### **EquityCompass**

# **Quality Dividend Strategy**

Seeks to construct a focused, diversified portfolio using high-quality, high-yielding stocks



# **Quality Dividend Strategy**

#### Overview

- EC Quality Dividend Strategy seeks to generate attractive current income and long-term capital appreciation by efficiently managing a focused and diversified portfolio of high-quality, higher dividend-paying stocks
- Meant to be a satellite strategy designed to provide income-seeking investors a superior alternative to investing in bonds

### Senior Portfolio Manager



Larry Baker, CFA®

- More than 30 years of investment experience
  - Managing Director and Security Analyst in the industrial sector Legg Mason
  - Vice President and Security Analyst Dillon, Read & Co.
  - Vice President and Security Analyst E. F. Hutton
- Award-Winning Stock Picker
  - ◆ Three-time member of *Institutional Investor's* All-American Research Team
  - Forbes/StarMine All-Star Analyst
  - The Wall Street Journal Best on the Street
- Education
  - B.S. United States Military Academy
  - Masters in Finance Sloan School of Management, Massachusetts Institute of Technology



**Mike Scherer** 

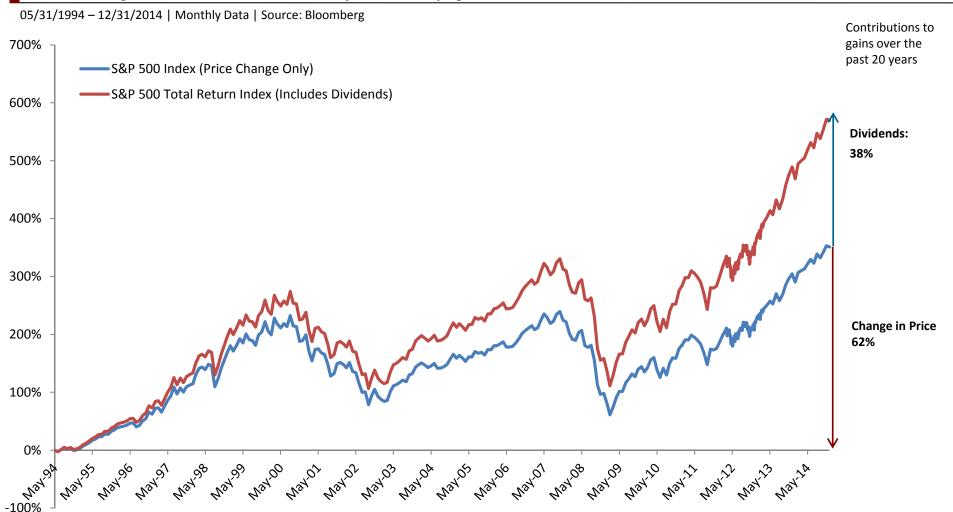
- Portfolio Manager
  - Over 10 years of experience with EquityCompass Strategies
- Education
  - B.A. College of William & Mary
  - Masters in Finance Loyola University Maryland



**What Dividends Have Meant Historically** 

### **Dividends Have Accounted for 38% of Market Performance Over Time**

### What Percentage of the Returns are Generated by Dividend-Paying Stocks Over the Past 20 Years? 38%

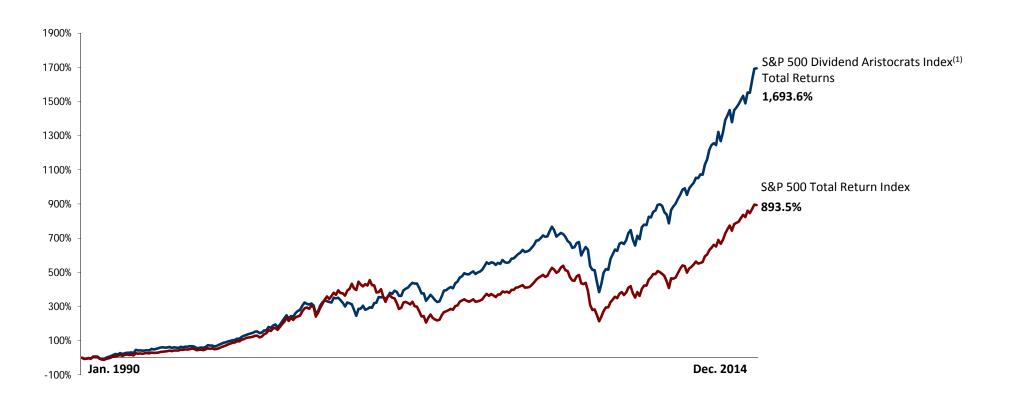




# **Performance Advantage of High-Dividend Stocks**

### Total Returns Over the Past 25 Years: High-Dividend Stocks versus All Stocks

12/31/1989 - 12/31/2014 | Monthly Data | Source: Bloomberg



(1) Measures the performance of S&P 500 index constituents that have followed a policy of consistently increasing dividends every year for at least 25 consecutive years. Past performance should not and cannot be viewed as an indicator of future performance. Please see important disclosures regarding performance on page 17.

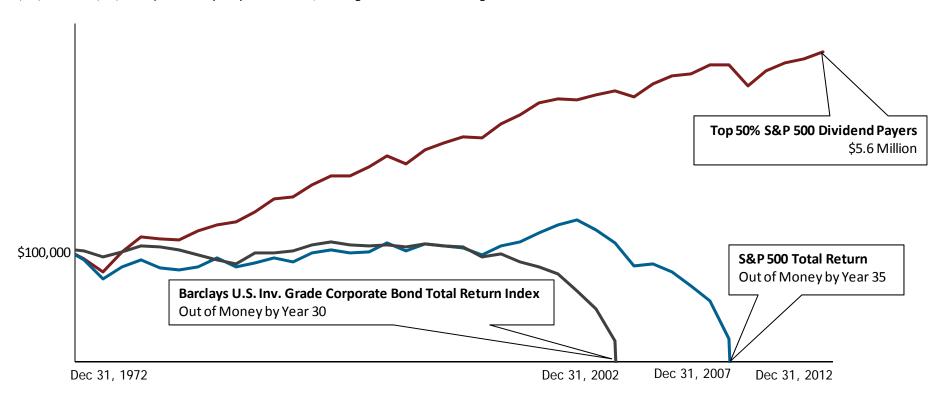


### Historic Performance of High-Yield Stocks in a De-Accumulation Period

An important consideration for investors making regular withdrawals from their portfolio - such as retirees

### Performance of \$100,000 with Annual Withdrawals

12/31/1972 - 12/31/2012 | Assumes yearly withdrawals, starting at 4.5% and increasing with Inflation



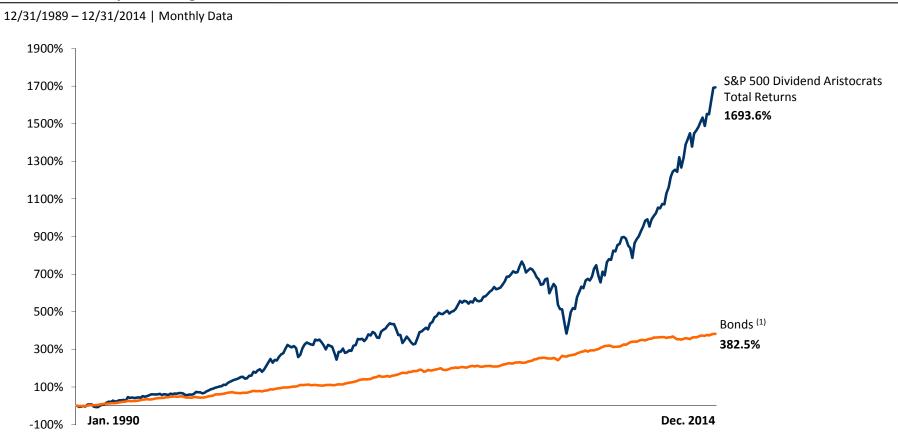
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# Stocks versus Bonds

# **High-Yield Stocks Have Historically Performed Better Than Bonds**

### Total Return Comparison: High-Dividend Stocks versus Bonds



(1) Barclays Aggregate Bond Index

Source: Bloomberg

Investing in stocks generally entails greater risk than investing in bonds.

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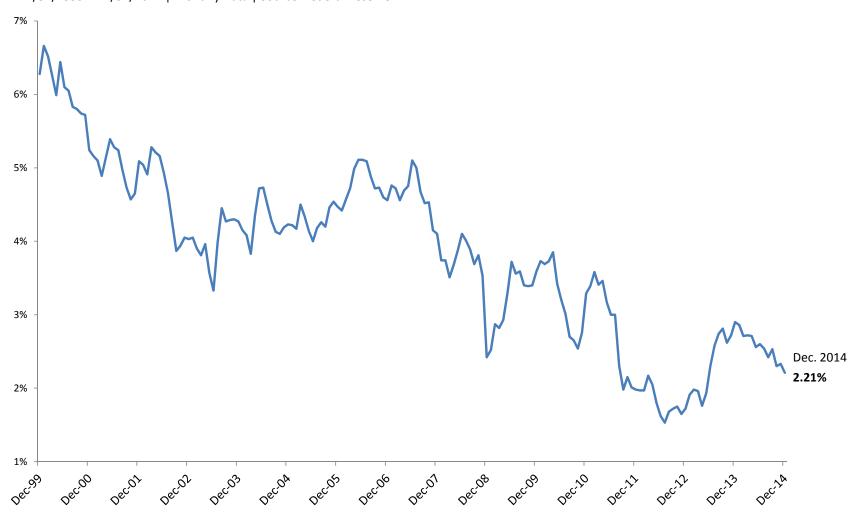
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# 10-Year Treasury Yields Have Declined Steadily Over the Past Decade

### 10-Year Treasury Yield Trend

12/31/1999 - 12/31/2014 | Monthly Data | Source: Federal Reserve

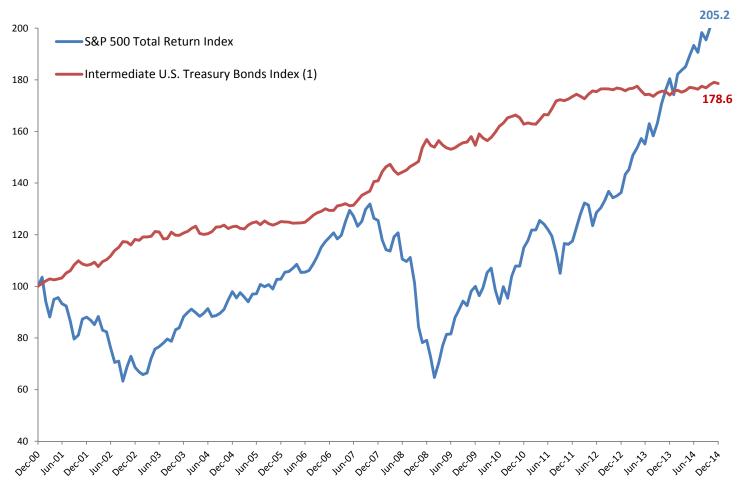




## **Latest Decade, Bonds Beat Stocks**

### Total Return Comparison (Indexed): S&P 500 versus Treasuries

12/29/2000 - 12/31/2014 | Monthly Data | Source: Ned Davis Research and Thomson One



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(1) Barclays Capital U.S. Intermediate Government Bond Index





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### Three Goals

- 1. Provide Asset Preservation Low volatility
- 2. Generate Current Income Diversified portfolio of 25 high-dividend-paying stocks
- 3. Seek to Generate Income Growth Without violating goal #1 or goal #2



### **Strategy Features**

- Invests 100% of the assets in dividend-paying U.S. equities or ADRs (American Depository Receipts)
- Investment Process combines quantitative and qualitative approaches
  - EC quantitative models select a pool of stocks that meet criteria based on quality, fundamentals, momentum, valuation, and over/underreaction
  - Portfolio manager review seeks to leverage fundamental research looking at payout, dividend growth, and dividend record
- Focused portfolio with equal-weight positions in 25 high-quality, high-yielding stocks
  - We believe expanding the portfolio beyond 25 stocks could dilute the yield without increasing diversification
- Portfolio construction and maintenance processes seek to optimize portfolio yield and downside protection
  - Diversified across 10 industry sectors with a sector maximum of 20%
  - Liquidity and size requirements help create a natural bias toward large-cap stocks
  - Targets low turnover for tax efficiency



# **Quality Dividend Model Portfolio**

#### As of 2/28/2015

### Top Ten Holdings By Yield

Symbol	Company Name	Yield	
RDSA	Royal Dutch Shell Plc	5.8%	
GSK	GlaxoSmithKline Plc	5.5%	
Т	AT&T, Inc.	5.4%	
ОНІ	Omega Healthcare Investors, Inc.	5.3%	
IRM	Iron Mountain, Inc.	5.2%	
DLR	Digital Realty Trust, Inc.	5.1%	
PM	Philip Morris International, Inc.	4.8%	
BCE	BCE, Inc.	4.8%	
SO	The Southern Co.	4.6%	
VZ	Verizon Communications, Inc.	4.4%	

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### **Key Statistics**

25
\$101.8
4.1%
16.1x
0.55
65.0%
96% Investment Grade
8.1%

### Sector Allocation

Financials	20%
Consumer Staples	16%
Information Technology	12%
Telecommunication Services	12%
Utilities	8%
Consumer Discretionary	8%
Energy	8%
Health Care	8%
Industrials	4%
Materials	4%

### Portfolio Changes — YTD 2015

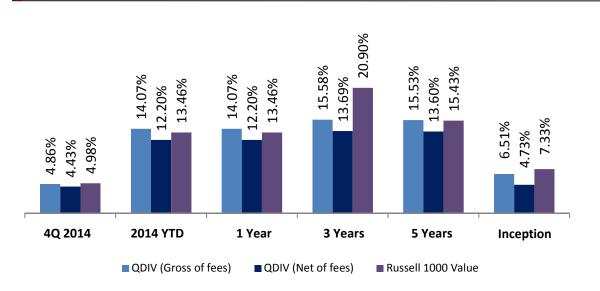
Removed	Added		
Chevron Corp. (CVX)	Iron Mountain Inc. (IRM)		
Duke Energy Corp. (DUK)	Procter & Gamble Co. (PG)		



## **Performance**

As of 12/31/2014

### Annualized Returns – Periods Ending December 31, 2014



#### 5-Year Risk Statistics

QDIV	Russell 1000 Value		
9.76%	14.96%		
1.58	1.03		
0.53	1.00		
71.50%	100.00%		
17.40%	100.00%		
-5.60%	-16.20%		
4.10%	2.30%		
	9.76% 1.58 0.53 71.50% 17.40% -5.60%		

#### **Calendar Year Returns**

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
QDIV (Gross of fees)	-37.22%	25.61%	17.36%	13.57%	10.80%	22.17%	14.07%
QDIV (Net of fees)	-38.46%	23.29%	15.25%	11.69%	8.97%	20.20%	12.20%
Russell 1000 Value	-36.85%	19.69%	15.51%	0.39%	17.50%	32.54%	13.46%

### Summary

### ◆ High-Quality Portfolio

Uses EquityCompass' quantitative models to help identify high-quality stocks

### ◆ Focused approach that helps maximize total returns and downside protection

- The focus on only 25 stocks provides adequate diversification without diluting the portfolio yield
- Average current portfolio yield of more than twice the S&P 500 average and better than the 10-year Treasury yield
- Combination of higher dividend-paying equities and equities with positive dividend-growth rates provides opportunity to expand income
  over time

### ◆ Professional Management Plus "Quant" Models

- Experienced portfolio management team
  - Investment team is led by Larry Baker, who has more than 30 years of investment experience
  - Combines fundamental oversight to EquityCompass' quantitative approach to investment management



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