

# Dividend Growth

## Investment Philosophy

The Dividend Growth Strategy (“the Strategy”) seeks quality companies trading at attractive valuation levels with growing dividend payments. The Strategy primarily invests in large-capitalization companies with management teams focused on increasing their return to shareholders in the form of dividends.

**Inception Date:** April 1, 2005

**Portfolio Manager:** Todd M. Griesbach, CFA

## Investment Approach

Utilizing a bottom-up, fundamental approach, we search for quality companies with growing dividend payments trading at attractive valuation levels. We believe the Strategy’s process is distinguished by three key attributes:

### High Quality Approach

- Strong and sustainable business models
- Competitive advantages, barriers to entry and unique differentiation
- Strong returns on invested capital and high levels of free cash generation

### Dividend Growth

- Ability and willingness to return more cash to shareholders through dividend payments
- Dividends growing faster than the market
- Target a portfolio yielding at or above the benchmark

### Concentrated Portfolio

- Reflects our deep conviction in holdings
- Controls risk through diversification and appropriate position sizing
- Enables us to conduct rigorous, fundamental research on every holding

## Performance

|   | Quarter | YTD     | 1 Year  | 3 Years | 5 Years | 10 Years | Since Inception (4/1/2005) |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------|----------------------------|
| <b>Dividend Growth</b>                      | +12.73% | +15.59% | +15.59% | +15.53% | +15.88% | +12.68%  | +8.21%                     |
| <b>S&amp;P 500 Index</b>                    | +12.15% | +18.40% | +18.40% | +14.18% | +15.22% | +13.88%  | +9.92%                     |
| <b>Morningstar US Dividend Growth Index</b> | +12.55% | +6.48%  | +6.48%  | +8.81%  | +11.62% | N/A      | N/A                        |

## Holdings

| Strategy Profile                           | Top 10 Holdings                  | Weighting | GICS Sectors                  | Weighting |
|--|----------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Assets<br><b>\$287.3 million</b>           | <b>Microsoft Corp.</b>           | 6.55%     | <b>Information Technology</b> | 22.48%    |
| Total Number of Holdings<br><b>24</b>      | <b>Morgan Stanley</b>            | 5.54%     | <b>Health Care</b>            | 16.53%    |
| Assets in Top 10 Holdings<br><b>48.62%</b> | <b>Lowe's Companies Inc.</b>     | 5.15%     | <b>Financials</b>             | 15.78%    |
| Weighted Avg. Market Cap<br><b>293,567</b> | <b>UnitedHealth Group Inc.</b>   | 4.67%     | <b>Industrials</b>            | 14.87%    |
| Turnover Ratio<br><b>20.56%</b>            | <b>JPMorgan Chase &amp; Co.</b>  | 4.62%     | <b>Consumer Discretionary</b> | 14.29%    |
| Active Share<br><b>86.37%</b>              | <b>Keurig Dr Pepper Inc.</b>     | 4.55%     | <b>Consumer Staples</b>       | 7.02%     |
|  | <b>American Tower Corp.</b>      | 4.47%     | <b>Real Estate</b>            | 4.91%     |
|  | <b>Union Pacific Corp.</b>       | 4.42%     | <b>Materials</b>              | 3.20%     |
|  | <b>Becton, Dickinson and Co.</b> | 4.35%     | <b>Utilities</b>              | 0.00%     |
|  | <b>Accenture PLC</b>             | 4.28%     | <b>Energy</b>                 | 0.00%     |
|  |                                  |           | <b>Communication Services</b> | 0.00%     |

Source: RMB Capital Management, FactSet. Performance is net of the RMB Asset Management’s management fee charged to client accounts and transaction costs. Performance presented is not net of RMB’s Wealth Management advisory fee (if applicable). Performance for periods longer than one year is annualized. Information above is based on a representative account as of December 31, 2020 and is subject to change. Actual client holdings may vary.

Active Share is measured against the S&P 500 Index.



# Dividend Growth Strategy

## RMB Asset Management

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**Organization** | RMB Capital Management, LLC ("RMB Capital") is an independent investment advisor registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 and was established in 2005. The GIPS firm is defined as RMB Asset Management ("RMB AM"), a division of RMB Capital Management, LLC. Previously, the firm was defined as RMB Capital and was redefined on January 1, 2016 to only include the asset management business due to the difference in how its investment strategies and services are offered. RMB AM claims compliance with the Global Investment Performance Standards (GIPS®) and has prepared and presented this report in compliance with the GIPS standards. RMB AM has been independently verified for the period April 1, 2005 through December 31, 2019. Verification assesses whether: (1) the firm has complied with all the composite construction requirements of the GIPS standards on a firm-wide basis; and (2) the firm's policies and procedures are designed to calculate and present performance in compliance with the GIPS standards. Verification does not ensure the accuracy of any specific composite presentation. The Dividend Growth composite has been examined for the period of April 1, 2005 through December 31, 2015. The verification and performance examination reports are available upon request. RMB AM maintains a complete list and description of composites, which are also available upon request.

**Description** | The Dividend Growth Strategy reflects the performance of fully discretionary dividend growth accounts, which have an investment objective of long-term growth using a portfolio of primarily large-cap stocks and, for comparison purposes, is measured against the S&P 500 index. The Dividend Growth Composite was created on April 1, 2005 and includes all accounts that are managed in accordance with the Dividend Growth investment strategy. An account is included in the Composite on the first day of the first full month the account is under management. An account is removed from the Composite as of the last day of its last full month. Account performance is based on total assets in the account, including cash and cash equivalents. Results are based on fully discretionary accounts under management, including those accounts no longer managed by RMB. Valuations and returns are computed and stated in U.S. Dollars.

## ANNUAL PERFORMANCE RELATIVE TO STATED BENCHMARK

| Year End | Total Firm Assets as of 12/31 (\$M) USD (\$M) |       | Composite Assets      |                             | Annual Performance Results |             |                            |                         |                         |                          |
|----------|---|-------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
|          |   |       | # of Accounts Managed | Composite Gross-of-Fees (%) | Composite Net-of-Fees (%)  | S&P 500 (%) | Composite 3-YR ST DEV (%)* | S&P 500 3-YR ST DEV (%) | % Non-Fee Paving Assets | Composite Dispersion (%) |
| 2019     | 4,947.9                                       | 243.7 | 460                   | 37.62                       | 36.95                      | 31.49       | 11.39                      | 11.93                   | 0.05                    | 0.45                     |
| 2018     | 4,196.9                                       | 204.2 | 474                   | -2.11                       | -2.58                      | -4.38       | 10.89                      | 10.80                   | 0.07                    | 0.36                     |
| 2017     | 3,610.6                                       | 219.4 | 507                   | 19.21                       | 18.64                      | 21.83       | 10.11                      | 9.92                    | 0.07                    | 0.40                     |
| 2016     | 3,047.5                                       | 204.6 | 516                   | 14.77                       | 14.21                      | 11.96       | 10.95                      | 10.59                   | 0.06                    | 0.41                     |
| 2015     | 3,706.0                                       | 215.8 | 571                   | -6.54                       | -6.99                      | 1.38        | 10.47                      | 10.47                   | 0.05                    | 0.40                     |
| 2014     | 3,312.9                                       | 260.4 | 640                   | 12.48                       | 11.93                      | 13.69       | 9.68                       | 8.97                    | 0.04                    | 0.38                     |
| 2013     | 3,248.5                                       | 265.8 | 691                   | 30.44                       | 29.81                      | 32.39       | 12.09                      | 11.94                   | 0.04                    | 0.51                     |
| 2012     | 2,585.9                                       | 200.5 | 621                   | 14.52                       | 13.93                      | 16.00       | 14.98                      | 15.09                   | 0.04                    | 0.47                     |
| 2011     | 2,218.0                                       | 112.7 | 344                   | 3.10                        | 2.59                       | 2.11        | 18.23                      | 18.70                   | 0                       | 0.64                     |
| 2010     | 1,881.9                                       | 25.2  | 127                   | 2.33                        | 1.05                       | 15.06       | N/A                        | N/A                     | 0                       | 0.70                     |
| 2009     | 1,613.9                                       | 29.7  | 189                   | 28.81                       | 27.20                      | 26.46       | N/A                        | N/A                     | 0                       | 1.16                     |
| 2008     | 1,113.6                                       | 30.6  | 210                   | -36.62                      | -37.43                     | -37.00      | N/A                        | N/A                     | 0                       | 0.50                     |
| 2007     | 1,420.6                                       | 18.1  | 92                    | 10.51                       | 9.07                       | 5.49        | N/A                        | N/A                     | 0                       | 0.40                     |
| 2006     | 1,070.2                                       | 10.3  | 64                    | 13.29                       | 11.91                      | 15.79       | N/A                        | N/A                     | 0                       | 0.50                     |
| 2005**   | 811.9   | 2.7   | 15                    | 7.92                        | 6.90                       | 7.22        | N/A                        | N/A                     | 0.00                    | N/A                      |

\*The 3 year ex-post standard deviation is not presented prior to 2011 because it is not required. \*\*Results shown for the year 2005 represent partial period performance from April 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005.

**Fees** | Effective January 1, 2011, RMB Capital's asset management fee schedule for this Composite is as follows: 0.50% on the first \$3.0 million, 0.475% on the next \$2.0 million, 0.450% on the next \$5.0 million, 0.425% on the next \$15.0 million, and 0.400% over \$25.0 million. Actual asset management fees charged by RMB may vary. Composite performance is presented on a gross-of-fees and net-of-fees basis and includes the reinvestment of all income. Gross-of-fees returns means it is net of transaction costs but gross of asset management fees, custodian fees and withholding taxes. The payment of actual fees and expenses would reduce gross returns. The compound effect of such fees and expenses should be considered when reviewing gross returns. The net returns are reduced by all actual fees and transactions costs incurred. The composite includes accounts that pay asset-based pricing for trading expenses. The maximum fee is 15 basis points per year; however, many accounts pay lower amounts due to household break-point relief. Returns for those accounts prior to 3/1/19 do not reflect the deduction of asset-based pricing, and are therefore gross of trading expenses. These accounts represent approximately 81% of composite assets. In addition to an asset management fee, some accounts pay a wealth management fee based on the percentage of assets under management to RMB Capital. The annual composite dispersion is an asset-weighted standard deviation calculated for the accounts in the Composite the entire year. Risk measures presented are calculated using gross-of-fees performance. Policies for valuing portfolios, calculating performance, and preparing compliant presentations are available upon request.

**Minimum Value Threshold** | There is no account minimum in the Dividend Growth Strategy.

**Comparison with Market Indices** | RMB compares its Composite returns to a variety of market indices such as the S&P 500. The index represents unmanaged portfolios whose characteristics differ from the Composite portfolios; however, it tends to represent the investment environment existing during the time period shown. An investment cannot be made directly in an index. The returns of the index do not include any transaction costs, management fees, or other costs. The investment strategy and types of securities held by the comparison index may be substantially different from the investment strategy and types of securities held by your account in the Composite. Benchmark returns presented are not covered by the report of independent verifiers.

**Other** | Past performance is not indicative of further results, and there is a risk of loss of all or part of your investment. Historical rates of return may not be indicative of future rates of return. Individual client performance returns may be different than the composite returns listed. Total Firm Assets as of 12/31 for the years 2010, 2011, and 2012 have been revised to exclude assets from personal trading accounts that were included in previously reported figures.

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