

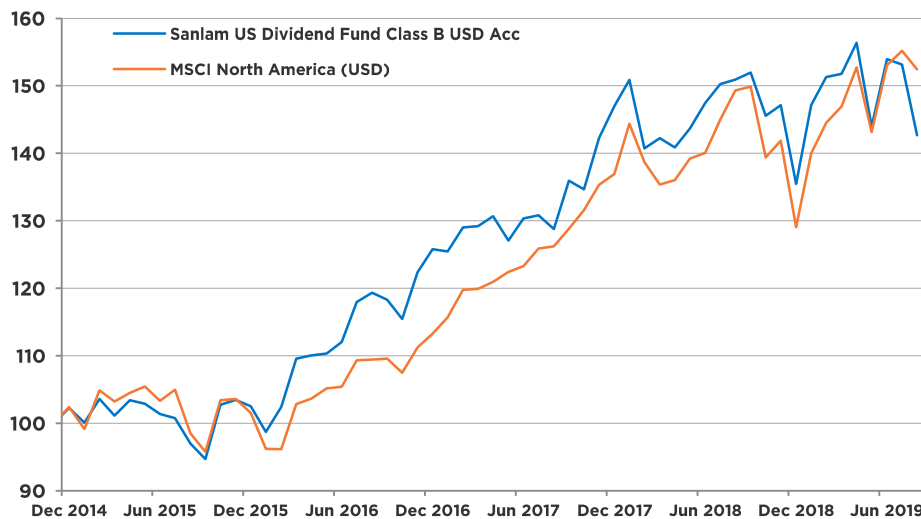
# Sanlam US Dividend Fund

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## Overview

A dividend value fund investing in attractive US companies with the aim of achieving the highest risk-adjusted returns throughout the cycle against the benchmark. It has a value bias with a distinctive quality overlay, focussing on dividend sustainability and company valuation.

## Performance – Past performance is not a guide to future performance



Class B returns are used to illustrate the fund's longest track record and has no fixed management fee. It requires a separate agreement with Sanlam Investments and is not available to retail clients. Class A is available to retail clients with a 0.75% p.a. management fee, which would result in lower performance than shown. Please see table below for the effect of these charges on performance. Please see the table overleaf for all available share classes and total fees, or contact us for details.

## Key facts

Fund AuM	\$371.0m
Number of Holdings	60
Active Share	95%
Portfolio Yield*	3.1%
Distribution Yield **	
A GBP	1.8%
Fund Manager	Adour Sarkissian
Benchmark	MSCI North America
Fund Launch Date	17 December 2014
Domicile	Ireland
Base Currency	US Dollar
Fund Type	OEIC, UCITS
IA Sector	North America
Morningstar Category	US Large-Cap Value
Dealing Deadline	14:00 (GMT)
Settlement Time	T+3
Valuation Point	23:59 (GMT)
Distribution	Quarterly

Source: Sanlam, SAMI, MSCI.

## Performance (%)

	Inception	1mth	YTD	1yr	3yrs	5yrs	Since Inception
B Accumulation USD	17/12/14	-6.9	5.3	-5.5	6.1	n/a	7.8
MSCI North America		-1.8	18.1	2.1	11.7	n/a	9.4
A Accumulation USD	20/05/15	-6.9	4.8	-6.2	5.3	n/a	7.2
MSCI North America		-1.8	18.1	2.1	11.7	n/a	8.8
A Accumulation GBP	30/12/14	-6.4	9.6	-0.2	8.0	n/a	12.3
MSCI North America		-1.2	23.5	9.0	14.4	n/a	14.5

Performance figures for periods longer than 12 months are annualized

## Discrete years performance (%)

12 Months to	Aug-19	Aug-18	Aug-17	Aug-16	Aug-15
B Accumulation USD	-5.5	17.2	7.9	23.0	-
MSCI North America	2.1	18.3	15.3	11.0	-
A Accumulation USD	-6.2	16.3	7.1	22.8	-
MSCI North America	2.1	18.3	15.3	11.0	-
A Accumulation GBP	-0.2	15.6	9.2	43.1	-
MSCI North America	9.0	17.3	17.2	30.4	-

\* Portfolio yield is calculated by adding the net dividend amounts for all dividend types that have gone 'ex' over the past 12 months based on the dividend frequency. This total excludes taxes, any related dividend fees or tax related credits

\*\* Distribution yield is the amount received by an investor, and is the sum of distributions paid over the past 12 months, based on the frequency and divided by the last price

The Fund invests geographically in a narrow range, there is an increased risk of volatility which may result in frequent rises and falls in the Fund's share price. The value of this portfolio is subject to fluctuation and past performance is not necessarily a guide to future performance. The performance is calculated for the portfolio and the actual individual investor performance will differ as a result of initial fees, the actual investment date, the date of reinvestment and dividend withholding tax. All terms exclude costs. Fluctuations or movements in exchange rates may cause the value of underlying investments to go up or down. Do remember that the value of participatory interests or the investment and the income generated from them may go down as well as up and is not guaranteed, therefore, you may not get back the amount originally invested and potentially risk total loss of capital. Therefore, the Manager does not provide any guarantee either with respect to the capital or the return of a portfolio. The Yield is calculated on historic dividend income from the preceding 12 months. Since the yield is based on past information it is provided as a guide and should not be taken as a guaranteed yield. If fees are charged to the capital account then this could reduce the amount invested. Income may fluctuate in accordance with market conditions and taxation arrangements. The Manager has the right to close any Portfolios to new investors to manage them more efficiently in accordance with their mandates. Collective Investment Schemes are traded at ruling prices and can engage in borrowing and scrip lending. Collective Investment Schemes (CIS) are generally medium to long term investments. A schedule of fees and charges and maximum commissions is available on request free of charge from the Manager, the Investment Manager or at [www.sanlam.ie](http://www.sanlam.ie)

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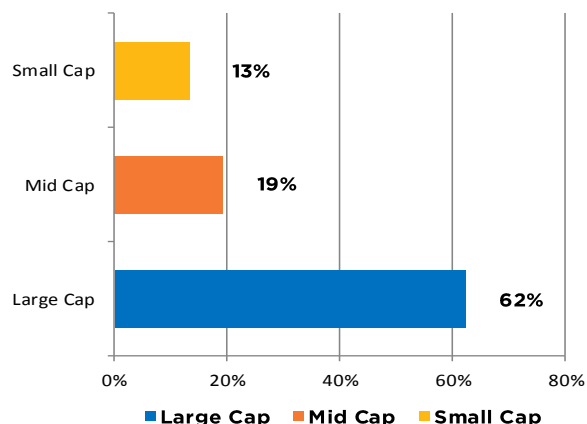
## Monthly commentary

Following months of advance in the US markets amassing circa 20% in seven months, markets fell by about 2% in August. Markets are still up 18% for the year, with six months out of eight being positive. The major news was not in the equities world but in the larger bonds world. Interest rates witnessed a brutal, rapid and heavy decline with the 10-year treasury yields declining from 2% down to below 1.5%, a record low for more than a 50bps decline in just one month. Commodities continued to decline heavily, losing as much as 5% for the month. Oil remained in the mid-50s range, having been volatile over the past year. Commodities declined, losing about 2% on average. Gold had another strong month in a row, moving from \$1,450 to break the \$1500, for an advance of around 27% in twelve months.

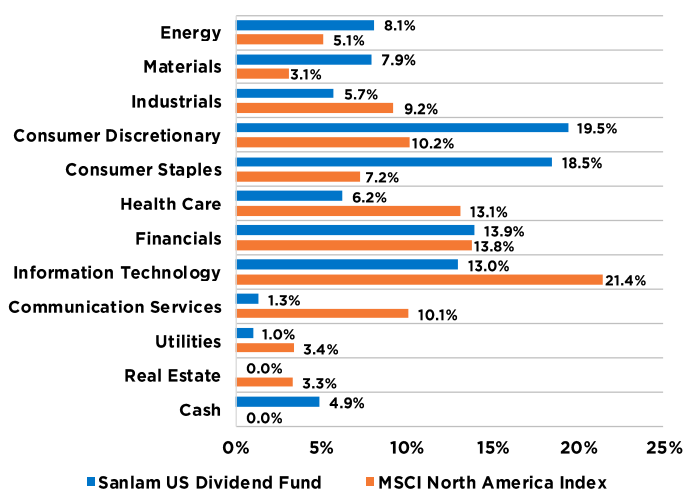
The value style of investment underperformed the markets strongly in August, falling by almost 3%. This compares to growth's fall of 1%, for a 2% underperformance over the month. Year-to-date growth is outperforming value by as much as 9%. Over three and five-year cycles, underperformance stands at 34% and 47% respectively, while the ten-year differential has now widened to 122%. Utilities, real estate and consumer staples were the best sectors over the month. Financials, technology and energy were the worst. In M&A activity, CBS reunited with Viacom following almost 10 years of separation. The fund underperformed the markets as well as style in the month of August with decline in interest rates not helping. Stock selection in the consumer discretionary and materials sectors drove the underperformance, while in communications services it added value. Currency was a slight negative.

Following this the portfolio was trading at an attractive valuation with the price-to-earnings ratio at a new cycle low of 9.4. The market in the meantime was being offered at a pricey 19.4, or a full 10 points higher with a record discount of 52%. Other value metrics showed similar discount levels of 50%. On a price-sales basis the discount was even larger, at 70% which is acting as the maximum level for now. The dividend yield was 3.2%. This came coupled with an average leverage lower than the markets', and an average ROE higher.

## Market capitalisation



## Sector breakdown



Sources for data: Sanlam, Bloomberg, MSCI

## Fund information and charges

	Inception Date	ISIN	Bloomberg	SEDOL	Initial Charge	AMC	OCF	Price	Minimum investment	Type of Share
<b>A GBP Accumulation</b>	30/12/2014	IE00BSP5ZY44	SFUSDAG	BSP5ZY4	Up to 5%	0.75%	0.97%	17.1951	£1,000	Accumulation
<b>A GBP Income</b>	30/12/2014	IE00BSP60192	SFUSDIG	BSP6019	Up to 5%	0.75%	0.97%	15.6517	£1,000	Income
<b>H GBP Accumulation</b>	15/08/2017	IE00BFOFCN67	SFUSHGA	BFOFCN6	None	0.75%	0.97%	9.7409	£1,000	Accumulation
<b>H GBP Income</b>	15/08/2017	IE00BFOFCP81	SFUSHGI	BFOFCP8	None	0.75%	0.97%	9.2330	£1,000	Income
<b>A USD Accumulation</b>	20/05/2015	IE00BVDQ2617	SFUSDAU	BVDQ261	Up to 5%	0.75%	0.97%	13.4907	\$1,000	Accumulation
<b>A USD Income</b>	27/02/2015	IE00BVDQ2831	SFUSDIU	BVDQ283	Up to 5%	0.75%	0.97%	12.2593	\$1000	Income

Other share classes are available

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