

Fund Manager Commentary

As of 06-30-2026

Fund Highlights

- Dividend-focused strategy invests primarily in U.S. large capitalization companies that:
 - Historically paid consistent, growing dividends
 - Have sustainable competitive advantages, which have the potential to support reliable, growing dividends with reasonable valuations
- Seeks to invest in businesses that trade at reasonable valuations compared to their intrinsic value
- Focuses on businesses that are believed to have a sustainable competitive advantage or a high barrier to entry in place

Market Recap

U.S. equity markets posted strong gains during the second quarter of 2026, supported by resilient economic growth, better-than-expected corporate earnings, and improving investor sentiment as geopolitical risks moderated. Economic activity remained stable through the first half of the year, supported by continued capital investment related to AI, accommodative fiscal policy, and healthy consumer spending. As tensions between the United States and Iran de-escalated, oil prices retreated from their highs, easing concerns about renewed inflationary pressures and providing additional support for risk assets.

Market leadership broadened during the quarter after several periods in which returns were concentrated among a narrow group of mega-cap technology companies. While AI remained an important driver of equity returns, investors became increasingly selective, favoring companies directly benefiting from AI infrastructure spending, including semiconductor and memory businesses. Small- and mid-cap equities outperformed large-cap stocks, and participation expanded across Industrials, Health Care, and Financials. Although inflation remained above the Federal Reserve's (Fed) target and uncertainty surrounding monetary policy persisted under new Fed Chair Kevin Warsh, healthy corporate fundamentals and strong first-quarter earnings continued to support equity markets.

Portfolio Review

The Touchstone Dividend Select ETF (NAV) underperformed its benchmark, the Russell 1000® Value Index, for the quarter ended June 30, 2026.

Security selection detracted from relative performance during the quarter, while sector allocation contributed positively. The ETF's dividend-oriented investment approach also detracted as above-average dividend-paying stocks underperformed companies

with lower dividend yields. Relative security selection was weakest within the Information Technology (IT) sector, with additional headwinds from Communication Services, Consumer Discretionary, Energy, and Real Estate sectors. Positive security selection within Industrials, Materials, Financials, Consumer Staples, and Health Care sectors partially offset those results. Sector allocation benefited from an overweight to IT and underweights to Energy and Financials but was partially offset by cash holdings and positioning within Communication Services and Consumer Staples.

Among the top contributors to relative performance were overweight positions in KLA Corp., Texas Instruments Inc., Cisco Systems Inc. (all IT sector), and CVS Health Corp. (Health Care sector), along with an underweight position in Walmart Inc. (Consumer Staples sector). KLA benefited from continued demand for semiconductor capital equipment supporting AI infrastructure. Texas Instruments advanced as improving guidance reflected a recovery in analog and embedded semiconductor demand, while Cisco Systems benefited from growing enterprise networking demand tied to AI infrastructure. CVS Health contributed as improving sentiment toward managed care and health care providers supported the shares, and the ETF's underweight position in Walmart also benefited relative performance.

Among the top detractors from relative performance were positions in Micron Technology Inc., Intel Corp., SanDisk Corp., and Advanced Micro Devices Inc. (all IT sector), all stocks not held in the portfolio, as well as an overweight position in Microsoft Corp. (IT sector). The underweight positions detracted as investors broadened participation across AI-related semiconductor companies. Although Microsoft generated a positive absolute return during the quarter, the ETF's overweight position detracted from relative performance because the shares

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lagged higher-performing semiconductor and AI infrastructure beneficiaries.

During the quarter, the ETF initiated a position in Amazon.com Inc. and exited its position in Starbucks Corp. (both Consumer Discretionary sector). Amazon was added based on its durable competitive advantages, expanding profitability, and long-term growth opportunities across e-commerce, advertising, cloud computing, and AI. Starbucks was sold as uncertainty surrounding its long-term growth outlook and execution increased, reducing the attractiveness of its risk/reward profile relative to other investment opportunities. There were no material sector allocation changes during the quarter. IT remained the ETF's largest overweight, while Financials, Energy, and Industrials remained the largest underweights.

Outlook and Conclusion

We believe the backdrop remains generally supportive for equities, although selectivity remains important. Economic growth has remained resilient, corporate earnings have exceeded expectations, and market leadership has broadened beyond a narrow group of mega-cap technology companies. While the de-escalation between the United States and Iran has reduced

near-term pressure from higher energy prices, geopolitical developments, inflation, and monetary policy remain important sources of uncertainty. The ETF continues to emphasize high-quality businesses with durable competitive advantages, strong free cash flow generation, consistent dividend growth, and attractive long-term earnings visibility. AI infrastructure, health care innovation, and select industrial growth remain areas of opportunity, while valuation discipline, consumer pressures, and policy uncertainty remain key considerations.

We remain constructive on U.S. equities, supported by resilient economic growth, healthy corporate fundamentals, and continued earnings growth. Although aggregate market valuations remain above historical averages and a more inflation-focused Fed could contribute to additional market volatility, the ETF's emphasis on high-quality companies with durable competitive advantages, strong free cash flow, and consistent dividend growth is expected to support long-term capital appreciation and income generation. Following several years of strong performance from growth-oriented and mega-cap technology companies, we believe dividend-oriented strategies remain well positioned as market leadership broadens and earnings growth becomes more balanced across sectors.



Fund Facts

Symbol	Inception Date	CUSIP	Exchange	Annual Fund Operating Expense Ratio	
				Total	Net
DVND	08/02/22	89157W103	NYSE Arca	1.15%	0.50%

Total Fund Assets \$52.7 Million

Expense ratio is annualized. Data as of the current prospectus. Touchstone Advisors has contractually agreed to waive a portion of its fees and/or reimburse certain Fund expenses in order to limit certain annual fund operating expenses (excluding Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses and other expenses, if any) to 0.49%. These expense limitations will remain in effect until at least 04/29/2027.

Annualized Total Returns

	2Q26	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	Inception
ETF NAV	8.89%	10.08%	17.85%	15.19%	—	13.84%
ETF Market Price	11.04%	9.30%	18.46%	15.16%	—	13.85%
Benchmark	13.84%	16.23%	27.09%	17.78%	—	14.99%

Benchmark - Russell 1000® Value Index

The Russell 1000 Value Index measures the performance of those Russell 1000 companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower expected growth values.

The benchmark index mentioned is an unmanaged statistical composite of stock or bond market performance. Investing in an index is not possible. Index returns do not reflect any fees, expenses or sales charges.

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Top 10 Holdings

	(% of Portfolio)		(% of Portfolio)
1 Microsoft Corp	3.8	6 Alphabet Inc Class C	2.5
2 BNY Dreyfus Govt Cash Mgmt Instl	3.5	7 Johnson & Johnson	2.4
3 Broadcom Inc	3.4	8 Cisco Systems Inc	2.3
4 KLA Corp	3.1	9 Caterpillar Inc	2.2
5 Apple Inc	2.6	10 Bank of America Corp	2.1

A Word About Risk

The Fund invests in equities which are subject to market volatility and loss. The Fund invests in stocks of large-cap companies which may be unable to respond quickly to new competitive challenges. The Fund invests in dividend-paying companies. There is no guarantee that the companies in which the Fund invests will declare dividends in the future or that dividends, if declared, will remain at current levels or increase over time. Securities that pay dividends may be sensitive to changes in interest rates, and as interest rates rise or fall, the prices of such securities may fall.

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