

Matrix ESG Dividend Income

2nd Quarter, 2025

STRATEGY OBJECTIVES

- Our Flagship Dividend Strategy with an ESG Overlay
 - Generate High Current and Growing Income
 - Downside Protection
 - Capital Appreciation

ANNUALIZED RETURNS

	<u>Matrix ESG Dividend</u> <u>Income</u>		R1000 Value	
	<u>Gross</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Index</u>	
2 nd Qtr., 2025	5.24%	5.08%	3.79%	
YTD 2025	8.17%	7.83%	6.00%	
Since Inception 6/30/2021	9.45%	8.76%	7.48%	

KEY DIFFERENTIATORS

- Designed to be an all-weather portfolio, based on our flagship Dividend Income strategy employed since 2011 with an ESG overlay.
- Strong balance sheets, low betas and under-valuation all contribute to <u>strong downside protection</u>, <u>lower</u> volatility, and <u>potential for capital appreciation</u>.
- Focused best-ideas portfolio, composed of 20-30 highquality stocks with talented management, above average current dividend yields, and a long history of continually growing those dividends.
- ➤ Low correlation with other investment styles.
- Experienced team with a long successful history of working together.

PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

<u>Characteristics</u>	<u>Matrix</u>	<u>R1000V</u> ®	
Market Cap. avg. (\$bill.)	488.9	292.5	
P/E Ratio – 1 yr. forward	16.9	17.0	
Dividend Yield (%)	2.90	1.97	
# of Holdings	22	874	

QUARTERLY HIGHLIGHTS

Following its good start to the year, the Matrix ESG Dividend Income Strategy posted another solid quarter, up +5.08, net of fees. This performance was ahead of the Russell 1000° Value Index's +3.79% return. For the first half of the year through June 30, the portfolio is up +7.83%, net of fees, outperforming the Russell 1000° Value's gain of 6.00%. Since inception, the strategy is up +8.76%, net of fees versus +7.48% for the Russell 1000% benchmark. Importantly, the strategy continued to deliver strong results with less volatility than the broader equity market.

Portfolio gains in Q2 were driven by Financials and Technology, while Health Care, Consumer Staples, and Utilities underperformed after leading in the first quarter.

Strong financial performance allowed seven of the portfolio holdings to increase their dividends in Q2 by an average of 5.9%. In the first six months of the year through June 30, 14 portfolio companies have increased their dividends by 6.2%. Twenty-one of our 22 portfolio companies have raised their dividends in the past year. The total portfolio dividend increase was 5.9% over this period. On average, our portfolio companies have raised their dividends for 16.5 consecutive years and maintained or grown them for 28.5 years.

On June 30, the portfolio yielded 2.90%, which compares favorably with the 1.24% yield on the S&P 500® and the 1.97% yield on the Russell 1000® Value. It had an average P/E multiple on estimated 1-year forward earnings of 16.9x, versus the Russell 1000 Value Index's multiple of 17.0x, and the S&P 500's 21.9x.

We remain confident that the Matrix ESG Dividend Income Strategy will continue to deliver on its objectives of generating high current and growing income, capital appreciation over time, and downside protection, even in challenging markets. We look for the portfolio to continue making steady progress in the back half of 2025.





TOP 10 HOLDINGS

SECTOR ALLOCATION (%)

Microsoft Corporation	8.9%	<u>Sectors</u>	<u>Matrix</u>	<u>R1000V</u> ®
Pepisco, Inc.	6.9%	Communication Services	3.9	7.6
J.P. Morgan Chase & Co.	5.3%	Consumer Discretionary	8.9	7.6
Texas instruments Inc.	5.2%	Consumer Staples	11.9	8.1
American Electric Power Inc	4.8%	Energy	0.0	5.9
PNC Financial Services Group 4.8%		Financial	27.3	22.7
Starbucks Corp.	4.7%	Health Care	10.8	11.7
M & T Bank	4.6%	Industrials	3.9	13.1
		Info. Technology	20.3	10.6
	4.6% 4.6%	Materials	0.0	4.1
		Real Estate	0.0	4.2
		Utilities	9.4	4.4
		Cash & Equivalent	3.7	0.0
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Firm Assets: \$1.271 Billion

Investment Style: ESG, Dividend-Focused US Large

Cap Value Equity

Market Capitalization: Generally \$10 Billion or more
Decision Making: Bottom-Up Stock Selection

Manager Avg. Tenure: 26 Years Mgr. Avg. Experience: 39 Years

^{*} years at Matrix / years in industry

The Matrix ESG Dividend Income Composite contains fully discretionary dividend income equity accounts that invest in high-quality U.S. large cap value companies that pay high dividends consistently and have raised their dividends historically. For comparison purposes the composite is measured against the S&P 500° Index and Russell 1000° Value Index. The S&P 500° Index is an index that measures the performance of 500 publicly traded companies, which are among the largest in the United States. As of January 2018, it is also measured against the Russell 1000° Value Index, an index which measures the performance of the companies in the Russell 1000° Index with lower price-to-book ratios and lower forecasted growth values. The Russell 1000° Value Index was added as a benchmark as it reflects the investment style of the strategy. The minimum account size for this composite is \$100,000.

Matrix Asset Advisors, Inc. claims compliance with the Global Investment Performance Standards (GIPS*) and has prepared and presented this report in compliance with the GIPS standards. Matrix Asset Advisors, Inc. has been independently verified for the periods 1/1/92 through 12/31/23 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. The Dividend Income Composite has been examined for the periods January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2023. The verification and performance examination reports are available upon request. Matrix Asset Advisors, Inc. is a registered investment adviser that manages equity and fixed income assets for client accounts. The firm's list of composite descriptions is available upon request.

Results are based on fully discretionary accounts under management, Since inception, the composite policy requires the temporary removal of any portfolio incurring a client initiated significant cash inflow or outflow of 15% or greater of portfolio assets. Past performance is not indicative of future results. Returns are presented gross and net of management fees and include the reinvestment of all income. Net of fee performance was calculated using the highest management fee of 0.65%, as per our fee schedule and applied quarterly. The annual composite dispersion presented is an asset-weighted standard deviation calculated for the accounts in the composite the entire year. Additional information regarding the policies for valuing portfolios, calculating performance, and preparing compliant presentations are available upon request. The management fee schedule is as follows: 0.65% on the first \$5,000,000 of assets under management, 0.55% on the next \$5,000,000 of assets under management, 0.45% on the next \$25,000,000 of assets under management, 0.35% on the next \$50,000,000 of assets under management and 0.30% on assets under management in excess of \$100,000,000. Actual investment advisory fees incurred by clients may vary.

The Matrix ESG Dividend Income Composite was created June 30, 2021.

Gross Rate of Return is the total rate of return on an investment before the deduction of any fees, commissions, or expenses. Often quoted as the rate of return on an investment in strategy marketing materials. Returns for more than a year are often annualized, which provides the geometric average return of an investment for each year over a given time period.

Net Rate of Return is the total rate of return on an investment after the deduction of any fees, commissions, or expenses. Often quoted as the rate of return on an investment in strategy marketing materials. Returns for more than a year are often annualized, which provides the geometric average return of an investment for each year over a given time period.

The S&P500® Index is a broad-based unmanaged index of 500 stocks, which is widely recognized as representative of the equity market in general. You cannot invest directly in an index.

The Russell 1000® Value Index measures the performance of those Russell 1000® Index companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower forecasted growth values.

Russell 1000® Value ETF seeks to track the investment results of an index composed of large- and mid-capitalization U.S. equities that exhibit value characteristics.

Price to Earnings Ratio also called the P/E ratio, tells investors how much a company is worth. The P/E ratio simply the stock price divided by the company's earnings per share for a designated period like the past 12 months. The price/earnings ratio conveys how much investors will pay per share for \$1 of earnings.

Dividend Yield is a financial ratio that tells you the percentage of a company's share price that it pays out in dividends each year. Annualized Returns - an annualized rate of return is calculated as the equivalent annual return an investor receives over a given period. The Global Investment Performance Standards dictate that returns of portfolios or composites for periods of less than one year may not be annualized. This prevents "projected" performance in the remainder of the year from occurring.

Market Capitalization Weighted is average market capitalization is a type of market index in which each component is weighted according to the size of its total market capitalization. Market capitalization is the sum of the total value of a company's outstanding shares multiplied by the price of one share.

VMY Vanguard High Dividend Yield ETF seeks to track the performance of the FTSE® High Dividend Yield Index, which measures the investment return of common stocks of companies characterized by high dividend yields.

S&P Dividend ETF SPDR® S&P Dividend ETF The index is designed to measure the performance of the highest dividend yielding S&P Composite 1500® Index constituents that have followed a managed-dividends policy of consistently increasing dividends every year for at least 20 consecutive years.

Top 10 Holdings – The Securities identified and described do not represent all of the securities purchased, sold or recommended for client accounts. Actual portfolio holdings may very for each client and there is no guarantee that a particular client's account will hold any or all of the securities identified. The reader should not assume that an investment in the securities identified was or will be profitable. Holdings data is from a representative ESG Dividend Income account and is presented as supplemental to a GIPS Composite Report, which is considered an integral part of this presentation.

All data is through (or as of) 06/30/2025 unless otherwise noted. Source: Matrix Asset Advisors, Bloomberg, eVestment Alliance.

As evidence of our experience in managing similar Dividend Income portfolios, for informational purposes only, please see attached MDI Fact Sheet. Portfolio Holdings information and portfolio turnover is based on a representative portfolio. The securities identified and described do not represent all of the securities purchased, sold or recommended for client accounts. The reader should not assume that an investment in the securities identified was or will be profitable.

Note: Returns less than a one-year period are not annualized. All returns include reinvestment of dividends and interest. Past performance is not indicative of future results.

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