

# **INCREASING DIVIDEND EQUITY ACCOUNT** (IDEA)

JUNE 30, 2020

## OBJECTIVE

Focused on companies that have paid or increased dividends over the last 10 years. Primary investment objective is capital appreciation with dividend income as a secondary objective.

### **INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY**

Confluence's investment philosophy builds upon the required criteria established to create the initial IDEA investable universe. Stocks selected for the strategy are diversified across a variety of sectors, avoiding excess concentrations in particular industries. Companies typically have well-positioned business models, ones that can grow during economic expansions and persevere through recessions and industry downturns.

Valuations play an important role, as we believe avoiding excessive valuations is a key metric in managing risk. We also focus on companies where debt levels are manageable. The result is a diversified portfolio of high-quality companies operating stable businesses from which they can offer the prospect of rising dividends to shareholders.

#### **OVERVIEW**

- Seeks businesses with long track records of distributing earnings to shareholders through dividends dividends over the last 10 years - companies have paid or increased
- Market capitalizations greater than \$1 billion
- Approximately 2% position sizes
- New account fully invested at inception
- I ow turnover
- Anticipated dividend growth rate of the aggregate portfolio is important since inflation can erode investment returns and lower purchasing power; however, because the targeted portfolio dividend growth rate is higher than inflation, real income to investors can grow over time

CHARACTERISTICS <sup>1</sup>	IDEA	S&P 500	R3000 Value
Dividend Yield	2.2%	1.9%	2.8%
Number of Positions	49	505	2,278
Annual Turnover (5-yr Rolling)	9%		

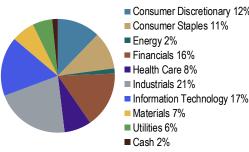
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	IDEA	S&P	R3000
MARKET CAP <sup>1</sup>	IDEA	500	VALUE
Weighted Avg. Market Cap (\$B)	132.0	388.0	107.6
Largest Market Cap (\$B)	1,543.3	1,581.2	966.5
Median Market Cap (\$B)	55.2	21.3	1.5
Smallest Market Cap (\$B)	3.1	1.8	-
Large Cap (>\$10B)	84%		
Mid Cap (\$10B-\$2B)	14%		
Small Cap (<\$2B)	0%		

**10 LARGEST HOLDINGS<sup>1</sup>** 

Microsoft Corporation	3.3%
Nordson Corporation	2.7%
Analog Devices, Inc.	2.6%
The Home Depot, Inc.	2.6%
Mastercard Inc.	2.5%
The Clorox Company	2.5%
Accenture plc	2.4%
Brown & Brown, Inc.	2.4%
Air Products and Chemicals, Inc.	2.4%
Linde plc	2.4%

#### SECTOR ALLOCATION<sup>1</sup>



Consumer Discretionary 12%

# **INVESTMENT PROCESS**

### **IDEA SECURITY SCREEN CRITERIA**

The initial security screen for the IDEA portfolio includes the following criteria:

### **Consistent, Growing Dividends:**

- Consecutive dividends paid over the last 10 years ٠
- No dividend reductions in the last 10 years
- Dividend raised in 7 of the last 10 years
- Dividend yield greater than 1%

### **IDEA Criteria Indicate:**

- Stable and growing cash flow
- High-quality companies
- Moderate to low levels of debt

### **IDEA PORTFOLIO CONSTRUCTION**

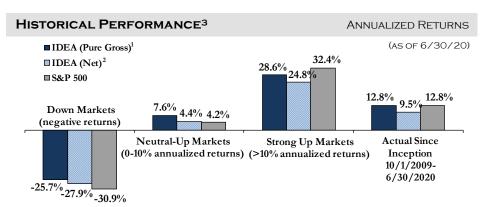
- Approximately 180 companies meet the initial IDEA criteria:
- Diversified across industries and market capitalizations
- Narrowed universe is 50% large cap, 40% midcap, 10% small cap
- Value-based approach utilizes Confluence's internal 11-member research team to evaluate the business and valuation
- Based on internal research, the portfolio management team can make special exceptions for companies that have growing dividends but do not pass all of the initial security screen criteria
- Portfolio management team constructs a welldiversified portfolio consisting of 49 names that have the potential for continued dividend growth and trade at attractive valuations

#### How is IDEA DIFFERENT?

- ٠ IDEA can buy small cap and mid-cap stocks
- Fundamental research in addition to the **IDEA** criteria
- Not just about dividends and yield, but about growing dividends
- A separately managed account you know what you own
- A proven approach no new twists
- New accounts are fully invested at inception

#### ABOUT CONFLUENCE INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LLC

Confluence Investment Management is an independent Registered Investment Advisor located in St. Louis, Missouri, that provides professional portfolio management and advisory services to institutional and individual clients. Confluence's investment philosophy is based upon independent, fundamental research that integrates evaluation of market cycles, macroeconomics and geopolitical analysis with the firm's value-driven, companyspecific approach. The portfolio management philosophy begins by assessing risk and follows through by positioning clients to achieve their income and growth objectives



# STATISTICAL ANALYSIS<sup>4</sup>

Portfolio at Quarter End	vs. S&P 500	
Active Share (as of 6/30/20)	84.42%	
Since Inception**	Pure Gross-of-Fees <sup>1</sup>	S&P 500
Downside Capture Ratio	83.27	100.00
Alpha	1.73	0.00
Beta	0.84	1.00
Annualized Standard Deviation	13.09%	15.05%
R-Squared	0.94	1.00
Sharpe Ratio	0.93	0.82

\*\*Inception is 10/1/2009

ANNUAL				D	ividend C	hange from	Prior Yea	Annual Dividend Increases Over Past 10 Years*				
ANNUAL			Avg.	# of companies with		vith Avg.		# of companies with		vith	Avg. 10 yr	
DIVIDEND	Year	Holdings	Yield <sup>+</sup>	Increase	Flat	Decrease	Growth	Growth <sup>++</sup>	10 years	9 years	< 9 years	Growth
STATISTICS	2009	49	2.8%	45	4	0	8.1%	\$3,242	38	6	5	13.3%
STATISTICS	2010	49	2.8%	45	4	0	8.0%	\$3,501	38	3	8	12.6%
For IDEA	2011	49	2.8%	46	3	0	9.6%	\$3,837	38	4	7	12.5%
Portfolio	2012	48	3.1%	46	2	0	9.1%	\$4,186	39	5	4	12.8%
AT12/31	2013	49	2.3%	48	1	0	10.0%	\$4,604	41	3	5	13.1%
ATTZ/ JT	2014	49	2.4%	48	1	0	10.3%	\$5,078	39	3	7	12.7%
(Yield data source: FactSet)	2015	49	2.8%	47	2	0	9.7%	\$5,572	40	3	6	11.9%
, ,	2016	50	2.3%	46	4	0	7.2%	\$5,974	39	1	10	11.4%
* 'Dividend Change' and 'Annual Dividend Increases' sections	2017	48	2.1%	45	3	0	7.5%	\$6,422	37	1	10	10.5%
exclude impact of special	2018	49	2.4%	47	2	0	9.6%	\$7,036	39	3	7	9.9%
dividends and spin-offs.	2019	49	2.0%	49	0	0	11.6%	\$7,855	41	2	6	10.8%

+ Average dividend yield of portfolio holdings at 12/31, calculated based on annualized current dividends plus any special dividends paid during the year.
++ 'Indexed Growth' column is an estimate of cumulative dividend growth on a \$100,000 account beginning on 12/31/2008. It does not represent actual results.

PERFORMANCE COMPOSITE RETURNS (FOR PERIODS ENDING JUNE 30, 2020)

	Pure Gross-of- Fees <sup>1</sup>	Net-of- Fees <sup>2</sup>	S&P 500	R3000 Value	Calendar Year	Pure Gross-of- Fees <sup>1</sup>	Net-of- Fees <sup>2</sup>	S&P 500	R3000 Value	Difference (Gross- S&P500)	# of Portfolios	Composite Assets (000s)	Total Firm Assets (000s)	Composite 3yr Std Dev	S&P 500 3yr Std Dev	R3000V 3yr Std Dev	Composite Dispersion
Since	12.8%	9.5%	12.8%	9.4%	2009**	7.5%	6.7%	6.0%	4.2%	1.4%	40	\$7,190	\$533,832	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Inception**	12.070	0.070	12.070	0.170	2010	16.8%	13.3%	15.1%	16.3%	1.7%	138	\$33,407	\$751,909	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.4%
10-Year*	13.3%	10.0%	14.0%	10.2%	2011	8.9%	5.7%	2.1%	(0.1%)	6.8%	325	\$68,562	\$937,487	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.5%
5-Year*	11.0%	7.7%	10.7%	4.4%	2012	9.2%	6.0%	16.0%	17.6%	(6.8%)	414	\$91,822	\$1,272,265	12.7%	15.1%	15.8%	0.2%
3-Year*	8.9%	5.7%	10.7%	1.4%	2013	31.4%	27.5%	32.4%	32.7%	(1.0%)	536	\$153,123	\$1,955,915	10.3%	11.9%	12.9%	0.4%
1-Year	1.6%	(1.4%)	7.5%	(9.4%)	2014	12.0%	8.7%	13.7%	12.7%	(1.7%)	942	\$257,782	\$2,589,024	8.1%	9.0%	9.4%	0.2%
		( )		· · /	2015	1.6%	(1.4%)	1.4%	(4.1%)	0.3%	1,265	\$311,651	\$3,175,419	9.5%	10.5%	10.7%	0.3%
YTD	(6.6%)	(8.0%)	(3.1%)	(16.8%)	2016	17.0%	13.5%	12.0%	18.4%	5.1%	1,714	\$470,340	\$4,413,659	9.2%	10.6%	11.0%	0.3%
QTD	16.8%	15.9%	20.5%	14.6%	2017	19.8%	16.2%	21.8%	13.2%	(2.0%)	2,254	\$698,440	\$5,944,479	8.5%	9.9%	10.3%	0.4%
*Average ann		s			2018	(3.8%)	(6.6%)	(4.4%)	(8.6%)	0.6%	2,539	\$699,689	\$5,486,737	9.8%	10.8%	11.1%	0.3%
**Inception is					2019	29.9%	26.0%	31.5%	26.2%	(1.6%)	3,193	\$1,079,861	\$7,044,708	10.9%	11.9%	12.0%	0.4%

#### Portfolio Benchmarks

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S&P 500 Index - A capitalization-weighted index of 500 stocks. The Index is designed to measure performance of the broad domestic economy through changes in the aggregate market value of 500 stocks representing all major industrie

Russell 3000® Value Index - A capitalization-weighted index designed to measure performance of those Russell 3000® Index companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower forecasted growth values. (Source: Bloomberg)

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accounts under the reinvestment of all income. <sup>1</sup>Pure gross returns are shown as supplemental information to the disclosures required by the GIPS ® standards. <sup>2</sup>Net-of-fee performance was calculated using the highest applicable annual bundled fee of 3.00% applied quartery. This fee includes brokerage commissions, portfolio management, consulting services and ustodial services. The Confluence fee schedule for this composite is as follows: 0.60% on the first \$500,000; 0.55% on the next \$500,000; and 0.50% over \$1,000,000. There are no incentive fees. Clients pay an all-inclusive fee based on a percentage of assets under management. The collection of fees produces a compounding effect on the total rate of return net of fees. Bundled fee accounts make up 100% of the composite for all periods. Actual investment advisory fees incurred by clients may use the second second

way. Wrap fee schedules are provided by independent wrap sponsors and are available upon request from the respective wrap sponsor. A complete list of composite descriptions is available upon request. Additional information regarding policies for valuing portfolios, calculating performance, and preparing compliant presentations are available upon request. The annual composite dispersion is an equal-weighted standard deviation calculated for accounts in the composite for the netire year. The IDEA composite contains fully discretionary IDEA wrap accounts. The IDEA portfolio is selected for accounts in the composite for the netire year. "Results shown for the year 2009 represent partial period performance from October 1, 2009, through December 31, 2009. N/A-Composite Dispersion: Information is not statistically meaningful due to an insufficient number of portfolios in the composite for the entire year. Networks for the entire year. MA-3yr Std Dev: Composite does not have 3 years of monthly performance history

3 Historical Performance Chart—Annualized returns using calendar quarter performance data. Down Markets: annualized negative benchmark return; Neutral-Up Markets: annualized positive benchmark return is less than 10%; Strong Up Markets: annualized benchmark return is greater than 10%. The Standard & Poor's 500(e) is an unmanaged market capitalization-weighted index of 500 common stocks chosen for market size, liquidity, and industry group representation to represent U.S. equity performance. Down Markets: Q10, Q112, Q412, Q212, Q412, Q315, Q118, Q418, Q418, Q120; Neutral-Up Markets: Q211, Q114, Q314, Q115-Q215, Q116, Q319; Strong Up Markets: Q409-Q110, Q310-Q1112, Q312, Q113-Q413, Q214, Q414, Q415, Q216-Q417, Q419, Q220
4 Statistical Analysis—Active Share: Measures percentage of portfolio holdings that differ from the benchmark index; calculated by taking the sum of the absolute value of the differences of the weight of each holding in the manager's portfolio

and the weight of each holding in the benchmark index, as of the date shown, and dividing by two. (Calculated by Confluence. Index holdings/weights sourced from exchange-traded fund: iShares S&P 500 Core [IVV].) Downside Capture Ratio: Measures performance in down markets relative to index (down market: any quarter where the market return is less than zero); lower Downside Capture Ratio indicates the manager protected capital better during a

market decline. Alpha: Measures norsystematic return or return that cannot be attributed to the market, i.e., how the manager performed if the market had no gain or loss. Beta: Measures portfolio volatility (systematic risk) compared to an appropriate benchmark index. Standard Deviation: Measures portfolio volatility (systematic risk) compared to an indicate structure or return or return state and prove 10% more volatility in returns than benchmark index. Standard Deviation: Measures price variability (risk) over a period of time; higher Standard Deviation indicates were variability in returns. R-Squared: Indicates whether comparison index is an appropriate benchmark based on correlation; generally, R-Squared above 0.70 is desirable. Sharpe Ratio: Quantifies risk-adjusted performance. (Data source: Zephyr's PSN SMA Database)

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