

# International Dividend Growth Strategy

AS AT 31 MARCH 2019

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Original research is at the core of the firm's investment process, which is structured to identify companies capable of sustained high rates of internal wealth generation. This is the firm's primary value-adding activity and is carried out by its own investment professionals.

## ANNUALISED PERFORMANCE

Returns in US dollars % as of 31 March 2019	Q1 2019	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Walter Scott EAFE Dividend Growth Composite*, gross	11.1	4.3	8.0	5.3	10.6
Walter Scott EAFE Dividend Growth Composite*, net**	10.8	3.2	6.9	4.3	9.5
MSCI EAFE (ndr)	10.0	-3.7	7.3	2.3	9.0

## CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE

Returns in US dollars % as of 31 March 2019	YTD	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Walter Scott EAFE Dividend Growth Composite*, gross	11.1	-8.4	23.4	4.3	-2.4	2.4	10.3	21.1	-6.0	17.7	31.6
Walter Scott EAFE Dividend Growth Composite*, net**	10.8	-9.3	22.1	3.3	-3.4	1.4	9.2	19.9	-7.0	16.5	30.3
MSCI EAFE (ndr)	10.0	-13.8	25.0	1.0	-0.8	-4.9	22.8	17.3	-12.1	7.8	31.8

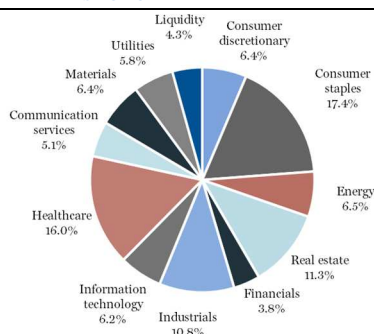
Source: Walter Scott, MSCI. Walter Scott claims compliance with the Global Investment Performance Standards (GIPS®). The calculation of composites is described in detail overleaf. At the date indicated this composite comprised US\$16m. Past performance is not a guide to future performance and returns may also increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations. \*As of 29 October 2018, the Walter Scott EAFE Income Growth Equities Composite has been renamed the Walter Scott EAFE Dividend Growth Equities Composite \*\*To illustrate the effect of management advisory fees, the net composite shows the returns after the deduction of the maximum management fee of 1.00%, the highest applicable fee charged to any client within this composite.

## REPRESENTATIVE INTERNATIONAL DIVIDEND GROWTH PORTFOLIO

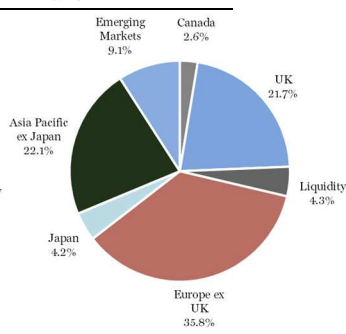
### TOP TEN STOCKS

Total
Taiwan Semiconductors – ADR
CLP Holdings
National Grid
CNOOC
United Urban Investment Corp
Novartis
Roche
Hang Lung Properties
Coloplast

### SECTOR



### REGION



A representative USD based international dividend growth equity portfolio was used to illustrate this strategy. Portfolio holdings are subject to change without notice and may not represent current or future portfolio composition. Allocation distribution and actual percentages may vary from time to time. All data is as of the date indicated above.

## FIRM DATA

~140 staff
Investment team of 44
Investment Management Committee membership average 16 years with firm, 20 years in industry
US\$66.6bn firm wide assets
US\$20.9bn in International mandates

## INVESTMENT STYLE

Bottom-up stock picker
'Buy and hold' approach
Independent investment judgement unconstrained by indices
Low turnover – typically less than 20% per annum

## PORTFOLIO IMPLEMENTATION

Generally 40-60 stocks, maximum single position 5%
All investment proposals reviewed and debated by entire Research team
Buy – unanimous team decision
Sell – one well researched dissenting argument

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## CALCULATION OF COMPOSITES

1.0 Explanatory notes: Composite figures in this schedule are extracted from one or more of the composites reports prepared by Walter Scott in compliance with the GIPS. The effective date of compliance of the Firm with GIPS is 1 January 1994. To receive a list of composite descriptions of Walter Scott and/or a compliant presentation, please email [clientservice@walterscott.com](mailto:clientservice@walterscott.com) or contact the Client Management team using the telephone number or address shown at the end of this document.

### 1.1 Calculation methodology:

- (a) Performance results are calculated on a total return time weighted basis and include all portfolio income, unrealised and realised capital gains, contributions and withdrawals and are geometrically linked. Cash and cash equivalents are included in total portfolio assets and in the return calculations. Trade date accounting is used for valuations. For periods less than one year, rates of return are not annualised.
- (b) The composite shown is an aggregation of portfolios representing a similar investment strategy. Composites are size-weighted using beginning of period values to weight portfolio returns. From 1 October 2014, a minimum asset level for inclusion in all composites has been set at US\$2m or composite currency equivalent. Portfolios that have previously been below this level must maintain a market value greater than US\$2m for three consecutive month-ends prior to being included in the composite (from the following month). Similarly, if a portfolio's market value has dropped below this threshold, the month-end market value must remain below this level for three consecutive month-ends before being excluded from the next month.
- (c) Annualised return represents the level annual rate which, if earned each year in a multiple-year period, would produce the actual cumulative rate of return over the whole period and is presented here both gross of fees and net of fees, using a 1.00% annual fee as an example of the highest applicable fee that could be charged. Investment advisory fees are described in more detail in Part II of Form ADV for Walter Scott.
- (d) Composites are net of trading expenses, administrative fees and non-reclaimable withholding taxes on dividends and interest. Withholding taxes vary depending upon the country of investment, which typically range between 0% and 30%. Benchmarks are net of withholding taxes on dividends unless stated otherwise.
- (e) Composite Description: this composite includes all US dollar based global ex USA equity portfolios that are managed with an emphasis on dividend growth that have broadly similar mandates and guidelines.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

2.0 Walter Scott's investment approach: This schedule contains certain statements based on Walter Scott's experience and expectations about the markets in which it invests its portfolios and about the methods by which it causes its portfolios to be invested in those markets. Those statements are not guarantees of future performance and are subject to many risks, uncertainties and assumptions that are difficult to predict. The information in this schedule is subject to change and Walter Scott has no obligation to revise or update any statement herein for any reason. The opinions expressed are those of Walter Scott and should not be construed as investment advice.

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8.0 Benchmark definition - MSCI EAFE: The MSCI EAFE Index is designed to represent the performance of large and mid cap securities across 21 developed markets, including countries in Europe, Australasia and the Far East, excluding the US and Canada. With approximately 900 constituents, it covers around 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalisation in each of the 21 countries. Further information can be found at [www.msci.com](http://www.msci.com)



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