



# MONTE EQUITY INCOME

Separate Account

## STRATEGY OVERVIEW

Monte Equity Income seeks to achieve capital appreciation and income growth driven by two factors: owning companies that focus on dividend per share growth and implementing a reallocation strategy focused on yield.

- **NUMBER OF HOLDINGS:** 28-36
- **MARKET CAPITALIZATION:** Large Cap
- **PORTFOLIO DIVIDEND YIELD<sup>1</sup>:** 3.07%
- **BENCHMARK:** Russell 1000 Value Index
- **PORTFOLIO TURNOVER<sup>2</sup>:** 25-30%
- **INCEPTION DATE:** 12/31/2011

## INVESTMENT TEAM



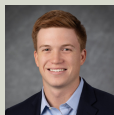
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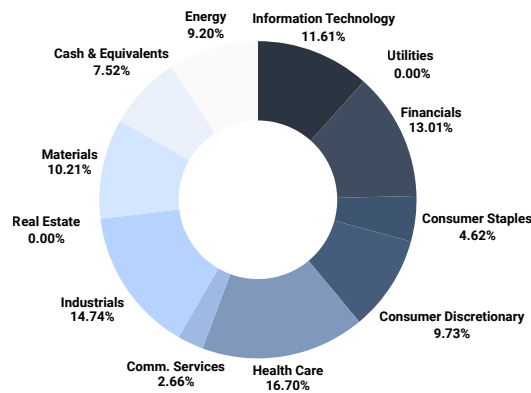


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## PORTFOLIO IDENTITY

- Income growth is driven by two factors: owning companies that focus on dividend per share growth and implementing a reallocation strategy focused on yield.
- We focus on having a balanced distribution of yields across the portfolio.
- We emphasize having a yield at or above the benchmark upon initiating a position.
- Dividends allow for income distribution to clients or cash accumulation in the portfolio for dollar-cost averaging into new or existing positions.

## SECTOR WEIGHTS<sup>3</sup>



## CONTACT INFORMATION

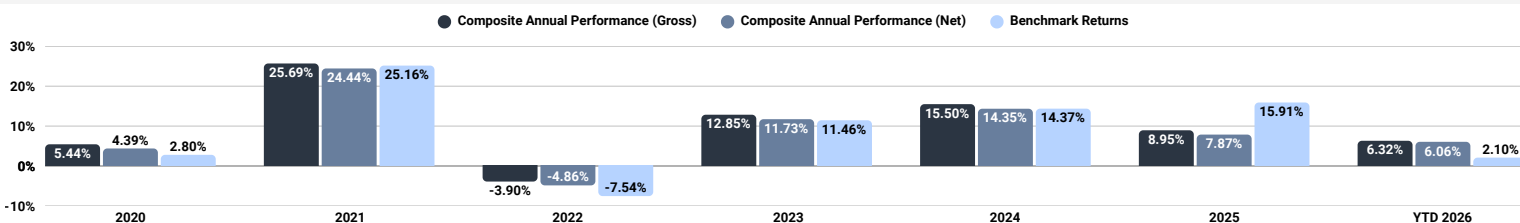
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PORTFOLIO STATISTICS (GROSS)	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y
Alpha	-5.16%	0.91%	1.21%	2.38%
Beta	1.29	0.95	0.91	0.88
Up Capture	107.02%	97.80%	95.85%	96.07%
Down Capture	137.20%	92.53%	90.39%	85.97%
Standard Deviation	12.83%	12.69%	13.82%	14.08%
Sharpe Ratio	0.80	0.79	0.53	0.73
Information Ratio	-0.20	0.10	0.12	0.24
Tracking Error	5.48%	4.29%	4.22%	4.41%

TOP 10 PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS	% TOTAL
CVX Chevron Corp	3.54%
JNJ Johnson & Johnson	3.41%
NVS Novartis AG Sponsored ADR	3.11%
PFE Pfizer Inc	2.98%
GAP Gap Inc	2.92%
CME CME Group Inc	2.84%
BKR Baker Hughes Co	2.83%
DELL Dell Technologies Inc	2.83%
EOG EOG Resources, Inc.	2.83%
UPS United Parcel Service Inc	2.83%
<b>TOP 10 HOLDINGS % TOTAL PORTFOLIO</b>	<b>30.12%</b>

TRAILING RETURNS (ENDING 03/31/2026) <sup>4</sup>	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y	SINCE INCEPTION
Equity Income Composite (Gross)	6.32%	14.14%	14.77%	10.10%	11.98%	12.36%
Equity Income Composite (Net)	6.06%	13.01%	13.63%	9.00%	10.86%	11.24%
Russell 1000 Value Index	2.10%	15.87%	14.31%	9.43%	10.58%	11.51%

## CALENDAR YEAR RETURNS<sup>4</sup>



<sup>1</sup> Gross of fees; indicated portfolio yield does not anticipate special dividends. <sup>2</sup> Average calendar year turnover. Dollar turnover, the lesser of purchases or sales as a percentage of the average market value, is presented as an average of all portfolios in the Composite. If one portfolio is not in the Composite for the entire period, turnover is the average annualized turnover of all portfolios in the Composite at the end of the period. <sup>3</sup> GICS sector breakdown reflects percent of total portfolio; stocks without a reported sector are not presented. <sup>4</sup> Past performance is no guarantee of no future results. There is a risk that invested capital may be lost. Performance is shown gross and net of fees. Inception date: December 31, 2011. Index Data Source: ICE Data Services/Intercontinental Exchange.

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**Weighted Avg. Market Cap** measures the size of the companies in which the portfolio invests. Market capitalization is calculated by multiplying the number of a company's shares outstanding by its price per share.

**Dividend Yield** is the portfolio's weighted average of the underlying portfolio holdings and not the yield of the portfolio.

**Portfolio Turnover** is a measure of the trading activity in an investment portfolio—how often securities are bought and sold by a portfolio. The range represents the typical turnover of the portfolio.

**Standard Deviation** is a statistical measurement of dispersion about an average, which, for a portfolio, depicts how widely the returns varied over a certain period of time. Investors may use the standard deviation of historical performance to understand the range of returns for a portfolio. When a portfolio has a higher standard deviation than its benchmark, it implies higher relative volatility. Standard deviation has been calculated using the trailing monthly total returns for the appropriate time period. The standard deviation values are annualized.

**Downside Capture Ratio** is a portfolio's performance in down markets relative to its benchmark. The security's downside capture return is divided by the benchmark's downside capture return over the time period.

**Upside Capture Ratio** is a portfolio's performance in up markets relative to its benchmark. The security's upside capture return is divided by the benchmark's upside capture return over the time period.

**Alpha** measures risk-adjusted "excess return" over a benchmark.

**Beta** measures volatility relative to a benchmark.

**Sharpe Ratio** measures return relative to the investment risk taken.

**Information Ratio** measures the risk-adjusted return of a portfolio relative to its benchmark.

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