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Equity Dividend SMA

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Introduction to BlackRock

Who & how we serve

We collectively support millions of people around the world by working alongside institutions and financial advisors as they contribute to the financial well-being of those who depend on them.

400+

of the world's top insurance companies utilize our products and services to help enhance the value they deliver to their clients

130+

official institutions collaborate with us across asset management, risk and advisory to help countries achieve their broader objectives

\$100M

Is being committed by The BlackRock Foundation to the Breakthrough Energy Catalyst Program* to accelerate the affordability and availability of clean energy technologies

31mn

Investor accounts in the US hold iShares® ETFs in their portfolio¹

40mn

Individuals planning for retirement in US & Canada have access to our products through their defined contribution plans²

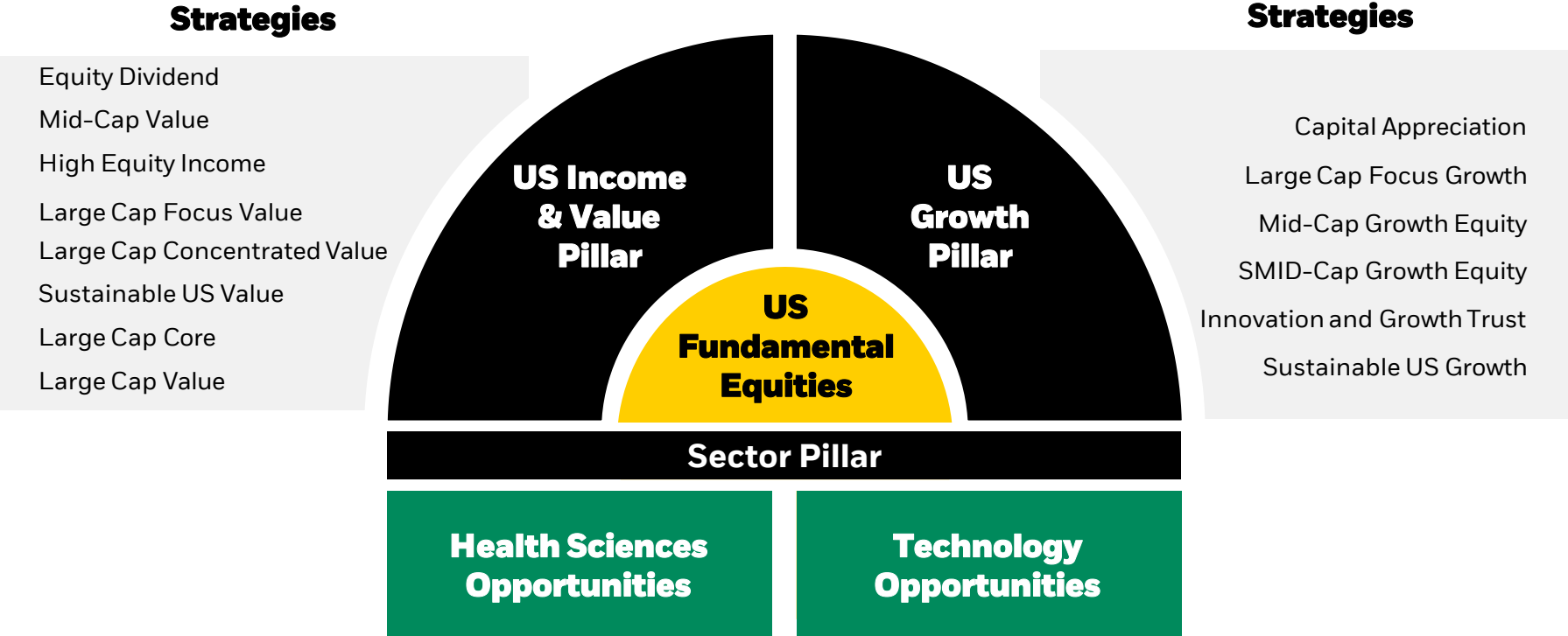
400+

family offices in the US entrust us to manage assets on their behalf

Source: BlackRock, data as of December 31, 2023 unless otherwise noted. *For more details: <https://www.blackrock.com/corporate/about-us/social-impact/breakthrough-energy> ¹ Number of accounts calculated based on data sourced from Broadridge of accounts holding U.S. listed iShares ETFs (as of November 30, 2022) ² Represents the estimated number of participants (active and retired) with access to BlackRock investment products through their US DC plan. The 401(k) and 403(b) active plan participant count is sourced from Brightscope (as of December 31, 2020, or plan's latest filed Form 5500). State Government DC Plan participant counts are based on total current state employees (Census Annual Survey) where the state plan is known to hold a BLK product in their DC plan. Local Government DC Plan participants counts are estimated based on total current local government employees (Census Annual Survey), adjusted to align with BlackRock's current AUM market share of the US DC industry. The Federal Government's TSP participant count is sourced from their public November 2021 meeting notes. Retiree participant count is estimated based on the population 65+ (Census quick facts), with access to a DC plan (CRS 2021 Report) that stays in plan (Cerulli "US Retirement End Investor Report 2022), adjusted to align with BlackRock's current AUM market share of the US DC industry.

Investment Process

US Fundamental Equities is a Center of Research Excellence



Strong Analysts



More Resources



Potential for Enhanced Performance

Source: BlackRock. As of 30 June 2023. For illustrative purposes only.

Philosophy and Core Beliefs

Companies that pay dividends are generally better managed



Management quality is a key driver of long-term business success



Companies with quality franchises, strong free cash flow, and conservative balance sheets seem to be better able to grow their dividends



Dividend growth may help in compounding returns and reducing volatility

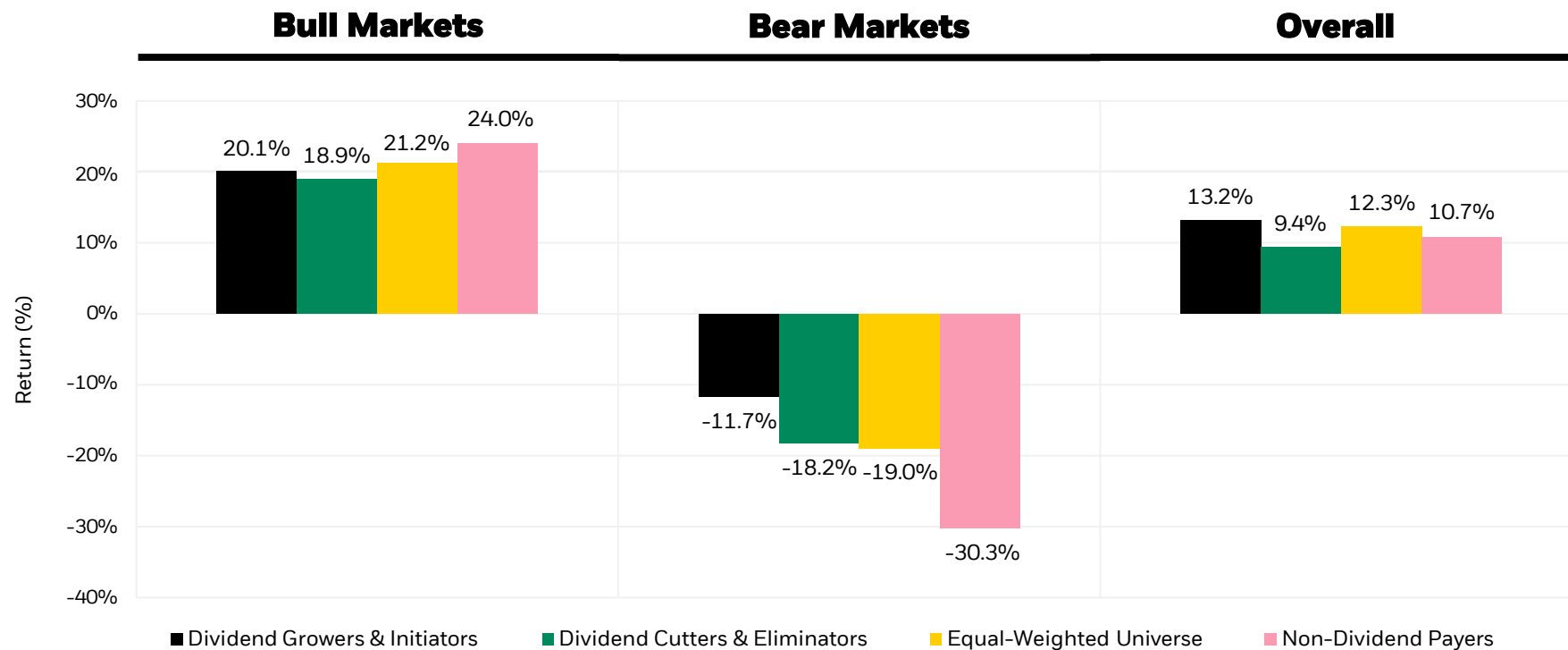


As of 30 June 2023. There is no guarantee that these investment beliefs will work under all market conditions or are suitable for all investors. Each investor should evaluate their ability to invest long-term, especially during periods of downturn in the market. Subject to change.

Dividend Payers Have Historically Outperformed Non-Dividend Payers

Dividend Payers Weather Diverse Market Conditions

Average returns from 12/31/78 – 12/31/22

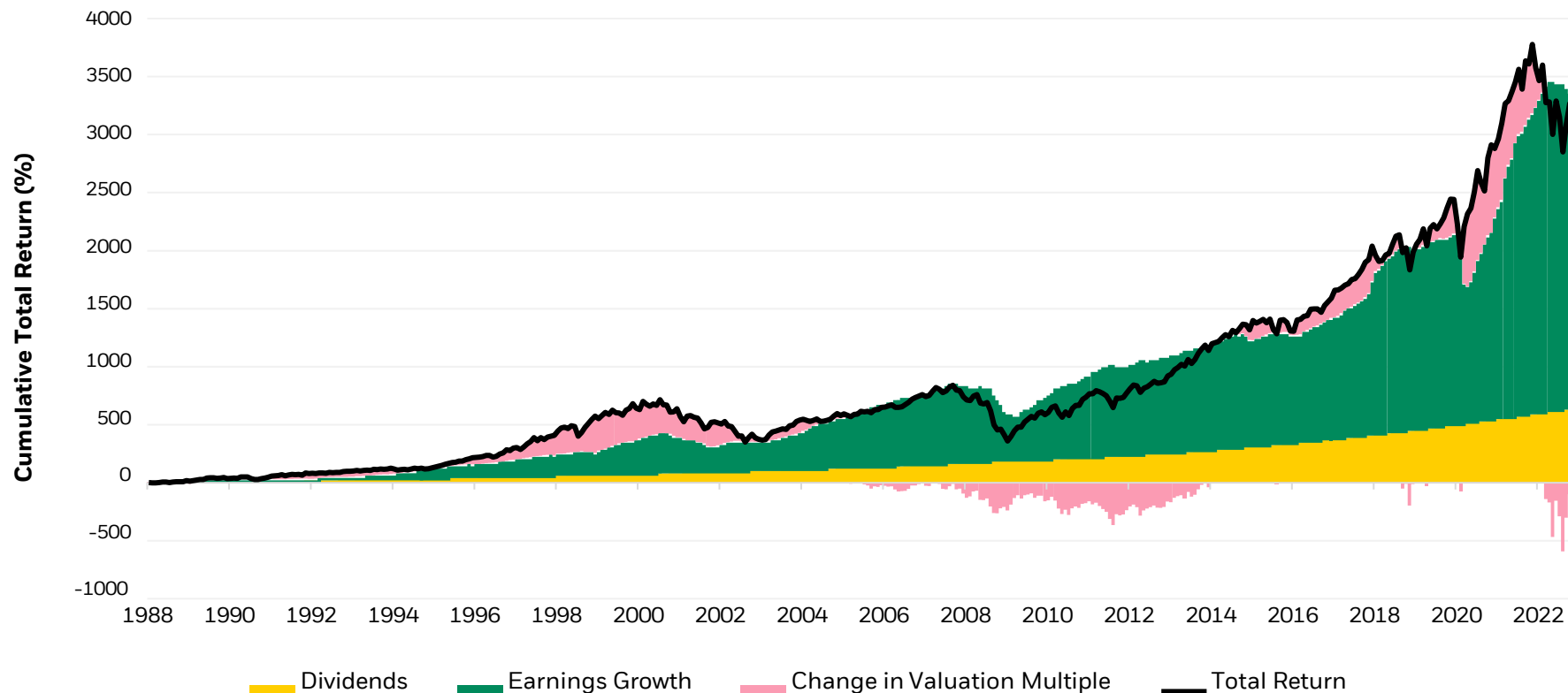


Source: BlackRock. Data from 12/31/1978 through 12/31/2022. The investment universe is the 500 largest U.S. stocks by market cap. Dividend policy constituents are calculated on a rolling 12-month basis and are rebalanced monthly. Category returns are calculated on a monthly basis. Shown for illustrative purposes only. Past performance is not indicative of future returns. The Dividend Growers & Initiators category represents performance for companies which either increased or initiated their dividend distribution. The Dividend Cutters & Eliminators category represents performance for companies which either cut or eliminated their dividend distribution. The Equal Weighted Universe category represents performance for the 500 largest U.S. stocks by market cap, calculated by assigning the same weighting (0.20%) to each constituent. The Non-Dividend payers category represents performance for companies which do not pay a dividend. A bear market is defined as declines of greater than -20% or more. A bull market is defined as the gains between bear markets, which are defined as increases of greater than +20% or more. To calculate the aggregate return for the “Overall”, “Bull Market” and “Bear Market” periods the aggregate return is defined as an annualized form of the average monthly return for the specified market period, where annualizing takes into account compounding.

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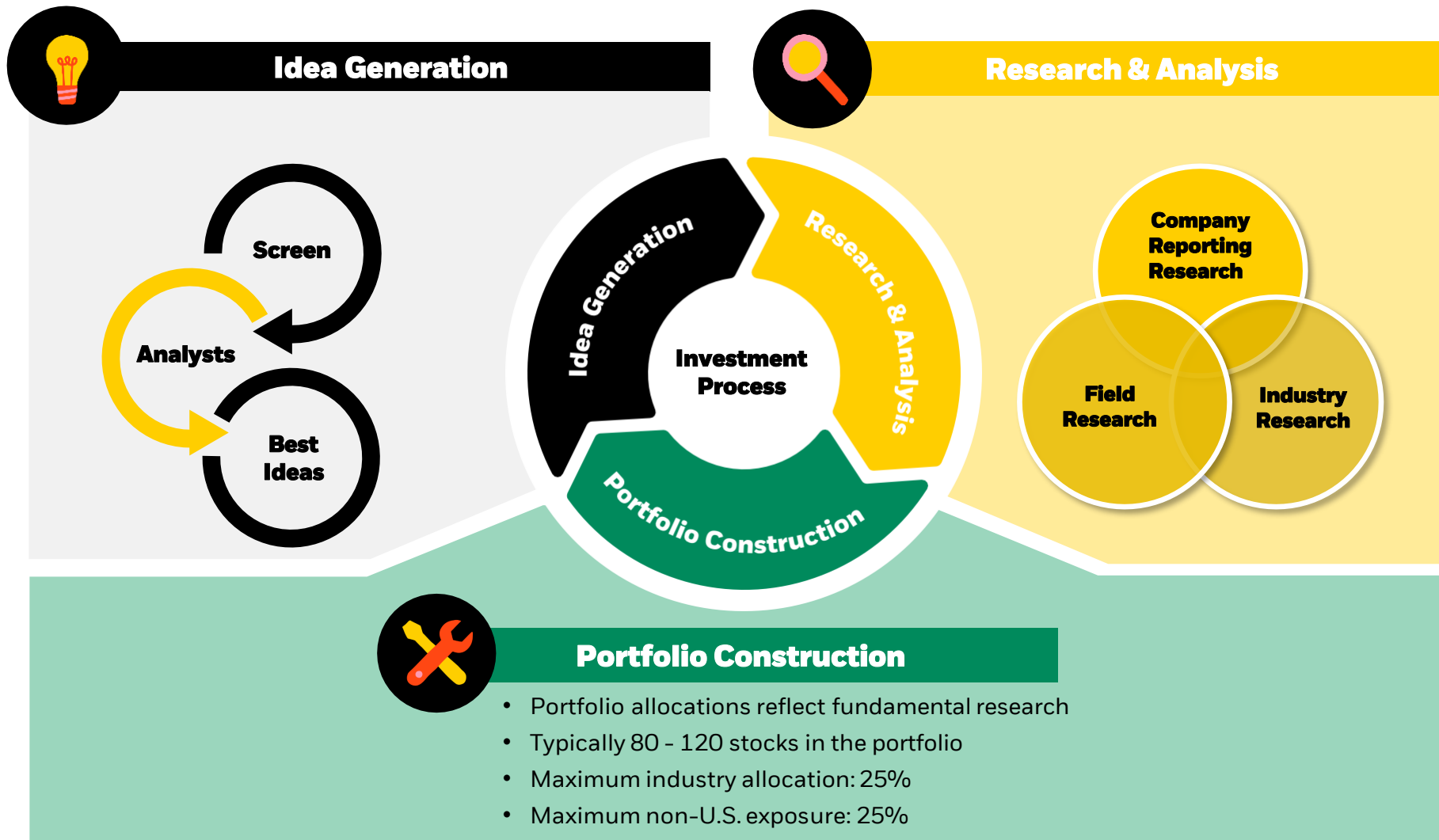
S&P 500 Index sources of total return (28 February 1988 – 31 December 2022)



The figures shown relate to past performance. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of current or future results.

Source: BlackRock, Refinitiv Datastream referencing Refinitiv I/B/E/S Global Aggregates for index level earnings estimates. Data is provided from the earliest available date, 28 February 1988, through 31 December 2022. The chart depicts the cumulative total return of the S&P 500 Index that is attributable to EPS Growth, Dividend Yield and the Change in Valuation Multiple. Shown for illustrative purposes only. It is not possible to invest directly in an Index.

Investment Process

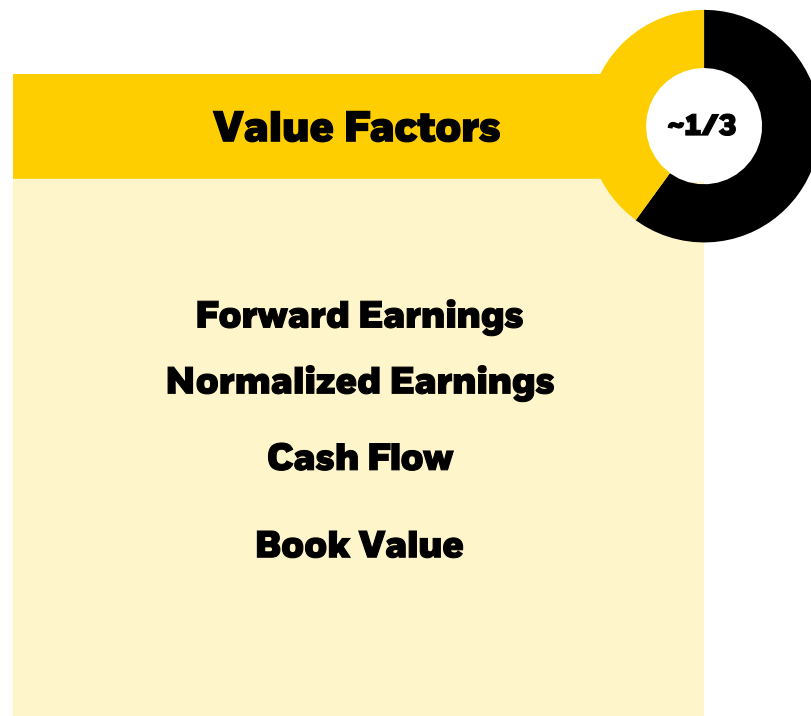


As of 30 June 2023. This is the current process for selecting investments in the strategy's portfolio, in accordance with its stated investment objectives and policies. Investment process subject to change and provided here for illustrative purposes only. The number of stock is indicative and actual numbers may fall outside the ranges shown. There is no guarantee that research capabilities will contribute to a positive investment outcome.

Investment Process: Research Screen

Universe: The 500 largest U.S. stocks by market capitalization

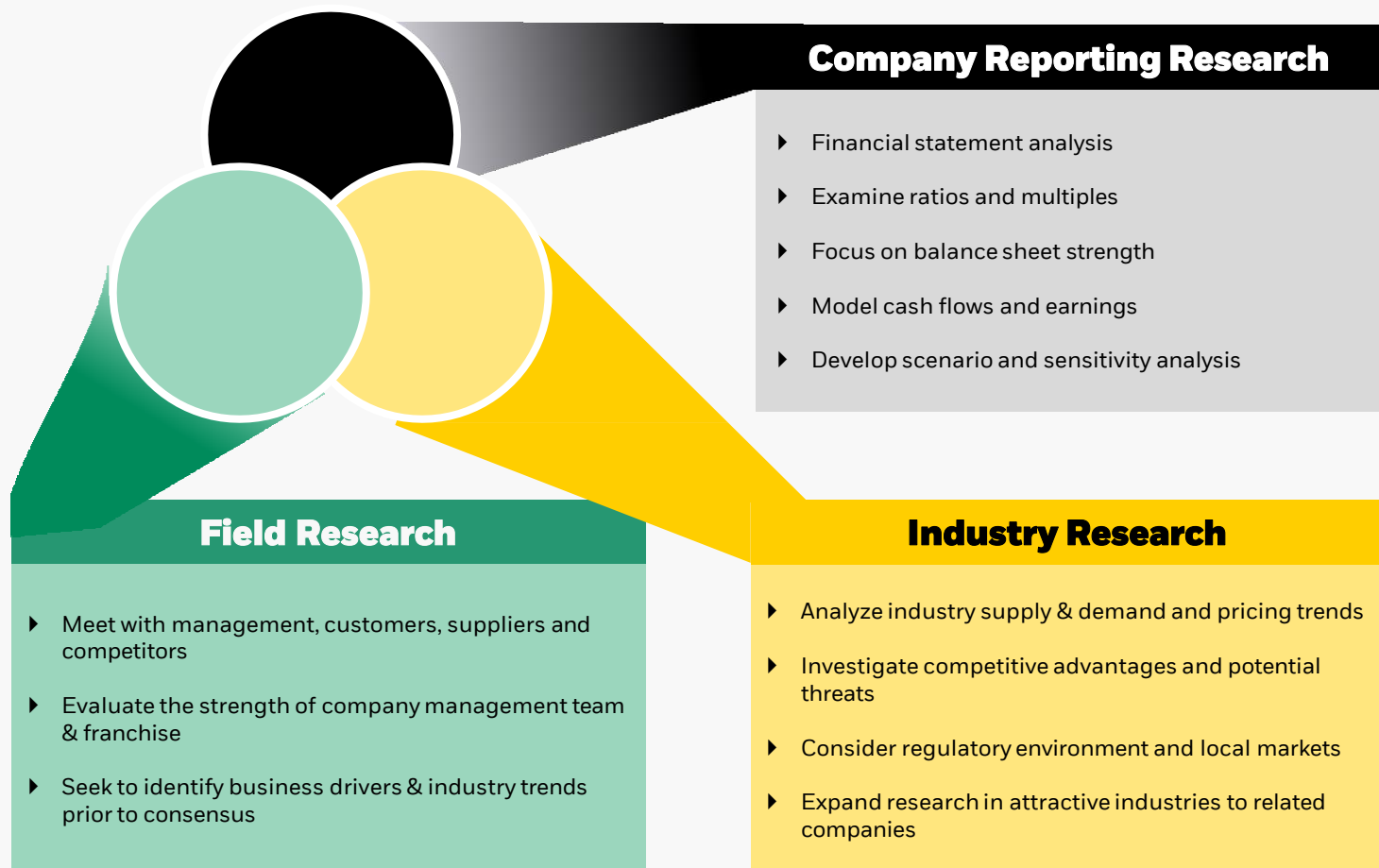
Goal: To supplement existing bottom-up fundamental research and idea generation



All buy and sell decisions are based on fundamental research

As of 30 June 2023. The research screen begins with a universe of the 500 largest U.S. stocks by market capitalization. The screen is rebalanced on a monthly basis and is designed to be a tool which supplements existing bottom-up fundamental research and idea generation. Constituents in the universe are assessed according to quantitative factors; ~2/3 of the factors assess a company for Quality characteristics and ~1/3 of the factors assess a company for Value characteristics. The universe is then scored and ranked in descending order (from the highest scoring company to the lowest scoring company). The research screen is used for illustrative purposes only and the quality & value factors listed are not an exhaustive list. Investment process subject to change and provided here for illustrative purposes only.

Investment Process: Research



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Investment Process: Activity List & Research Output

Structured Fundamental Research and Analysis

- ▶ Review and synthesize corporate filings
- ▶ Review and synthesize industry data and research reports
- ▶ Field Research – Engage with target company (C-level), experts, competitors and suppliers
- ▶ Build a financial model
- ▶ Understand the bear case

Research Output

- ▶ Investment thesis
- ▶ Investment screen summary
- ▶ Environmental, Social & Governance summary
- ▶ Industry analysis
- ▶ Analysis of key earnings drivers
- ▶ Financial Model:
 - Income Statement
 - Balance Sheet
 - Cash Flow
- ▶ Valuation
- ▶ Price targets (Bull, Base, Bear)
- ▶ Recession analysis
- ▶ Ownership analysis
- ▶ Post mortem

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Rationale Underlying Our Stock Decisions

Buy Criteria

- ▶ Dividend growth thesis
- ▶ Quality company
- ▶ Balance sheet strength - limiting downside risk
- ▶ Shares attractively priced

Sell Discipline

- ▶ Adverse fundamental change
- ▶ Valuation / investment thesis fully realized
- ▶ Competition for capital – better investment opportunity

As of 30 June 2023. Decision making as to buy and sell criteria is subject to change based on market conditions, portfolio manager's opinion and other factors. This material is provided for informational purposes only and is not intended to be investment advice or a recommendation to take any particular investment action.

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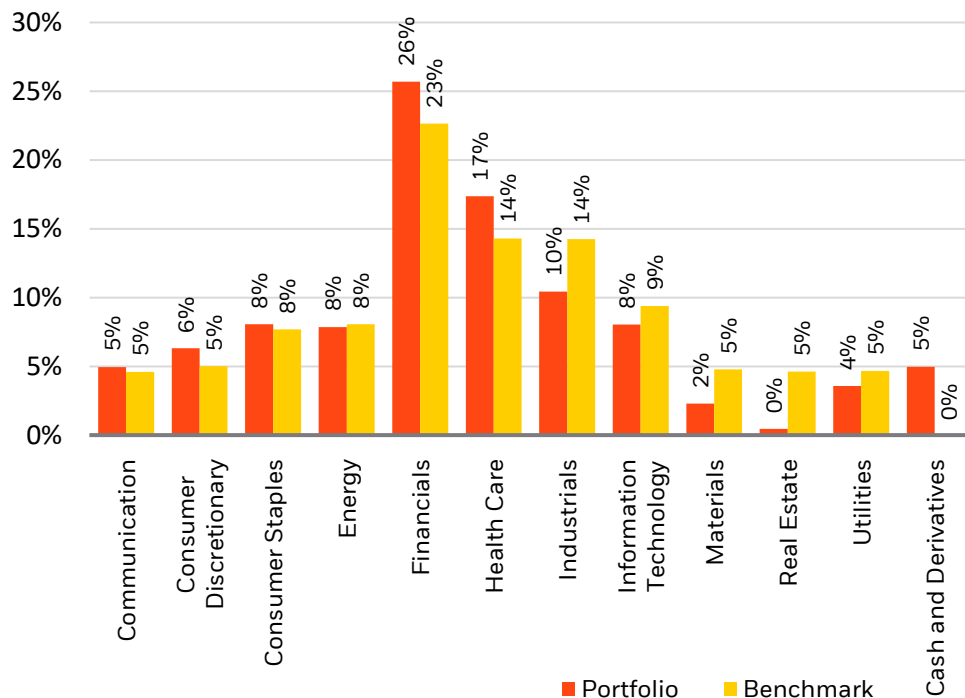
Source: BlackRock, as of 31 March 2024. David Zhao and William Su are the team's Co-Directors of Research, designated by "Co-DOR" in the organization chart. Members of the team with a "PM" designation have portfolio management responsibilities in addition to their roles as fundamental research or quantitative analysts.

Target Portfolio Details

Equity Dividend SMA

*Supplemental Information - As of 03/31/2024

Sector Allocation



Top Ten Equity Holdings (% Weight)

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Company	Sector	%
WELLS FARGO	Financials	3.66%
CITIGROUP INC	Financials	3.49%
FIRST CITIZENS BANCSHARES INC CLAS	Financials	2.60%
LEIDOS HOLDINGS INC	Industrials	2.53%
SHELL ADR EACH REPRESENTING PLC	Energy	2.52%
GENERAL MOTORS	Consumer Discretionary	2.40%
AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL GROUP INC	Financials	2.39%
L3HARRIS TECHNOLOGIES INC	Industrials	2.27%
MEDTRONIC PLC	Health Care	2.23%
KRAFT HEINZ	Consumer Staples	2.20%

Strategy Inception	Benchmark
1/1/1989	Russell 1000 Value Index

Past Performance is not indicative of future results.

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Equity Dividend SMA

*Supplemental Information - As of 03/31/2024

Quarterly Composite Performance (Total return % in USD)			
	Composite (Net)	Composite (Gross)	Benchmark ¹
YTD	8.12	8.95	8.99
3/31/2024	8.12	8.95	8.99
12/31/2023	9.16	10.00	9.50
9/30/2023	-3.93	-3.20	-3.16
6/30/2023	4.68	5.49	4.07

Average Annual Composite Performance (Total return % in USD)			
	Composite (Net)	Composite (Gross)	Benchmark ¹
1 Year	18.71	22.38	20.27
3 Year	5.57	8.84	8.11
5 Year	8.11	11.46	10.32
10 Year	6.79	10.09	9.01
Since Inception ²	7.41	10.73	10.12

Historical Composite Performance (Total Return % in USD)			
	Composite (Net)	Composite (Gross)	Benchmark ¹
2023	8.69	12.05	11.46
2022	-6.99	-4.11	-7.54
2021	19.10	22.78	25.16
2020	0.87	3.99	2.80
2019	23.90	27.73	26.54
2018	-9.35	-6.55	-8.27
2017	12.92	16.41	13.66
2016	12.70	16.19	17.34
2015	-2.83	0.18	-3.83
2014	6.16	9.45	13.45

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Model Portfolio Characteristics	
	Portfolio
Dividend Yield	2.48%
Price-to-Earnings Ratio	13.75x
Price-to-Book Ratio	\$1.85x
Average Market Capitalization (Millions)	\$170952.91

Model Risk Characteristics		
	Portfolio	Benchmark ¹
Beta (3yr)	0.91	
R-Squared (3yr)	94.78	
Standard Deviation (3yr)	15.34	16.43
Sharpe Ratio (3yr)	0.46	0.40

Strategy Inception ²	Benchmark ¹
1/1/1989	Russell 1000 Value Index

Net performance reflects the deductions of the maximum annual fee of 3.00%.

Important Notes

Historical Data: BlackRock Equity Dividend SMA Composite

Calendar Year	Pure Gross of Fee Composite Return (%)	Net of Fee Composite Return (%)	Benchmark Return (%) ¹	Number of Portfolios	Composite Dispersion (%) ¹	Composite 3-Year Annualized Standard Deviation (%) ¹	Benchmark 3-Year Annualized Standard Deviation (%) ¹	Total Assets at End of Period (US\$mn)	Total Firm Assets (USD mm) ¹
2014	9.45	6.16	13.45	6,619	1.79	6.70	8.51	3,779	<1
2015	0.18	-2.83	-3.83	5,633	0.50	10.00	10.68	3,088	<1
2016	16.19	12.7	17.34	3601	0.06	10.59	10.93	2252	<1
2017	16.41	12.92	13.66	3081	0.09	10.18	10.34	2040	<1
2018	-6.55	-9.35	-8.27	2951	0.31	10.67	10.97	1732	<1
2019	27.73	23.89	26.54	2695	0.08	11.19	12.01	1929	<1
2020	3.99	0.86	2.79	2216	0.19	18.71	19.89	1623	8,333,896
2021	22.78	19.10	25.16	2157	0.11	18.24	19.32	1864	9,663,234
2022	-4.11	-6.98	-7.53	1995	0.14	20.44	21.55	1417	8,296,032
2023	12.05	8.68	11.46	1899	0.24	15.81	16.73	1463	9,600,706

Supplemental Data			
Period ending 12/31/2023	Gross of fee composite annualized return (%)	Net of fee composite annualized return (%)	Benchmark annualized return (%)
1 Year	12.05	8.68	11.46
5 Year	11.87	8.51	10.90
10 Year	9.27	5.99	8.39
Since inception (12/31/1988)	10.53	7.22	9.92

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Benchmark performance returns do not reflect any management fees, transaction costs or expenses. Benchmarks are unmanaged and one cannot invest directly in a benchmark.

Please see the following page(s) for important disclosures related to this composite.

Data shown may be subject to revisions from time to time based on availability of new information. Any such revisions are not material.

The three-year annualized standard deviation measures the variability of the composite gross returns and benchmark returns over the preceding 36-month period

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Historical Data: BlackRock Equity Dividend SMA Composite (Cont'd)

Notes:

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Portfolio returns are calculated monthly, using the Modified Dietz method. Trade date accounting has been used since the inception of the composite. The returns are expressed in US dollars and are asset-weighted since inception.

The benchmark index shown is the Russell 1000 Value® Index.

Composite dispersion measures represent the consistency of a firm's composite performance results with respect to the individual portfolio returns within a composite. Composite dispersion is the square root of the sum of monthly variances of portfolio returns around the composite returns. The monthly variance is the sum of the asset-weighted squared differences between the individual portfolio returns and the composite returns. Only portfolios that have been included in the composite style for a full month are accounted for in the dispersion calculation. For composites containing only one account, a measure of dispersion is not meaningful (NM).

As of 12/31/2021, total firm assets are now presented for all periods presented. Previously, for annual periods through 12/31/2019, composite assets were presented as a percentage of total firm assets.

There have been no alterations of the composite due to changes in personnel or other reasons.

Pure gross of fee performance results are presented as supplemental information and presented before management, custodial fees, broker fees and transaction costs, but net of withholding taxes (if applicable). The wrap fee covers the firm's management services and transaction costs. Net composite returns are calculated by deducting the highest applicable model wrap fee (3% on an annual basis, or 0.75% quarterly).

Lists of composite descriptions, limited distribution pooled fund descriptions, and broad distribution pooled funds are available upon request. Policies for valuing investments, calculating performance, and preparing GIPS reports are available upon request.

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The performance results from June 1, 2008 to the end of the most recent calendar year represents the composite of all fully discretionary, unconstrained Separately Managed Account (SMA) program accounts, including one proprietary separate account that did not pay any fees (the "proprietary account"), managed in this style by the firm for at least one month. The results from July 1, 2007–May 31, 2008 represent the performance of the proprietary account. Prior results represent the performance of a mutual fund managed in this style by the firm.

The creation date of the composite is December 31, 2010. New accounts and accounts that have changed their investment mandate to that of the composite are included in the composite upon the completion of the first full month under management. Closed accounts and accounts that change their investment mandate are included in the composite through the completion of the last full month under management or the last full month under the old strategy.

Performance presented for periods prior to September 29, 2006 occurred while members of the portfolio management team were affiliated with Merrill Lynch Investment Managers, L.P. ("Prior Firm"). Such members of the portfolio management team were responsible for investment decisions for SMA program accounts managed in the Equity Dividend SMA style at the Prior Firm and the decision making process has remained intact and independent within the firm. The performance presented is for those portfolios that were brought over to the firm from the Prior Firm. In firm management's opinion, such performance composite conforms to the GIPS standards with regard to the portability of investment results, and, as such, all historical performance results from the Prior Firm have been linked to the on-going performance results of the composite. Performance records of the Prior Firm are available upon request. The inception date of the composite is 12/31/1988.

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Risk

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