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# FORT WASHINGTON DIVIDEND EQUITY - 402024

## **GENERAL** INFORMATION

Inception Date: 1/1/2016 Total Assets: \$4.6 billion Total Public Equity Assets: \$15.1 billion Style: Large Cap Equity, Dividend Income Benchmark: S&P 500 Index

# VEHICLE **AVAILABILITY**

- Separate Account
- Mutual Fund

### **STRATEGY OVERVIEW**

- Disciplined and repeatable process supported by theory and evidence
- Income focus without the traditional biases of high dividend investing
- Sector neutral orientation
- Low cost, value orientation, and prudent diversification with favorable risk/reward characteristics

#### **PHILOSOPHY**

- Dividend paying stocks tend to outperform over time with less risk
- Companies with high barriers to entry sustain excess profits over time that promote dividend growth
- Traditional dividend strategies often have unintentional embedded exposures
- Avoid large exposures that are not supported by strong investment rationale

#### ABOUT FORT WASHINGTON

- Founded in 1990; \$86.4 billion in current total assets under management<sup>1</sup>
- Organizational hallmarks include: stability of teams, consistency of process, competitive performance, deep resources, and alignment of interests

## **PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT TEAM**

Austin R. Kummer, CFA Managing Director, Senior Portfolio Manager

James E. Wilhelm Managing Director, Senior Portfolio Manager **Christopher D. Shipley** Senior Vice President, Co-Chief Investment Officer

Supported by 8 Additional Analysts & Traders

#### **STRATEGY SUMMARY AND GUIDELINES**

Fort Washington's Dividend Equity Strategy uses a unique approach resulting in a portfolio of high quality companies with sustainable competitive advantages that should pay reliable, growing dividends at reasonable valuations.

Objective	The strategy seeks current income and long-term growth of capital and income by investing in dividend paying, large cap equity securities
Cash	Generally 2% or less
Max Position Size	4% absolute at purchase; 5% absolute at market value; 2% relative at purchase
Sector Weight Limit	Typically +/- 2% of the S&P 500
Holdings	Typically 65 to 90 holdings
Top 10 Holdings (% of portfolio)	Typically 20% to 30% of portfolio
Investments	At least 90% of the portfolio will be invested in S&P 500 securities
Turnover	Typically 10% to 25%
Benchmark	S&P 500 Index

## Trailing Total Returns (as of December 31, 2024)

	Dividend Equity	Div	idend Equity		
	(Gross)	(Net)		S&P 500 Index	Russell 1000 Value
	Return	Return	Percentile Rank	Return	Return
4Q2024	-2.17%	-2.25%	64	2.41%	-1.98%
YTD	13.47%	13.13%	60	25.02%	14.37%
1 Year	13.47%	13.13%	60	25.02%	14.37%
3 Years	6.47%	6.15%	43	8.94%	5.63%
5 Years	10.94%	10.55%	36	14.53%	8.68%
Since Inception	12.27%	11.80%	29	14.49%	9.95%

Inception date: 01/01/2016. Source: Fort Washington and Nasdag eVestment. Peer ranks are percentile rankings versus the eVestment US Dividend Focus Equity Universe based on net performance relative to peer group. Peer group data as of 12/31/2024 were calculated on 01/22/2025 with 83.3% of firm's reporting and is subject to change. Not valid without subsequent pages. Past performance is not indicative of future results. This supplemental information complements the Dividend Equity GIPS Report. <sup>1</sup>Assets as of 12/31/2024. Includes assets under management by Fort Washington of \$81.3 billion and \$5.1 billion in commitments managed

by Fort Washington Capital Partners Group (FW Capital), a division.

Portfolio Characteristics (as of December 31, 2024)						
	Portfolio	Benchmark				
Dividend Yield	2.5	1.3				
Beta	0.7	1.0				
EV / EBITDA	12.3	15.9				
Weighted Avg. Market Cap	\$407B	\$1,117B				
Price / Book	2.7	4.3				
Price / Earnings	16.9	21.8				
ROIC	14	27				
% No Moat	6	5				
Top 10 % Portfolio	21					
Number of Securities	88	504				

Source: Fort Washington. Portfolio characteristics are as of the reported date and are subject to change at any time without notice. Data above includes cash. This supplemental information complements the Dividend Equity GIPS Report. See Dividend Equity composite below for complete disclosure. Past performance is not indicative of future results.

Sector Allocation (as of December 31, 2024)						
Name	Portfolio	Benchmark				
Communication Services	8.0%	9.4%				
Consumer Discretionary	8.2%	11.3%				
Consumer Staples	6.8%	5.5%				
Energy	4.7%	3.2%				
Financials	15.1%	13.6%				
Health Care	12.0%	10.0%				
Industrials	10.0%	8.2%				
Information Technology	22.7%	32.5%				
Materials	3.4%	1.9%				
Real Estate	3.0%	2.1%				
Utilities	4.3%	2.3%				
Cash	1.8%	0.0%				

Source: Fort Washington. This supplemental information complements the Dividend Equity GIPS Report. Portfolio characteristics are as of the reported date and are subject to change at any time without notice.

Top 10 Holdings (as of December 31, 2024)								
Name	% of Portfolio	Dividend Yield	5 Year Dividend Growth	Payout Ratio	Moat			
Microsoft Corp	3.7%	0.8%	10	25	Wide			
Broadcom Inc	3.1%	1.0%	14	78	Wide			
Apple Inc	2.3%	0.4%	5	14	Wide			
Medtronic PLC	1.8%	3.5%	6	67	Narrow			
Wells Fargo	1.8%	2.3%	-5	28	Wide			
Home Depot Inc/The	1.7%	2.3%	11	60	Wide			
Johnson & Johnson	1.6%	3.4%	6	65	Wide			
Cisco Systems	1.6%	2.7%	3	58	Wide			
Bank of America	1.6%	2.4%	9	31	Wide			
Oracle Corp	1.5%	1.0%	12	37	Narrow			

Source: Fort Washington, Morningstar, Bloomberg. Portfolio characteristics are as of the reported date and are subject to change at any time without notice. The securities identified do not represent all of the securities purchased, sold, or recommended, and the reader should not assume that investments in securities identified and discussed were or will be profitable. This is not a recommendation with respect to the purchase or sale of any of these securities. This supplemental information complements the Dividend Equity GIPS Report.

#### DIVIDEND EQUITY COMPOSITE GIPS REPORT

	4Q2024	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Dividend Equity (Gross)	-2.17%	13.47%	11.85%	-4.90%	26.14%	10.37%	26.53%	-3.22%	19.85%	14.89%
Dividend Equity (Net)	-2.25%	13.13%	11.51%	-5.18%	25.64%	9.88%	25.90%	-3.71%	19.26%	14.32%
S&P 500 Index	2.41%	25.02%	26.29%	-18.11%	28.71%	18.40%	31.49%	-4.38%	21.83%	11.96%
Dividend Equity 3-Year Annual Standard Deviation <sup>1</sup>	-	15.87%	15.97%	19.61%	16.67%	17.58%	10.98%	10.72%		
SPX Index 3-Year Annual Standard Deviation <sup>1</sup>	-	17.15%	17.29%	20.87%	17.17%	18.53%	11.93%	10.80%		
Dispersion <sup>2</sup>	0.09%	0.41%	0.30%	0.21%	0.03%	0.41%				
Number of Accounts	16	16	13	10	8	6	≤5	≤5	≤5	≤5
Composite Assets (\$ millions)	\$3,843.3	\$3,843.3	\$3,671.9	\$3,915.	\$4,822.8	\$810.7	\$538.6	\$322.3	\$604.3	\$516.3
Total Firm Assets (\$ millions	\$81,286	\$81,286	\$74,613	\$66,365	\$73,804	\$65,086	\$59,174	\$49,225	\$52,774	\$45,656

Composite inception and creation date: 01/01/2016. "The 3-Year annualized ex-post standard deviation is calculated using monthly gross-of-fee returns to measure the average deviations of returns from its mean. "Dispersion is not calculated for years in which the composite contains five portfolios or less. Dispersion is calculated as the equal weighted standard deviation of gross-of-fee returns for to this composite is the Standard & Poor's 500 Index (S&P 500). The S&P 500 Index measures the performance of 500 large-cap publicly traded companies in the U.S. stock market, representing a broad indicator of the overall market's performance. For Washington's Dividend Strategy seeks a high level of current income and long-term growth of capital through a diversified portfolio of large cap, dividend paying equity securities. Supported by theory and evidence, the strategy focuses on fourth quintile dividend yielding stocks and employs fundamental input from a deeply experienced equity research team. The result is a portfolio of above-average dividend paying stocks that and value premiums through a highly diversified, sector neutrally framework that limits portfolio tracking error versus the broad market. A disciplined and repetable process allows for a cost-efficient portfolio with favorable risk and reward characteristics. All fee-paying, fully discretionary portfolios managed in the Dividend Equity style, with a minimum of \$3 million under our management, are included in this composite include cash, cash equivalents, investment securities, and dividends. Cash is maintained, within each separately managed account segment, in accordance with our asset allocation ratio. The US dollars is the base currency. The specific securities identified and described above. Individual portfolio or the average dividend paying to 20% as described above. Individual portfolio ratio and and buy present teas and on a daily valuation basis. Fort Washington income. Gross returns will be reduced by investment advisory fees and other expenses

#### **RISK DISCLOSURE**

The Fort Washington Dividend Equity strategy invests in stocks of large-cap companies which may be unable to respond quickly to new competitive challenges. The strategy invests in dividendpaying companies. There is no guarantee that the companies in which the strategy invests will declare dividends in the future or that dividends, if declared, will remain at current levels or increase over time. Securities that pay dividends may be sensitive to changes in interest rates, and as interest rates rise or fall, the prices of such securities may fall. The strategy invests in value stocks which may not appreciate in value as anticipated or may experience a decline in value.

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