

# ESG Managed DSIP Equity Strategy

## BENCHMARK:

S&P 500 Index

## TOP TEN HOLDINGS (%)

Microsoft Corporation	9.70
W.W. Grainger, Inc.	5.13
Accenture Plc Class A	4.68
Lowe's Companies, Inc.	4.17
BlackRock, Inc.	4.03
Merck & Co., Inc.	3.90
Automatic Data Processing, Inc.	3.69
Cisco Systems, Inc.	3.68
Procter & Gamble Company	3.56
PNC Financial Services Group, Inc.	3.30

Largest company weights are based on market value of the representative account and not necessarily held in all client portfolios. The information shown is not intended to be, nor should it be construed to be, a recommendation to buy or sell an individual security. A list of all holdings from the prior one-year period is available upon request.

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

Name	Industry	Start Date
Jack Spudich, CFA <i>Portfolio Manager</i>		1986
Chris Hanaway, CFA <i>Portfolio Manager</i>		1994
Kent Newcomb, CFA <i>Portfolio Manager</i>		1985

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## Key distinctions

- The portfolio is focused on the ESG category leaders
- Companies with the highest ESG ratings have generally earned an attractive total return through price appreciation plus dividends
- An emphasis on ESG leading companies that we expect to deliver consistent dividend increases
- Expectation of a yield greater than that of the S&P 500, with attractive total return through price appreciation plus dividends
- A diversified but high conviction portfolio with a focus on downside risk management

## Investment philosophy

We believe:

- Companies that have a history of consistently increasing dividends have significant signaling qualities
  - The ability and willingness of management to return capital to shareholders
  - Company has sustainable competitive advantages
  - Company is financially strong and allocates capital prudently and effectively
- Identifying strong companies and holding those businesses through full market cycles lead to investment success
- A diversified, but focused, portfolio of companies with the ability to raise dividends regularly will offer investors strong risk-adjusted returns with superior downside protection during periods of market stress
- Companies with favorable ESG attributes have exhibited many of the same characteristics of companies that increase their dividends regularly, including competitive returns with below-market volatility

## Supplemental Information

Annualized returns (%)							
	3 months <sup>1</sup>	YTD <sup>1</sup>	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since inception
Composite — Pure Gross <sup>2</sup> (incept 11-1-23)	6.26	6.26	-	-	-	-	20.39
Composite — Net <sup>3</sup>	5.45	5.45	-	-	-	-	18.87
S&P 500 Index	10.56	10.56	-	-	-	-	15.39

Portfolio Characteristics		
Statistic	Portfolio	Benchmark
Dividend Yield	2.07%	1.37%
Price/Book	6.29x	4.80x
P/E (trailing 1-year)	24.22x	25.69x
ROE	28.84%	28.46%
EPS 3-5 Year est	11.41%	13.81%
Historical 5 Yr EPS Growth	11.63%	17.25%
Wtd. Avg. market cap (\$B)	432.36	803.73
Overall MSCI ESG Rating	AA	A

Sector Weightings <sup>4</sup> (% equities)		
Sector	Portfolio	Benchmark
Communication services	0.00	8.95
Consumer discretionary	7.30	10.34
Consumer staples	10.87	5.97
Energy	0.00	3.95
Financials	14.94	13.15
Health care	17.19	12.41
Industrials	16.27	8.82
Information technology	20.55	29.56
Materials	4.99	2.37
Real estate	2.28	2.28
Utilities	2.97	2.20
Cash & equivalents	2.63	-

**Risks:** Strategies that are concentrated in a limited number of securities or sectors may be subject to a higher degree of market risk than investments that are more diversified.

Risks associated with the Technology sector include increased competition from domestic and international companies, unexpected changes in demand, regulatory actions, technical problems with key products, and the departure of key members of management. Technology and Internet-related stocks of smaller, less-seasoned companies, tend to be more volatile than the overall market.

An investment strategy that emphasizes sustainability and environmental, social and governance (ESG) characteristics may perform differently than a strategy without such an emphasis, or the market as a whole. The investment strategy may forgo investments or make investments that differ from an otherwise similar investment strategy that does not evaluate and select investments on the basis of their sustainability and ESG credentials. ESG information from third-party data providers may be incomplete, inaccurate or unavailable. As a result, there is a risk that the Investment Manager may incorrectly assess a security or issuer.

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**1.** Returns of less than one year are not annualized. **2.** The gross performance data is a pure gross-of-fees return and does not reflect the deduction of any management fees or transaction costs. **3.** The net return is calculated based on the gross returns reduced by a typical 3% maximum annual wrap fee that could be charged to an account. **4.** Sector weightings may not add up to 100% due to rounding.



## GIPS® Composite Report

Period	"Pure" Gross Annual Return (%)*	Net Annual Return (%)	Primary Index Return (%)	Composite 3-Yr Std. Dev. (%)	Primary Index 3-Yr Std. Dev. (%)	Internal Dispersion (%)	Number of Accounts	Composite Assets (\$-mm)	Total Firm Assets (\$-mm)
11/01/23-12/31/23	13.30	12.73	14.09	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	0.06	432,838

**Primary Index:** S&P 500

\*\*"Pure" gross annual returns do not reflect the deduction of any expenses, including trading costs. "Pure" gross returns are supplemental to the net returns.

Source: Allspring Global Investments

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The ESG Managed DSIP Managed Account Composite (Composite) seeks to provide a diversified, conservative, high-quality portfolio of stocks with strong dividend growth and ESG category leaders. The strategy typically holds 35 to 60 stocks across multiple industries and sectors. Focus is on investing in ESG leading companies that are believed to have sustainable dividends with dividend growth potential. Collectively, ESG Managed DSIP provides a diversified strategy with a yield that is higher than the current broad market average. Investment results are measured versus the S&P 500 Index. The portfolios in this discipline have been sub-advised by Allspring Global Investments, LLC since inception. The Composite creation and inception date is November 1, 2023. Since inception, wrap accounts represent 100% of the Composite assets.

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