

Investment overview

ClearBridge Dividend Strategy Portfolios invest primarily in dividend-paying stocks that have the potential for income growth and capital appreciation over time. The investment team believes that companies that exhibit market leadership, coupled with solid balance sheets and strong dividend profiles, are attractive investment candidates for the long-term investor.

Investment objective

Seeks:

- Attractive dividend yield¹
- Powerful compounding of dividends
- Risk management in volatile markets

Key differentiators

Stock level:

- Does not employ yield screen
- Obsessive focus on business model and industry structure/dynamics

Portfolio level:

- Focuses on diversification, not relative benchmark positioning
- Target superior risk-adjusted returns through upside participation and risk management

Management team

ClearBridge Investments is a well-established global investment manager focusing on proprietary research and fundamental investing. With over 60 years of experience building portfolios for clients seeking income solutions, high active share or low volatility, long-tenured portfolio managers provide strong leadership in a centralized investment structure.

Investment management team

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Managing Director

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Industry since 1999

Michael Clarfeld, CFA

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Portfolio Manager

Industry since 2000

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Portfolio Manager

Industry since 2000

Active share is a measure of the percentage of stock holdings in a manager's portfolio that differs from the benchmark index.

¹Dividends and yields represent past performance. There is no assurance they will continue to be paid in the future.

Investment process

STEP 1

Idea generation

- Targets an investment universe comprised of industry leaders and global champions in secularly attractive industries with strong balance sheets, brand and market presence
- Focuses on companies that offer robust dividend growth and sustainable payout ratios

STEP 2

Fundamental analysis

- Performs proprietary analysis on companies across all market sectors -- includes business model evaluation, financial and management analysis to better determine valuation
- Conducts traditional fundamental research with the goal of answering the question, "Can this company grow and sustain its dividend?"

STEP 3

Portfolio construction

- Typical portfolio consists of 40–60 securities with relatively low turnover (15–25%)
- Limits position size to 1–3%
- Emphasizes diversification over relative sector positioning

STEP 4

Risk management

- Takes a team approach to monitoring the portfolio
- Attempts to mitigate risk through stock selection of high-quality businesses with low leverage/financial risk and avoiding those with material binary risk (e.g. biotech)
- Limits weighting in sectors with outsized exposure to single-factor risk (e.g. E&P)

The investment process may change over time. The characteristics set forth above are intended as a general illustration of some of the criteria the strategy team considers in selecting securities for client portfolios. There is no guarantee that investment objectives will be achieved.

Portfolio Information†

As of June 30, 2025

Top Ten Holdings (%)

	Portfolio
Microsoft Corp	4.26
Exxon Mobil Corp	3.59
Broadcom Inc	3.47
Enbridge Inc	3.27
Sempra	3.14
Nestle SA	3.07
Becton Dickinson & Co	2.85
Comcast Corp	2.81
Williams Cos Inc/The	2.77
Travelers Cos Inc/The	2.54
Total	31.77

Sector Weightings (%)

	Portfolio	BM
Information Technology	13.98	33.11
Financials	13.78	14.03
Health Care	11.47	9.32
Energy	10.70	2.97
Communication Services	10.02	9.79
Consumer Staples	9.40	5.50
Industrials	8.54	8.58
Materials	5.69	1.88
Real Estate	5.35	2.04
Utilities	4.74	2.39
Consumer Discretionary	2.96	10.37
Cash & Cash Equivalents	3.36	0.00

Market Capitalization (%)

	Portfolio	BM
<10 Billion	0.00	0.44
10-50 Billion	16.43	12.86
50-250 Billion	47.32	32.36
250-500 Billion	16.39	10.42
>500 Billion	19.86	43.91

Characteristics

	Portfolio	BM
Number of Issuers	51	504
Estimated 3-5 Year EPS Growth	9.05%	11.95%
Price to Earnings (12-Month Forward)	18.93x	23.79x
Price to Book	5.58x	7.89x
Dividend Yield	2.27%	1.23%
Median Market Cap (Millions USD)	\$137,816	\$304,508
Weighted Average Market Capitalization (Millions USD)	\$466,726	\$1,114,515

†Source: FactSet. Portfolio characteristics listed are based on a model portfolio, not an actual client account. The model portfolio is a hypothetical portfolio whereby the portfolio characteristics are based on simulated trading and account activity of a client account invested in this strategy. The model portfolio assumes no withdrawals, contributions or client-imposed restrictions. Portfolio characteristics of individual client accounts may differ from those of the model portfolio as a result of account size, client-imposed restrictions, the timing of client investments, market conditions, contributions, withdrawals and other factors.

Performance

Annualized Rates of Return – Pure Gross and Net of Fees (%) as of June 30, 2025 – PRELIMINARY

	1 Mth	3 Mths	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	7 Yrs	10 Year	15 Yrs	20 Year
Dividend Strategy –Pure Gross of Fees—(USD)	2.49	4.26	5.57	15.47	14.17	14.86	12.25	11.87	13.16	10.42
Dividend Strategy –Net of Fees—(USD)	2.24	3.50	4.03	12.14	10.87	11.54	9.01	8.63	9.89	7.22
S&P 500 Index—(USD)	5.09	10.94	6.20	15.16	19.71	16.64	14.39	13.65	14.86	10.73

Calendar-Year Total Returns – Pure Gross and Net of Fees (%) ending December 31

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Dividend Strategy –Pure Gross of Fees—(USD)	17.44	14.54	-7.03	27.21	7.49	29.73	-4.08	18.57	14.75	-2.92
Dividend Strategy –Net of Fees—(USD)	14.05	11.23	-9.76	23.56	4.37	26.02	-6.89	15.16	11.44	-5.76
S&P 500 Index—(USD)	25.02	26.29	-18.11	28.71	18.40	31.49	-4.38	21.83	11.96	1.38

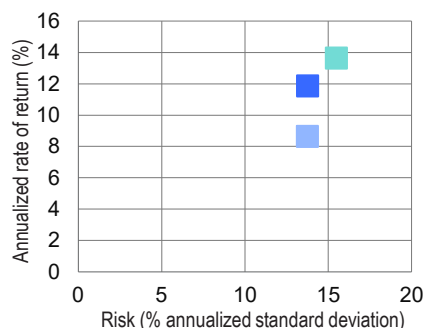
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¹ **Fees:** Periods less than one year are not annualized. Performance results are for the composite which includes all actual, fully discretionary accounts with substantially similar investment policies and objectives managed to the composite's investment strategy. Composite returns are stated in U.S. dollars and assume reinvestment of any dividends, interest income, capital gains, or other earnings. The composite may include account(s) that are gross of fees and pure gross of fees. "Pure" gross-of-fee returns do not reflect the deduction of any expenses, including transaction costs. A traditional (or "true") gross-of-fee return reflects performance after the reduction of transaction costs but before the reduction of the investment advisory fee. The gross-of-fee return may include a blend of "true" gross-of-fee returns for non-wrap accounts and "pure" gross-of-fee returns for wrap accounts. Net-of-fee returns is reduced by a model "wrap fee" (3.0% is the maximum anticipated wrap fee for equity and balanced portfolios) which includes trading expenses as well as investment management, administrative and custodial fees. The model wrap fee used represents the highest anticipated wrap fee applicable to the strategy. Actual fees and account minimums may vary.

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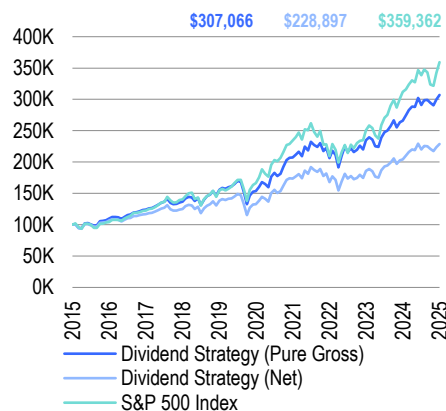
Performance Statistics ¹ Preliminary (based on 10-year period ending June 30, 2025)

Risk/Return profile (%)

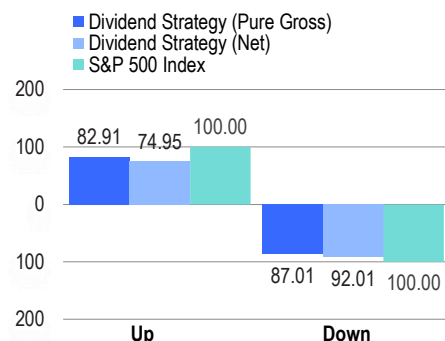


■ Dividend Strategy (Pure Gross)		
Annualized Return (%)		11.87
Annualized Standard Deviation (%)		13.76
■ Dividend Strategy (Net)		
Annualized Return (%)		8.63
Annualized Standard Deviation (%)		13.76
■ S&P 500 Index		
Annualized Return (%)		13.65
Annualized Standard Deviation (%)		15.50

Growth of \$100,000*



Up/Down market capture ratios (%)



Modern portfolio statistics

	Portfolio (Pure gross)	Portfolio (Net)	BM
Sharpe Ratio	0.74	0.53	0.78
Beta	0.84	0.84	N/A
Alpha (%)	0.06	-2.86	N/A
R-Squared	0.90	0.90	N/A

	(+) Months	(-) Months
Pure Gross:	83	37
Net:	83	37

¹ Source: Franklin Templeton.

*For illustrative purposes only. Assumes no withdrawals or contributions. These statistics are based on pure gross and net-of-fees quarterly composite returns, were calculated assuming reinvestment of dividends and income, and take into account both realized and unrealized capital gains and losses.

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Terms and definitions:

Dividend yield is determined by dividing a stock's annual dividends per share by the current market price per share. Dividend yield is a financial ratio that shows how much a company pays out in dividends.

P/E (Year 1) is the previous day's closing price of the stock divided by the consensus earnings per share (EPS) of fiscal year 1 (FY1) provided by I/B/E/S. Forecasts are inherently limited and should not be relied upon as indicators of future performance.

The **price-to-book ratio (P/B)** is a stock's price divided by the stock's per share book value. Earnings per share (EPS) is the portion of a company's profit allocated to each outstanding share of a common stock.

Weighted median market capitalization represents the value at which half the portfolio's market capitalization weight falls above, and half falls below.

Weighted average market capitalization represents the average value of the companies held in the portfolio. When that figure is weighted, the impact of each company's capitalization on the overall average is proportional to the total market value of its shares.

Market capitalization measures the number of outstanding common shares of a given corporation multiplied by the latest price per share.

Standard deviation measures the risk or volatility of an investment's return over a particular time period; the greater the number, the greater the risk.

The **up-capture ratio** measures the manager's overall performance to the benchmark's overall performance, considering only quarters that are positive in the benchmark. An up-capture ratio of more than 100 indicates a manager who outperforms the relative benchmark in the benchmark's positive quarters.

The **down-capture ratio** is the ratio of the manager's overall performance to the benchmark's overall performance, considering only quarters that are negative in the benchmark. A down-capture ratio of less than 100 indicates a manager who outperforms the relative benchmark in the benchmark's negative quarters and protects more of a portfolio's value during down markets.

Alpha is a measure of performance vs. a benchmark on a risk-adjusted basis. A positive alpha of 1.0 means the portfolio has outperformed its benchmark index by 1%. Correspondingly, a similar negative alpha would indicate an underperformance of 1%. Alpha is a measure of the difference between actual returns and expected performance measuring sensitivity to index movements.

Beta measures the sensitivity of an investment to the movement of its benchmark. A beta higher than 1.0 indicates the investment has been more volatile than the benchmark and a beta of less than 1.0 indicates that the investment has been less volatile than the benchmark.

Sharpe ratio is a risk-adjusted measure, calculated using standard deviation and excess return to determine reward per unit of risk. The higher the Sharpe ratio, the better a portfolio's historical risk-adjusted performance.

R-squared measures the strength of the linear relationship between a fund and its benchmark. R-squared at 1.00 implies perfect linear relationship and zero implies no relationship exists.

The **S&P 500 Index** features 500 leading U.S. publicly traded companies, with a primary emphasis on market capitalization. Source: © S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC. All rights reserved.

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