# DSM CAPITAL PARTNERS

# **Dividend Growth Strategy**

#### **INVESTMENT MANAGER**

- Established 2001
- \$5.8 B AUM
- 100% employee and founder owned
- Headquartered in Palm Beach Gardens, FL

#### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

- · Long-term focus on predictable growth
- Valuation discipline seeks to reduce high P/E risk
- Concentrated 25 35 stock portfolio

#### DISTINGUISHING FEATURES

- Valuation Discipline: Designed to avoid purchase of overvalued stocks. Provides price targets to create sales of appreciated securities.
- **Research:** Consistently applied fundamental research and detailed proprietary earnings models help distinguish between what is important and substantive versus simply noise. The combination of research and valuation discipline aims to reduce risk and enhance return.
- **Culture:** Team-oriented portfolio management process encourages objectivity. Analyst/ PMs incentivized to have the best companies in the portfolio regardless of coverage.
- Alignment of Interests: The team has significant personal investment in DSM portfolios creating a critical alignment with client's interests.

### **INVESTMENT TEAM MEMBERS**

	Experience			
Managing Partner	DSM	Industry		
Daniel Strickberger Chief Investment Officer	24	44		
Portfolio Managers/Analysts				
David McVey, CFA Deputy Chief Investment Officer	24	29		
Eric Woodworth, CFA Deputy Chief Investment Officer	24	24		
Shirley Hu Anderson, CFA	3	18		
Bryant Burciaga	0	7		
Justin Burk, CFA	22	27		
Hannah Chiang	10	27		
Giles Evans, CFA	3	6		
Steve Tish, CFA	18	33		

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## AVERAGE ANNUAL RETURNS AS OF 4/30/2025 (%)

	YTD	MRQ	l Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	l0 Yr	SI*
DSM Dividend Growth (Gross)	-8.92%	-10.48%	6.50%	8.68%	12.76%	11.13%	12.18%
DSM Dividend Growth (Net)*	-9.21%	-10.62%	5.82%	7.99%	12.04%	10.25%	11.24%
Russell 1000	-5.06%	-4.49%	11.94%	11.87%	15.42%	12.03%	12.77%
MSCI ACWI	-0.40%	-1.32%	11.84%	10.27%	13.07%	8.63%	8.65%

#### \*Model Fee / Inception Date: February 1, 2011

Performance data quoted represents past performance; past performance does not guarantee future results. The results are preliminary and unaudited. This presentation is supplemental information to the fully compliant composite performance disclosure available at <u>www.dsmcapital.com</u>.

### PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS<sup>1</sup>

	Portfolio	Russell 1000
Number of Holdings	24	1,005
Weighted Averge Market Capitalization (\$b)	1,004.3	834.4
P/E (Weighted Average, Trailing 12 Months)	29.9	24.1
P/E (Weighted Average, Forward 12 Months)	21.9	18.5
EPS, Forward 3-5 year <sup>2</sup>	16.7	12.6
Return on Assets (%)	14.2	5.8
Return on Equity (%)	31.0	12.7
Price to Book Ratio (Trailing 12 Months)	9.4	4.2
Long-term Debt to Capital (%)	33.8	39.4
Dividend Yield (%)	0.9	1.3
Active Share (%)	75	

#### 'Source FactSet

<sup>2</sup>Long-Term EPS Growth is not a measure of the Strategy's future performance. Characteristics only relate to current holdings of the Strategy and are based on a representative account in the Dividend Growth Strategy.

RISK METRICS	5YR	TOP HOLDINGS	%
Upside Capture	91.9	NVIDIA Corporation	10.9
Downside Capture	101.3	Amazon.com, Inc.	8.6
Tracking Error	5.9	Meta Platforms Inc Class A	8.0
Information Ratio	-0.5	Microsoft Corporation	7.2
Sharpe Ratio	0.6	Arista Networks, Inc.	7.0
Treynor Ratio	10.4	Intuit Inc.	5.8
Alpha	-1.7	Alphabet Inc. Class A	5.3
Beta	1.0	Ares Management Corporation	5.1
Standard Deviation	16.9	Lamar Advertising Company Class A	4.2
R-Squared	0.9	Apollo Global Management Inc	3.4

The risk metrics are gross of fees of the DSM Dividend Growth Composite and are annualized as appropriate. The top ten holdings are as of the prior month-end.

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## Dividend Growth Strategy

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	Portfolio	Relative to Russell 1000			Portfolio	Relative to Russell 1000		
Communication Services	14.3		5.2		Developed	99.7		
Consumer Discretionary	10.9		0.5		Americas	94.5	-0.3	
Consumer Staples	2.7	-3.3			Europe	5.2	-5.5	
Energy		-3.2			[Cash]	0.3	-5.5	
Financials	13.1	-1.8						
Health Care	5.1	-5.6						
Industrials	7.2	-2.1					0.3	
Information Technology	42.2			13.3				
Materials		-2.3						
Real Estate	4.1		1.6					
Utilities		-2.5						
[Cash]	0.3		0.3					

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Alpha: the excess return of an investment relative to the return of a benchmark. Beta: the measure of systemic risk of a portfolio in comparison to the market as a whole. Sharpe Ratio: a ratio of the return on an investment relative to its risk. Upside Capture: a statistical measure of overall performance relative to a benchmark during rising markets. Downside Capture: a statistical measure of overall performance relative to a benchmark during declining markets. Information Ratio: a measurement of portfolio returns relative to a given benchmark. Standard Deviation: a measurement of dispersion or volatility of investment returns relative to its mean or average. Risk-adjusted return: a calculation of the profit or potential profit from an investment that considers the degree of risk that must be accepted in order to achieve it. Tracking error: an indicator of how consistently close or wide performance is relative to a benchmark. Treynor ratio: a performance metric for determining how much excess return was generated for each unit of risk taken by a portfolio. R-squared: a statistical measure that shows how well a regression line approximates actual data.

The performance figures presented do not reflect the deduction of investment advisory fees actually charged to the account in the composite. Rather, the performance results presented reflect the deduction of a model advisory fee. From inception of the composite on February 1, 2011 through March 31, 2019, a model advisory fee of 1.0% per annum for Dividend Growth had been used. From April 1, 2019, the model advisory fee used is 0.65% per annum.

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