

# Dividend Equity Strategy

## Strategy Snapshot:

**Management Style:** Strategic Active

**Composition:** Equity (Individual Stocks)

**Minimum Investment:** \$50,000



## Portfolio Sub Advisor

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ZIM uses the tools and models created by the parent research company to invest client assets. ZIM develops investment strategies based on proprietary research and statistical anomalies. ZIM implements these strategies by blending the portfolio managers' qualitative analysis with the quantitative output.



The **Right Trend Algorithm** is a rules-based methodology that is used to limit drawdown risks of a portfolio.

*(See supplemental insert for details)*

## Objective

The objective of the Dividend Strategy is to outperform relative to its benchmark, the Russell 1000 Value, while achieving less risk.

- Utilizes a bottom up analysis to invest in large cap companies
- Seeks tax efficient returns from both capital appreciation and dividends
- Follows a proprietary 3 factor model using dividend yield, free cash flow, and short interest

## Strategy

For over twenty-five years Zacks has been studying the impact of analysts' earnings estimate revisions on security prices. We have identified that mispricings exist here and investment strategies outperforming their benchmarks can be developed using proper analyst estimate revision information. Our long history and extensive experience working with this information, gives us an edge in exploiting this mispricing. Zacks' competitive advantage relative to other equity managers is not only the information they receive but also their ability to properly apply this information to the investment process.

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