

December 31, 2021

Dear Fellow Dividend Focus Fund Shareholder,

### 2021 Highlights

- FAM Dividend Focus Fund celebrated its 25-year anniversary.
- The Dividend Focus Fund achieved a 25.57% total return for the full year, outpacing its benchmark (Russell Midcap Index) which returned 22.58%.
- Morningstar rated the Dividend Focus Fund as a 5-star mutual fund for 3, 5, and 10 years as well as overall.\*\*

The Dividend Focus Fund posted strong results for the year returning 25.57%, which was well ahead of the Russell Midcap Index. The main contributor to performance was our commitment to letting the compounders compound.

The investment environment over the last 12 months was characterized by a multitude of crosscurrents and shifting investment themes. Investor sentiment bounced between optimism over the reopening of the economy following vaccinations to worries about supply chain disruptions and runaway inflation — and then back to a new COVID variant that could shut down world economies again.

The other side of the coin was the strong economic backdrop as the U.S. economy continued to strengthen throughout the year and companies grew more confident in their outlook. This confidence came from strong demand that translated into record sales and earnings for many businesses. This was also true of our overall portfolio holdings which showed nice earnings growth throughout the year. In most cases, our holdings were on track to have generated record earnings in 2021. We also saw businesses go on the offensive and make acquisitions to grow and bolster their competitive position. More than two-thirds of our portfolio companies made at least one acquisition in 2021. In total, our holdings announced 87 deals, which includes 42 deals by Arthur J. Gallagher alone. Companies have also returned to opening new stores, increasing share buybacks, and growing their dividends.

### Dividends

Investing in dividend-paying companies that have a long track record of growing their dividend is a hallmark of the Dividend Focus Fund. In fact, every holding pays a dividend. We view management's willingness to pay a dividend and raise that dividend each year as a sign of confidence in their company's future prospects. We also believe that a growing dividend makes a firm's management team extra sharp on their capital allocation since there is less room for error in making growth investments or acquisitions.

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During the early months of the pandemic, many dividend-paying companies held their dividends constant in order to conserve cash due to the uncertain environment. Over the past year, the Dividend Focus Fund's holdings developed greater confidence in the future and resumed their normal dividend growth.

For 2021, the average growth rate in dividends of each holding in the portfolio was 10.2%, which is up approximately 3 points over the 7% growth the previous year (this excludes Ross Stores due to no comparison the previous year and Digital Realty Trust which is being sold). Over the last five years, the portfolio holdings have increased their dividends by 13.4% annually<sup>3</sup> — again, we view this as tangible evidence of managements' confidence in their future growth.

## Performance Contributors and Detractors

Performance continues to be led by the largest holdings in the Dividend Focus Fund. A holding gets to be large by performing well and appreciating its way to becoming a top holding. We like to think of the Top 10 Holdings as a performance meritocracy. A company has to perform in order to make it into a top position and it has to continue to perform to maintain its spot on the list.

Our three largest contributors to performance in 2021 were **CDW Corporation (CDW)**, **Trane Technologies (TT)**, and **Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. (AJG)**.

**CDW** is expected to grow earnings more than 18% for the year and announced a large acquisition of Sirius Computer Solutions. Overall, the company announced 3 deals over the last 12 months. The dividend was increased 10% in 2021 and has grown 29% annually for the last 5 years.

**Trane Technologies'** earnings are expected to grow 35% for the year setting a new record. The company has benefited from higher demand of HVAC equipment as well as higher prices, which are passed on to offset higher costs. The business increased their dividend by 11% during the year.

**Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.** is an insurance broker that has a long history of acquiring smaller firms and tucking them into their operations. In 2021, the company continued its strong earnings growth and made 42 acquisitions during the year. AJG increased its dividend by 7% over the previous year.

Our three largest detractors were **Ross Stores (ROST)**, **McCormick & Company (MKC)**, and **Jack Henry & Associates (JKHY)**.

**Ross Stores** posted a massive increase in sales and strong same-store sales; however, higher transportation costs, COVID-related expenses, and wage inflation ate into their margins. We believe that the off-price retail concept is alive and well and Ross should be able to expand their margins over the next few years. During the year, Ross reinstated their dividend at the pre-pandemic level and resumed their share buyback program.

While **McCormick** is competitively advantaged, there is uncertainty about what the baseline growth in their consumer spice businesses will be now that we are past the virus lockdowns when the company saw huge spikes in demand. McCormick is also spending a considerable amount on an ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning) system which is muting earnings (likely for the next year or so). We trimmed this position previously based on our muted outlook for near-term earnings growth. As the company's growth profile ideally returns to historical rates, we plan to add to the position. McCormick raised their dividend 10% during the year.

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<sup>3</sup> FactSet as of 12/31/2021

**Jack Henry & Associates** turned in a good financial performance for the year, but the valuation contracted from previous levels. We are pleased with the firm's operating results as well as their future growth prospects. Based on our research of their competitive position, we believe they can continue to grow their operation mid to high single digits going forward. Jack Henry raised the dividend 7% during the year.

## Portfolio Activity

Portfolio changes in the Dividend Focus Fund were modest for the year after taking advantage of many opportunities in 2020 during the pandemic and adding 7 new names.

### Purchases

In 2021, there were no new positions initiated. The only trades were mostly small additions to 11 holdings. The most significant additions were to **Republic Services (RSG)**, **Jack Henry & Associates**, and **STERIS (STE)**. The other trades were primarily putting cash inflows to work at various points throughout the year.

### Sales

We trimmed five positions — **Digital Realty Trust (DLR)**, **Microchip Technology (MCHP)**, **Entegris (ENTG)**, **Avery Dennison Corporation (AVY)**, and **T. Rowe Price Group (TROW)**. The most significant trim was Digital Realty as we are slowly exiting the position for better opportunities.

## Outlook

We believe the outlook for the portfolio is solid and that we own a collection of businesses that punch higher than their weight class (to use a boxing analogy). We like all the holdings in the FAM Dividend Focus Fund and expect them to continue to grow their earnings and dividends for many years to come.

As always, we are diligently working on your behalf. Thank you for investing with us.

## TOP 5 CONTRIBUTORS AND DETRACTORS\*

12/31/2020 TO 12/31/2021

TOP 5 CONTRIBUTORS		
NAME	AVERAGE WEIGHT (%)	CONTRIBUTION (%)
CDW Corp.	6.48%	3.36%
Trane Technologies	6.10%	2.37%
Entegris	5.24%	2.21%
Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.	5.81%	2.15%
Pool Corp.	4.05%	1.83%

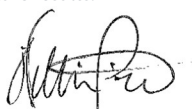
*This reflects the FAM Dividend Focus Fund's best and worst performers, in descending order, based on individual stock performance and portfolio weighting. Past performance does not indicate future results.*

TOP 5 DETRACTORS		
NAME	AVERAGE WEIGHT (%)	CONTRIBUTION (%)
Ross Stores	4.80%	-0.30%
HEICO Corp.	1.90%	0.22%
Jack Henry & Associates	3.03%	0.11%
Graco	0.95%	0.11%
McCormick & Company	0.43%	0.01%

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year rating/20% three-year rating for 120 or more months of total returns. While the 10-year overall star rating formula seems to give the most weight to the 10-year period, the most recent three-year period actually has the greatest impact because it is included in all three rating periods.

The FAM Dividend Focus Fund received a 5-Star Overall Morningstar Rating™ as well as a 5-Star Morningstar Rating™ for the 3-Year, a 5-Star Morningstar Rating™ for the 5-Year, and a 5-Star Morningstar Rating™ for the 10-Year periods ending 12/31/2021 among 352, 308, and 203 Mid-Cap Blend funds, respectively.

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## TOP 10 HOLDINGS

AS OF 12/31/2021

FAM DIVIDEND FOCUS FUND	% OF PORTFOLIO
CDW Corp.	6.69%
Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.	6.13%
Trane Technologies	6.09%
Microchip Technology	5.44%
Entegris	5.28%
Air Products & Chemicals	4.74%
Stryker Corp.	4.62%
Pool Corp.	4.59%
Broadridge Financial Solutions	4.39%
Ross Stores	4.13%
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$664,225,144</b>

The portfolios are actively managed and current holdings may be different.

## AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS

AS OF 12/31/2021

	SINCE INCEPTION	10 YEAR	5 YEAR	3 YEAR	1 YEAR	TOTAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES*
FAM DIVIDEND FOCUS FUND (4/1/96)	10.23%	14.82%	16.26%	23.51%	25.57%	1.25%*

The performance data quoted represents past performance.

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