



# Berkshire

## DIVIDEND STRATEGY

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**Dividend Growth Scorecard**  
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### ROLLING PERIOD DIVIDEND GROWTH SCORECARD (as of 12/31/2023)

See below for Strategy Performance.

Company Name	Symbol	Portfolio Weight	1 Year Dividend Growth	3 Year Dividend Growth	5 Year Dividend Growth	Current Dividend Yield
Microsoft	MSFT	5.08%	9.84%	10.11%	10.16%	0.80%
Nucor	NUE	4.91%	2.99%	8.74%	6.09%	1.24%
JPMorgan	JPM	4.90%	1.25%	4.00%	10.31%	2.47%
Chevron	CVX	4.63%	6.34%	5.39%	6.16%	4.05%
Bank Of America	BAC	4.32%	6.98%	8.51%	11.24%	2.85%
Apple	AAPL	3.87%	4.40%	5.57%	6.15%	0.50%
Abbvie	ABBV	3.65%	4.96%	7.84%	10.52%	4.00%
Lockheed Martin	LMT	3.32%	6.58%	7.43%	8.18%	2.78%
Norfolk Southern	NSC	3.22%	8.87%	12.82%	12.18%	2.28%
Qualcomm	QCOM	3.17%	7.51%	7.02%	5.33%	2.21%
McDonald's	MCD	3.01%	10.07%	7.32%	8.26%	2.25%
Cisco	CSCO	2.91%	2.65%	2.72%	3.90%	3.09%
Waste Management	WM	2.91%	7.69%	8.70%	8.52%	1.56%
PPL	PPL	2.81%	9.71%	-16.69%	-10.16%	3.54%
Mondelez	MDLZ	2.61%	10.20%	11.46%	11.03%	2.35%
Merck	MRK	2.57%	5.71%	6.08%	8.26%	2.83%
Walmart	WMT	2.56%	1.79%	1.82%	1.85%	1.45%
Lowe's	LOW	2.54%	16.22%	24.10%	19.29%	1.98%
Emerson Electric	EMR	2.38%	0.97%	1.31%	1.40%	2.16%
Honeywell	HON	2.20%	5.04%	4.73%	6.42%	2.06%
Chubb	CB	2.13%	3.65%	3.34%	3.29%	1.52%
PNC Financial	PNC	2.09%	6.09%	9.86%	12.40%	4.00%
PepsiCo	PEP	2.08%	9.28%	7.12%	6.63%	2.98%
TE Connectivity	TEL	2.08%	6.88%	7.04%	6.26%	1.68%
Bristol-Myers	BMJ	2.05%	5.56%	8.20%	7.34%	4.68%
Johnson & Johnson	JNJ	2.05%	5.62%	5.70%	5.83%	3.04%
Abbott	ABT	2.02%	8.51%	12.31%	12.74%	2.00%
Deere	DE	2.01%	17.96%	20.51%	14.19%	1.47%
Procter & Gamble	PG	1.84%	3.48%	6.21%	5.63%	2.57%
Kinder Morgan	KMI	1.81%	2.04%	2.74%	9.19%	6.41%
Leggett & Platt	LEG	1.63%	4.60%	4.39%	3.94%	7.03%
WP Carey	WPC	1.56%	-4.13%	-0.78%	-0.11%	5.31%
EOG Resources	EOG	1.53%	-34.09%	60.13%	50.25%	3.01%
M & T Bank	MTB	1.44%	8.33%	5.73%	7.93%	3.79%
General Mills	GIS	1.36%	7.62%	4.51%	2.89%	3.62%
Pfizer	PFE	1.16%	2.50%	2.57%	3.82%	5.84%
<b>Weighted Average</b>			<b>5.42%</b>	<b>7.31%</b>	<b>7.79%</b>	<b>2.67%</b>

Source: Zacks

Positions are in order of portfolio weighting in the "Berkshire Dividend Growth and Income Model Portfolio" as of publish date. Weightings may vary. Dividend increase results are based on underlying holdings of a representative account in our Dividend Growth Strategy Composite. Growth rate over one year in the gross dividend per share. Calculated as: (Current year's dividend per share / Prior year's), minus 1, times 100. Dividends per share includes Interim and Final payments, as well as all Abnormal Dividends. Dividend amounts are adjusted for stock splits and other corporate actions. Growth rate over three years in net dividend per share. Calculated as: (Current year's dividend per share / Dividend per share three years prior), raised to the power of one-third, minus 1, times 100. Dividends per share includes Interim and Final payments, as well as all Abnormal Dividends. Dividend amounts are adjusted for stock splits and other corporate actions. Growth rate over five years in net dividend per share. Calculated as: (Current year's dividend per share / Dividend per share five years prior), raised to the power of 0.2, minus 1, times 100. Dividends per share includes Interim and Final payments, as well as all Abnormal Dividends. Dividend amounts are adjusted for stock splits and other corporate actions. There is no guarantee dividends will continue to be paid in the future. All information provided is supplemental to its attached GIPS compliant presentation. The information contained herein, is for Investment Personnel use only.

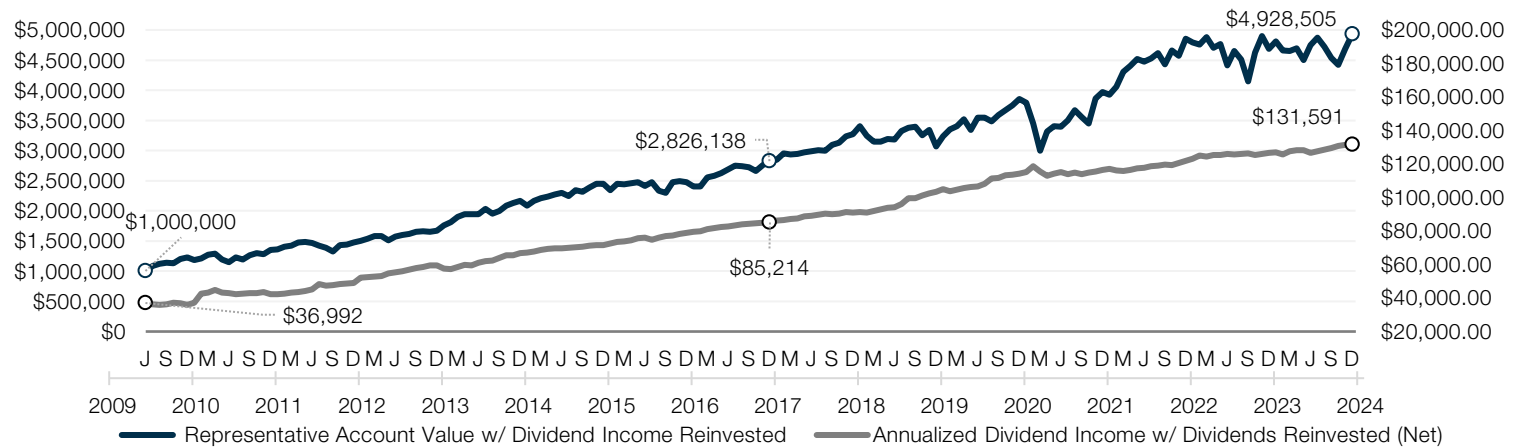
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### DIVIDEND HIGHLIGHTS

- 35 of 36 companies in the Berkshire Dividend Growth Strategy announced dividend increases over the past year.
- Dividend growth can often provide transparent insight into a company's fundamentals and vitality.
- Dividend growth can provide an attractive stream of increasing cash flow to satisfy many financial objectives.

## REPRESENTATIVE ACCOUNT VALUE AND INCOME W/ DIVIDENDS REINVESTED

Net of 1% Annual Fee (As of 12/31/2023)



Intended for illustrative purposes only. Income chart is based on the assumption \$1,000,000 is invested in the Berkshire Dividend Growth Strategy at the inception of the Berkshire Dividend Growth and Income composite. (6/30/2009) The \$1,000,000 investment is adjusted monthly based on the stated monthly total returns for the given composite. This includes accumulation and reinvestment of the dividend. The monthly adjusted account values are then multiplied by the current yield of the respective composite. The resulting monthly income figures are then charted in the graph. Dividends are not guaranteed, and may be subject to change. Investing based on dividends alone may not be favorable as it does not include all material risks. There is no guarantee any stated (or implied) portfolio or performance objective mentioned by Berkshire can be met. A fee of 1% is included in the analysis. Berkshire Dividend Growth and Income current yields are calculated in Zacks from a representative account only. Individual account yields and returns can vary. Calculation limitations: Changes of the underlying holdings in the index or composite can change current yield calculations. This can lead to various ranges of results that may appear more or less favorable. Example: Stock A with 3% current dividend yield is sold. Stock B with 4% current dividend yield is purchased. This would result in higher yielding portfolio but is not the result of "dividend growth".

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## GIPS REPORT - BERKSHIRE ASSET MANAGEMENT

Dividend Growth Strategy - 6/30/2009 to 12/31/2023

Year	Composite Gross Return (%)	Composite Net Return (%)	Benchmark Return (%)	Composite 3-Yr Std Dev (%)	Benchmark 3-Yr Std Dev (%)	Year End Portfolios	Internal Dispersion (%)	Composite Assets (\$)	Firm Assets (\$)
2009 <sup>1</sup>	23.24	23.12	22.50			2	n/a	56.10	561.42
2010	11.62	10.95	15.06			14	2.37	76.44	620.20
2011	10.04	9.54	2.11			19	1.60	28.15	603.71
2012	14.18	13.44	16.00	11.69	15.09	22	1.15	23.38	638.08
2013	31.26	30.39	32.39	9.41	11.94	26	2.20	32.81	835.67
2014	13.88	13.15	13.69	8.21	8.97	31	1.39	50.08	925.35
2015	2.27	1.64	1.38	10.34	10.47	43	1.23	64.60	948.89
2016	15.29	14.62	11.96	9.94	10.59	44	1.71	85.83	1,174.94
2017	16.95	16.26	21.83	9.23	9.92	44	1.95	81.71	1,441.98
2018	-5.15	-5.69	-4.38	9.54	10.80	42	1.89	55.80	1,477.32
2019	26.78	26.10	31.49	10.26	11.93	39	2.28	70.95	1,614.44
2020	4.01	3.45	18.40	16.98	18.53	42	4.24	79.24	1,667.05
2021	23.59	23.03	28.71	16.40	17.17	46	2.27	105.56	1,896.35
2022	-2.48	-2.95	-18.11	18.98	20.87	55	3.06	106.68	2,127.20
2023	Est. Not GIPS Verified 6.16	5.68	26.29	14.93	17.29	57	2.98	116.20	-

Year	Composite Gross Return (%)	Composite Net Return (%)	Benchmark Return (%)
1 Year	6.16	5.68	26.29
3 Year	8.54	8.04	10.00
5 Year	11.02	10.46	15.69
10 Year	9.65	9.04	12.03

### Partial Years

<sup>1</sup> Returns for 2009 are from 06/30/2009 to 12/31/2009

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- The Dividend Growth Composite contains portfolios invested in Berkshire's Dividend Growth Strategy with an equity allocation target of 90% - 100%. The Dividend Growth Strategy's primary objective is to generate a growing stream of equity income by investing in a diversified portfolio of equities with stable, high, and growing dividends. The minimum size required to be in this composite is \$300,000.
- The benchmark is the S&P 500 Index. The index returns are provided to represent the investment environment existing during the time periods shown. For comparison purposes, the index is fully invested, does not include any trading costs, management fees, or other costs, and the reinvestment of dividends and other distributions is assumed. An investor cannot invest directly in an index.
- Valuations are computed and performance is reported in U.S. dollars.
- Gross returns are presented before management and other fees but after all trading expenses. Net returns are calculated by deducting actual management fees from gross returns. Returns reflect the reinvestment of dividends and other earnings. Some portfolios in the composite may pay zero commissions. The standard investment management fee schedule is as follows: 1.00% on the first \$2 million; 0.75% on the next \$3 million; 0.65% on the next \$5 million; and 0.50% over \$10 million.
- This composite was created in August 2016 and incepts on July 1, 2009. A list of composite descriptions and limited distribution pooled fund descriptions are available upon request.
- Internal dispersion is calculated using the equal-weighted standard deviation of annual gross returns of those portfolios that were included in the composite for the entire year. It is not presented for any period with five or fewer accounts in the composite for the full year.
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