# Oak Ridge Dividend Growth

# Quarterly Investment Profile

# 4Q 2024

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## Firm Profile

### Founded: 1989

Total Assets: \$2.09B as of 12/31/2024 Focus: Active Equity Strategies Headquarters: Chicago

# Strategy Profile

Vehicle: Managed Account Objective: Capital Appreciation Investment Category: U.S. Large Cap Blend

Equity Style: Yield & quality earnings-focused Benchmark: S&P 500 Index

# Portfolio Managers: David Klaskin

- Portfolio Manager since inception
- Over 42 years' investment experience

## Brian King, CFA

- Co- Portfolio Manager
- Over 20 years' investment experience

Inception Date: 11/01/2010

Current Strategy AUA: \$9.35 mm

Current Equity Holdings: 96.4%

Current Cash/Equivalents: 3.6%

Number of Holdings: 30

Turnover (1Y): 12.51% as of 12/31/2024

Turnover calculated by Oak Ridge Investments.



# Research-Driven Investment Philosophy

- Fundamental, bottom-up, high-conviction research
- Our focus: to find high-quality, differentiated companies that may provide investors attractive long-term returns
- Our goal: to achieve attractive returns over a full market cycle while taking less risk

# Investment Process

## 1. Idea Generation

Our highly seasoned analyst team identifies companies we believe have:

- Consistent earnings growth
- Reasonable valuation
- Attractive quantitative characteristics

## 2. Exhaustive Fundamental Company Analysis

- Review and analyze company documents including financial statements and government filings
- Interview company management, competitors, suppliers, customers and industry experts
- Analyze company's strategy and competitive position relative to existing and potential competitors

## 3. Security Selection

- Investment team review
- Peer review helps reduce analyst bias and questions assumptions for reasonableness
- Portfolio managers responsible for all buy/sell decisions

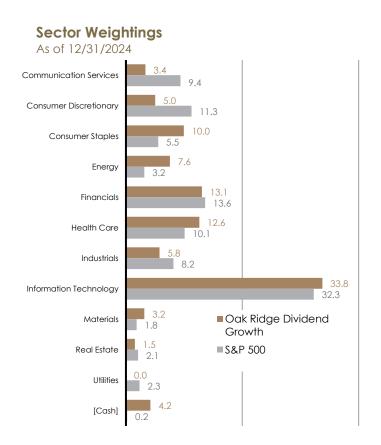
### 4. Sell Discipline

- Deteriorating fundamentals
- Full Valuation
- Better alternatives
- Industry headwindsPortfolio risk concerns

## We believe...

Earnings growth is the primary determinant of long-term stock price appreciation

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Top Ten Holdings As of 12/31/2024	Portfolio %
Broadcom Inc	9.54
Microsoft	8.37
Apple	5.80
Eli Lilly & Co	5.20
JPMorgan Chase	4.56
Blackstone	4.52
Oracle Systems	3.92
Walmart Stores	3.85
T-Mobile USA	3.58
Kinder Morgan Inc	3.19
Total Percentage	52.53%

# Characteristics

As of 12/31/2024	Portfolio	S&P 500 Index
Wtd Avg. Market Cap (\$B)	\$795.86	\$1120.08
Median Market Cap	\$186.351	\$37.237
Dividend Yield	1.82%	1.28%
5Y Trailing EPS Growth	14.1	20.1
P/E Ratio (12 mo. Forward)	22.6	23.0
Active Share	72.63%	

The Portfolio is actively managed and current holdings and characteristics may be different. The holdings listed should not be considered recommendations to buy or sell any particular security listed. The S&P 500 Index is a capitalization-weighted, broad-based index which covers 500 companies in the U. S. equity markets. An investor cannot directly invest in an index. This is shown as supplemental information and complements the GIPS<sup>®</sup> compliant presentation which is included.

Source: The Bank of New York Mellon & Factset as of December 31, 2024. Based on the holdings of our Dividend Growth separately managed accounts composite as of December 31, 2024. Actual portfolio holdings and weightings may vary depending, among other reasons, on the separately managed account size, cash levels and cash flows within an account, timing of account execution, and restrictions on an account.

## Portfolio Performance & Risk Measures

5-year as of 12/31/2024	Return	Standard Deviation	Sharpe Ratio	Beta	Annual Alpha	R-squared	Upside Capture	Downside Capture
Dividend Growth (Gross)	14.89	16.23	0.78	0.87	1.66	94.94	90.53	83.08
Dividend Growth (Net)	13.93	16.23	0.73	0.87	0.81	94.94	88.95	84.69
S&P 500	14.53	18.21	0.70	1.00		100.00	100.00	100.00

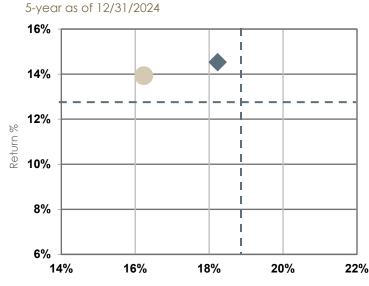
\*Performance & Risk Measures based on data calculated quarterly.

Source: Morningstar using Oak Ridge performance provided to Morningstar by Oak Ridge. The performance data quoted represents past performance, which is no guarantee of future results. Risk benchmark used for this analysis: S&P 500. See attached performance for disclosure information. This presentation is shown as supplemental information and complements the GIPS<sup>®</sup> compliant presentation included.

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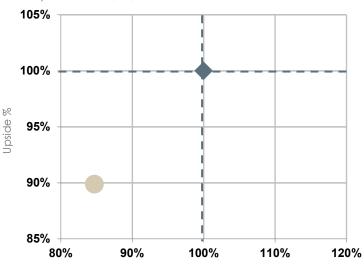
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# Risk/Return



Upside/Downside

5-year as of 12/31/2024



### Standard Deviation %

	Return	Standard Deviation
Dividend Growth (Net)	13.93	16.23
◆ S&P 500	14.53	18.23

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	Upside Capture	Downside Capture	
Dividend Growth (Net)	88.95%	84.69	
S&P 500	100.00%	100.00%	

Downside %

### **Performance History**

GIPS <sup>®</sup> Composite Information		Annualized								
Reporting Date for all Data: December 31, 2024	QTR	1 YR	3 YR	5 YR	7 YR	10 YR	Since <sup>1</sup> Inception			
Oak Ridge Dividend Growth (%; "Pure" Gross Rate of Return) <sup>2</sup>	1.33	24.67	10.98	14.88	14.84	13.67	14.18			
Oak Ridge Dividend Growth (%; Net Rate of Return)	1.19	24.07	10.38	14.30	14.23	13.04	13.57			
Standard & Poor 500 Index (%; Rate of Return)	2.41	25.02	8.94	14.53	13.83	13.10	10.38			

	Calendar													
Reporting Date for all Data: December 31, 2024	YTD 2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Oak Ridge Dividend Growth (%; "Pure" Gross Rate of Return) <sup>2</sup>	24.67	26.01	-12.99	28.57	13.88	31.51	0.10	22.28	11.79	0.01	11.96	32.24	9.85	5.60
Oak Ridge Dividend Growth (%; Net Rate of Return)	24.07	25.30	-13.49	28.05	13.33	30.73	-0.50	21.55	11.12	-0.58	11.34	31.50	9.23	5.21
Standard & Poor 500 Index (%; Rate of Return)	25.02	26.29	-18.11	28.71	18.40	31.49	-4.38	21.83	11.96	1.38	13.69	32.39	16.00	2.11

### <sup>1</sup>Inception Date is 11/01/10

<sup>2</sup> The "pure" gross of fees performance results reflect the asset-weighted performance of accounts (including cash reserves) managed for the period and do not reflect the deduction of any wrap fees or fees in lieu of commissions on wrap-fee accounts or any advisory fees on the accounts, but do reflect the deduction of trading commissions for separately managed accounts. "Pure" gross of fees returns are supplemental to net returns.

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### **Composite Description**

The Dividend Growth Composite (the "Composite") is comprised of growth equity accounts which invest primarily in companies with consistent earnings growth profiles which, as a portfolio, have a dividend yield above the S&P 500 Index yield and with each stock evaluated as having the potential to increase dividends. The Composite's investment objective is to provide an attractive total return comprised of both dividends and long-term capital appreciation. The Composite is made up of all eligible discretionary, fee paying, dividend growth separately managed accounts. The Composite was created in November 2010.

### **Calculation of Performance Returns**

Composite results are calculated using a time-weighted total rate-of-return formula and are U.S. dollar-based. The composite returns are asset-weighted based upon beginning period market values. Returns include dividends net of withholding taxes if applicable, interest, realized and unrealized gains or losses. The "net of fees" performance results reflect the deduction of wrap fees or fees in lieu of commissions on wrap-fee accounts and advisory fees and trading commissions paid by non wrap-fee separately managed accounts in the Composite since inception. Account performance is based on total assets in the account, including cash and cash equivalents. Historical performance results include the results of accounts which are no longer managed by the Firm. The composite returns presented represent past performance, which is not a reliable indicator of future results, which may vary.

### **Fee Schedule**

The Composite includes wrap-fee and non wrap-fee separately managed accounts. Wrap-fee accounts are charged an all-inclusive asset-based fee that includes most costs. Wrap fees, including advisory fees, vary across brokerage firms and accounts based upon account size and other factors, however, they generally do not exceed 3% per annum. Published Oak Ridge investment advisory fee rates can be found in the Firm's Form ADV Part 2A Brochure, which is available upon request.

#### **Benchmark Information**

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