

## Global Dividend Yield Portfolio

Fourth Quarter 2025

### Portfolio Review

The Global Dividend Yield portfolio underperformed the MSCI World High Dividend Yield Index in the fourth quarter. Poor stock selection and an underweight in health care and poor stock selection and an overweight in industrials detracted from performance. Good stock selection in financials and good stock selection and an underweight in consumer discretionary contributed positively to performance.

The biggest contributors to performance during the quarter were IGM Financial and Deutsche Post.

- Positive net flows across both IGM Financial's wealth management and investment management platforms are contributing to margin expansion and strong earnings per share growth.
- Shares performed well during the quarter as Deutsche Post executed effectively in a muted global trade environment, benefiting from resilient industry pricing—particularly in premium products—and from a substantial internal cost savings program.
- Other top contributors included Rexel, Royal Bank of Canada, and Canadian Tire.

The biggest detractors to performance during the quarter were BAE Systems and Telenor.

- After a strong run, BAE System's shares underperformed during the quarter as reports of a potential Russia-Ukraine peace deal triggered a downturn in European defense stocks.
- Strong performance in the Nordics is being offset by a cautious outlook regarding Telenor's operations in Asia.
- Other bottom contributors included Kimberly-Clark, Tokio Marine, and Watsco.

### Market Review

The fourth quarter was marked by a mix of speculative rallies and shifting sector leadership, with small cap equities and certain segments like biotech drawing notable investor attention. While these trends highlight a strong appetite for risk, the underlying environment remains complex. Tariffs and restrictive immigration policies continue to influence business costs and labor market dynamics, with delayed impacts on pricing and productivity beginning to surface.

On the risk side, the evolving political climate—particularly with the upcoming U.S. midterm elections—may affect market sentiment and policy direction. Trade tensions between the U.S. and Latin America remain a concern, and stress in the private credit market, highlighted by recent bankruptcies, points to potential vulnerabilities. Structural shifts in immigration and labor markets could also create headwinds for growth.

At the same time, several supportive factors are emerging. Lower interest rates, anticipated faster earnings growth, and the potential for a federal stimulus package in 2026 provide a constructive backdrop for markets. Notably, oil prices are down approximately 20% compared to the same period last year, helping to counterbalance other inflationary pressures. Artificial intelligence continues to be a major theme, driving significant investment and innovation.

In this environment, we believe maintaining a disciplined and diversified approach is essential as we navigate both the risks and the opportunities ahead.

### Purchases and Sales

New Purchases	Complete Sales
Roche	Kimberly Clark
	Magnum Ice Cream
	Paychex

### Portfolio Highlights

**Style:** Large Cap  
**Index:** MSCI® World High Dividend Yield Index  
**Portfolio Turnover:** 25%–45%  
**Number of Holdings:** 25–50

### Investment Management Team

Name	Research Start Date
<b>Richard Sherry, CFA</b> Portfolio Manager + Senior Research Analyst	1998
<b>Chris Armbruster, CFA</b> Senior Research Analyst	2004
<b>Noran Eid</b> Senior Research Analyst	2012
<b>Katie Advena</b> Research Analyst	2011
<b>Luke Longinotti, CFA</b> Governance & Sustainability Analyst	2020
<b>Charlie Wang, CFA</b> Research Analyst	2020
<b>Clarissa Ali</b> Associate Research Analyst	2023

### Top 10 Holdings

As of December 31, 2025

Company	Percent of equity (%)
Fortis	5.0
Zurich Insurance Group	5.0
International Business Machines	4.3
AbbVie	4.3
IGM Financial	4.1
Deutsche Post	4.1
Canadian Tire	4.0
Verizon Communications	3.8
Rexel	3.6
Terna	3.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>41.6</b>

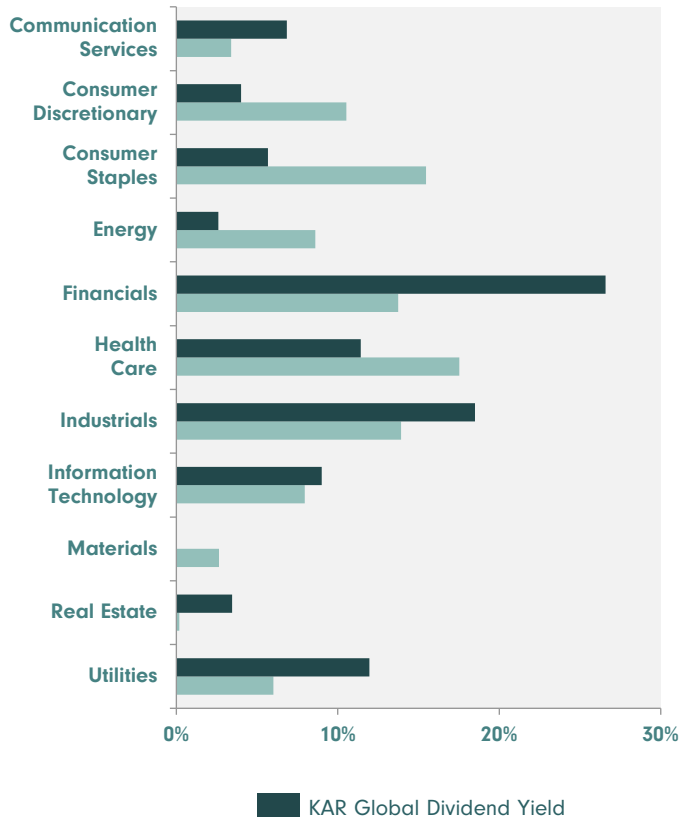
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## Investment Process: Discovering Quality

Development of KAR High-Quality Universe	Proprietary Fundamental Research	Portfolio Construction	Sell Discipline
<p><b>KAR Universe</b></p> <p><b>Typical Quantitative Screens</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investment-grade balance sheet</li> <li>Market cap &gt; \$1.0 billion</li> <li>5-year average ROE &gt; 7.5%</li> <li>No dividend cut last five years</li> </ul> <p><b>Other Resources</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Research on existing portfolio holdings</li> <li>Meetings with companies</li> <li>Industry reviews</li> <li>Investment conferences</li> <li>Third-party research</li> </ul>	<p><b>Qualitative Analysis</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evaluate sustainability of business model and assess management's ability to direct capital where it can create further control of its market</li> </ul> <p><b>Financial Analysis</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evaluate basis for profitability, long-term growth potential, and ability to allocate capital appropriately</li> </ul> <p><b>Valuation Analysis</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Determine the current and potential value of the business</li> </ul>	<p><b>Position Weights</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maximum initial position size is 5% (at cost)</li> <li>Maximum position size is 10% (at market)</li> </ul> <p><b>Sector Tolerances</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seek broad diversification, but no sector constraints</li> </ul> <p><b>Holding Period</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Typically 3-to-5 years, but is often longer</li> <li>Portfolio turnover is typically 25% to 45%</li> </ul> <p><b>Cash Levels</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Typically will not exceed 10% once a portfolio is fully invested; review by CIO triggered if over 10%</li> </ul>	<p><b>Potential dividend cut</b></p> <p><b>Balance sheet deterioration</b></p> <p><b>Inability to cover dividend via internal cash generation over medium-to-long term</b></p>
<p>Seeking High Yield   Seeking Market Return   Seeking Low Risk</p>			

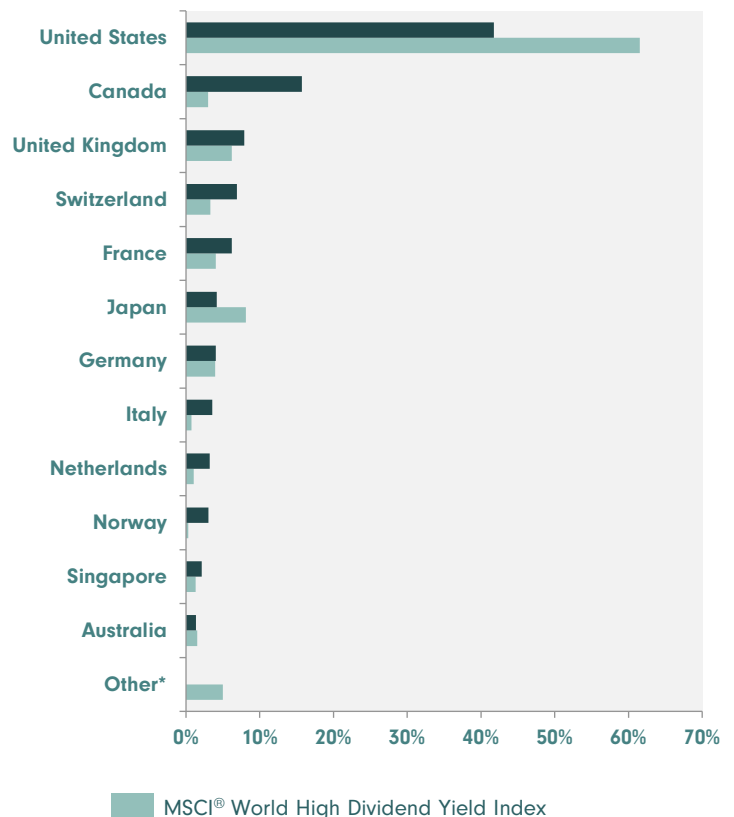
## Sector Diversification

As of December 31, 2025



## Geographical Exposure

As of December 31, 2025



\*"Other" is comprised of securities held in countries within the benchmark which are not held in our representative portfolio. The countries include Austria, Belgium, Burkina Faso, China, Denmark, Finland, Hong Kong, Israel, Jordan, New Zealand, Portugal, Spain and Sweden.

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## Portfolio Characteristics

As of December 31, 2025

	KAR Global Dividend Yield	MSCI® World High Dividend Yield Index
<b>Quality</b>		
Return on Equity—Past 5 Years	23.4%	21.7%
Debt Coverage	4.8 x	5.6 x
<b>Growth</b>		
Earnings Per Share Growth—Past 5 Years	5.1%	10.2%
Dividend Per Share Growth—Past 5 Years	5.7%	8.9%
<b>Value</b>		
Dividend Yield*	3.1%	3.2%
<b>Market Characteristics</b>		
Dividend Payout Ratio—5 Year Average	73.3%	59.7%
\$ Weighted Average Market Cap	\$177.5 B	\$164.0 B
Largest Market Cap	\$1,627.3 B	\$507.5 B
Beta—Since Inception† (Net of Fees)	0.92	1.00

## Historical Returns

	KAR Global Dividend Yield (gross)	KAR Global Dividend Yield (net)†	MSCI® World High Dividend Yield Index
<b>Annualized Returns (%)§</b>			
As of December 31, 2025			
4th Quarter	2.60	2.42	3.87
One Year	22.84	21.99	18.64
Three Years	11.02	10.25	11.80
Five Years	8.95	8.20	9.05
Seven Years	8.66	7.91	9.59
Ten Years	8.23	7.48	8.52
Inception†	8.87	8.11	8.36
<b>Annual Returns (%)</b>			
2025	22.84	21.99	18.64
2024	5.60	4.86	7.95
2023	5.50	4.77	9.12
2022	(1.70)	(2.39)	(4.74)
2021	14.13	13.34	15.83
2020	(5.62)	(6.28)	(0.03)
2019	23.44	22.59	23.15
2018	(4.13)	(4.81)	(7.56)
2017	14.57	13.77	18.14
2016	12.22	11.45	9.29
2015	(3.51)	(4.18)	(3.20)
2014	12.36	11.58	2.48
2013	22.35	21.51	21.91
2012	12.36	11.58	12.24

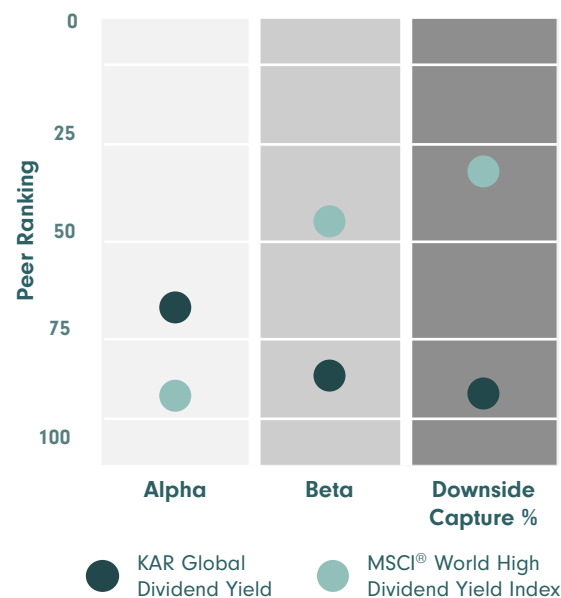
\*Dividend yield is a financial ratio that shows how much companies have paid out in dividends in the most recent year relative to their stock price at the end of such year. Dividend yield is being shown here as a characteristic of the stocks held in the portfolio and not to infer how the stocks have or will perform, as dividends are not the only component of the portfolio's performance. Dividends are subject to change from year-to-year, and the portfolio's dividend yield could be lower or higher in future years.

†January 1, 2012.

‡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. To the extent actual performance results are shown in comparison to an index, the index is not

## Peer Comparison Chart

Inception† to December 31, 2025



The eVestment Global Dividend Focus Universe includes 50 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 December 31, 2025

	KAR Global Dividend Yield (gross)	KAR Global Dividend Yield (net)	MSCI® World High Dividend Yield Index
Annualized Standard Deviation	11.92	11.92	12.13
Alpha	1.06	0.35	0.00
Beta	0.92	0.92	1.00
Sharpe Ratio	0.61	0.55	0.56
R-Squared	87.18	87.18	100.00

actively managed, does not reflect the deduction of any investment management or other fees and expenses, and is not available for direct investment. While the securities comprising any such index are not identical to those in the composite, KAR believes this comparison may be useful in evaluating performance.

§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.

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# Global Dividend Yield 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)	Firm Assets (\$ Millions)
2015	(3.51)	(4.76)	(3.20)	10.15	11.32	44	0.82	33	8,095
2016	12.22	10.78	9.29	9.32	10.61	61	0.82	332	9,989
2017	14.57	13.10	18.14	8.00	9.59	221	0.38	128	14,609
2018	(4.13)	(5.38)	(7.56)	8.23	9.14	234	0.47	111	17,840
2019	23.44	21.87	23.15	8.62	9.80	268	0.67	144	25,685
2020	(5.62)	(6.84)	(0.03)	16.60	15.91	277	1.31	123	39,582
2021	14.13	12.67	15.83	16.56	15.72	269	0.44	141	47,269
2022	(1.70)	(2.97)	(4.74)	18.69	17.40	286	0.88	160	33,531
2023	5.50	4.14	9.12	13.96	13.99	287	0.62	159	41,186
2024	5.60	4.24	7.95	13.94	13.60	264	0.56	149	45,494

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The composite includes all fully discretionary institutional and pooled Global Dividend Yield Portfolios. Global Dividend Yield Portfolios are invested in globally diversified securities 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 January 2012. The composite was created in January 2012. 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

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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 measures the variability of the composite (using gross returns) and the benchmark for the 36-month period.

## GLOSSARY

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