

# GLOBAL EQUITY INCOME

## SMA Strategy Profile

### Strategy Objective:

Seeks to provide high dividend income with long-term capital appreciation

### Strategy Snapshot:

**Product Inception** 10/01/2010  
**Category** World Large-Stock Value

Crossmark's Global Equity Income Strategy seeks to provide high dividend income and long-term capital appreciation by investing in dividend-paying stocks of companies representing a broad spectrum of the global economy across a range of market capitalizations.

The Strategy utilizes a four-step process that combines dividend income with relative risk-controlled portfolio construction.

The Strategy invests in U.S. and non-U.S. dividend-paying stocks that have demonstrated a higher yield within their respective sectors, increasing dividends and favorable earnings growth. Although the strategy invests primarily in large-cap stocks, it is also able to invest in mid-cap and small-cap stocks. The non-U.S. investments are primarily in the form of depositary receipts (ADRs) which are U.S. dollar denominated instruments representing securities of non-U.S. issuers that are traded in the U.S. and in non-U.S. markets.

## Key Benefits

### CURRENT INCOME



The Strategy seeks an above-average dividend yield; therefore, every stock selected for inclusion in the portfolio must have:

- Current dividend yield higher than its sector median
- Three-year trend of increasing its dividend
- Favorable relative earnings growth

### CAPITAL APPRECIATION



- Although the Strategy invests primarily in large-cap stocks, it is also able to invest in small- and mid-cap stocks opportunistically
- The Strategy invests in 100% dividend-paying stocks, which can be significant contributors to total return

### GLOBAL DIVERSIFICATION



By investing in ADRs and international companies trading on U.S. exchanges, the portfolio seeks to provide:

- Additional dividend opportunities unavailable to domestic-only portfolios
- Increased diversification with a 30%-50% International allocation
- Potential for higher dividend yield

## Investment Process

The Strategy employs a four-step, disciplined investment process that utilizes common performance metrics (like payout ratios and dividend growth rates) along with qualitative factors such as corporate policies.

<p><b>Investment Universe</b></p>	<p>U.S. and international companies that are traded on U.S. exchanges and have a market capitalization greater than \$1 billion</p>
<p><b>Quantitative Screens</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dividend paying stocks are identified that exclude “one time” or “special dividends”</li> <li>• Securities with higher dividend yields within their sectors are selected</li> <li>• Positive dividend growth trend</li> <li>• Favorable earnings growth trend</li> </ul>
<p><b>Validation Process</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quantitative due diligence process includes verifying data to a second financial database to ensure accuracy</li> <li>• Dividend and earnings trends, dividend policies, corporate actions and any news that could potentially impact cash flow are analyzed</li> <li>• Holdings that fail the investment universe, quantitative screens and quantitative validation are sold</li> </ul>
<p><b>Portfolio Construction</b></p>	<p>A risk-controlled diversified portfolio is constructed utilizing a multi-factor risk model with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current dividend income</li> <li>• Global investment exposure</li> <li>• A sector-neutral weight target to minimize “value” bias</li> <li>• Weighted portfolio holdings to control standard deviation to a benchmark</li> </ul>

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