Guardian Capital U.S. Dividend Growth

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The strategy's investment objective is to achieve attractive dividend income coupled with long-term growth of capital by investing in companies with particular focus on earnings growth, dividend growth and dividend quality. The Adviser's approach is centered on finding resilient companies that can serve as the core building blocks of wealth creation throughout various market cycles.

INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY

The Adviser's i³ Investments™ Team* believes dividend investing should be focused on total returns. Equity should exhibit three elements of total return - Growth, Payout, and Sustainability of cash-flow (or "GPS"). The Adviser looks for growth that can be achieved by investing in companies with predictable revenue and earnings growth. The Adviser also seeks out equities that provide a total return by a combination of price appreciation and shareholder yield that includes dividend yield, dividend growth, buybacks, and debt reduction.

INVESTMENT PROCESS

The i³ Investments™ Team integrates artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning into its proprietary AI model[1] to screen the global universe of dividend paying equities, which are then further reviewed by our portfolio management team. Our approach, combines quantitative, fundamental, and alternative data to seek out companies with sustainable dividend growth, earnings growth and yield. AI is a key component leveraged to help forecast expected dividend growth rates and the probability of dividend cuts.



* The i³ Investments™ Team is a portfolio management team of the Adviser, Guardian Capital LP, an investment adviser registered with the SEC.

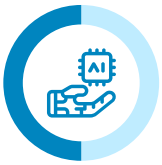
THE i³ INVESTMENTS™ EDGE

Dedicating research and development capacity towards the integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Human Intelligence (HI) into the investment process is a cornerstone of the U.S. dividend growth strategy.

The i³ Investments™ Team is led by long tenured portfolio managers who work alongside trained data scientists, systems engineers and programmers, in order to build an investment selection process that combines traditional investment expertise with next-generation technology innovation. The amount of available data has grown exponentially, and the i³ Investments™ Team seeks to use it in a way that they believe helps attain a statistical edge in predicting equity characteristics.

IDEA GENERATION

Machine intelligence is used to help generate actionable insights:



Artificial Intelligence:

- Forecast EPS growth rates and probability of EPS decrease
- Forecast dividend growth rates and probability of a dividend cut



Relative Analysis:

Analyze and rank company fundamentals across various sectors in the U.S. equity market



Intrinsic Analysis:

In-depth cash flow analysis for price discovery and growing payouts

PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

	Composite	S&P 500 Index
Number of Holdings	37	503
Top 10 Weight	47.59%	39.06%
Active Share vs. Benchmark	65.64%	-
Weighted Avg. Mkt Cap ($B USD)	1210.54	1,556.97
Dividend Yield*	1.33%	1.09%
Dividend Growth (5 year Avg.)	10.10%	7.34%

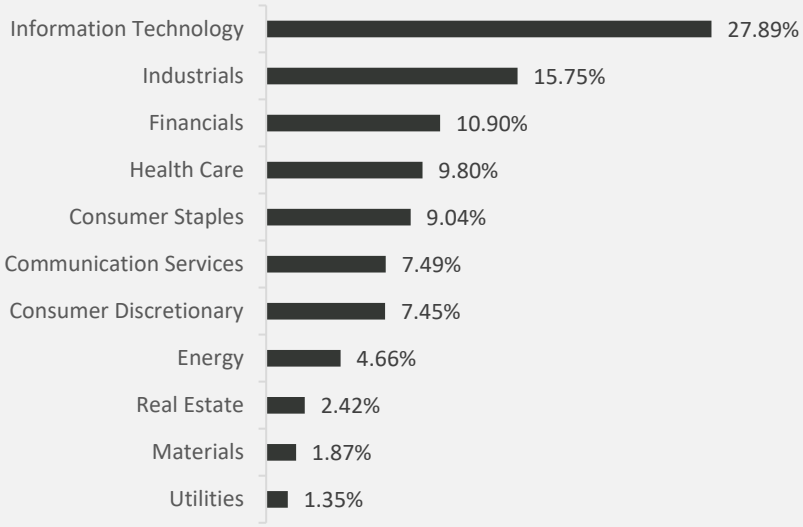
Based on the Guardian Active U.S. Dividend Composite (USD) as at September 30, 2026. Source Guardian Capital LP, and data from Guardian Capital, FactSet and Refinitiv.*Dividend Yield shown is the weighted average twelve month trailing yield of the companies held in the portfolio.

PERFORMANCE (USD)

	Composite Gross %	Composite Net %	S&P 500 Index %
3 Months	0.43	-0.32	2.30
YTD	6.71	4.35	12.75
1 Year	6.68	3.54	15.74
3 Year	17.16	13.74	22.89
5 Year	10.36	7.12	13.79
Since Inception	11.50	8.23	15.32
2025	9.07	5.87	17.88
2024	23.77	20.17	25.02
2023	16.70	13.29	26.29
2022	-16.81	-19.32	-18.11
2021	31.25	27.45	28.71

Based on the Guardian Active U.S. Dividend Composite (USD) as at September 30, 2026. Composite Inception Date: December 1, 2020. Periods greater than one year are annualized. Source Guardian Capital LP, and data from Bloomberg LP for the Index.

SECTOR ALLOCATION



RISK METRICS (USD)

	Composite (Gross)	S&P 500 Index %
Standard Deviation	13.48	14.95
Sharpe Ratio	0.61	0.80
Beta	0.82	1.00
Tracking Error	6.18	0.00
Information Ratio	-0.62	---
Upside Capture	76.50	100.00
Downside Capture	86.60	100.00

Risk statistics are based on monthly returns since inception to September 30, 2026.

TOP 10 HOLDINGS

	Composite Weight	S&P 500 Weight	Dividend Yield*
Apple	7.87%	7.37%	0.32
Broadcom	6.43%	2.53%	0.74
Microsoft	6.19%	5.78%	0.71
Costco Wholesale	5.07%	0.61%	0.65
Alphabet	4.79%	3.06%	0.26
Williams	4.66%	0.13%	3.09
AbbVie	3.30%	0.70%	2.65
Johnson & Johnson	3.23%	0.97%	2.02
Republic Services	3.06%	0.06%	1.19
WW Grainger	2.98%	0.08%	0.80
Total	**47.58%**		

Source: Guardian Capital, and data from S&P for the S&P 500 Index, as of September 30, 2026. This information is presented to illustrate an example of selected characteristics of the strategy.

Specific securities identified above do not represent all of the securities purchased, sold or held by accounts in the Composite, and accounts may change any position at any time.
*Company TTM yield, as reported by Refinitiv.

IMPORTANT DISCLOSURES

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Performance for the Composite has been calculated on a trade-date basis, time weighted, valued monthly, with geometric linking of period returns. Returns may reflect the re-investment of dividends, capital gains and other earnings, where applicable. Any withholding taxes on income and dividends paid to portfolios in the composite are based on the client's residency. The firm includes all similar, fully discretionary managed account portfolios in a composite regardless of size, but may exclude portfolios with restrictions imposed by the client that materially deviate from the main strategy. There are no non-discretionary portfolios included in the composite at any time.

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