

# ARGENT DIVIDEND SELECT

Argent

SEPARATE ACCOUNT

March 31, 2022 | 1Q 2021

## INVESTING IN CHANGE

Since 1998, Argent Capital Management has been helping institutional investors, investment advisors and high net worth individuals meet their investment goals. We are a boutique investment management firm specializing in U.S. equities. Our focus is on seeking opportunities where change is driving the potential for superior investment results over the long-term.

Firm AUM: \$3.3B

Argent Dividend Select AUM: \$852M

Argent Dividend Select Inception: 01/31/2005

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND STRATEGY

The Argent Dividend Select strategy is geared toward investors seeking both current income and long-term growth. Argent applies its time-tested and disciplined investment process to identify higher yielding companies that also embrace Argent's Change-Based<sup>SM</sup> investment approach.

Stocks considered for inclusion in the Argent Dividend Select strategy include those with a history of dividend payment. Over and above dividend distributions, Argent targets those companies that have consistently increased their dividend yield over time. On a portfolio basis, Argent's goal is to generate a dividend yield between 125% - 175% greater than the market.

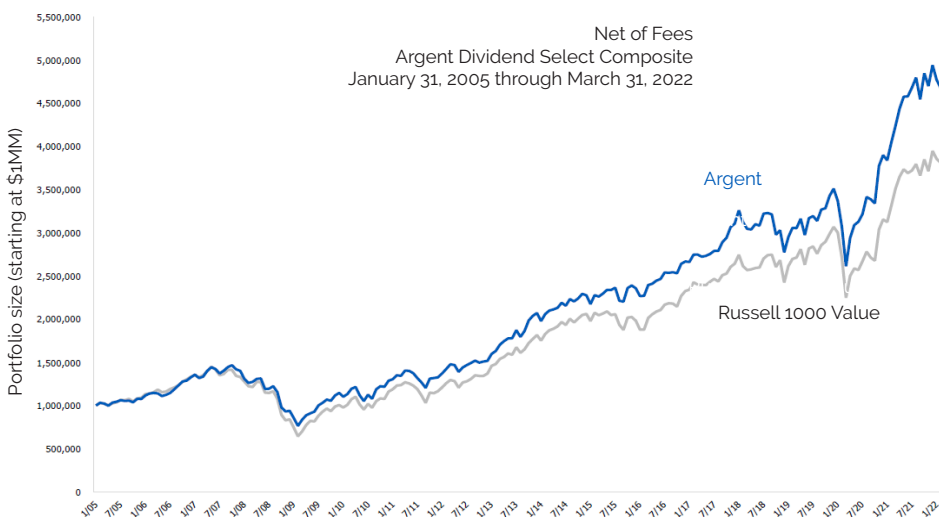
## PERFORMANCE

	1Q22	1 Year	3 Yr.*	5 Yr.*	10 Yr.*	15 Yr.*	S.I.**
Argent Capital - Net	-3.49%	12.61%	16.02%	11.65%	12.43%	8.86%	9.53%
Russell 1000 Value	-0.74%	11.67%	13.02%	10.29%	11.70%	7.36%	8.28%

\*Annualized

\*\*Since Inception, 01/31/2005, Annualized

## MOUNTAIN CHART



## INVESTMENT TEAM

### Portfolio Managers

**Scott A. Harrison, CFA** Portfolio Manager  
25 Years Experience

**Kenneth H. Crawford** Portfolio Manager  
31 Years Experience

### Investment Analysts

**Kirk McDonald, CFA** Senior Research Analyst, Quantitative  
20 Years Experience

**Jed Ellerbroek, Jr., CFA** Senior Research Analyst  
17 Years Experience

**Parker Moses** Research Analyst  
1 Year Experience

## TOP TEN HOLDINGS

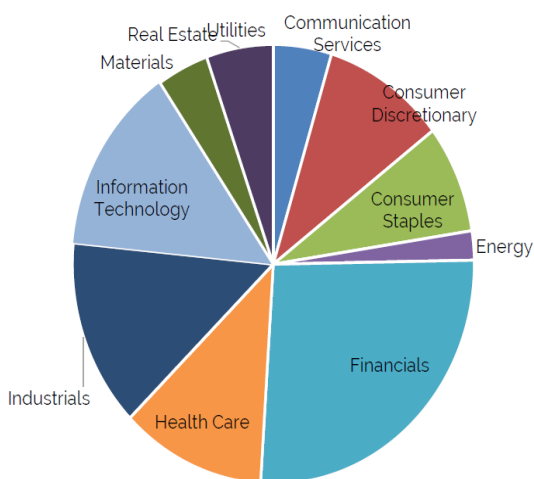
	Weight (%)
Microsoft Corporation	6.6
Target Corporation	5.8
JPMorgan Chase & Co.	4.6
Eaton Corporation plc	4.0
United Parcel Service, Inc.	4.0
UnitedHealth Group, Inc.	3.6
Northrop Grumman Corporation	3.5
Truist Financial Corporation	3.5
Abbvie Inc.	3.5
Automatic Data Processing, Inc.	3.2

## CHARACTERISTICS

	Argent Dividend Select	Russell 1000 Value
Number of Holdings	35	848
Weighted Avg Market Cap (MM)	\$292,341	\$169,070
Dividend Yield	2.5%	2.0%
Dividend Growth Rate (Median)	8.3%	5.3%
Forecasted P/E	15.1x	15.3x
Price to Book Ratio	4.4x	3.0x
Price to Sales Ratio	3.1x	3.2x
Estimated Sales Growth (NTM)	4.5%	6.7%
Estimated EPS Growth (NTM)	7.6%	7.5%
Downside Capture	85.6%	100.0%

## SECTOR ALLOCATION

	Weight (%)
Communication Services	4.57
Consumer Discretionary	8.79
Consumer Staples	8.02
Energy	3.06
Financials	23.02
Health Care	12.84
Industrials	14.34
Information Technology	13.52
Materials	3.72
Real Estate	5.00
Utilities	0.00
Cash	3.14



## ARGENT LARGE CAP DIVIDEND SELECT COMPOSITE DISCLOSURES - JANUARY 31, 2005 THROUGH March 31, 2022

For the period ending December 31.	Gross-of-Fees (%)	Net-of-Fees (%)	Russell 1000 Value Return (%)	Composite 3-Yr St. Dev (%)	Russell 1000 Value 3-Yr St Dev (%)	Number of Composite Accounts	Composite Assets (\$ millions)	Principal Business Assets (\$ millions)	Internal Dispersion (%)
2021	27.11	26.75	25.16	18.39	19.05	257	814	3,517	0.32
2020	11.36	11.04	2.8	19.15	19.62	237	640	2,874	0.68
2019	26.98	26.62	26.54	11.8	11.85	213	642	3,019	0.58
2018	-10.47	-10.73	-8.27	10.3	10.82	209	528	2,542	0.65
2017	16.84	16.49	13.66	8.97	10.2	203	611	2,898	0.38
2016	13.54	13.18	17.34	9.59	10.77	192	540	2,604	0.66
2015	3.88	3.55	-3.83	10.57	10.68	178	452	2,357	0.38
2014	10.24	9.88	13.45	9.28	9.2	155	404	2,817	0.38
2013	36.93	36.5	32.53	11.24	12.7	115	282	2,478	2.3
2012	14.82	14.36	17.51	14.34	15.51	75	113	1,782	0.57
Three - Year*	21.59	21.24	17.64						
Five - Year*	13.44	13.11	11.16						
Ten - Year*	14.4	14.05	12.97						
Fifteen - Year*	9.62	9.16	7.51						

### Information for period(s) ending March 31, 2022

1st Quarter 2022	-3.42	-3.49	-0.74	18.46	18.85	266	785	3,274
Rolling 1 - Year	12.93	12.61	11.67					
Rolling 3 - Year	16.35	16.02	13.02					
Rolling 5 - Year	11.98	11.65	10.29					
Rolling 10 - Year	12.78	12.43	11.7					
Rolling 15 - Year	9.31	8.86	7.36					
Since Inception*	10.01	9.53	8.28					

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2. This composite represents investment performance for portfolios with an Equity Income investment objective for which Argent has sole investment discretion. Portfolios typically include 30 - 40 equity holdings with a history of dividend payments, zero fixed investments, and cash targeted to be less than 10% of the total portfolio. This composite inception date is January 2005 and was created in September 2011. A complete list and description of composites is available upon request. The name was changed from Argent Large Cap Equity Income Composite to Argent Large Cap Dividend Select Composite in September 2012.

3. The benchmark is the Russell 1000 Value Index which measures the performance of the large-cap value segment of the U.S. equity universe. It includes those Russell 1000 companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower expected growth values. Performance results prior to December 31, 2012 were measured against the S&P 500 Index. Effective September 30, 2018 we will no longer present the S&P 500 Index. Russell Investment Group is the source and owner of the Russell Index data contained or reflected in this material and all trademarks and copyrights related thereto. The presentation may contain confidential information and unauthorized use, disclosure, copying, dissemination or redistribution is strictly prohibited. This is a presentation of Argent. Russell Investment Group is not responsible for the formatting or configuration of this material or for any inaccuracy in Argent's presentation thereof.

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5. Gross-of-fee returns are presented before management and certain custodial fees, but after all trading expenses except where commissions have been waived. Net-of-fees performance is calculated by reducing gross performance by actual management fees incurred. The composite included portfolios where commissions were waived representing approx. 20% of composite assets in 2019 & 2020 and 29% in 2021.

6. Standard annual advisory fees are calculated as a percentage of assets under management according to the following schedule: 1% on the first \$1M, .80% on the next \$2M, .65% on the balance thereafter, although fees may be negotiated or waived in certain circumstances. Non-fee paying accounts represent less than 1% of the composite assets during the periods of 2012 - 2021.

7. Internal dispersion is calculated using the asset-weighted standard deviation of all portfolios that were included in the composite for an entire year, net of fees. The three-year annualized standard deviation measures the variability of the composite and the benchmark returns over the preceding 36-month period. The external deviation is based on the 36 month gross-of-fees returns of the composite and the benchmark.