



# NORTH AMERICAN MIDSTREAM ENERGY STRATEGY

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The **DAC North American Midstream Energy (“NAME”) Strategy** is a targeted investment portfolio of high-quality, publicly traded midstream energy Master Limited Partnerships (MLPs) and C Corporations. These companies derive the majority of their earnings and cash flow from the gathering, processing, transportation, and storage of hydrocarbons and other energy

commodities. This strategy is designed for investors seeking enhanced current income compared to other equity, fixed income, and alternative investments, while also offering added portfolio diversification along with the opportunity for long-term capital appreciation and income growth.

## STRATEGY OVERVIEW

**Objective:** The strategy seeks to provide high current income, as well as the potential for long-term capital appreciation and income growth, through investments strategically positioned to benefit from the ongoing transformation of the U.S. energy sector.

**Ideal for:** Investors seeking higher income than traditional investments, along with enhanced diversification and the potential for long-term capital appreciation and growing income.

**Strategy Inception:** 4/30/2006

**Composite Inception:** 12/31/2011

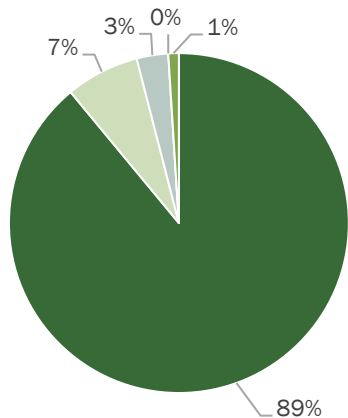
**Primary Benchmark:** Alerian MLP Index

**Investment Category:** Mid Cap Value

**Investment Structures:** SMA/UMA

**Securities:** ≥ 90% Equity, 15-25 holdings

## PORTFOLIO DIVERSIFICATION



- 89% Oil & Gas Storage & Transportation
- 5% Oil & Gas Refining & Marketing
- 3% Oil & Gas Equipment Services
- 2% Oil & Gas Exploration & Production
- 1% Other

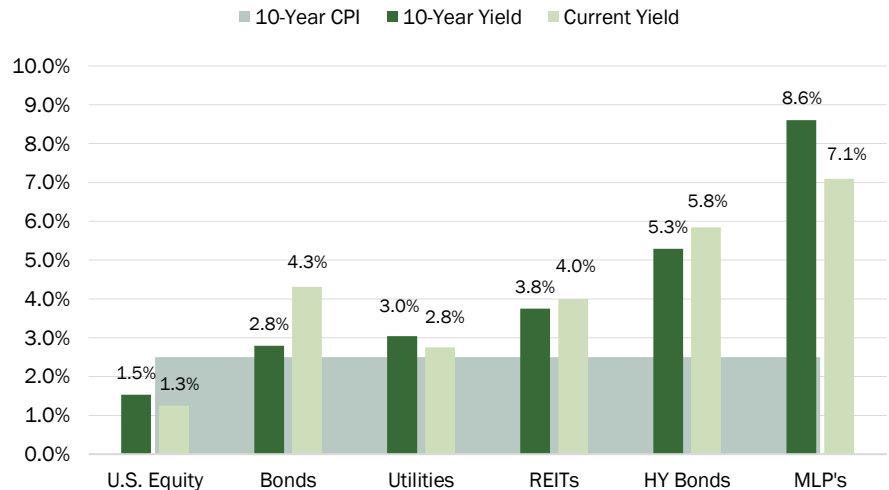
## OPPORTUNITIES IN MIDSTREAM ENERGY INVESTMENTS

- We believe that allocating to midstream energy investments can help reduce overall portfolio volatility and enhance current income, thanks to the diversification benefits of assets with a low correlation to traditional equity and fixed income markets, without compromising the potential for generating long-term returns.

	Energy Market	REITS	Utilities	Commodities	Bonds	U.S. Equity
<b>Correlation to MLPs</b>	0.85	0.50	0.33	0.49	0.12	0.61

Source: Bloomberg; 10 Year Correlation Data as of March 31, 2026. Indices used: “MLPs”: Alerian MLP; “REITS”: FTSE Nareit US Real Estate; “Utilities”: S&P Utilities Select Sector; “Energy Market”: S&P 1500 Energy Sector; “Commodities”: S&P GSCI TR CME; “Bonds”: Bloomberg Barclays Aggregate Bond; “U.S. Equity”: S&P 500.

- Midstream energy companies and Master Limited Partnerships (MLPs) offer a compelling investment opportunity within the energy sector, offering consistently higher income than traditional energy investments but without direct exposure to exploration risks or commodity price volatility.



Source: Bloomberg, Alerian, Dividend Assets Capital. As of March 31, 2026. Representation of the 10-year average Consumer Price Index relative to the 10-year average yield and the current (3/31/26) yield for various indices. Indices used: “U.S. Equity”: S&P 500; “Bonds”: iShares Core US Aggregate Bond ETF; “Utilities”: State Street Utilities Select Sector SPDR ETF; “REITs”: FTSE Nareit US Real Estate; “HY Bonds”: iShares iBoxx \$ High Yield Corporate Bond ETF; “MLPs”: Alerian MLP ETF.

- Fees charged by midstream energy companies are often long-term, contractual obligations, regulated by Federal agencies and **indexed to inflation**.
- Midstream energy companies and MLPs operate high-quality, irreplaceable assets that transport and/or store energy commodities and generate **stable cash flows**.
- **Direct “Limited Partner” ownership** is the only way to fully access the tax advantages offered by MLPs. Pooled investment vehicles, such as mutual funds or ETFs, cannot replicate these “pass-through” benefits, which can diminish both yields and total returns.

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## PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

	DAC NAME	AMZ	AMNAX
Distribution Yield	6.44%	7.09%	4.20%
Distribution Growth (YoY)	8.6%	6.9%	6.7%
Beta (5yr)	0.80	1.00	0.83
Standard Deviation (5yr)	16.3%	19.0%	18.1%
Sharpe Ratio (5yr)	1.00	1.09	1.10
Holdings that grew or maintained payouts (YoY)	92%	81%	88%
Investment-grade holdings	75%	40%	77%
S&P 500® Correlation (5yr)	0.56	0.46	0.52

## HOLDINGS

Top Five Holdings   Portfolio %	Distribution Yield
MPLX LP   9.6	7.5%
Energy Transfer   9.5	7.0%
Plains All American Pipeline LP   9.3	7.1%
Williams Cos Inc   8.7	2.8%
Targa Resources Corp   8.7	1.7%

## INVESTMENT TEAM

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Sources: Bloomberg and Dividend Assets Capital.

The Portfolio Composition, Top Five Holdings, Portfolio Characteristics information, as well as the graphs representing Growth of \$500,000 and Annual Portfolio Income and Growth, are based on information pertaining to a representative account in the strategy's GIPS composite. Individual holdings, statistics, and characteristics may differ from those of the composite and representative accounts due to portfolio size, client-specific constraints, tax considerations, or other factors. A complete list of holdings is available upon request.

Past performance is not indicative of future results. Returns are presented gross and net of management fees and include the reinvestment of all income. "Pure Gross of Fees" returns are shown as gross of all fees and transaction costs. The inclusion of transaction, custodial and/or advisory fees, as well as other expenses such as "bundled" fees charged by a platform sponsor, will reduce actual returns. After 1/1/2024, "Net of Fees" returns are presented net of actual investment management fees, net of trading expenses, net of actual "bundled" fees, net of withholding taxes, and gross of custodial fees for "non-bundled" portfolios. "Net of Wrap Fees" returns are calculated by subtracting 1/12th of 3.00% from the monthly pure gross return. 3.00% represents the maximum "bundled" wrap fee that a sponsor may charge clients seeking investment management services in the designated strategy. Other than brokerage commissions, this fee includes investment management, portfolio monitoring, and consulting services. Actual fees may vary by wrap program. DAC receives a portion of the total wrap fee paid to the wrap program sponsor for its portfolio management services. Prior to 1/1/2024, Net returns were calculated using just the "Net of Wrap Fees" methodology.

Data is deemed to be reliable, but DAC does not guarantee reliability or accuracy. You should carefully consider the investment objectives, potential risks, management fees, and charges and expenses before investing.

Master Limited Partnerships (MLPs) are limited partnerships that trade as units on public securities exchanges. MLPs are generally held in an investor's account to generate income. A substantial portion of the cash distributions made are considered a return of capital, tax-deferred until the units are sold. Investors in MLPs may be required to file tax returns and pay tax in each state in which the MLP operates. Individual retirement accounts and retirement plans investing in MLPs may be required to report unrelated business taxable income (UBTI) and pay unrelated business income tax (UBIT). Investors should consult a tax advisor regarding their individual tax circumstances.

The Alerian MLP Index (NYSE: AMZ) is a widely recognized index that comprises the 15-20 most prominent energy MLPs. The Alerian Midstream Energy Index (NYSE: AMNAX) is a broad-based composite of North American energy infrastructure companies whose constituents include MLPs and C-Corporations that earn the majority of their cash flow from midstream activities involving energy commodities. These indexes are unmanaged, and you cannot invest directly in an index. The index returns do not reflect fee deductions.

Dividend Assets Capital, LLC claims compliance with the Global Investment Performance Standards (GIPS®). The GIPS-compliant presentation, as well as a full list of the Firm's composite descriptions, is available upon request by contacting DAC at (866) 348-4769.

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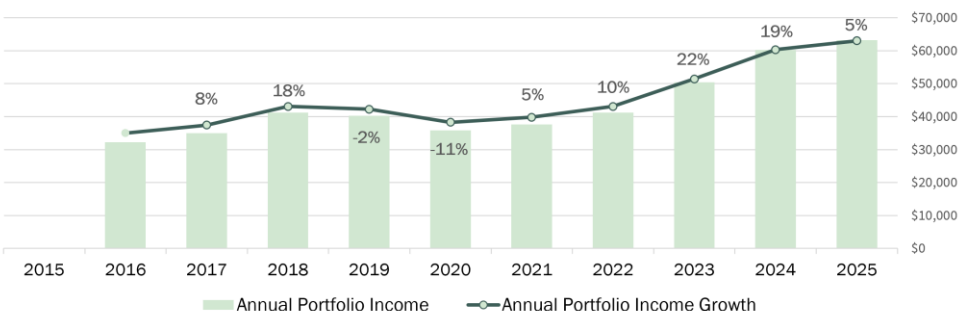
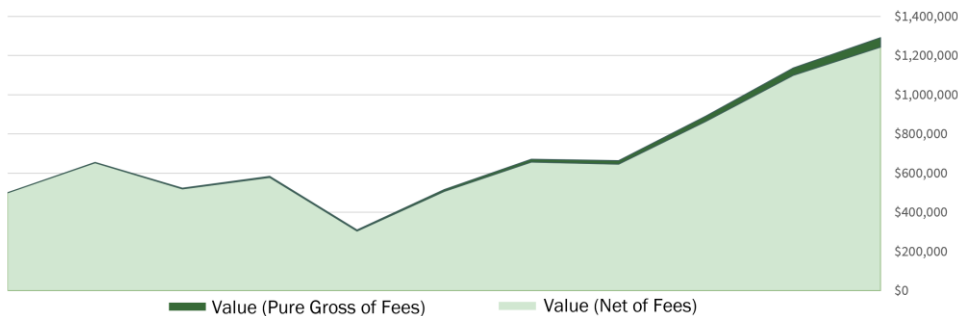
## HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE

Total Returns	Annualized						Since Incep*
	Qtr	YTD	1 YR	3 YR	5 YR	10YR	
DAC NAME (Pure Gross of Fees)	21.8%	21.8%	13.5%	24.2%	20.2%	9.2%	6.0%
DAC NAME (Net of Fees)	21.5%	21.5%	12.2%	22.3%	17.6%	6.4%	3.2%
DAC NAME (Net of Wrap Fees)	21.0%	21.0%	10.1%	20.6%	16.7%	6.0%	2.9%
Alerian MLP Index (AMZ)	16.9%	16.9%	13.9%	24.7%	24.9%	11.0%	6.8%
Alerian Midstream Energy Index (AMNAX)	22.9%	22.9%	21.4%	28.2%	24.2%	14.1%	N/A

Calendar Year Performance	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
DAC NAME (Pure Gross of Fees)	0.8%	33.5%	18.0%	15.2%	27.9%	-26.3%	10.9%	-12.0%	-9.2%	15.6%
DAC NAME (Net of Fees)	-0.4%	32.0%	14.6%	11.9%	24.2%	-28.6%	7.6%	-14.6%	-11.9%	12.2%
DAC NAME (Net of Wrap Fees)	-2.2%	29.6%	14.6%	11.9%	24.2%	-28.6%	7.6%	-14.6%	-11.9%	12.2%
Alerian MLP Index	9.8%	24.4%	26.6%	30.9%	40.2%	-28.7%	6.6%	-12.4%	-6.5%	18.3%
Alerian Midstream Energy Index	5.0%	44.5%	14.0%	21.5%	38.4%	-23.4%	24.0%	-13.3%	-2.4%	33.8%

Hypothetical Growth of \$500,000 (10-years as of 3/31/2026)



The "Pure Gross of Fees" results are calculated gross of all fees. The "Net of Fees" value reflects the deduction of DAC's investment management fee for the representative account in the strategy's GIPS Composite (currently .38% annually).