter	YTD		
Reporting Increase	17 of 49	47 of 49		
Average Increase	9.9%	8.6%		

MARKET CAP

Weighted Average Market Cap. (B)	\$349.8
Median Market Cap (B)	\$79.8
Large Cap	94.4%
Mid Cap	3.7%
Small Cap	1.9%

RETURNS (%)

							Inception To Date^
Core Dividend (Pure Gross)	10.37%	15.32%	15.32%	8.88%	13.66%	11.05%	12.82%
Core Dividend (Net)	9.55%	11.92%	11.92%	5.67%	10.31%	7.77%	9.49%
S&P 500 Index	11.69%	26.29%	26.29%	10.00%	15.69%	12.03%	14.67%

*Average annualized return

^Inception date: 9/30/2011

TOP TEN HOLDINGS (% PORTFOLIO)

		Total	27.1%
Exxon Mobil Corp	2.4%	Tractor Supply Company	2.3%
Costco Wholesale Corp	2.4%	Home Depot Inc	2.3%
Accenture PLC CI A	2.5%	Stryker Corp	2.3%
Microsoft Corp	2.5%	McDonalds Corp	2.3%
Apple Inc.	5.8%	Atmos Energy Corporation	2.4%

Number of Holdings

49

SECTORS

Industrials	20.4%
Information Technology	16.6%
Health Care	14.2%
Financials	13.0%
Consumer Discretionary	8.7%
Consumer Staples	7.8%
Utilities	6.2%
Energy	4.0%
Materials	3.8%
Real Estate	3.4%
Communication Services	2.0%

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THE PREMISE FOR OUR STRATEGY

An objective of our Dearborn Partners Rising Dividend strategy is to reduce vulnerability. Among the ways we attempt to achieve that objective are to include in our portfolios companies that are in strong financial condition with little or no debt, that we believe are capable of increasing dividends at rates above the historic average annual 3% rate of inflation regardless of the economic environment, and to diversify properly across and within the sectors. We further believe that rising dividends offer the potential to reduce vulnerability in challenging markets.

Our Rising Dividend portfolios have representation from all 11 sectors into which Standard & Poor's divides the marketplace. Proper diversification with stocks of high-quality companies can help modify downside risk, i.e., reduce vulnerability, and enhance results in both challenging and favorable market environments.

We believe that the solid companies in our portfolios are likely to not only survive long term but continue to pay dividends with the potential to increase with regularity. Successful investing typically requires patience. Every company in our portfolio pays us while we patiently hold.

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	9.51	11.82	N/A	N/A	18.71	32	\$6	\$6	82%	\$2,016	
2012	10.71	7.44	16.00	0.25	N/A	15.09	432	\$96	\$185	97%	\$2,150	
2013	25.74	22.02	32.39	0.24	N/A	12.23	811	\$205	\$379	98%	\$1,235	
2014	14.17	10.80	13.69	0.17	8.43	8.97	1130	\$318	\$607	98%	\$1,452	
2015	0.45	-2.52	1.38	0.19	9.96	10.47	1450	\$366	\$823	98%	\$1,384	
2016	13.01	9.67	11.96	0.30	9.59	10.59	1984	\$526	\$1,244	98%	\$1,600	
2017	15.70	12.28	21.83	0.18	8.42	9.92	2225	\$620	\$1,636	98%	\$2,057	
2018	0.24	-2.72	-4.38	0.22	9.52	10.80	2086	\$551	\$1,793	97%	\$2,297	
2019	30.86	26.99	31.49	0.40	10.28	11.93	2434	\$838	\$3,024	97%	\$3,103	
2020	12.33	9.01	18.40	0.35	15.81	18.53	2579	\$945	\$3,852	98%	\$3,389	
2021	24.79	21.11	28.71	0.30	15.31	17.17	2786	\$1,247	\$5,273	97%	\$4,048	
2022	-10.31	-12.96	-18.11	0.21	18.60	20.87	2814	\$1,059	\$3,954	98%	\$3,564	
2023	15.32	11.92	26.29	0.21	16.15	17.29	2808	\$1,158	\$6,169	98%	\$3,804	

INVESTMENT TEAM

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10+ years investment experience

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*This statistic is Supplemental Information.

Dividend Yield % is a percentage calculated by dividing total dividends by the current market price and multiplying by 100. P/E (Next Four Quarters) is the most-recent stock price divided by the mean analyst EPS (earnings per share) estimate for the forward four quarters. 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 (Next Four Quarters) 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 less volatile than its benchmark index, and a portfolio with a beta of less than one is generally less volatile than its benchmark index, and a portfolio with a beta of less than one is generally less volatile than its benchmark index, and a portfolio with a beta of less than one is generally less volatile than its benchmark index, and a portfolio with a beta of less than one is generally less volatile than its benchmark index, and a portfolio with a beta of less than one is generally less volatile than its benchmark index, and a portfolio with general earning 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 Me

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 strategies. For comparison purposes the composite is measured against the S&P 500 Index. The composite's inception and creation date was September 30, 2011. The Dearborn Partners Core Rising Dividend composite invests in companies diversified across numerous sectors, which offer the potential for a iddend composite invests in companies diversified across numerous sectors. Which offer the potential for a iddend swith regularity over time. The combination of a current yield greater than the S&P 500 puls the potential for a iddend in the S&P 500 puls the potential for a iddend swith regularity over time. The compliance with the Global Investment Performance Standards (GIPS®) and has prepared and presented this report in compliance with the GIPS standards. Dearborn labs been independently verified for the periods April 1, 1997 through December 31, 2022. The verification reports are available on request. A firm that claims compliance with the GIPS standards must establish policies and procedures for complying with the applicable requirements for the GIPS standards. Verification provide assurance on whether the firm's policies and procedures related to composite and pocoled fund maintenance, as well as the calculator, presentation and distribution of performance, have been designed in compliance with the GIPS standard deviation calculated for the accounts in the composite the entire year, using their annual gross returns. The composite and procedures for eacher the CIA Institute CFA Institute does not endocrse or promote this organization, nor does it warrant the accuracy or quality of the compast end herdinmark three-year annualized deviation is shown, it is calculated with oonposite gross returns. Decamposite dispersion is an asset-weighted standard deviation calculated with e poperations pooled funds, and a list of composite descriptions, wh