

Philosophy

Objectivity and breadth lead to better investment decisions. Dividend growth can be a powerful multiplier for investors.

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Annualized Performance

(3-years, net)

Global Select Dividend: 9.5%
iShares MSCI ACWI ETF: 6.9%

As of 3/31/2024. Please see important disclosures on page 2.

If there is one thing markets dislike, it is uncertainty

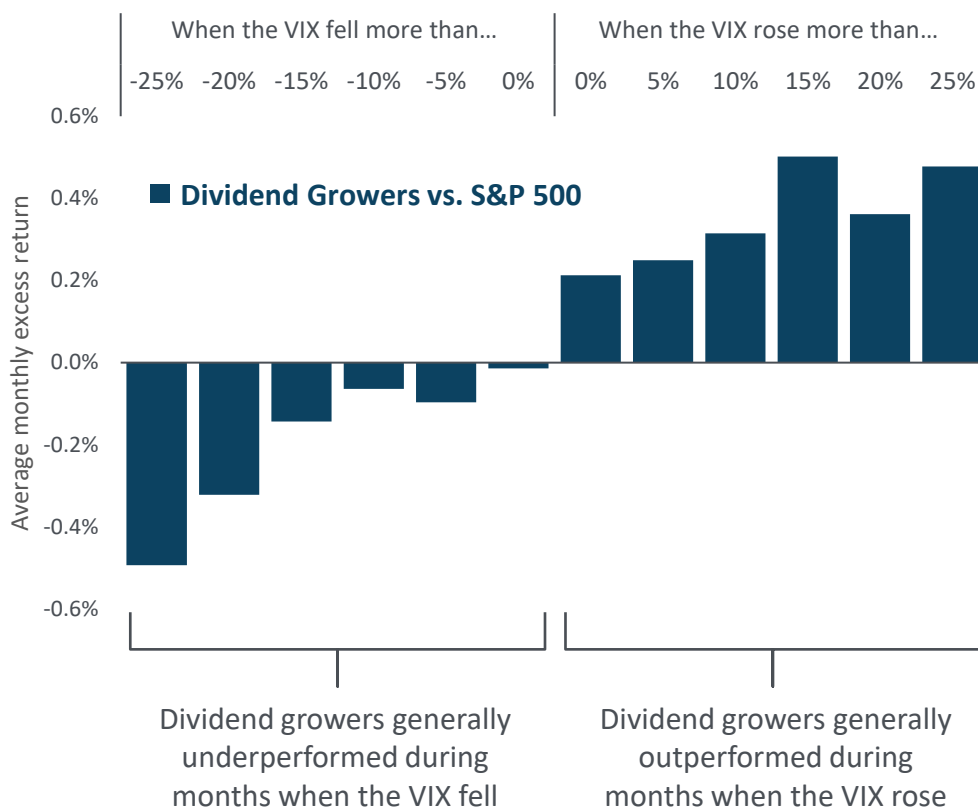
There has been growing certainty that 1) inflation is easing and 2) as a result, the Fed will cut rates somewhat aggressively later in 2024. Volatility markets have reflected this consensus, with the VIX closing 2023 at post-pandemic low of 12.5% and the S&P 500 generating a ~23% total return since its 4th quarter low on October 27, 2023.

However, recent consumer price inflation prints have indicated that inflation is stickier than expected, putting the prospect of aggressive rate cuts in doubt. If inflation continues to be sticky and the Fed defers on rate cuts, volatility will likely rise.

Historically, stocks with strong dividend growth outperformed during periods of increasing volatility. The Advisory Research Global Select Dividend strategy has a current dividend yield of 3.3% (as of 12/31/23) with 22% dividend growth over the last 3 years.

Dividend growers outperformed when volatility rose

Time period: 1/1/2008 – 12/31/2023



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Trailing Returns (%) – as of 3/31/2024

	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Inception (12/31/2010)
Global Select Dividend (gross)	11.7	27.4	10.1	11.7	8.3	9.8
Global Select Dividend (net)	11.4	26.6	9.5	11.2	7.7	9.0
iShares MSCI ACWI ETF	8.2	23.2	6.9	10.9	8.8	8.9