



Equity Income Portfolio

Fourth Quarter 2023

Portfolio Review

The Equity Income portfolio outperformed the MSCI USA High Dividend Yield Index in the fourth quarter. An underweight in energy and an overweight in financials contributed positively to performance. Poor stock selection and an underweight in information technology and poor stock selection in health care detracted from performance.

The biggest contributors to performance during the quarter were Bank of Hawaii and IBM.

- As interest rates stabilized, investor concerns regarding the soundness of banks lessened.
 This contributed to a rebound in Bank of Hawaii's stock during the quarter.
- After several years of investment, IBM is seeing its hybrid cloud offering resonate with clients. This is benefiting both the company's software and consulting businesses.
- Other top contributors included PNC Financial Services Group, Verizon Communications, and Zurich Insurance Group.

The biggest detractors to performance during the quarter were Pfizer and Cisco Systems.

- Pfizer remains in a period of uncertainty as it deals with some loss of exclusivity issues in
 advance of new product launches. In addition, the company's offering in the weight loss
 space produced some disappointing results and demand for the company's COVID products
 (vaccine and Paxlovid) have been weaker than expected. Some investors were also
 concerned about the price of a recent acquisition.
- Cisco Systems is dealing with a short-term slowdown in demand as customers are deploying
 product that was ordered when there were bottlenecks in the supply chain. Lead times and
 backlog have since returned to normal.
- Other bottom contributors included PepsiCo, Chevron, and Takeda Pharmaceutical.

Outlook

With the Federal Reserve hiking cycle behind us and corporate earnings growth likely to resume, we believe 2024 should be a favorable year for equity returns. Coming into 2024, investor sentiment is nowhere near as negative as it was coming into 2023 but there is still plenty of cash on the sidelines built up over the last year. As short-term interest rates decline and the yield curve moves to flat, or even positively sloped, we believe this capital will make its way into fixed income and equity markets. From our perspective, returns in 2024 are unlikely to be as robust as 2023 but are likely to generate returns in line with earnings growth. We expect that 2024 will experience more volatility due to the election, which is likely to be contentious.

Purchases and Sales

New Purchases	Complete Sales
Paychex	PepsiCo
	Pinnacle West Capital
	Sonoco
	WEC Energy Group

Portfolio Highlights

Style: Large Cap

Index: MSCI[®] U.S. High Dividend Yield Index

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

Investment Management Team

Name S	Research Start Date
Richard Sherry, CFA Portfolio Manager + Senior Research And	1998 ılyst
Chris Armbruster, CFA Senior Research Analyst	2005
Noran Eid Senior Research Analyst	2012
Katie Advena Research Analyst	2011
Luke Longinotti ESG Research Analyst	2020
Clarissa Ali Associate Research Analyst	2023

Top 10 Holdings

As of December 31, 2023

Company	Percent of equity (%)
International Business Machin	nes 5.9
Fortis	5.1
Zurich Insurance Group	5.1
MSC Industrial Direct	5.0
PNC Financial Services	4.2
Amcor	4.1
AbbVie	4.1
Verizon Communications	3.9
Watsco	3.6
Bank of Hawaii	3.4
Total	44.4

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Investment Process: Discovering Quality



KAR Universe

Typical Quantitative Screens

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

years (under normal market conditions)

Other Resources

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



Fundamental

Qualitative Analysis

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

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 45%

Cash Levels

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



Sell **Discipline**

Potential dividend cut

Balance sheet deterioration

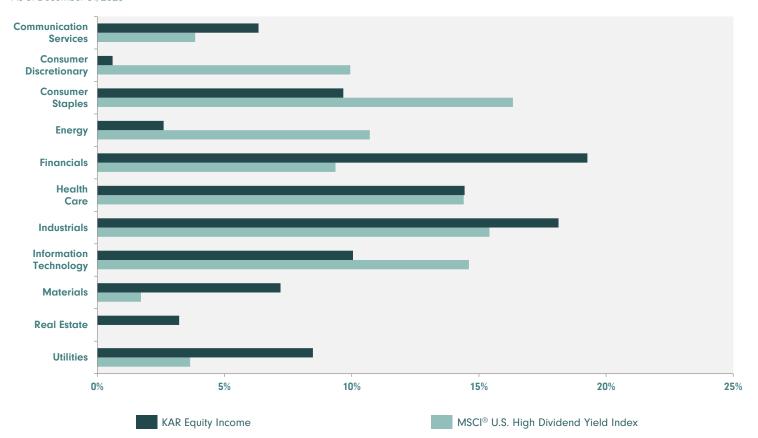
Inability to cover dividend via internal cash generation over medium-to-long term

High Yield Market Return

Low Risk

Sector Diversification

As of December 31, 2023



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Portfolio Characteristics

As of December 31, 2023

	KAR Equity Income	MSCI® U.S. High Dividend Yield Index
Quality		
Return on Equity—Past 5 Years	21.7%	22.6%
Debt Coverage	6.8 x	9.1 x
Growth		
Earnings Per Share Growth—Past 5 Years	6.1%	14.6%
Dividend Per Share Growth—Past 5 Years	5.3%	9.0%
Value		
Dividend Yield	4.0%	3.0%
Market Characteristics		
Dividend Payout Ratio—5 Year Average	71.3%	59.4%
\$ Weighted Average Market Cap	\$87.1 B	\$178.5 B
Largest Market Cap	\$377.4 B	\$520.9 B

Historical Returns

	KAR Equity Income (gross)	KAR Equity Income $(net)^{\ddagger}$	MSCI [®] U.S. High Dividend Yield Index	
Annualized Returns (%) [†] As of December 31, 2023				
4 th Quarter	8.39	8.21	8.06	
One Year	2.36	2.36 1.65		
Three Years	6.14	5.41	6.86	
Inception*	10.38	9.61	9.98	
Annual Returns (%)				
2023	2.36	1.65	5.83	
2022	(1.40)	(2.09)	(4.60)	
2021	18.49	17.68	20.86	
2020§	20.10	19.56	16.14	

^{*}May 1, 2020

[†]All periods less than one year are total returns and are not annualized. Returns are final.

^{*}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.

[§]Performance calculations are for the eight months ended December 31, 2020.

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Equity Income Composite

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Disclosure

Year	Composite Gross Return (%)	Composite Net Return (%)	MSCI® USA 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)
2020*	20.10	19.09	16.14	N/A	N/A	< 5	N/A	235	39,582
2021	18.49	16.98	20.86	N/A	N/A	7	N/A	250	47,269
2022	(1.40)	(2.68)	(4.60)	N/A	N/A	28	0.06	256	33,531

*2020 performance numbers in this table reflect the composite inception date of May 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. The MSCI® USA High Dividend Yield Index is a trademark/service mark of MSCI®. MSCI® is a trademark of MSCI Inc.

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Internal dispersion is calculated using the assetweighted 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 36month period, is not presented because 36 monthly composite returns are not available.

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