



## Global Dividend Yield Portfolio

Second Quarter 2024

#### **Portfolio Review**

The Global Dividend Yield portfolio performed in line with the MSCI World High Dividend Yield Index in the second quarter. Good stock selection and an overweight in financials and good stock selection and an underweight in consumer discretionary contributed positively to performance. Poor stock selection in industrials and information technology detracted from performance.

The biggest contributors to performance during the quarter were Tokio Marine and Southern Company.

- Tokio Marine benefitted from a normalization in interest rates and inflation in Japan, which has proven to be a tailwind for Japanese stocks, particularly financials.
- Southern Company recently placed its second (and final) nuclear plant into service. We believe
  the placement of these two units into service should provide an uplift to free cash flow. In
  addition, the company expects artificial intelligence (AI)-related demand and a desire from AI
  customers for green energy to provide good momentum for the business going forward.
- Other top contributors included IGM Financial, Broadcom, and Amcor.

The biggest detractors to performance during the quarter were MSC Industrial Direct and IBM.

- A sluggish macro economy has negatively impacted MSC Industrial Direct's customer sentiment.
   In addition, the company had some execution issues regarding a web pricing initiative to help stimulate business among its core customers.
- A weak macro environment contributed to lower-than- expected enterprise revenue and weighed on IBM's gross margins. The headwinds continued into the second quarter and contributed to the company lowering guidance.
- Other bottom contributors included Spark New Zealand, AbbVie, and Adecco Group.

### **Market Review**

It is always important to remember that no one can predict the macroeconomic environment with any regular accuracy. That is especially true right now. That said, until the Federal Reserve's most recent hiking cycle, the U.S. economy enjoyed 13 years of rates averaging 0.5%. This supported asset prices and made it easier for businesses, regardless of quality, to be successful. While we expect the Federal Reserve to eventually cut interest rates, we do not expect interest rates to return to 0%. Assuming interest rates settle at around 3-4%, that could have a profound impact on how companies operate and how assets are priced. We believe rates at this level may allow for quality companies with low leverage to better differentiate themselves to investors. Competitively advantaged businesses typically are better positioned to weather a more capital constrained environment.

### **Purchases and Sales**

New Purchases	Complete Sales		
Broadcom	National Grid		
	Patterson Companies		

## **Portfolio Highlights**

**Style:** Large Cap

Index: MSCI® World High Dividend Yield Index

Portfolio Turnover: 25%-45% Number of Holdings: 25-50

## **Investment Management Team**

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Richard Sherry, CFA Portfolio Manager + Senior Research Analy	1998 st
Chris Armbruster, CFA Senior Research Analyst	2005
Noran Eid Senior Research Analyst	2012
Katie Advena Research Analyst	2011
<b>Luke Longinotti, CFA</b> ESG Research Analyst	2020
Clarissa Ali Associate Research Analyst	2023

## **Top 10 Holdings**

As of June 30, 2024

Company	Percent of equity (%)
International Business Machin	nes 5.8
Fortis	4.7
AbbVie	4.3
Amcor	4.1
Southern Company	3.9
BCE	3.9
Zurich Insurance Group	3.8
Verizon	3.6
TotalEnergies	3.4
Deutsche Post	3.3
Total	40.9

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## **Investment Process:** Discovering Quality



Development of KAR High-Quality

#### **KAR Universe**

#### **Typical Quantitative Screens**

- Investment-grade balance sheet
- Market cap > \$1.0 billion
- 5-year average ROE > 7.5%
- No dividend cut last five years

#### Other Resources

- Research on existing portfolio holdings
- Meetings with companies
- Industry reviews
- Investment conferences
- Third-party research



Proprietary
Fundamental

#### **Qualitative Analysis**

 Evaluate sustainability of business model and assess management's ability to direct capital where it can create further control of its market

#### **Financial Analysis**

 Evaluate basis for profitability, long-term growth potential, and ability to allocate capital appropriately

#### **Valuation Analysis**

 Determine the current and potential value of the business



#### Portfolio Construction

#### **Position Weights**

- Maximum initial position size is 5% (at cost)
- Maximum position size is 10% (at market)

#### **Sector Tolerances**

• Seek broad diversification, but no sector constraints

#### **Holding Period**

- Typically 3-to-5 years, but is often longer
- Portfolio turnover is typically 25% to 35%

#### **Cash Levels**

 Typically will not exceed 10% once a portfolio is fully invested; review by CIO triggered if over 10%



Potential dividend cut

**Balance sheet deterioration** 

Inability to cover dividend via internal cash generation over medium-to-long term

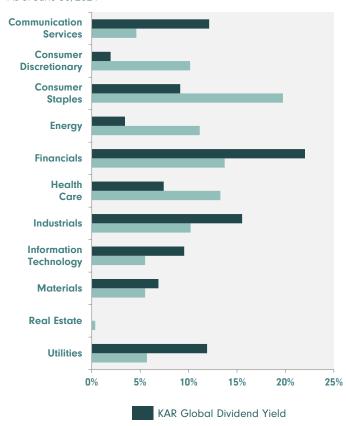
**Seeking High Yield** 

**Seeking Market Return** 

**Seeking Low Risk** 

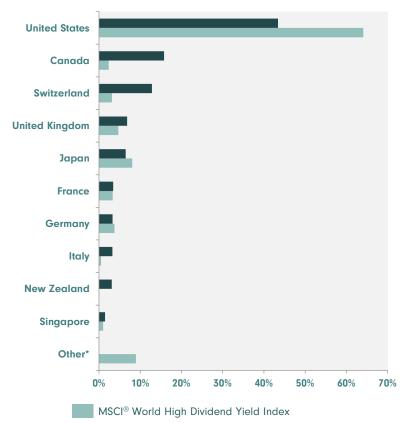
### **Sector Diversification**

As of June 30, 2024



## **Geographical Exposure**

As of June 30, 2024



<sup>\* &</sup>quot;Other" is comprised of securities held in countries within the benchmark which are not held in our representative portfolio. The countries include Australia, Austria, Belgium, Chile, China, Denmark, Finland, Hong Kong, Ireland, Israel, Jordan, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, South Africa, Spain and Sweden.

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## **Global Dividend Yield Portfolio**

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#### **Portfolio Characteristics**

As of June 30, 2024

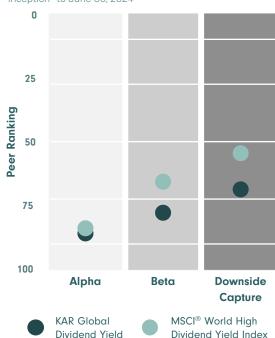
	KAR Global Dividend Yield	MSCI® World High Dividend Yield Index	
Quality			
Return on Equity—Past 5 Years	21.1%	20.3%	
Debt Coverage	4.6 x	6.6 x	
Growth			
Earnings Per Share Growth—Past 5 Years	3.8%	11.6%	
Dividend Per Share Growth—Past 5 Years	3.4%	7.9%	
Value			
Dividend Yield	4.4%	3.7%	
Market Characteristics			
Dividend Payout Ratio—5 Year Average	71.3%	61.3%	
\$ Weighted Average Market Cap	\$82.4 B	\$143.7 B	
Largest Market Cap	\$749.3 B	\$522.6 B	
Beta-Since Inception* (Net of Fees)	0.97	1.00	

### **Historical Returns**

	KAR Global Dividend Yield (gross)	KAR Global Dividend Yield (net) <sup>‡</sup>	MSCI <sup>®</sup> World High Dividend Yield Index	
Annualized Returns (%) <sup>†</sup> As of June 30, 2024				
2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	(0.95)	(1.12)	(1.49)	
Year to Date	1.13	0.77	3.95	
One Year	5.84	5.11	9.32	
Three Years	3.18	2.47	4.24	
Five Years	4.20	3.47	6.26	
Inception*	5.26	4.53	6.19	
Annual Returns (%)				
2023	5.95	5.21	9.12	
2022	(1.44)	(2.13)	(4.74)	
2021	14.12	13.33	15.83	
2020	(5.26)	(5.92)	(0.03)	
2019	23.45	22.60	23.15	
2018	(4.21)	(4.88)	(7.56)	
2017 <sup>§</sup>	5.62	5.31	6.33	

## **Peer Comparison Chart**

Inception\* to June 30, 2024



The eVestment Global Dividend Focus Universe includes 93 managers categorized in the global dividend focus asset class by eVestment. KAR does not pay any fees to be included in the eVestment Global Dividend Focus Universe or for the ranking itself. KAR does pay fees for the use of certain products and services provided by eVestment. eVestment rankings are based on gross of fee returns. Gross of fee returns will be reduced by investment management fees and other expenses that may be incurred in the management of the account. Management fees are described in KAR's Form ADV Part 2A, which is available upon request and can also be found at https://kayne.com/wp-content/uploads/ADV-Part-2A.pdf. Returns could be reduced or losses incurred due to currency fluctuations. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

#### **Performance Statistics**

Inception\* to June 30, 2024

	KAR Global Dividend Yield (gross)	KAR Global Dividend Yield (net)	MSCI® World High Dividend Yield Index
Annualized Standard Deviation	14.35	14.35	13.98
Alpha	(0.68)	(1.37)	0.00
Beta	0.97	0.97	1.00
Sharpe Ratio	0.22	0.17	0.29
R-Squared	90.12	90.12	100.00

\*Net of all fees and expenses. Assumes a 0.70% annual fee. Fees presented on the Disclosure page could vary from the assumed fee in the net-of-fee calculation, as actual fees paid by a particular client account differ depending on a variety of factors including, but not limited to, business unit and size of mandate. The fee used on the Disclosure page utilizes an assumed maximum fee across the firm's business units, which is further detailed on that page.

<sup>\*</sup>August 1, 2017

All periods less than one year are total returns and are not annualized. Returns are final. Returns could be reduced, or losses incurred, due to currency fluctuations.

<sup>§</sup>Performance calculations are for five months ended December 31, 2017.

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# **Global Dividend Yield Local Composite**

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#### **Disclosure**

Year	Composite Gross Return (%)	Composite Net Return (%)	MSCI® World High Dividend Yield Index Return (%)	Composite 3-Yr Std Dev (%)	Benchmark 3-Yr Std Dev (%)	Number of Accounts	Internal Dispersion (%)	Composite Assets (\$ Millions)	Total Firm Assets (\$ Millions)
2017*	5.62	5.05	6.33	N/A	N/A	< 5	N/A	330	14,609
2018	(4.21)	(5.46)	(7.56)	N/A	N/A	< 5	N/A	235	17,840
2019	23.45	21.88	23.15	N/A	N/A	< 5	N/A	42	25,685
2020	(5.26)	(6.49)	(0.03)	16.67	15.91	< 5	N/A	38	39,582
2021	14.12	12.66	15.83	16.67	15.72	< 5	N/A	43	47,269
2022	(1.44)	(2.71)	(4.74)	18.72	17.40	< 5	N/A	39	33,531
2023	5.95	4.59	9.12	14.02	13.99	< 5	N/A	33	41,186

\*2017 performance numbers in this table reflect the composite inception date of August 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017. The MSCI® World High Dividend Yield Index is a trademark/service mark of MSCI®. MSCI® is a trademark of MSCI Inc.

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The composite includes all fully discretionary

institutional and pooled Global Dividend Yield Local Portfolios. Global Dividend Yield Local Portfolios are invested in globally diversified securities, including local share classes, of high-quality, mature companies with high dividend yields. For comparison purposes, the composite is measured against the MSCI® World High Dividend Yield Index (net). The MSCI® World High Dividend Yield Index is designed to reflect the performance in the MSCI® World Index (excluding REITs) with higher dividend income and quality characteristics than average dividend yields that are both sustainable and persistent. The benchmark was changed retroactively effective January 2019, as the previous benchmark was discontinued December 2018. Benchmark returns are not covered by the report of the independent verifiers. The inception date of the composite is August 2017. The composite was created in August 2017. Policies for valuing investments, calculating performance, and preparing GIPS Reports are available upon request. The firm's list of composite descriptions, list of broad distribution pooled fund and the list of limited distribution pooled funds descriptions are available upon request.

The model management fee used for the net returns in this table is 1.30% for all periods presented. The standard Institutional management fee schedule currently in effect is as follows: 0.70% for the first \$25 million; 0.55% on the next \$25 million; 0.45% on the next \$50 million; 0.35% on the balance. The maximum Wealth Advisory Services Fee in effect is 1.30% for all assets, which breaks out as follows: 1.00% for the first \$3 million; 0.80% on the next \$2 million; 0.70% on the next \$5

million; 0.60% on the balance; with an additional 0.30% for any assets invested in separately managed accounts strategies. The standard investment advisory fee schedule currently in effect for clients not engaging in Wealth Advisory Services is 1.00%. Actual management fees charged may vary depending on applicable fee schedules and portfolio size, among other things. Additional information may be found in Part 2A of Form ADV, which is available on request. The performance information is supplied for reference. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Results will vary among accounts. The U.S. dollar is the currency used to express performance. Returns are presented net of transaction fees and include the reinvestment of all income. Gross returns will be reduced by investment management fees and other expenses that may be incurred in the management of the account. Model net returns have been calculated by deducting 1/12th of the highest tier of the standard management fee schedule in effect for the respective period from the gross composite returns on a monthly basis.

Internal dispersion is calculated using the asset-weighted standard deviation of annual gross returns for accounts in the composite for the entire year. For those years when less than five accounts were included for the full year, no dispersion measure is presented. The three-year annualized ex-post standard deviation, which measures the variability of the composite (using gross returns) and the benchmark for the 36-month period, is not presented for periods prior to 2020 because 36 monthly composite returns are not available.

### GLOSSARY

Standard Deviation: Measures variability of returns around the average return for an investment portfolio. Higher standard deviation suggests greater risk. Alpha: A risk-adjusted measure of an investment's excess return relative to a benchmark. Beta: A quantitative measure of the volatility, or systematic risk, of a security or a portfolio in comparison to the market as a whole. Sharpe Ratio: A risk-adjusted measure calculated using standard deviation and excess return to determine reward per unit of risk. R2: A measure that represents the percentage of a fund or security's movements that can be explained by movements in a benchmark index.

#### INDEX DEFINITION

The MSCI® World High Dividend Yield Index (net) is based on the MSCI World Index, its parent index, and includes large and mid cap stocks across 23 Developed Markets (DM) countries. The index is designed to reflect the performance of equities in the parent index (excluding REITS) with higher dividend income and quality characteristics than average dividend yields that are both sustainable and persistent. The index also applies quality screens and reviews 12-month past performance to omit stocks with potentially deteriorating fundamentals that could force them to cut or reduce dividends. The index is calculated on a total return basis with net dividends reinvested. The index is unmanaged, its returns do not reflect any fees, expenses, or sales charges, and is not available for direct investment.