

# Matrix ESG Dividend Income

6/30/2021

3rd Quarter, 2025

### STRATEGY OBJECTIVES

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

	Matrix ESG Dividend Income		<u>R1000 Value</u>	
	<u>Gross</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Index</u>	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Qtr., 2025	4.53%	4.37%	5.33%	
YTD 2025	13.07%	12.54%	11.65%	
Since Inception	10.01%	9.31%	8.34%	

ANNUALIZED RETURNS

### **KEY DIFFERENTIATORS**

- Designed to be an a<u>ll-weather</u> 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 strong downside protection, lower volatility, and potential for capital appreciation.
- Focused best-ideas portfolio, composed of 20-30 high-<u>quality</u> stocks with talented management, <u>above</u> 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.)	535.1	339.2	
P/E Ratio – 1 yr. forward	15.5	17.4	
Dividend Yield (%)	2.85	1.93	
# of Holdings	23	870	

# **QUARTERLY HIGHLIGHTS**

Following a good first half of the year, the Matrix ESG Dividend Income strategy (ESG-DI) posted another solid quarter, up +4.37%, net of fees. Although this quarter's performance trailed the Russell 1000 Value® Index for the three months, results for the nine months through September 30 were strong, up +12.54%, net of fees, ahead of the Russell 1000 Value® Index's +11.65% return. The strategy is also ahead of the benchmark since inception on 6/30/2021. Notably, the portfolio achieved these healthy gains with less volatility than the overall market.

Portfolio gains in Q3 were led by stocks in the Financials, Health Care, and Utilities sectors. Our holdings in the Communications, Consumer Discretionary, and Consumer Staples sectors underperformed. After a period earlier in the year when we did not add any new names to the portfolio, the market provided us with the opportunity during Q3 to buy two wellrun companies at very attractive prices: Accenture (Technology), and Constellation Brands (Consumer Staples).

Strong financial performance allowed four of the portfolio's holdings to increase their dividends in Q3 by an average of 8.8%. In the first nine months of the year, 19 portfolio companies have increased their dividends by an average of 6.4%.

As of September 30, the portfolio yielded 2.85%, which compares favorably with the 1.17% yield on the S&P 500® and the 1.93% yield on the Russell 1000 Value®. It had an average P/E multiple of 15.5x on estimated 1-year forward earnings, compared to 17.4x for the Russell 1000 Value® and 22.7x for the S&P 500®.

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





### **TOP 10 HOLDINGS**

# SECTOR ALLOCATION (%)

Microsoft Corporation	8.8%	<u>Sectors</u>	<u>Matrix</u>	<u>R1000V</u> ®
J.P. Morgan Chase & Co.	5.4%	Communication Services	3.2	8.1
American Electric Power Inc.	5.0%	Consumer Discretionary	8.8	7.7
PNC Financial Services Group	4.9%	Consumer Staples	12.6	7.6
Morgan Stanley	4.9%	Energy	0.0	5.9
NextEra Energy	4.8%	Financial	28.3	22.6
Qualcomm	4.8%	Health Care	11.1	11.7
U.S. Bancorp	4.7%	Industrials	0.0	13.1
Medtronic. PLC	4.6%	Info. Technology	20.6	10.5
	4.5%	Materials	0.0	4.1
	7.5/0	Real Estate	0.0	4.2
		Utilities	9.8	4.5
		Cash & Equivalent	5.6	0.0

# **MATRIX PARTNERS**

DAVID KATZ President, CIO 39 years at Matrix / 41 years in Industry

# RESEARCH / PORTFOLIO MGMT

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Firm Assets: \$1.355 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

<sup>\*</sup> 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 12/31/21 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, 2021. 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) 09/30/2025 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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