



MANAGED ACCOUNTS – DIVIDEND GROWTH

MARKET REVIEW

U.S. equities rose in October as the S&P 500 Index and Russell 2000 posted their sixth consecutive month of positive performance. Positive factors for the markets included a shift toward Federal Reserve dovishness with a rate cut delivered in September and October, better-than-expected corporate earnings and forward guidance, continued generative artificial intelligence growth tailwinds, and economic data resilience with consumer spending remaining firm. There are expectations for further rate cuts in 2026 due to uncertainty around the effects of tariffs, persistent inflation, headwinds from trade talks, and mixed employment data.¹

DIVIDEND GROWTH REVIEW

The Dividend Growth Strategy had 2 holdings announced dividend increases for the month of October. Philip Morris increased their dividend by 8.9% while JPMorgan increased their dividend by 7.1%. Recall, our portfolio is focused on having a higher dividend growth rate than our benchmark. The strategy's 5-year dividend growth rate is 10.8% while the S&P 500 Index is 9.8%. A key result of targeting dividend growers is that historically when markets are volatile, high-quality companies with a track record of growing their dividends tend to outperform their non-dividend paying peers. Our added flexibility and active management have helped the Dividend Growth Strategy maintain strong performance compared to our dividend-focused peers, and we believe our companies remain very well positioned for the long term.

SECURITY REVIEW

Stock selection within the Materials and Financials sectors contributed to relative performance.

- Steel Dynamics, Inc.: the company had strong third quarter earnings that beat analysts' expectations driven by resilient demand and expanding margins
- Morgan Stanley: the company reported EPS that was significantly above consensus estimates; this was the result of strong performance across all of their segments highlighting the strength of their revenue diversification

Stock selection within the Industrials and Consumer Discretionary sectors detracted from relative performance.

- Verisk Analytics, Inc.: the company reported revenue that fell short of analyst expectations and slightly lowered their 2025 revenue guidance as a result
- Amazon.com, Inc.: the company had strong performance this past month but due to its limited dividend growth history, this is not a company that we would currently target or hold

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PERFORMANCE

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Dividend Growth Strategy (Gross)	14.98%	19.26%	15.85%	13.79%
Dividend Growth Strategy (Net)	11.63%	15.79%	12.46%	10.46%

Past performance is not a reliable indicator or guarantee of future results. Composite net of fees performance reflects the deduction of a maximum SMA program fee of 3.00%, which includes Lord Abbett's advisory fee, and reflects the deduction of any applicable transaction costs. The maximum SMA program fee is based on Lord Abbett's knowledge of the fees currently charged by SMA program sponsors. The gross of fee performance does not reflect the deduction of the maximum SMA program fee, but it does reflect the deduction of any applicable transaction costs.

¹Factset as of 10/31/2025.

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The Strategy's portfolio is actively managed and is subject to change. The portfolio weights shown in parenthesis in the Strategy Positioning & Outlook section are based on the portfolio weight at the end of the quarter for each security. The portfolio weights shown in parenthesis in the Portfolio Review section are based on the average portfolio weight during the quarter for each security.

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Lord, Abbett & Co. LLC did not have the records so long as it is impossible for Lord, Abbett & Co. LLC to have the records (within the meaning of relevant GIPS® standards interpretations). Total Firm Assets also exclude separately managed program accounts that involve model delivery.

Calendar Year Ended	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
# of Portfolios	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Total Assets (\$M)	\$4,362	\$3,862	\$3,679	\$3,845	\$3,026	\$2,770	\$2,282	\$2,659	\$2,417	\$1,936
Percentage of Firm Assets	2.02%	1.99%	1.91%	1.51%	1.36%	1.36%	1.42%	1.70%	1.80%	1.56%
Total Firm Assets (\$M)	\$216,055	\$194,188	\$192,949	\$254,075	\$222,535	\$204,031	\$161,055	\$156,110	\$134,565	\$124,007
Percentage of SMA Portfolios	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Dispersion	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
LA MA Dividend Growth Composite Gross (Annual)	23.45%	17.41%	-12.72%	26.89%	16.62%	27.80%	-3.81%	20.19%	16.10%	-1.53%
LA MA Dividend Growth Composite Gross (3 year Annualized Return)	8.15%	9.15%	8.90%	23.66%	12.76%	13.90%	10.31%	11.18%	8.75%	12.66%
LA MA Dividend Growth Composite Gross (3 year Annualized Ex-Post Standard Deviation)	16.11%	16.38%	19.91%	16.30%	17.25%	11.20%	10.51%	9.27%	10.05%	10.51%
LA MA Dividend Growth Composite Net (Annual)	19.86%	13.98%	-15.34%	23.20%	13.21%	24.09%	-6.67%	16.69%	12.71%	-4.45%
LA MA Dividend Growth Composite Net (3 year Annualized Return)	4.97%	5.94%	5.70%	20.06%	9.45%	10.56%	7.07%	7.91%	5.55%	9.35%
S&P 500® Index (Annual)	25.02%	26.29%	-18.11%	28.71%	18.40%	31.49%	-4.38%	21.83%	11.96%	1.38%
S&P 500® Index (3 year Annualized Return)	8.94%	10.00%	7.66%	26.07%	14.18%	15.27%	9.26%	11.41%	8.87%	15.13%
S&P 500® Index (3 year Annualized Ex-Post Standard Deviation)	17.40%	17.54%	21.16%	17.41%	18.80%	12.10%	10.96%	10.06%	10.74%	10.62%

Dispersion is represented by the asset-weighted standard deviation—a measure that explains deviations of gross portfolio rates of return from the asset-weighted Composite return. The asset-weighted standard deviation calculation (1) includes only portfolios that have been managed within the Composite style for a full year and (2) is not meaningful for periods in which five or fewer accounts comprised the Composite.

The performance of the Composite is shown net and gross of the maximum separately managed account program fee. The net performance results illustrate the effect of the deduction of the maximum separately managed account program fee (3%) on investment returns. All gross performance shown is presented on a supplemental basis and reflects the deduction of transaction costs. The program fee is paid to the program sponsor and includes the advisory fee Lord Abbett receives and trade execution expenses. The effect of fees and expenses on performance will vary with the relative size of the fee and account performance. **For example, if \$100,000 were invested and experienced a 10% compounded annual return for 10 years, its ending dollar value, without giving effect to the deduction of the program fee, would be \$259,374. If a program fee of 3% of average net assets per year for the 10-year period were deducted, the annual total return would be 6.78% and the ending dollar value would be \$196,715.** Please refer to Lord Abbett's Form ADV Part 2A Brochure for additional information on Lord Abbett's advisory fees which generally range from annual rates of 0.34% to 0.60% of assets under management for managed equity accounts. Certain securities held in portfolios contained in this composite may have valuations determined using both subjective observable and subjective unobservable inputs. The Firm's valuation hierarchy does not materially differ from the hierarchy in the GIPS Valuation Principles.

The S&P 500® Index is widely regarded as the standard for measuring large cap U.S. stock market performance and includes a representative sample of leading companies in leading industries.

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