

# Invesco Diversified Dividend Fund

## Q1 2024

## Key takeaways

- 1 The fund underperformed its benchmark**  
Stock selection in energy detracted the most from relative return.
- 2 Fund activity took advantage of higher market volatility**  
We took advantage of market volatility during the quarter to initiate 11 new positions across various sectors. We sold eight positions. We opportunistically added to some existing positions and decreased weights in others.
- 3 Renewed interest in dividend-paying stocks**  
In an environment characterized by high uncertainty and the possibility of more muted or even negative returns, we believe investors will place greater emphasis on companies with stable dividends.

### Investment objective

The fund seeks long-term growth of capital and, secondarily, current income.

### Fund facts

Fund AUM (\$M)	11,620.87
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### Portfolio managers

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## Manager perspective and outlook

- The fund's sector exposure compared to the Russell 1000 Value Index has remained generally balanced. The largest overweights were in consumer staples, consumer discretionary and utilities. The largest underweights were in financials, real estate and energy. International exposure was about 8% and cash was about 1.6% at quarter end.
- Though the market appears to be at a crossroads as investors appear to try to determine when the US Federal Reserve (Fed) will begin to reduce interest rates, the driving principles of our investment process remain rooted in a total return approach that seeks to deliver appreciation, income and preservation over a full market cycle.
- No matter the backdrop, we focus on companies generating attractive free cash flow and we analyze their drivers and ability to support future dividend growth, as well as their balance sheet strength and flexibility.
- We continue to emphasize the growth and sustainability of a company's dividend as we believe companies with these characteristics have historically outperformed over a full market cycle.
- We believe investors may place greater focus on dividend paying stocks in 2024. Historically, dividends have accounted for a larger part of total return than they have in the last decade due to outsized price gains (Source: Ned Davis Research). If we enter a period of more normal returns, we believe that dividends should make up a much larger portion of total return.



## Top issuers

(% of total net assets)

	Fund	Index
JPMorgan Chase & Co	3.21	2.65
Walmart Inc	2.91	1.18
Chevron Corp	2.87	1.24
Merck & Co Inc	2.54	1.25
Wells Fargo & Co	2.32	0.96
Microsoft Corp	2.31	0.00
Johnson & Johnson	2.29	1.75
Morgan Stanley	2.22	0.50
Philip Morris International Inc	2.10	0.65
ConocoPhillips	2.01	0.70

As of 03/31/24. Holdings are subject to change and are not buy/sell recommendations.

## Portfolio positioning

### Notable New Additions

**Walt Disney** is a leading diversified family entertainment and media enterprise. Though the company has been in the midst of an 18 to 24-month transition, we believe Disney will be successful removing billions in excess cost, deliver profitable results in the streaming business and continue to execute in the parks and experiences unit. At its current valuation, we believe there is strong potential for upside appreciation with limited downside risk.

**UnitedHealth Group (UNH)** owns and manages organized health systems. We re-initiated a position in UNH after exiting the stock in September of 2023. Though we thought UNH's longer term potential was favorable at that point, we had concerns about near-term headwinds for managed care. We bought UNH again after a pullback in the stock price because we believe some of our original concerns, including elevated medical loss ratios (MLR), are now reflected in the stock valuation.

**Dell Technologies** sells computer products including servers, storage, and both commercial and consumer PCs worldwide. We believe Dell is poised to benefit from a traditional hardware recovery beginning in the second half of 2024. The base of PCs currently in use is larger and older than at any time in history and the need to replace them will likely drive a recovery in hardware sales, as will rising demand for servers and storage given the accelerating AI story.

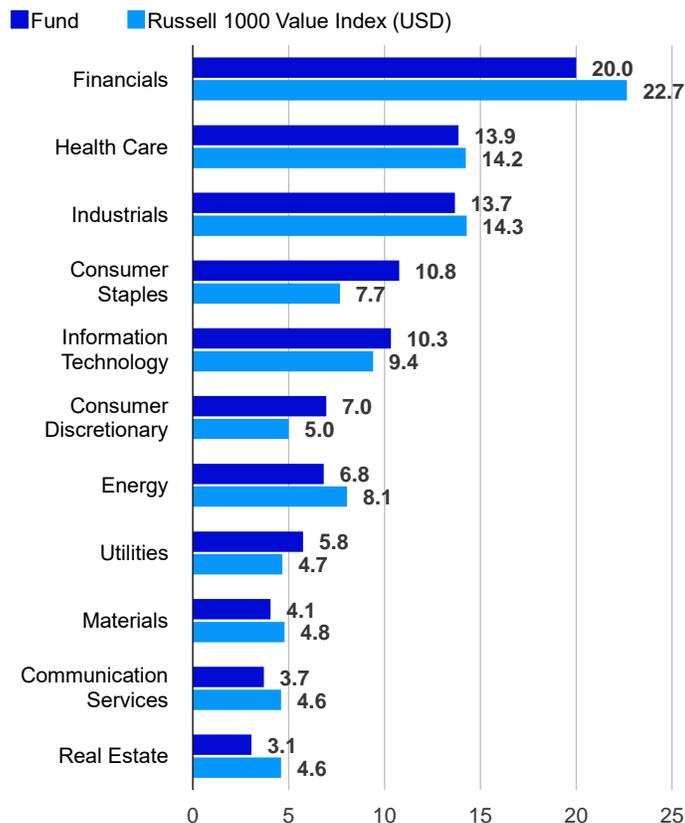
### Notable Sales

**Comcast** – We exited the small remaining position in Comcast due to our low conviction in the stock. We decided to redeploy the capital into other stocks.

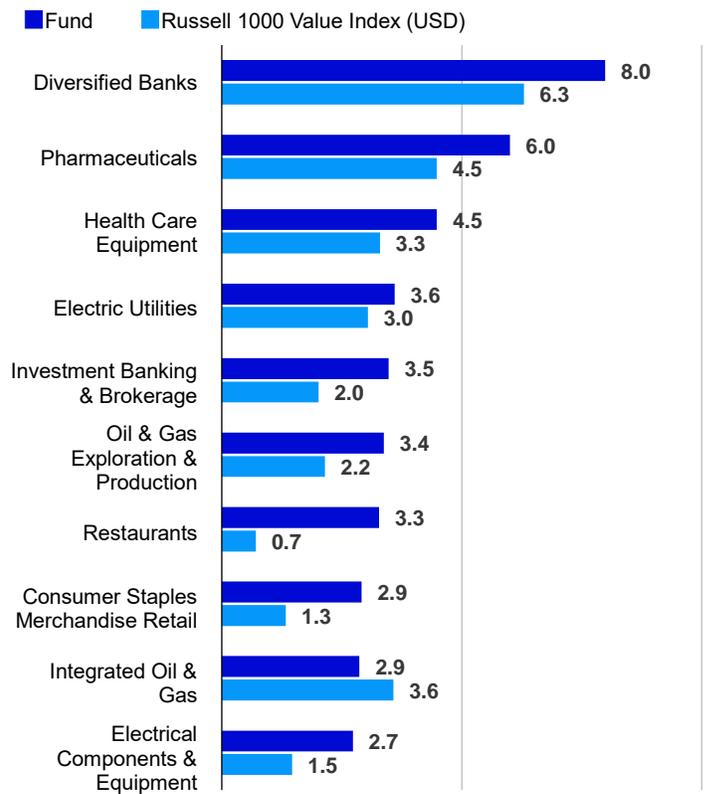
**Target** – We exited the position in Target because we believed there was less upside potential relative to our price target after a strong rebound in 2024. We also had question marks about long-term profit margin potential and ongoing concerns about execution by the management team, so we used the proceeds to invest in opportunities we consider more attractive, such as Fortune Brands.

**Trane Technologies** - We exited the position in Trane Technologies also due to less perceived upside relative to our price target. The stock has been a strong performer since we bought it in June of 2022, and we have been trimming the position along the way.

## Sector breakdown (% of total net assets)



## Top industries (% of total net assets)



## Top contributors (%)

Issuer	Return	Contrib. to return
JPMorgan Chase & Co.	18.48	0.56
Merck & Co., Inc.	21.81	0.53
Walt Disney Company	35.43	0.52
General Electric Company	37.53	0.52
Walmart Inc.	14.89	0.42

## Top detractors (%)

Issuer	Return	Contrib. to return
EQT Corporation	-13.14	-0.10
Nestle S.A.	-8.24	-0.09
McDonald's Corporation	-4.37	-0.08
UnitedHealth Group Incorporated	-2.66	-0.07
Comcast Corporation	-5.30	-0.07

## Performance highlights

US equity markets posted gains in the first quarter as investors continued to anticipate the end of Fed interest rate hikes. Sector performance within the Russell 1000 Value Index was mostly positive. Real estate was the only sector to post a small loss for the quarter, while energy and financials posted the largest gains. The financials sector was the largest positive contributor to the fund's absolute performance, while real estate contributed the least. An underweight in real estate added the most to relative return. Stock selection in consumer staples and communication services also added to relative return. Stock selection in energy and financials detracted the most from relative return. Within financials, not owning Berkshire Hathaway was the main cause of the fund's underperformance. The fund is not able to own the company because it does not pay a dividend.

### Contributors to performance

**JPMorgan Chase:** Shares of JPMorgan Chase rose along with the financial sector in general during the quarter. Management reported strong fourth quarter 2023 earnings that were above analyst expectations.

**Merck:** Shares rose as the drug manufacturer reported fourth quarter revenue and adjusted earnings that beat analyst

estimates amid strong demand for leading cancer drug Keytruda and HPV vaccine Gardasil.

**Walt Disney:** Shares of Walt Disney rose as the company continued to execute its turnaround plan and raised earnings guidance for the 2024 fiscal year.

### Detractors from performance

**EQT:** Shares of this independent natural gas production company fell after management announced it would acquire Equitrans Midstream Corp. (not a fund holding). We exited the position in EQT because several components of our thesis pertaining to capital allocation would be negatively affected by the deal. Also, the deal introduced risks over the next 18 months that complicate EQT's outlook.

**Nestle:** Shares of this food and beverage manufacturer fell after the company reported that sales growth is expected to moderate this year as higher prices force customers to reduce spending. We took advantage of this short-term price weakness and added to the fund's position during the quarter.

**McDonald's:** Shares of the restaurant chain fell after the company reported same-store sales growth for the fourth quarter of 2023 that was below analyst expectations.

## Standardized performance (%) as of March 31, 2024

		Quarter	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since inception
Class A shares inception: 12/31/02	NAV	7.88	7.88	17.54	8.14	9.03	7.98	7.89
	<b>Max. Load 5.5%</b>	1.92	1.92	11.09	6.12	7.80	7.37	7.62
Class R6 shares inception: 09/24/12	NAV	7.97	7.97	17.95	8.52	9.44	8.39	10.15
Class Y shares inception: 10/03/08	NAV	7.94	7.94	17.87	8.41	9.31	8.25	9.63
Russell 1000 Value Index (USD)		8.99	8.99	20.27	8.11	10.32	9.01	-
Total return ranking vs. Morningstar Large Value category (Class A shares at NAV)		-	-	74% (896 of 1205)	66% (772 of 1121)	83% (892 of 1061)	83% (663 of 819)	-

Expense ratios per the current prospectus: Class A: Net: 0.82%, Total: 0.82%; Class R6: Net: 0.47%, Total: 0.47%; Class Y: Net: 0.57%, Total: 0.57%.

Performance quoted is past performance and cannot guarantee comparable future results; current performance may be lower or higher. Visit [invesco.com](https://www.invesco.com) for the most recent month-end performance. Performance figures reflect reinvested distributions and changes in net asset value (NAV). Investment return and principal value will vary so that you may have a gain or a loss when you sell shares. Returns less than one year are cumulative; all others are annualized. Index source: RIMES Technologies Corp. Had fees not been waived and/or expenses reimbursed in the past, returns would have been lower. Performance shown at NAV does not include the applicable front-end sales charge, which would have reduced the performance.

Class Y and R6 shares have no sales charge; therefore performance is at NAV. Class Y shares are available only to certain investors. Class R6 shares are closed to most investors. Please see the prospectus for more details.

## Performance highlights (cont'd)

### Calendar year total returns (%)

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Class A shares at NAV	11.93	1.78	14.33	8.20	-7.77	25.02	0.12	18.93	-1.62	8.76
Class R6 shares at NAV	12.42	2.20	14.77	8.64	-7.45	25.58	0.54	19.38	-1.31	9.15
Class Y shares at NAV	12.26	2.05	14.60	8.42	-7.53	25.37	0.39	19.22	-1.42	9.09
Russell 1000 Value Index (USD)	13.45	-3.83	17.34	13.66	-8.27	26.54	2.80	25.16	-7.54	11.46

### Portfolio characteristics\*

	Fund	Index
No. of holdings	75	845
Top 10 issuers (% of AUM)	24.79	17.36
Wtd. avg. mkt. cap (\$M)	234,652	158,488
Price/earnings	20.32	17.73
Price to book	2.99	2.49
Est. 3 – 5 year EPS growth (%)	9.74	8.02
ROE (%)	18.51	15.02
Long-term debt to capital (%)	42.66	39.61
Operating margin (%)	20.49	17.71

### Risk statistics (5 year)\*

	Fund	Index
Alpha (%)	-0.17	0.00
Beta	0.85	1.00
Sharpe ratio	0.43	0.44
Information ratio	-0.29	0.00
Standard dev. (%)	16.30	18.79
Tracking error (%)	4.45	0.00
Up capture (%)	71.95	100.00
Down capture (%)	89.01	100.00
Max. drawdown (%)	24.29	26.73

### Quarterly performance attribution

#### Sector performance analysis (%)

Sector	Allocation effect	Selection effect	Total effect
Communication Services	0.03	0.11	0.13
Consumer Discretionary	0.00	-0.24	-0.24
Consumer Staples	-0.08	0.13	0.05
Energy	-0.05	-0.46	-0.51
Financials	-0.13	-0.28	-0.42
Health Care	0.01	0.03	0.04
Industrials	-0.06	0.11	0.04
Information Technology	0.00	0.01	0.01
Materials	0.02	0.05	0.07
Real Estate	0.23	0.04	0.28
Utilities	-0.08	-0.04	-0.12
Cash	-0.15	0.00	-0.15
<b>Total</b>	<b>-0.27</b>	<b>-0.55</b>	<b>-0.82</b>

Holdings are subject to change and are not buy/sell recommendations. Attribution methodology notes: The attribution provides analysis of the effects of several portfolio management decisions, including allocation and security selection. Securities classified as "Other" may include non-equity securities, derivatives, and securities for which a sector classification may not be appropriate. The portfolio is actively managed and portfolio holdings are subject to change. The percentage weights represented for the portfolio are dollar weighted based on market value. **Market allocation effect** shows the excess contribution due to sector/market allocation. A positive allocation effect implies that the choice of sector weights in the portfolio added value to the portfolio contribution with respect to the benchmark and vice versa. **Selection effect** shows the excess contribution due to security selection. A positive selection effect implies that the choice of stocks in the portfolio added value to the portfolio contribution with respect to the benchmark and vice versa. **Total effect** is the difference in contribution between the benchmark and portfolio. **Past performance does not guarantee future results.**

Unless otherwise specified, all information is as of 03/31/24. Unless stated otherwise, Index refers to Russell 1000 Value Index (USD).

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#### About risk

Common stocks do not assure dividend payments. Dividends are paid only when declared by an issuer's board of directors and the amount of any dividend may vary over time.

In general, stock values fluctuate, sometimes widely, in response to activities specific to the company as well as general market, economic and political conditions.

The risks of investing in securities of foreign issuers can include fluctuations in foreign currencies, political and economic instability, and foreign taxation issues.

A value style of investing is subject to the risk that the valuations never improve or that the returns will trail other styles of investing or the overall stock markets.

The fund is subject to certain other risks. Please see the current prospectus for more information regarding the risks associated with an investment in the fund.

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\* **Alpha** (cash adjusted) is a measure of performance on a risk-adjusted basis. **Beta** (cash adjusted) is a measure of relative risk and the slope of regression. **Sharpe Ratio** is a risk-adjusted measure calculated using standard deviation and excess return to determine reward per unit of risk. A higher Sharpe ratio indicates better risk-adjusted performance. **Information Ratio** is a measurement of portfolio returns beyond the returns of a benchmark, usually an index, compared to the volatility of those returns. **Standard deviation** measures a fund's range of total returns and identifies the spread of a fund's short-term fluctuations. **Tracking Error** is defined as the expected standard deviation of a portfolio's excess return over the benchmark index return. The **up and down capture** measures how well a manager was able to replicate or improve on periods of positive benchmark returns and how severely the manager was affected by periods of negative benchmark returns. **Maximum Drawdown** is the maximum observed loss from a high to a low of a portfolio, before a new high is attained. Maximum drawdown is an indicator of downside risk over a specified time period. **Weighted Average Market Cap** is a measure of the average size of company held in a portfolio. The percentage of the portfolio invested each company, or its weight, is multiplied by its size (market capitalization). An average of the weighted size of all companies held is then calculated. **Price/earnings** measures the price per share relative to the earnings per share of the company while excluding extraordinary items. **Price to book** measures the firm's capitalization (market price) to book value. **Est. 3-5 year EPS (Earning per share) growth** measures the earning per share growth from FY3 to FY5. **ROE** is the Return on Equity that measures the fund's annual return relative to total shareholders' equity. This ratio evaluates how quickly investments can be turned into profits. **Long-term debt to capital** measures a fund's financial leverage by calculating the proportion of long-term debt used to finance its assets relative to the amount of equity used for the same purpose. A higher ratio indicates higher leverage. **Operating margin** measures the profit a fund makes for every dollar of sales after paying the variable expenses. **Contribution to Return** measures the performance impact from portfolio holdings over a defined time period. It takes into account both weight and performance of the portfolio holdings. Contribution to Return is calculated at security level.

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