

# SMA Income Equity Strategy

Q4 2023



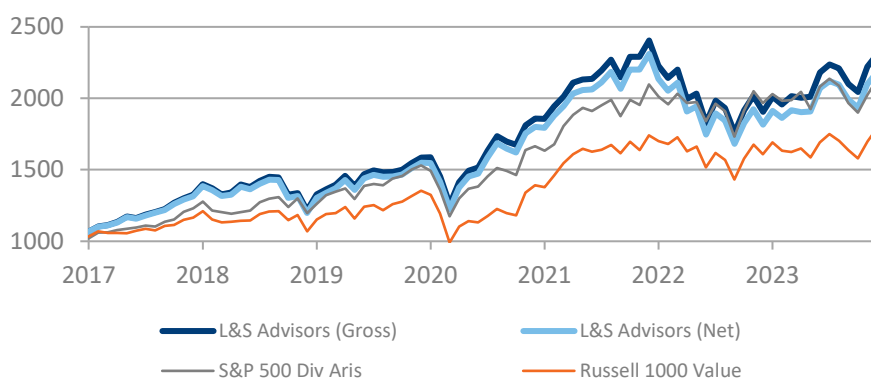
## Strategy Objective

Seeks to provide income and capital appreciation through the selection of a portfolio of individual equity securities that we expect to consistently raise dividends by 6% or more annually.

## Strategy Highlights

- US issues and ADRs.
- Portfolios comprised of individual securities between 40-60 holdings.
- Fully invested at all times. Cash is not used tactically.
- No leverage, short selling or performance fees.
- L&S senior management has over 40 years experience.

## Growth of a \$1,000 Investment



## Performance

Please note all Characteristics, Performance, Allocation and Holding information as of December 31, 2023

| Annualized Returns      |       |        |         |       |        |        |        |
|-------------------------|-------|--------|---------|-------|--------|--------|--------|
|                         | Q4    | YTD    | 12 Mos. | 3 Yr. | 5 Yr.  | 7 Yr.  | ITD    |
| L&S Advisors (Gross)    | 9.82% | 21.12% | 21.12%  | 7.47% | 13.66% | 12.29% | 12.53% |
| L&S Advisors (Net)      | 9.60% | 20.16% | 20.16%  | 6.61% | 12.75% | 11.40% | 11.64% |
| Russell 1000 Value      | 9.50% | 11.46% | 11.46%  | 8.86% | 10.91% | 8.32%  | 8.59%  |
| S&P 500 Div Aristocrats | 8.33% | 8.44%  | 8.44%   | 8.62% | 12.25% | 11.26% | 11.28% |

| Calendar Year Returns   |        |         |        |        |        |        |        |                |
|-------------------------|--------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|----------------|
|                         | YTD    | 2022    | 2021   | 2020   | 2019   | 2018   | 2017   | 2016 (Partial) |
| L&S Advisors (Gross)    | 21.12% | -20.80% | 29.39% | 17.23% | 30.39% | -8.16% | 29.23% | 2.46%          |
| L&S Advisors (Net)      | 20.16% | -21.45% | 28.36% | 16.29% | 29.32% | -8.93% | 28.31% | 2.46%          |
| Russell 1000 Value      | 11.46% | -7.54%  | 25.16% | 2.80%  | 26.54% | -8.27% | 13.66% | 2.50%          |
| S&P 500 Div Aristocrats | 8.44%  | -6.21%  | 25.99% | 8.68%  | 27.97% | -2.73% | 21.76% | 1.03%          |

## Characteristics

|                   | L&S Advisors | R1000V    |
|-------------------|--------------|-----------|
| # of Holdings *   | 55           | 851       |
| Avg. Mkt. Cap.    | \$513.81B    | \$139.24B |
| Current Yield     | 1.79%        | 2.56%     |
| PE                | 22.81        | 17.72     |
| Alpha **          | 3.66         | --        |
| Beta **           | 0.92         | 1         |
| Sharpe Ratio **   | 0.74         | 0.58      |
| Std. Deviation ** | 16.85%       | 16.82%    |
| ↑ Capt. **        | 100.19%      | 100%      |
| ↓ Capt. **        | 88.20%       | 100%      |

## Top Allocations

| Allocation             | %      |
|------------------------|--------|
| Information Technology | 29.60% |
| Consumer Discretionary | 15.50% |
| Industrials            | 13.60% |
| Financials             | 8.00%  |
| Health Care            | 7.30%  |
| Communication Services | 7.20%  |
| Real Estate            | 5.90%  |
| Energy                 | 5.50%  |
| Materials              | 5.40%  |
| Utilities              | 1.80%  |
| Cash & Equivalents     | 0.30%  |
|                        | 100%   |

## Top Holdings

| Holding             | %      |
|---------------------|--------|
| MICROSOFT CORP      | 4.24%  |
| AMAZON.COM INC      | 3.90%  |
| ALPHABET INC A      | 3.76%  |
| APPLE INC           | 3.54%  |
| META PLATFORMS INC  | 3.41%  |
| ELI LILLY & COMPANY | 3.05%  |
| BROADCOM LIMITED    | 2.84%  |
| PALO ALTO NET INC   | 2.62%  |
| KLA TENCOR CORP     | 2.25%  |
| UNITEDHEALTH GROUP  | 2.22%  |
|                     | 31.83% |

\* Non-model holdings have been excluded. \*\* Characteristics are based on net-of-fee returns from inception to date.

## Investment Team

## Ken Malamed

Portfolio Manager & Sr. MD  
51 years experience  
6 years with strategy

## Matthew Nussbaum, CFA

Portfolio Manager &  
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4 years with strategy

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35 years experience  
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## Strategy Philosophy

The Income Equity investment philosophy believes that above-average dividend yield and dividend growth generates better, and more stable returns. Coupled with our in-depth fundamental research, we seek out companies that have a history of annual dividend growth significantly above the market.

These core investment principles have been the focus of the products strategy since inception. The primary performance objective is to consistently generate attractive returns (net) with above market dividend yield over a full market cycle of 5 years, principally because the full benefits of the strategy are realized over this time horizon.

## Monthly Performance (Net)

|      | Jan   | Feb   | Mar    | Apr   | May   | Jun    | Jul  | Aug   | Sep   | Oct   | Nov   | Dec   | YTD    | R1000V |
|------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|--------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|
| 2016 |       |       |        |       |       |        |      |       |       |       |       | 2.46  | 2.46   | 2.50   |
| 2017 | 4.12  | 3.30  | 0.70   | 1.88  | 3.35  | -0.89  | 1.90 | 1.57  | 1.63  | 3.40  | 2.46  | 1.87  | 28.31  | 13.66  |
| 2018 | 5.41  | -2.08 | -3.08  | 0.84  | 4.14  | -1.32  | 2.90 | 2.05  | -0.24 | -8.46 | 0.90  | -8.99 | -8.93  | -8.27  |
| 2019 | 8.86  | 2.76  | 2.26   | 4.33  | -4.88 | 5.97   | 1.62 | -0.88 | 0.11  | 0.90  | 3.09  | 2.48  | 29.32  | 26.54  |
| 2020 | -0.14 | -8.47 | -13.43 | 12.23 | 5.66  | 1.47   | 7.49 | 6.34  | -2.21 | -1.61 | 8.27  | 2.57  | 16.29  | 2.80   |
| 2021 | -0.36 | 4.76  | 3.56   | 4.50  | 1.12  | 0.21   | 2.46 | 3.50  | -5.45 | 6.50  | -0.02 | 5.03  | 28.36  | 25.16  |
| 2022 | -7.56 | -3.87 | 2.71   | -9.52 | 1.87  | -10.15 | 8.41 | -2.58 | -8.90 | 8.75  | 5.19  | -5.57 | -21.45 | -7.54  |
| 2023 | 5.36  | -2.65 | 2.95   | -0.71 | 0.24  | 8.50   | 2.41 | -1.18 | -4.99 | -2.83 | 8.65  | 3.81  | 20.16  | 11.46  |

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Income Equity Strategy Composite seeks to provide income and capital appreciation through the selection of individual equity securities that have consistently raised its dividends by 6% or more annually. The universe of potential investments for this strategy is all listed equity securities, including REITs and MLPs if they meet the criteria of increasing dividends. Large capitalization issues are the focus, but the strategy may select smaller companies and American Depository Receipts (ADRs) if they meet the investment criteria. Additionally, up to 15% of the portfolio may be invested in non-dividend paying stocks, and covered calls may be written on these positions to create "synthetic dividends" or income on these investments. Appropriate securities will be chosen using fundamental analysis, combined with technical evaluation. It is anticipated that the portfolio will be diversified and will include 30-60 different securities. Most of the dividends received will be "qualified" dividends, which may help reduce the tax consequences of the income received and makes this strategy appropriate for all taxable and tax-exempt portfolios. This portfolio will generally be fully invested and does not utilize cash tactically. This strategy is appropriate for clients who need or desire a current stream of income, and also desire some capital appreciation. Composite performance results have been calculated by using time-weighted returns based on the beginning of period values on an adjusted capital basis. Performance results are total return and include the reinvestment of all income. Net of fee performance reflects the deduction of actual management fees and transaction costs. Gross of fee performance has been reduced by transaction costs. Valuations and returns are computed and stated in U.S. dollars. Past performance does not guarantee future results and other calculation methods may produce different results. Results include accounts no longer with the firm. Inception performance is as of November 30, 2016.

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