

# Capital Return Strategy

## Separately Managed Account

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### FIRM OVERVIEW

Alpine Saxon Woods is an emerging investment firm based in Purchase, NY, with over \$850 million in AUM. Our clients include foundations, trusts, and high-net-worth individuals. With a heritage spanning 25+ years, our partners have worked together for well over a decade. We offer several strategies—Return of Capital, SMID Cap, Core Momentum, Dividend and Balanced—available in long-only, long/short, and institutional accounts. Our portfolios focus on high-quality companies with strong free cash flow and momentum.

### QUICK FACTS

Firm AUM	\$850M
Advisor	Saxon Woods Advisors
SMA Inception Date	1/1/2019
Benchmark	S&P Dividend ETF
Strategy AUM	\$18.60M
Investment Minimum	Negotiable
Fees	Negotiable

### PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT TEAM



**Mark T. Spellman**

- 32 years industry experience  
- BA: Boston College,  
MBA: UMass Amherst



**Brian Hennessey, CFA**

- 18 years industry experience  
- BA: Williams College,  
MBA: M.I.T.



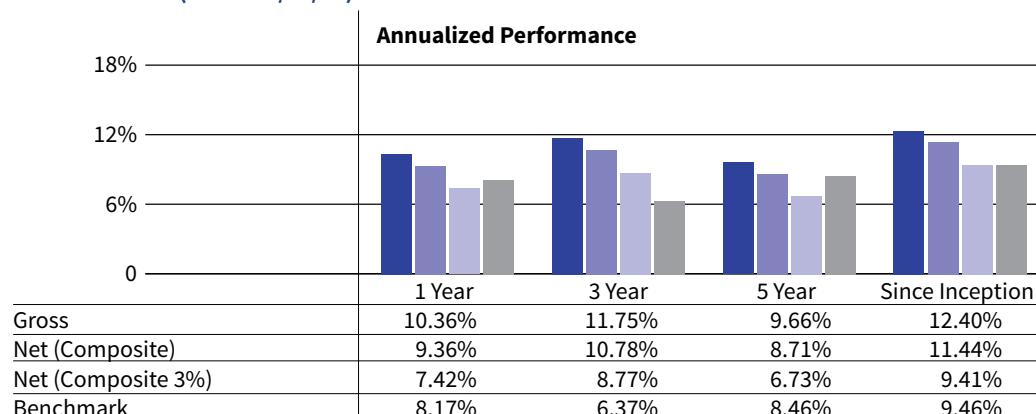
**Sarah Hunt, CFA**

- 26 years industry experience  
- BA: Wesleyan University,  
MBA: Fordham University

### OVERVIEW

Our Capital Return Strategy focuses on identifying financially sound companies with a proven history of paying and raising dividends alongside meaningful share repurchase programs. We prioritize well-capitalized firms led by management teams committed to growing free cash flow, which supports sustained dividend increases and share buybacks. We carefully evaluate each stock's current valuation against its historical range and future growth prospects to determine its attractiveness.

### PERFORMANCE (AS OF 12/31/25)



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### PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

	Strategy	Benchmark
Number of Holdings	34	149
Median Market Cap	\$69.96B	\$19.14B
TTM Dividend Yield	1.87	2.98
3-Year Dividend Growth	9.95	5.92
5-Year Dividend Growth	11.28	6.52
P/E 1-Year Forward	19.95	20.00
Free Cash Flow Yield	4.06	3.35
Total Debt/EBITDA	2.32	3.20
Active Share	94.57	—
Annual Turnover	38.28	—

### SECTOR ANALYSIS

	Strategy	Benchmark
Technology	23.7%	6.4%
Industrials	18.0%	19.5%
Financials	11.9%	11.0%
Consumer Staples	10.4%	17.5%
Consumer Discretionary	10.0%	4.5%
Energy	7.7%	3.9%
Healthcare	5.1%	7.2%
Communications	3.9%	2.9%
Materials	3.7%	8.6%
Real Estate	2.8%	4.4%
Utilities	2.8%	14.1%

### TOP TEN HOLDINGS

Apple Inc	4.7%
Microsoft Corp	4.4%
Alphabet Inc - C	3.9%
Bank of America	3.7%
Steel Dynamics	3.7%
Cummins Inc	3.7%
Lam Research	3.6%
JP Morgan Chase	3.5%
Waste Management	3.2%
Texas Instruments	3.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>37.6%</b>

### RISK/RETURN METRICS<sup>1</sup>

	Strategy	Benchmark
Alpha	1.49	—
Beta	0.85	1.00
Sharpe Ratio	0.47	0.43
Standard Deviation	13.27	14.39
Up/Down Capture	89/85	—

<sup>1</sup> 1. Risk/Return Metrics based on rolling 5-year period.

**Past performance is no guarantee of future results.** The use of Alpine Saxon Woods does not eliminate risks associated with investing. Consider the investment objectives, risks, charges, and expenses carefully before investing. The return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate and may be worth less than the original investment when liquidated. **Fees:** Results are presented showing, side-by-side, gross returns, returns net of actual composite fees, and returns net of fees modeled at 3% (see below). The highest fee applicable for a separately managed portfolio managed directly by Alpine Saxon Woods is 1.0% annually. Gross-of-fee return reflects performance after the reduction of transaction costs but before the reduction of the management fee. Net-of-fee (Net) returns reflect the deduction of all transaction costs and management fees to accounts in the composite. Net (3%) returns is reduced by a model “wrap fee” (3.0% is the maximum anticipated wrap fee for equity and balanced portfolios) which includes trading expenses as well as investment management, administrative and custodial fees. The model wrap fee used represents the highest anticipated wrap fee applicable to the strategy. Actual fees and account minimums may vary.

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**Performance:** Periods less than one year are not annualized. Performance results are for the Capital Return Strategy composite which includes all actual, fully discretionary accounts with substantially similar investment policies and objectives managed to the composite's investment strategy. Composite returns are stated in U.S. dollars and assume reinvestment of any dividends, interest income, capital gains, or other earnings.

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Additional information regarding policies for calculating and reporting returns is available upon request. Investing involves risks and portfolios can lose value. **Past performance is no guarantee of future results.**

The strategy uses the SPDR S&P Dividend ETF (SDY). The SDY tracks the performance of the S&P High Yield Dividend Aristocrats Index.

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### Definitions:

**Median Market Cap** is the midpoint of market capitalization (market price multiplied by the number of shares outstanding) of the stocks in a portfolio. Half the stocks in the portfolio will have higher market capitalizations; half will have lower.

**TTM (Trailing Twelve Month) Dividend Yield** is calculated by dividing the total dividends paid out over the previous 12 months by the current market price of the stock. Median market cap is the midpoint of market capitalization (market price multiplied by the number of shares outstanding) of the stocks in a portfolio. Half the stocks in the portfolio will have higher market capitalizations; half will have lower.

**Dividend growth** refers to the compound annual growth rate in dividends per share that a company pays to its shareholders.

**Forward P/E ratio** is calculated by dividing a company's current share price by its estimated future earnings per share.

**Free cash flow yield** is calculated by dividing a company's annual free cash flow per share by its market price per share.

**Total Debt/EBITDA** is calculated by dividing a company's total debt (short-term plus long-term) by its earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA).

**Active Share** quantifies how much a portfolio differs from its benchmark index, and it is based on the portfolio's holdings and their corresponding weights compared to the weights of the same holdings in the benchmark index.

**Annual Turnover** is calculated by dividing the average of the absolute value of assets purchased and sold during the year by the average assets in the portfolio over the same year.

**Alpha** measures the performance of a portfolio versus its benchmark on a risk-adjusted basis. It is calculated by subtracting the portfolio's expected return based on the Capital Asset Pricing Model formula  $R_f + \beta (R_m - R_f)$  from the actual return of the portfolio, where  $R_f$  is the return on risk-free Treasury bills,  $R_m$  is the benchmark return and  $\beta$  is the beta of the portfolio as defined below.

**Beta** measures the sensitivity of a portfolio to the movement of its benchmark. It is calculated as the slope of a regression of historical portfolio returns against the returns of the benchmark.

**Sharpe ratio** is calculated by dividing a portfolio's excess return by its standard deviation, using the formula  $(R_p - R_f) / \sigma_p$  where  $R_p$  is the portfolio's return,  $R_f$  is the return on risk-free Treasury bills, and  $\sigma_p$  is the standard deviation of the portfolio's return. The higher the Sharpe ratio, the better a portfolio's historical risk-adjusted performance.

**Standard deviation** measures the risk or volatility of an investment's return over a particular time period: the greater the number, the greater the risk. The volatility, or uncertainty, of future returns is a key concept of investment risk. Standard deviation is a measure of volatility and represents the variability of individual returns around the mean, or average annual, return. A higher standard deviation indicates more return volatility. This measure serves as a collective, quantitative estimate of risks present in an asset class or investment. Some risks may be underrepresented by this measure. Standard deviation is an underlying calculation for many other performance-based statistics including alpha, beta, and Sharpe ratio.

**The up-capture ratio** is calculated by dividing a portfolio's compounded returns during periods when its benchmark was rising by the benchmark's compounded returns during those same periods. An up-capture ratio of more than 100 indicates that the portfolio outperformed its benchmark during periods when the benchmark had positive returns.

**The down-capture ratio** is calculated by dividing a portfolio's compounded returns during periods when its benchmark was falling by the benchmark's compounded returns during those same periods. A down-capture ratio of less than 100 indicates that the portfolio outperformed its benchmark during periods when the benchmark had negative returns.

## COMPOSITE TIME-WEIGHTED RETURN REPORT

## Capital Return

	3 Yr Std									
	Gross Return	Net Return	Bench Return	Dev Gross of Fees	3 Yr Bench Std Dev	Number Portfolios	Internal Dispersion	Composite AUM (\$MM)	Firmwide AUM (\$MM)	Percent Non-Fee
CY 2024	14.58%	13.59%	8.44%	15.19%	16.25%	30	2.10%	38.8	818.8	0.00%
CY 2023	10.38%	9.49%	2.63%	15.44%	16.47%	30	1.59%	35.3	734.1	0.00%
CY 2022	-9.39%	-10.16%	-0.52%	20.32%	20.19%	27	1.65%	16.8	801.2	0.00%
CY 2021	25.40%	24.28%	25.37%	18.74%	17.89%	23	2.60%	18.4	1,048.8	1.84%
CY 2020	2.12%	1.28%	1.79%	N/A	N/A	19	N/A	14.7	894.2	1.80%
CY 2019	40.07%	38.89%	23.28%	N/A	N/A	1	N/A	0.3	832.7	100.00%

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A firm that claims compliance with the GIPS standards must establish policies and procedures for complying with all the applicable requirements of the GIPS standards. Verification provides assurance on whether the firm's policies and procedures related to composite and pooled fund maintenance, as well as the calculation, presentation, and distribution of performance, have been designed in compliance with the GIPS standards and have been implemented on a firm-wide basis. The Capital Return composite has had a performance examination for periods beginning January 1, 2019, through December 31, 2024.

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Composite Inception Date: 6/1/18 Composite Creation Date: 5/21/18

Composite Description: The Capital Return strategy invests in sound financial companies that have historically paid and raised dividends and have a history of meaningful share repurchase programs. Investment candidates are chosen based on their free cash flow history and potential for growth in free cash flow, debt burden, and dividend payout ratios to assess the company's potential to continue to provide dividends and/or buy back shares, sustain dividend growth, and provide future share repurchases. The strategy is market capitalization and sector-agnostic, seeking capital appreciation through revenue growth, margin improvements and valuation upside.

The composite uses the SPDR S&P Dividend ETF (SDY). The SDY tracks the performance of the S&P High Yield Dividend Aristocrats Index.

Internal dispersion is calculated as the equal-weighted standard deviation of annual gross returns for those portfolios that were included in the composite for the entire year.

Fees include management fee and transaction fees only. The management fee is 1%.

Reporting currency used is USD

AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST:

List of composite descriptions

Policies for valuing investments, calculating performance and preparing GIPS reports

From inception through 9/30/23, the composite used monthly dollar weighted returns, adjusting for capital inflows and outflows through Eze Investor Accounting (formerly Penny-It-Works). From 10/1/23 to 12/31/2024, the composite uses daily time-weighted returns from Orion Advisor Technology LLC, which measures performance as a percent of capital at work on each trading day and links them together to produce a return for a stated period.

Results prior to June 30, 2022, are from a predecessor firm, Alpine Woods LP.

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