# In need of dividend income?

# Strategic Value Dividend SMA As of 5/31/24



## Portfolio objective

- Seeks to provide a high level of dividend income and long-term capital appreciation driven by dividend growth.
- Seeks lower downside risk relative to the broad market.
- Invests in high-quality companies positioned to increase their dividends over time.

## Key portfolio characteristics

- 5.05% weighted average dividend yield^
- 737 dividend increases and 27 cuts since inception (10/1/01)
- 31 dividend increases and zero cuts in the TTM\*
- 37 portfolio holdings
- Beta: 0.77\*\*

### **Dividend payment history**

- 92% of holdings have paid consecutive dividends for 20 years.
- 65% of holdings have paid consecutive dividends for 50 years.
- 22% of holdings have paid consecutive dividends for 100 years.

## **Dividend increase history**

- 22% of holdings have raised dividends each year for 20 years.
- 8% of holdings have raised dividends each year for 30 years.
- 5% of holdings have raised dividends each year for 50 years.

		consecutively		dividend change	dividend	
Holding	yield (%)^	since	increases	date	% change	rating
Communication Services 9.83%						
AT&T Inc.	6.09	1893	0	-	-	BBB
BCE Inc.	8.56	1949	16	Feb-24	3.1%	BBB+
Verizon Communications Inc.	6.46	1893	17	Sep-23	1.9%	BBB+
Consumer Staples 13.30%						
British American Tobacco PLC	9.75	1998	27	Feb-24	2.0%	BBB+
Coca-Cola Company	3.08	1920	62	Feb-24	5.4%	A+
Conagra Brands, Inc.	4.69	1977	4	Jul-23	6.1%	BBB-
Kenvue Inc.	4.15	1944	0	-	-	Α
Kimberly-Clark Corporation	3.66	1935	52	Jan-24	3.4%	Α
Philip Morris International Inc.	5.13	1928	16	Sep-23	2.4%	Α-
Energy 16.10%						
Chevron Corp.	4.02	1912	6	Feb-24	7.9%	AA-
Enbridge Inc.	7.34	1953	28	Nov-23	3.1%	BBB+
TC Energy Corp.	7.31	1985	25	Feb-24	3.2%	BBB+
TotalEnergies SE	4.72	1945	3	Feb-24	6.8%	A+
Williams Companies, Inc.	4.58	1974	8	Jan-24	6.1%	BBB
Financials 12.76%						
<b>Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce</b>	5.33	1868	13	Nov-23	3.4%	A+
Huntington Bancshares Incorporated	4.45	1971	0	-	-	BBB+
PNC Financial Services Group, Inc.	3.94	1979	3	Jul-23	3.3%	A-
Truist Financial Corp.	5.51	1980	0	-	-	A-
U.S. Bancorp	4.83	1980	3	Dec-23	2.1%	Α
Health Care 15.79%						
AbbVie Inc.	3.85	1924	10	Oct-23	4.7%	A-
Amgen Inc.	2.94	2011	12	Dec-23	5.6%	BBB+
<b>Bristol-Myers Squibb Company</b>	5.84	1933	18	-	-	Α
Gilead Sciences, Inc.	4.79	2015	9	Feb-24	2.7%	BBB+
Pfizer Inc.	5.86	1938	14	Dec-23	2.4%	Α
Sanofi	4.19	1985	29	Feb-24	5.6%	AA
Industrials 1.64%						
United Parcel Service, Inc.	4.69	1970	15	Jan-24	0.6%	Α
Materials 5.29%						
Amcor PLC	4.92	1922	4	Oct-23	2.0%	BBB
LyondellBasell Industries N.V.	5.39	2011	4	May-24	7.2%	BBB
Real Estate 2.53%						
Realty Income Corporation	5.94	1994	31	May-24	2.6%	A-

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Dividend growth percentage for ADRs is the dividend growth rate of the underlying foreign registered company.

Past performance is no guarantee of future results. See next page for 1-, 5- and 10-year total returns.

<sup>\*</sup>TTM represents trailing twelve months.

 $<sup>\</sup>ensuremath{^{**}\text{The}}$  5-year weighted average beta of the underlying stocks using their local market.

There were no dividend changes prior to sale in the TTM.\*

<sup>^</sup>Portfolio yield is only one component of available portfolio characteristics and it is not and should not be viewed as a statement of current or future performance of the strategy. See next page for yield definitions.

Holding	Prospective dividend yield (%)^	Dividends paid consecutively since	Consecutive years of dividend increases	TTM* dividend change date	TTM* dividend % change	S&P credit rating
Utilities 22.76%						
American Electric Power Co., Inc.	3.90	1910	11	Oct-23	6.0%	BBB+
Dominion Energy, Inc.	4.95	1925	0	-	-	BBB+
<b>Duke Energy Corporation</b>	3.96	1926	16	Jul-23	2.0%	BBB+
Entergy Corp.	4.02	1988	9	Oct-23	5.6%	BBB+
National Grid PLC <sup>1</sup>	6.47	1996	10	Nov-23	-	BBB+
PPL Corporation	3.51	1946	2	Feb-24	7.3%	A-
Southern Company	3.59	1948	23	Apr-24	2.9%	A-
Xcel Energy, Inc.	3.95	1959	18	Feb-24	5.3%	BBB+

# Average annual total returns (%) as of 3/31/24

	1-year	5-year	10-year
Strategic Value Dividend SMA (gross)	3.81	5.70	6.82
Strategic Value Dividend SMA (net)	0.75	2.58	3.67

<sup>1</sup>NG announced a 30% dilutive stock issuance, proceeds from rights associated with the issuance valued at 7%, and a 5.6% dividend increase. Netted together it is anticipated that the dividend going forward will be diluted by approximately 15-17%, as a result. Holdings information as of 5/31/24.

Refer to the attached GIPS® report for additional information.

Sources: Bloomberg, FactSet and company websites of current holdings.

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Weighted average dividend yield is the prospective dividend yield for each security averaged based on the percentages of the securities in the portfolio. Prospective dividend yield is calculated by taking the most recent declared dividend payment multiplied by the number of dividend payments typically made during the year for each holding divided by the current share price for each security. This is calculated based on a snapshot in time and may change due to fluctuations in share prices, dividends actually paid and changes in holdings in the portfolio.

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 $<sup>{}^{\</sup>star}{}$ TTM represents trailing twelve months.

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## Schedule of rates of return and statistics

Composite Federated Hermes Strategic Value Dividend SMA

Index S&P 500 Index
Periods ending 3/31/24

#### Returns (%)

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	Composite pure gross return^	Index	Net composite return (assuming maximum fee)		
Q1 24	3.59	10.56	2.82		
YTD	3.59	10.56	2.82		
1 Year	3.81	29.88	0.75		
3 Years (Annizd)	6.41	11.49	3.27		
5 Years (Annizd)	5.70	15.05	2.58		
7 Years (Annizd)	5.82	14.09	2.70		
10 Years (Annizd)	6.82	12.96	3.67		
15 Years (Annizd)	10.72	15.63	7.47		
20 Years (Annizd)	7.37	10.15	4.21		
Oct 01 - Mar 24 (Annizd)^^	8.46	9.56	5.27		

	Composite pure gross return (%)^	Composite net return (%)	Benchmark return (%)	*Composite 3-yr std dev	*Benchmark 3-yr std dev	Number of portfolios	**Dispersion	Composite assets (\$mil)	Firm assets (\$bil)
2014	12.34	9.05	13.69	8.92	8.97	6,412	0.23	2,223.3	349.3
2015	4.00	0.93	1.38	9.97	10.47	6,982	0.21	2,303.9	343.4
2016	10.05	6.82	11.96	9.93	10.59	11,970	0.25	3,189.3	342.3
2017	15.64	12.26	21.83	9.11	9.92	13,884	0.16	3,918.8	354.7
2018	-7.89	-10.64	-4.38	9.83	10.80	10,330	0.21	2,526.3	377.2
2019	20.43	16.91	31.49	9.64	11.93	11,038	0.24	3,037.4	503.1
2020	-6.94	-9.71	18.40	15.60	18.53	9,585	0.87	2,497.4	585.7
2021	22.89	19.32	28.71	15.52	17.17	9,776	0.41	3,062.5	634.2
2022	5.94	2.82	-18.11	18.00	20.87	2,533	0.28	999.0	627.4
2023	-2.54	-5.43	26.29	15.19	17.29	2,178	0.25	777.8	720.0

<sup>^</sup>Pure gross returns are shown as supplemental and do not reflect the deduction of transaction costs.

This composite is comprised of all domestic portfolios investing in U.S. and foreign stocks that management believes will provide high yield, reasonable dividend growth and lower volatility in falling equity market environments yet will provide potential participation in rising markets. Eligible portfolios are managed with wide latitude to choose the sectors and securities to fulfill the mandate. Within eligible portfolios, securities are selected based on a fundamental assessment of their financial strength, dividend yields, dividend growth rates, and performance during periods of market weakness. Portfolios in this composite implement the strategy using American Depositary Receipts (ADR) versus directly purchasing shares of companies on foreign exchanges. Investments in ADRs entail risks related to daily fluctuations in the value of currency, which may be more volatile in times of increased market risk. There are no guarantees that dividend-paying stocks will continue to pay dividends. Effective December 2022 and retroactive to inception, the composite's official benchmark is the S&P 500. The S&P 500 is an unmanaged capitalization-weighted index of 500 stocks designed to measure performance of the broad domestic economy through changes in the aggregate market value of 500 stocks representing all major industries. Previously, the composite utilized the Dow Jones Select Dividend Index (2007-2022) and the Russell MidCap Value Index (2001-2007). Because the strategy's objectives of dividend yield and dividend growth are absolute in nature, and the strategy's investment universe/guidelines do not align well to many dividend index proxise, the S&P 500 was chosen as the most applicable broad market comparison for the strategy's overall risk/return performance profile. The strategy generally takes a benchmark-agnostic investment approach, and while the strategy expects lower volatility than the S&P 500 of to broad equity market), it does not actively seek to outperform the S&P 500 as one of its investment applicable

<sup>^^</sup>Represents composite inception period. See additional notes to the schedule of rates of return and statistics.

<sup>\*</sup>Represents the 3-year annualized standard deviation for both the gross composite and the index returns. Statistic is used to measure volatility of composite returns.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Standard deviation is calculated using gross returns. Standard deviation is not applicable ("N/A") for any period if fewer than five accounts are in the composite for that period (see footnote 5).

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### Notes to the schedule of rates of return and statistics

- 1. Federated Hermes is a global, independent, multi-strategy investment management firm. For GIPS® purposes, Federated Hermes is defined to include the assets of registered investment companies that are advised or sub-advised by the various Federated Hermes advisory companies. Effective September 30, 2020, for GIPS® purposes the name of the firm was officially changed to Federated Hermes. Firm assets on this report exclude assets affiliated with Hermes GPE and the advisory-only, model-based assets that may be included in other reports providing total firm
- Interest income and dividends are recognized on an accrual basis. Returns include the reinvestment of all income.
- 3. All market values and performance information are valued in USD unless currency is denoted in composite description.
- 4. Annual composite dispersion is measured and presented using the asset weighted standard deviation of the gross returns of all of the portfolios included in the composite over the entire year. Prior to January 2023, annual dispersion for the CW Henderson composites was measured using the equal weighted standard deviation of the returns of all the portfolios included in the composite over the entire year. Effective January 2023 this was changed to asset weighted. Prior to March 2020 with regard to Federated Clover Investment Advisors composites, annual dispersion was measured using the equal weighted standard deviation of the returns of all the portfolios included in the composite over the entire year.
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Payment histories account for structural changes companies have experienced.

Beta measures a portfolio's volatility relative to the market. A beta greater than 1.00 suggests the portfolio has historically been more volatile than the market as measured by the portfolio's benchmark. A beta less than 1.00 suggests the portfolio has historically had less volatility relative to the market.

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