As of 6/30/2024



### Navigator High Dividend Equity Option

# Navigate the U.S. Equity Markets with a Focus on Dividend Growth

We believe it is prudent to focus on dividend growth through fundamental analysis, company business model attribution, and the ability of companies to maintain their stated competitive advantages.

# Target Dividend Growth and Capital Appreciation

Seek consistent dividend income and capital appreciation.

The strategy seeks to provide current income while investing in high quality companies that we believe will have the ability to achieve stable growth into the future. The strategy seeks to offer a lower volatility approach to the equity markets with an above average dividend yield.

#### Seek Out Superior Business Models and Growing Dividends

Focus on long-term total return with reduced standard deviation.

Since 1929, dividends have contributed 42.9%\* of the total return of the stock market. We believe that investing in companies with sustainable dividend policies and strong fundamentals for capital appreciation is an important factor in achieving attractive returns.

# Incorporate a Custom Covered Call Overlay

Foster sustainable long-term growth

A covered call option overlay is incorporated to potentially increase yield, reduce volatility, manage capital gains and define exit points for portfolio holdings.

The strategy seeks to provide favorable risk-adjusted returns through a carefully constructed portfolio of high-quality dividend-paying equities. A covered call overlay is customized to meet investor goals and objectives.

\*Ned Davis Research

# Initial Universe Companies with Market Cap over \$1 billion, with a focus on quality, dividend-paying multinational firms Bottom-Up Fundamental Analysis Security Selection Portfolio Construction (avg. 50-65 companies)

#### Our Investment Process

The portfolio is managed using a disciplined, fundamental investment process that seeks a balance between yield and growth over time. The investment process employs an initial quantitative analysis of a robust universe of of dividend-paying companies. The top companies demonstrating strong competitive market share and a viable business model are vetted for sustainable earnings and dividend growth.

Individual fundamental security characteristics are a dominant factor in the selection process such as:

- Earnings Growth
- Dividend Growth
- Valuations
- Competitive Advantage
- Dividend History

#### **Holdings**

J P MORGAN CHASE AND CO	3.40%
EXXON MOBIL CORP	3.02%
JOHNSON AND JOHNSON	2.37%
MICROSOFT CORP	2.23%
MERCK N CO INC NEW	2.13%
NEXTERA ENERGY INC	2.08%
AMERICAN EXPRESS CO	2.06%
WELLS FARGO AND CO NEW	2.04%
PARKER HANNIFIN CORP	2.04%
GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP INC	2.04%

Top holdings (by portfolio weight) only shown above. This is not a recommendation to buy or sell a particular security. Please see attached disclosures. A complete list of holdings is available upon request.

erformance (as of 6/30/2024)	Portfolio (Gross)*	Portfolio (Net of 3.0%)**	Benchmark
MTD	0.32	0.07	-0.94
3 Months	0.39	-0.36	-2.17
YTD	10.25	8.63	6.62
1 Year	17.76	14.32	13.06
3 Year	7.59	4.43	5.52
5 Year	9.69	6.46	9.01
7 Year	9.15	5.94	8.61
10 Year	8.96	5.75	8.23
Since Inception (As of 1/1/2005)	8.53	5.34	7.71
Cumulative Return	393.51	175.72	325.88
k Measures			
Standard Deviation	12.93	12.93	15.63
Beta	0.80	0.80	1.00
Alpha	1.84	-1.17	0.00
Sharpe Ratio	0.58	0.35	0.46
R Squared	92.29	92.29	100.00
endar Year Performance			
2023	12.11	8.82	11.46
2022	-5.81	-8.61	-7.54
2021	24.09	20.48	25.16
2020	0.31	-2.66	2.80
2019	24.74	21.11	26.54
2018	-7.37	-10.13	-8.27
2017	18.59	15.13	13.66
2016	11.44	8.17	17.34
2015	0.64	-2.34	-3.83
2014	12.95	9.64	13.45
2013	28.17	24.45	32.53
2012	8.63	5.43	17.51
2011	6.96	3.81	0.39
2010	13.91	10.57	15.51
2009	24.91	21.28	19.69
2008	-25.69	-27.94	-36.85
2007	8.32	5.13	-0.17
2006	13.59	10.26	22.25
2005	1.27	-1.73	7.05

<sup>\*</sup>Gross returns do not include the deduction of transaction costs, and are shown as supplemental information.

The benchmark is the Russell 1000 Value Index. The risk statistics are calculated against it.

Past performance not indicative of future results. Please see attached disclosures.

<sup>\*\*</sup>The net 3.00% performance is shown because 3.00% is the generally assumed highest model wrap fee.

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#### **Navigator High Dividend Equity Option Composite**

Composite Inception and Creation Date: 1/1/2005

	<u>Note A:</u> Pure Gross Total Return	Net of 3.0%	Russell 1000 Value Index	Internal Dispersion	Number of Portfolios	Composite Assets (in Millions)	Wrap Fee	Total Firm Assets (in Millions)
1/1/2023 to 12/31/2023	12.11%	8.82%	11.46%	0.25%	162	\$103.884	100%	\$25,930.8
1/1/2022 to 12/31/2022	-5.81%	-8.61%	-7.54%	0.25%	189	\$109.340	100%	\$21,935.0
1/1/2021 to 12/31/2021	24.09%	20.48%	25.16%	0.26%	210	\$148.694	100%	\$22,847.4
1/1/2020 to 12/31/2020	0.31%	-2.66%	2.80%	0.84%	232	\$146.269	100%	\$17,305.2
1/1/2019 to 12/31/2019	24.75%	21.12%	26.54%	0.41%	286	\$195.771	100%	\$14,519.0
1/1/2018 to 12/31/2018	-7.37%	-10.13%	-8.27%	0.24%	313	\$186.613	100%	\$10,563.7
1/1/2017 to 12/31/2017	18.59%	15.13%	13.66%	0.50%	293	\$200.964	100%	\$7,088.8
1/1/2016 to 12/31/2016	11.44%	8.17%	17.34%	0.36%	216	\$142.231	100%	\$4,159.8
1/1/2015 to 12/31/2015	0.64%	-2.34%	-3.83%	0.08%	121	\$74.102	100%	\$2,308.7
1/1/2014 to 12/31/2014	12.95%	9.64%	13.45%	0.15%	91	\$53.911	100%	\$2,082.3

Annualized Since Inception	8.21%	5.02%	7.56%
Cumulative Since Inception	347.62%	153.81%	299.42%

**Note A:** Pure gross-of-fees performance returns are presented as supplemental information and do not reflect the deduction of any trading costs, fees, or expenses. Therefore, returns will be reduced by advisory and other expenses.

\*Internal dispersion is not presented for periods of less than a full year, or for annual periods that include less than 5 accounts for the full year.

Internal dispersion is calculated using the equal-weighted standard deviation of annual pure gross account returns for those accounts included in the composite for the entire year. Prior to 2020, dispersion was calculated using the equal-weighted average deviation of annual pure gross account returns for those accounts included in the composite for the entire year.

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#### GIPS® Composite Report (as of 12/31/2023)

#### 3-Year Annualized Ex-post Standard Deviation

Year	Composite	Benchmark
2023	15.60%	16.74%
2022	19.82%	21.55%
2021	17.54%	19.33%
2020	17.92%	19.90%
2019	10.57%	12.02%
2018	9.44%	10.98%
2017	8.43%	10.34%
2016	9.27%	10.93%
2015	9.33%	10.83%
2014	8.16%	9.33%

The 3-year annualized ex-post standard deviation measures the variability of the composite's pure gross returns and benchmark returns over the preceding 36-month period.

Past performance does not guarantee future results. Client account values will fluctuate and may be worth more or less than the amount invested. Clients should not rely solely on this performance or any other performance illustrations when making investment decisions.

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Composite Description: The Navigator High Dividend Equity Option composite invests in high-quality domestic and international equities, REITs, and preferred stocks. The goal of the strategy is to provide above average dividend income with capital appreciation. The focus is on reasonably priced, multi-capitalized stocks with strong valuation characteristics. Only securities with strong and absolute relative values are considered for use in the composite and is diversified across several broad economic sectors. Fundamental and quantitative analysis is used in determining the stocks to be included in the composite such as: revenue growth, price/cash flow, price/book, P/E, ROE (return on equity), price/sales, dividend yield, PEG ratios and earnings momentum. Generally, 35 to 55 securities are held in the composite. Preferred stocks and REITs are also considered for the composite. The sell discipline considers dividend reductions, weakening earnings trends and declining margins over 2-3 consecutive quarters. Relative performance to market peers is also a factor. The option overlay is an actively managed strategy that sells call options on portfolio securities, in an effort to provide income. The strategy seeks to provide capital appreciation with current income on a consistent basis by applying a fundamental investment approach that is focused on securities with above average dividend yield.

Fee Schedule: The maximum total wrap fee is 3.00%. The total wrap fee includes all charges for trading costs, portfolio management, custody, and other administrative fees. Actual fees may differ from the fees used in this presentation depending upon account size, investments, and agreement with the client.

Benchmark Description: The benchmark is the Russell 1000 Value Index. The Russell 1000 Value Index measures the performance of the large-cap value segment of the U.S. equity universe. It includes those Russell 1000 companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower expected growth values. The index is unmanaged, includes the reinvestment of dividends and cannot be purchased directly by investors.

The benchmark for this composite is used because the Russell 1000 Value Index is widely known and is generally representative of U.S. equities. Index returns reflect the reinvestment of income and other earnings, are provided to represent the investment environment shown, and are not covered by the report of independent verifiers.

The volatility (beta) of the Composite may be greater or less than its respective benchmarks. It is not possible to invest in these indices.

#### **Statistic Descriptions**

Standard Deviation: A statistical measure of dispersion about an average which depicts how widely the returns varied over a certain period of time.

3-Year Standard Deviation: The 3-year annualized standard deviation measures the variability of the composite and the benchmark returns over the preceding 36-month period.

Beta: A measure of systematic risk with respect to a benchmark. Systematic risk is the tendency of the value of the composite and the value of the benchmark to move together. Beta measures the sensitivity of the composite's excess return (total return minus the risk-free return) with respect to the benchmark's excess return that results from their systematic co-movement. It is the ratio of what the excess return of the composite would be to the excess return of the benchmark if there were no composite-specific sources of return. If beta is greater than one, movements in value of the composite that are associated with movements in the value of the benchmark tend to be amplified. If beta is one, they tend to be the same, and if beta is less than one, they tend to be dampened. If such movements tend to be in opposite directions, beta is negative. Beta is measured as the slope of the regression of the excess return on the composite as the dependent variable and the excess return on the benchmark as the independent variable.

The beta of the market is 1.00 by definition. Morningstar calculates beta by comparing a portfolio's excess return over T-bills to the benchmark's excess return over T-bills, so a beta of 1.10 shows that the portfolio has performed 10% better than its benchmark in up markets and 10% worse in down markets, assuming all other factors remain constant. Conversely, a beta of 0.85 indicates that the portfolio's excess return is expected to perform 15% worse than the benchmark's excess return during up markets and 15% better during down markets.

Alpha: A measure of the difference between a portfolio's actual returns and its expected performance, given its level of risk as measured by beta. A positive alpha figure indicates the portfolio has performed better than its beta would predict. In contrast, a negative alpha indicates the portfolio has underperformed, given the expectations established by beta. Alpha is calculated by taking the excess average monthly return of the investment over the risk free rate and subtracting beta times the excess average monthly return of the benchmark over the risk free rate.

Sharpe Ratio: A risk-adjusted measure developed by Nobel Laureate William Sharpe. It is calculated by using standard deviation and excess return to determine reward per unit of risk. The higher the Sharpe Ratio, the better the composite's historical risk-adjusted performance. The Sharpe ratio is calculated for the past 36-month period by dividing a composite's annualized excess returns by the standard deviation of a composite's annualized excess returns. Since this ratio uses standard deviation as its risk measure, it is most appropriately applied when analyzing a composite that is an investor's sole holding. The Sharpe Ratio can be used to compare two composites directly as to how much risk a composite had to bear to earn excess return over the risk-free rate.

R-Squared: Reflects the percentage of a portfolio's movements that can be explained by movements in its benchmark.

Downside Capture Ratio: Measures a manager's performance in down-markets. A down-market is defined as those periods (months or quarters) in which market return is less than 0. In essence, it tells you what percentage of the down-market was captured by the manager. For example, if the ratio is 110%, the manager has captured 110% of the down-market and therefore underperformed the market on the downside.

Upside Capture Ratio: Measures a manager's performance in up markets relative to the market (benchmark) itself. It is calculated by taking the security's upside capture return and dividing it by the benchmark's upside capture return.

Bull Beta: A measure of the sensitivity of a composite's return to positive changes in its benchmark's return.

Bear Beta: A measure of the sensitivity of a composite's return to negative changes in its benchmark's return.

Best Month: The highest monthly return of the investment since its inception or for as long as data is available.

Worst Month: The lowest monthly return of the investment since its inception or for as long as data is available.

Maximum Gain: The peak to trough incline during a specific record period of an investment or composite. It is usually quoted as the percentage between the peak to the trough.

Maximum Drawdown: The peak to trough decline during a specific record period of an investment or composite. It is usually quoted as the percentage between the peak to the trough.

Market capitalization is the value of a corporation determined by multiplying the current public market price of one share of the corporation by the number of total outstanding shares.

Dividend Yield is a financial ratio (dividend/price), expressed as a percentage, that shows how much a company pays out in dividends each year relative to the company's stock price.

Price/Earnings is a financial ratio (price/earnings), expressed as a percentage, used to value a company which measures current share price relative to its earnings per share.

Est 3-5 Yr EPS Growth shows the estimated growth of earnings per share (EPS) for a 3-5 year period of time according to a pre-calculated mean long-term EPS growth rate calculated by FactSet based on estimates provided by FactSet, First Call, I/B/E/S Consensus, and Reuters.

Price/Cash Flow is a financial ratio which measures the value of a stock's price relative to its operating cash flow per share.

Return on equity (ROE) is a measure of financial performance calculated by dividing net income by shareholders' equity.

LT Debt to Capital is long-term debt to capitalization ratio. The long-term debt to capitalization ratio, a variation of the traditional debt-to-equity (D/E) ratio, shows the financial leverage of a firm. It is calculated by dividing long-term debt by total available capital (long-term debt, preferred stock, and common stock).