

# **Premium Dividend Portfolio**



## **Investment objective**

MVAM's Premium Dividend Portfolio (PDP) invests in 25 companies in the UK and Europe. The portfolio is designed to give you a steady and growing stream of income. The companies we invest in demonstrate an ability to pay a consistent, growing dividend throughout the business cycle. We employ 'layers of confidence' with a specific focus on the balance sheet, prudent accounting principles and the quality of the income streams, to ensure consistency and repeatability over the long-term.

## **Quarterly commentary**

The central banks' interest rate cycle, elections in the US, and the UK budget have dominated the financial markets over the quarter. On top of this, the geopolitical tensions driven by the war in Ukraine, conflict in the Middle East and the global trade tariffs make for a difficult environment for investing.

Over the period, the Premium Dividend Portfolio (PDP) returned just over 4%. Strong performance from Swiss turbo charge producer, Acceleron AG (+25%), UK food retailer, Tesco Plc (+17%) and UK financial institutional broker TP ICAP (+18%) ensured the PDP portfolio continued to compound oversized dividends.

On the negative side, Shell PLC fell -14%, driven by lower oil prices. Suedzucker AG, the German sugar producer, fell -12% as Ukraine sugar exports into Europe continued to severely impact profitability. Vesuvius plc, the UK material company, fell -14% as the steal industry witnessed a cyclical downturn.

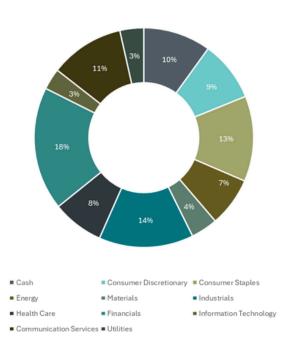
Activity over the quarter included the sale of French conglomerate Bouygues SA, as French political instability suggested further tax increases and slower contract delivery in the infrastructure division. ENI, the Italian oil company, was sold to reduce our oil exposure as oil prices continued to plummet. These two companies were replaced with Reckitt Benckiser and Roche. Reckitt Benckiser, the UK home products company, was purchased because it is evident that the new management has clearly outlined the strategic plan, including several self-help initiatives. Roche AG, the Swiss pharmaceutical company, also witnessed a change in management and will refocus by way of streamlining the product pipeline and therefore significantly reducing costs.

The compounding of dividends continues to drive the investment process and stock selection in the Premium Dividend Portfolio.

July - September 2024

Top Holdings	
Tesco Plc	5.14%
Nn Group	4.55%
TR Property	4.30%
Andritz Ag	4.28%
Pets At Home	3.99%

#### Sector Weights

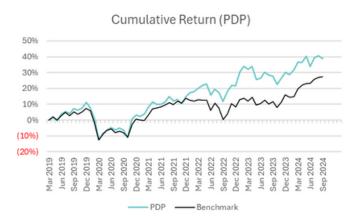


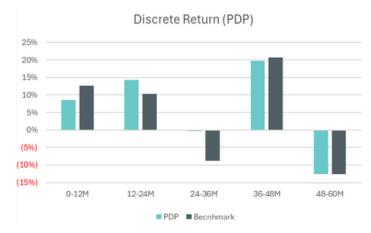
Warning: The value of your investments and income from them may go down as well as up.

## Performance Since Inception - 28/03/2019

Cumulative Performance							
	1M	ЗМ	6M	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	Since Inception (28/03/2019)
PDP	-1.36%	3.77%	1.53%	8.54%	23.67%	33.08%	38.77%
Becnhmark	-0.66%	2.26%	5.03%	8.04%	14.33%	20.08%	26.44%

Discrete Performance								
	0-12M	12-24M	24-36M	36-48M	48-60M			
PDP	8.54%	14.31%	-0.32%	19.71%	-12.61%			
Becnhmark	12.66%	10.27%	-8.80%	20.74%	-12.61%			





Performance is a composite made from grouping together each individual client PDP. All client portfolios hold identical stocks but weightings will differ depending on the start date. On the start date each client has their own individual portfolio which will begin with an approximate 4% weighting in each of the 25 MVAM PDP stocks. Occasionally the portfolios may hold some cash when we are between investments. Past Performance does not indicate future performance. Our benchmark is the Moderate benchmark, 80% Vanguard FTSE UK All Share Index Unit Trust, 20% Vanguard UK Government Bond Index . Performance figures are net of all fees.

#### **Benefits**

## Risks

#### **Fees**

- Experienced, successful team
- Consistent, repeatable strategy
- No leverage and no derivatives
- · Focussed portfolio
- Money invested in equities
- No hedging of currency
- · No entry or exit fees
- Fees of 1.25% including VAT
- Dealing fees of 0.4%

#### **About MVAM**

Mole Valley Asset Management offers innovative and bespoke investment services to retail clients and intermediaries. We have a highly experienced team, investing client savings directly into the markets, aided by proprietary screening and original research. We always remember that it's your money.

## Portfolio management team



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