DGRO

Tap into the power of dividend growth

DGRO invests in the stocks of U.S. companies that have a history of growing dividends - a key historical driver of returns and an attractive source of income for investors. The fund has also delivered competitive performance, kept costs low and been tax efficient for investors.

Risk and returns of the 500 largest U.S. stocks by dividend policy (1979-2023)¹ Value of hypothetical \$10,000 investment





Medalist Rating[™]

Gold

by BlackRock

Expense ratio

Analyst-Driven %⁴ 20 Data-Coverage %4 88

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Morningstar Overall Rating[™] $\star \star \star \star$

5-year performance rank², based on total return: 230 out of 1031 funds in Morningstar U.S. Large Cap Value category

Holdings: 413

Inception date: June 10, 2014

Index: Morningstar US Dividend Growth Index

DGRO's index screens for:

Criteria	Objective	
5 years of uninterrupted annual dividend growth	Identify universe of dividend growers	
Paid out dividends not exceeding 75% of earnings	Narrow in on companies likely to continue growing dividends	
Dividend yields not in top 10% of the investment universe	Reduce exposure to companies with unsustainably high dividend yields	

Source: Morningstar as of 9/30/2024





Companies identified by screens

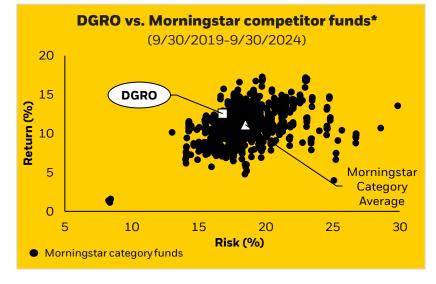
Notable DGRO Inclusion (Weight %)

JPM – JPMorgan Chase (2.80%)

JPMorgan Chase maintains strong financial performance and healthy balance sheet shown by significant increases in YoY net profit.

AAPL – Apple Inc. (2.90%)

Apple has sustainably increased dividends for at least the past five years, providing the portfolio with sector diversification and the potential for strong capital appreciation.



Holdings as of 9/30/2024 and are subject to change. Securities shown for illustrative purposes only and should not be construed as recommendation to buy, hold or sell. There is no guarantee that any securities remain in or out of the fund. For current fund holdings, see <u>www.iShares.com</u>.

1 Source: BlackRock. Data from 12/31/1978 through 12/31/2023. Historical average returns (%) of dividend categories since 12/31/1978. The investment universe is the 500 largest U.S. stocks by market cap. Dividend policy constituents are calculated on a rolling 12-month basis and are rebalanced monthly. Category returns are calculated on a monthly basis. Shown for illustrative purposes only. Past performance is not indicative of future returns. The Dividend Growers & Initiators category ("Dividend Growers" in the chart) represents performance for companies which either increased or initiated their dividend distribution. The Non-Dividend Payers category represents performance for companies which do not pay a dividend. The Dividend Cutters & Eliminators category ("Dividend Cutters" in the chart) represents performance for companies which either cut or eliminated their dividend distribution. Index returns are for illustrative purposes only. Index performance returns do not reflect any management fees, transaction costs or expenses. Indexes are unmanaged and one cannot invest distributions will not be made in the future. 2 Morningstar as of 9/30/2024. Universe includes non-index funds and institutional class and oldest share classes of funds and based on prospectus net expense ratios and 5-year total return in Morningstar's U.S. Large Cap Value category. **3** BlackRock as of 9/30/2024. Past distributions are not indicative of 9/30/2024. Past distributions are not indicative of 9/30/2024.

*Source: Morningstar as of 9/30/2024. Universe includes non-index funds and institutional class of funds with 5 years of performance using total return. Risk, represented by standard deviation, measures how dispersed returns are around the average. A higher standard deviation indicates that returns are spread out over a larger range of values and thus, more volatile. **Past performance does not guarantee future results.**

DGRO Standardized Performance (as of 9/30/2024)	1 Year	5 Year	Since inception (06/10/2014)
Fund NAV Total Return	29.62%	12.56%	11.96%
Fund Market Price Total Return	29.64%	12.57%	11.96%
Morningstar US Dividend Growth Index	29.73%	12.64%	12.03%

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