

Diversified Stock Income Plan List Strategy

Historical Performance Metrics - 2017

The Diversified Stock Income Plan List Strategy (DSIP) focuses on companies that we believe will provide consistent annual dividend growth over a long-term investment horizon. Our objective is to provide a broad list of high quality, industry leading companies from which an investor can assemble a well-diversified portfolio. Through consistent dividend growth, our goal is to help investors stay ahead of the wealth eroding effects of inflation.

As a supplement to regularly published quarterly performance results, we present below annual total return and average annual dividend increase statistics since the DSIP strategy's first full year. We include the same metrics for the S&P 500 for comparison purposes. Since one of the main objectives of the DSIP strategy is to help investors stay ahead of the rising cost of living, we also show the annual change in the Consumer Price Index, a common measure of inflation. While past performance is not indicative of future results, we believe the presentation illustrates the historically defensive nature of the strategy and its success in helping keep investors ahead of the rising cost of living through consistent annual dividend growth.

Figure 1 – Historical Results

	Total Return		Dividend Change		Inflation
	DSIP	S&P 500	DSIP	S&P 500	
1994	-0.4%	1.3%	8.6%	4.8%	2.6%
1995	30.6%	37.7%	7.1%	4.6%	2.5%
1996	25.2%	22.8%	7.3%	8.0%	3.4%
1997	36.6%	33.4%	8.0%	4.0%	1.7%
1998	8.9%	28.6%	8.4%	4.6%	1.7%
1999	-6.2%	21.1%	8.1%	3.0%	2.7%
2000	33.5%	-9.1%	9.2%	-2.5%	3.4%
2001	6.2%	-11.8%	8.4%	-3.3%	1.6%
2002	-2.7%	-22.1%	7.3%	2.1%	2.4%
2003	24.7%	28.7%	11.5%	8.1%	1.9%
2004	18.4%	10.9%	13.8%	11.8%	3.3%
2005	5.8%	4.9%	11.6%	14.3%	3.4%
2006	19.3%	15.8%	16.3%	12.0%	2.5%
2007	6.5%	5.5%	16.2%	11.5%	4.1%
2008	-24.5%	-37.0%	11.3%	2.4%	0.1%
2009	25.1%	26.5%	1.9%	-21.1%	2.7%
2010	17.4%	15.1%	9.8%	1.4%	1.4%
2011	9.3%	2.1%	12.1%	16.3%	3.0%
2012	12.7%	16.0%	11.4%	18.2%	1.7%
2013	30.0%	32.4%	13.0%	12.0%	1.5%
2014	14.7%	13.7%	11.4%	12.7%	0.7%
2015	0.7%	1.4%	9.1%	10.0%	0.7%
2016	14.2%	12.0%	8.0%	5.3%	2.1%
2017	19.8%	21.8%	8.2%	7.1%	2.1%
Average:			9.9%	6.1%	2.2%

Sources: Wells Fargo Advisors, FactSet, St. Louis Federal Reserve. S&P 500 Index is a market capitalization-weighted index composed of 500 widely held common stocks that is generally considered representative of the U.S. stock market. An index is not managed and is unavailable for direct investment. **Past performance is no guarantee of future results.**

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