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# FORT WASHINGTON DIVIDEND EQUITY - 102024

## **GENERAL** INFORMATION

Inception Date: 1/1/2016 Total Assets: \$4.4 billion Total Public Equity Assets: \$14.4 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; \$81.0 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 Brendan M. White, CFA 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

Annualized Total Returns							
	Dividend Equity (Gross)	Dividend Equity (Net)		S&P 500 Index			
	Return	Return	Percentile Rank	Return			
1Q2024	7.56%	7.48%	58	10.56%			
1 Year	19.34%	18.98%	45	29.88%			
3 Years	9.79%	9.44%	34	11.49%			
5 Years	12.76%	12.33%	28	15.05%			
Since Inception (1/1/2016)	12.72%	12.24%	22	14.19%			

Source: Fort Washington and eVestment Alliance. Peer ranks are percentile rankings versus the eVestment US Dividend Focus Equity Universe based on net performance relative to peer group. Not valid without subsequent pages. Past performance is not indicative of future results. This supplemental information complements the Dividend Equity GIPS Report.

Assets as of 3/31/2024. Includes assets under management by Fort Washington of \$75.8 billion and \$5.2 billion in commitments managed by Fort Washington Capital Partners Group (FW Capital), a division.

Portfolio Characteristics						
	Portfolio	Benchmark				
Dividend Yield	2.7	1.4				
Beta	0.9	1.0				
EV / EBITDA	11.9	15.2				
Weighted Avg. Market Cap	\$317B	\$804B				
Price / Book	2.7	4.0				
Price / Earnings	15.8	20.8				
5 Year Dividend Growth %	6.6	7.1				
ROIC	15	22				
% No Moat	6	6				
Top 10 % Portfolio	20					
Number of Securities	80	504				

All data as of 3/31/2024. 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		
Name	Portfolio	Benchmark
Communication Services	6.9%	9.0%
Consumer Discretionary	4.8%	10.4%
Consumer Staples	7.1%	6.0%
Energy	5.5%	4.0%
Financials	15.1%	13.2%
Health Care	14.2%	12.4%
Industrials	8.9%	8.8%
Information Technology	22.2%	29.6%
Materials	3.4%	2.4%
Real Estate	3.3%	2.3%
Utilities	3.7%	2.2%
Cash	1.3%	0.0%

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Top 10 Holdings					
Name	% of Portfolio	Dividend Yield	5 Year Dividend Growth	Payout Ratio	Moat
Microsoft Corp	3.70%	0.7	10	25	Wide
Medtronic PLC	2.00%	3.2	7	65	Narrow
Broadcom Inc.	1.90%	1.6	17	64	Wide
Stanley Black & Decker Inc	1.90%	3.3	4	64	Narrow
Oracle Corp	1.80%	1.3	16	39	Narrow
BlackRock Inc	1.80%	2.4	10	56	Wide
Johnson & Johnson	1.70%	3.0	6	56	Wide
KLA Corp	1.70%	0.8	13	24	Wide
Intl Business Machines	1.70%	3.5	1	70	Narrow
Home Depot	1.70%	2.3	14	55	Wide
Average		2.2	10	52	

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#### **COMPOSITE PERFORMANCE DISCLOSURES**

	1Q2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Dividend Equity (Gross)	7.56%	11.85%	-4.90%	26.14%	10.37%	26.53%	-3.22%	19.85%	14.89%
Dividend Equity (Net)	7.48%	11.51%	-5.18%	25.64%	9.88%	25.90%	-3.71%	19.26%	14.32%
S&P 500 Index	10.56%	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>		15.97%	19.61%	16.67%	17.58%	10.98%	10.72%		
SPX Index 3-Year Annual Standard Deviation <sup>1</sup>		17.29%	20.87%	17.17%	18.53%	11.93%	10.80%		
Dispersion <sup>2</sup>	0.10%	0.30%	0.21%	0.03%	0.41%				
Number of Accounts	15	13	10	8	6	≤5	≤5	≤5	≤5
Composite Assets (\$ millions)	\$3,815.4	\$3,671.9	\$3,915.	\$4,822.8	\$810.7	\$538.6	\$322.3	\$604.3	\$516.3
Total Firm Assets (\$ millions	\$75,762	\$74,613	\$66,365	\$73,804	\$65,086	\$59,174	\$49,225	\$52,774	\$45,656

Composite inception and creation date: 01/01/16. <sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>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 those portfolios held in the composite during the entire period. The benchmark for this composite is the Standard & Poor's 500 Index. Past performance is not indicative of future results.

Fort 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 enjoy competitive advantages and will grow dividends over time, but avoids highest yielding stocks that can lead to unintentional exposures. The disciplined and repeatable 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. Effective 10/26/18, the Dividend Equity fee is 0.50% on the first \$25 million, 0.40% on the next \$20 million, and 0.20% on additional amounts over \$50 million for separate accounts. The benchmark for this composite is the Standard & Poor's 500 Index. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index serves as a performance benchmark for 505 stocks issued by 500 large companies with market capitalizations of at least \$6.1 billion. Portfolios in this composite include cash, cash equivalents, investment securities iduidends. 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 iduidend and equity portfolio returns are calculated on a daily valuation basis. Past performance is not indicative of future results. Fort Washington Investment Advisors, Inc. (Fort Washington), a wholly owned subsidiary of The Western and Southern Life Insurance Company, is a registered investment advisor and provides discretionary money management to a broad range of investors, including bot institutional and individual investors. Secure company, is a registered investment effection r

#### **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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