

# GOLDMAN SACHS RISING DIVIDEND GROWTH FUND

Class A: GSRAX  
Class I: GSRLX  
Class C: GSRCX  
Class Inv: GSRIX  
Class R: GSRRX

## Market Overview

The first quarter of 2025 saw US markets grappling with the new Trump administration's immediate policy focus on tariffs, sparking concerns about economic growth. Additionally, government spending cuts via the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) further weakened the growth outlook as the fiscal impulse was no longer expected to be as positive as in recent years. US inflation data surprised slightly to the upside and given a background of weaker activity data but stable labor market and somewhat higher inflation, the US Federal Reserve held policy rates steady but downgraded growth forecasts and upgraded inflation expectations. US equities (S&P 500) suffered a 4.3% decline, leading a broader 1.8% drop in global developed market equities (MSCI World, NTR, USD). Small-cap stocks (Russell 2000) also underperformed, falling 9.5%. Euro Area equities (EURO STOXX 50, NTR, EUR) and emerging market equities (MSCI EM, NTR, USD) rallied 7.5% and 2.9%, respectively. The divergence in performance was largely a reflection of weaker activity data in the US and better data in Euro Area and China, in addition to expectations of tariff impacts. Within emerging markets, Chinese equities (MSCI China, NTR, HKD) delivered a strong return of +15% during the quarter on the back of better data and continued policy support from Chinese policymakers. However, this outperformance by Chinese equities came after significant underperformance in the prior quarter. Europe had a significant fiscal shift towards higher defense spending, spurred by the German election results. In the bond market, the US 10-year Treasury yield decreased over the quarter whereas most other major developed market bond yields were up through the quarter, reflecting increased market expectations of rate cuts in the US later this year.

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Source: Standard & Poor's, Bloomberg, Goldman Sachs Asset Management, MSCI.

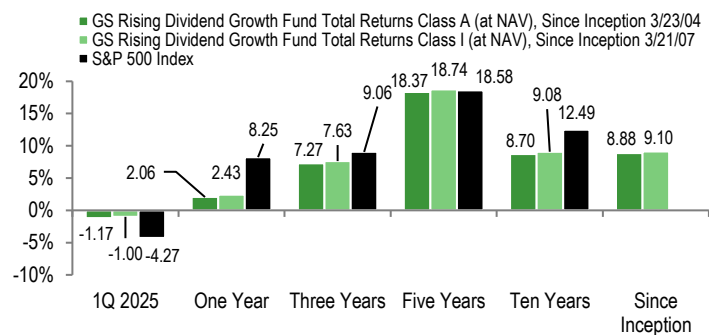
The gross returns do not reflect the deduction of investment advisory fees, which will reduce returns.

MLP = Master Limited Partnership

Contributor/detractor commentary based on sleeve-level portfolio weights.

10/10 test - designed to identify companies that increase their dividend by 10% per year on average, for 10 years in a row

## Fund Performance (%)



For periods one year or greater, performance is annualized. The returns represent past performance. Past performance does not guarantee future results. The Fund's investment return and principal value will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance quoted above. Please visit [am.gs.com](http://am.gs.com) to obtain the most recent month-end returns. Performance reflects cumulative total returns for periods of less than one year and average annual total returns for periods of greater than one year. All Fund performance data reflect the reinvestment of distributions.

## Standardized Total Returns for Period Ended 03/31/25

	Class A Shares	Class I Shares
One Year	-3.57	2.43
Five Years	17.05	18.74
Ten Years	8.09	9.08

The Standardized Total Returns are average annual total returns or cumulative total returns (only if the performance period is one year or less) as of the most recent calendar quarter end. They assume reinvestment of all distributions at net asset value. Class A shares reflect the maximum initial sales charge of 5.5%. Because Institutional shares do not include a sales charge, such a charge is not included in the standardized total returns.

## Expense Ratios for Period Ended 03/31/25

	Current Expense Ratio (Net)	Expense Ratio Before Waivers (Gross)
Class A Shares	1.01%	1.27%
Class I Shares	0.69%	0.91%

The expense ratios of the Fund, both current (net of any fee waivers or expense limitations) and before waivers (gross of any fee waivers or expense limitations) are as set forth above. Pursuant to a contractual arrangement, the Fund's waivers and/or expense limitations will remain in place through at least February 28, 2026, and prior to such date the investment adviser may not terminate the arrangements without the approval of the Fund's Board of Trustees. Please refer to the Fund's prospectus for the most recent expenses.

## INVESTMENT COMMENTARY

Over the first quarter of 2025, the Fund returned -1.00% (I-Shares, net) while the benchmark (S&P 500) returned -4.27%, resulting in a positive excess return of 3.27%. During the quarter, the 10-10 Equity Sleeve had a gross return of -2.58%, while the MLP strategy had a gross return of 9.34%.

### 10-10 Sleeve Attribution Commentary Q1 2025

The 10-10 Equity Sleeve uses the 10-10 Test, which is designed to identify a universe of US-based companies that have paid dividends for a minimum of 10 consecutive years and have increased their dividend per share by 10% or more, per year, on average. The 10-10 Equity Sleeve does not invest in stocks in the Energy sector since the MLP exposure in the Fund has a high correlation with Energy companies. Since the Equity sleeve does not invest in Energy companies, the sleeve is benchmarked to the S&P 500 ex Energy Index.

Over the first quarter of 2025, the 10-10 Equity Sleeve returned -2.58% (gross), outperforming the S&P 500 ex Energy Index by 216bps.

Since the 10-10 sleeve does not take explicit sector bets relative to the S&P 500 ex Energy Index, contribution of sector selection was relatively small (-4 bps) for the quarter. The 10-10 sleeve's outperformance was largely attributable to stock selection (220 bps). Overall, stock selection within the Information Technology and Consumer Discretionary sectors contributed positively to returns.

For the quarter, Tesla Inc and NVIDIA Corp were the largest contributors to performance. As of March 31, 2025, Berkshire Hathaway Inc and NetApp Inc were the largest detractors from the performance in the 10-10 Equity Sleeve.

### MLP Sleeve Commentary Q1 2025

#### Market Review:

In the quarter, macroeconomic uncertainty, primarily surrounding tariffs, brought about fluctuations within the broader equity market. Investor sentiment worsened in March as President Trump's tariffs came closer to realization.

During 1Q25, WTI crude oil prices were down 0.3% with the US Henry Hub natural gas prices up 13.4%. WTI crude oil prices trended flat during the quarter while natural gas had price appreciation alongside positive views on domestic energy needs.

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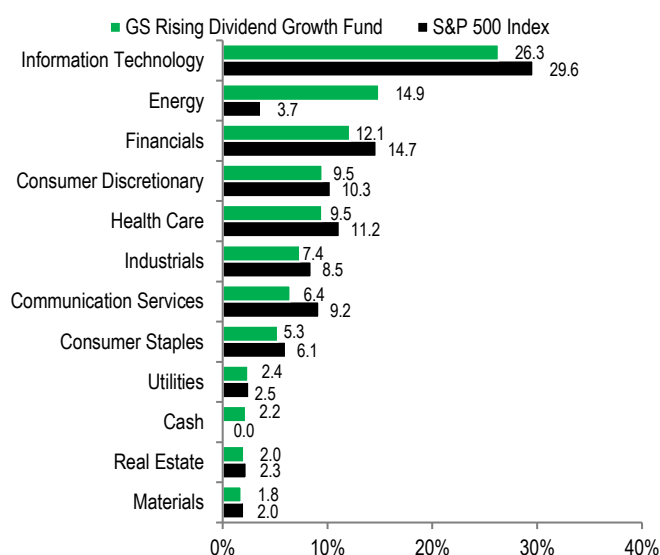
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### Top Ten Holdings

Company	Portfolio
Comcast Corp	2.5%
NextEra Energy Inc	2.2%
MPLX LP	2.0%
Energy Transfer LP	2.0%
Enterprise Products Partners L.P.	1.6%
Intuit Inc	1.6%
Roper Technologies Inc	1.6%
Oracle Corp	1.5%
Microsoft Corp	1.5%
AbbVie Inc	1.5%

### Sector Weights



Data as of 03/31/2025.

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Broad energy infrastructure equities continued to perform well during the quarter with the Alerian Midstream Energy Index (AMNA) returning +6.3%. Energy infrastructure companies continued to perform well through the quarter amid healthy power trends and fundamentals (i.e. strong free cash flow, disciplined CAPEX strategies, stable and growing dividends, and share buy-back programs).

## INVESTMENT COMMENTARY

### Key Drivers of Performance:

Goldman Sachs Asset Management managed MLP & Energy Infrastructure sleeve delivered a gross total return of 9.34% in Q1 2025, underperforming its benchmark, the Alerian MLP Index, which returned 12.58%, by 325bps. As a reminder, the AMZ Index is concentrated in only 13 names and omits a large portion of the investable energy infrastructure universe structured as C-Corporations. The exclusionary methodology can cause periods of performance divergence. The top five contributors to relative performance were EnLink Midstream, NGL Energy Partners, Western Midstream, Williams Cos Inc, and Delek Logistics. The top five detractors to relative performance were BKV Corporation, Cheniere Energy Partners, Kinetik Holdings Inc, Energy Transfer LP, and Genesis Energy LP. On average over the quarter, 38.4% of the sleeve's assets (excluding cash) were invested in the Gathering + Processing sub-sector, while 28.6% were invested in the Pipeline Transportation | Natural Gas sub-sector, and 12.1% in the Pipeline Transportation | Petroleum sub-sector. The remaining assets were invested across the Other | Liquefaction, Marketing | Retail, Marketing | Wholesale, Services Upstream, Services Midstream, and Integrated sub-sectors.

### Outlook

Overall, we remain constructive on the midstream sector due to healthy fundamentals, valuation cheapness, balance sheet strength, free cash flow generation potential, and a decline in the volatility of the sector. A few points to highlight:

- Midstream equities may offer investors an attractive mid-teens total return potential. These expectations are driven by a distribution yield of 6%, an expected distribution growth CAGR (compound annual growth rate) of 5-7% over the next 3 years, and support from share buybacks reflecting ~1% of overall market cap.
- The midstream sector trades at a valuation discount to long term averages, while broader equity markets continue to trade at a sizable premium. We believe valuations in the midstream sector could be a source of additional upside if valuation multiples expand to long-term averages.
- Companies have transformed their balance sheets, which are now the most compelling on record. Leverage in the space has come down significantly, now around 3.5x Net Debt/EBITDA (earnings before interest depreciation and amortization) vs. 5.0x in 2019.
- Commodity fundamentals remain supportive for continued operating strength. Absent a recession, we expect Brent crude oil prices to remain in a supportive price range for the next few quarters, which will support a stable operating environment for energy infrastructure businesses.

### Weights of the Top Contributors and Detractors

Security Description	Absolute Weight (Within Sleeve)	Absolute Weight (Within Overall Fund)
<b>MLP &amp; Energy Infrastructure Sleeve</b>		
<b>Largest Contributors</b>		
EnLink Midstream LLC	0.00%	0.00%
Western Midstream Partners, LP	7.73%	1.17%
Delek Logistics Partners LP	1.04%	0.16%
Williams Companies, Inc.	3.26%	0.50%
Sunoco LP	9.65%	1.47%
<b>Largest Detractors</b>		
Genesis Energy, L.P.	1.82%	0.28%
Energy Transfer LP	12.87%	1.95%
Cheniere Energy Partners, L.P.	2.10%	0.32%
Kinetik Holdings Inc. Class A	2.24%	0.34%
BKV Corporation	1.27%	0.19%
<b>10-10 Equity Sleeve</b>		
<b>Largest Contributors</b>		
Tesla Inc	0.00%	0.00%
NVIDIA Corp	1.66%	1.38%
Alphabet Inc	0.00%	0.00%
Broadcom Inc	0.00%	0.00%
Apple Inc	0.00%	0.00%
<b>Largest Detractors</b>		
Berkshire Hathaway Inc	0.00%	0.00%
NetApp Inc	1.05%	0.87%
Skyworks Solutions Inc	0.81%	0.67%
TD SYNEX Corp	0.83%	0.69%
Oracle Corp	1.83%	1.52%

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We believe the presidential administration will provide a more supportive regulatory environment, with respect to the new permitting and LNG exports. Investor flows into midstream public equity products have picked up since the election as investors show renewed interest in U.S. energy infrastructure companies. Longer term we believe that demand growth for energy commodities—particularly in emerging markets—in addition to opportunities for energy companies to address affordability, security, and sustainability considerations present an attractive outlook for energy companies across the spectrum.

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## Risk Considerations

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## INVESTMENT COMMENTARY

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Free Cash Flow – represents the cash a company generates after accounting for cash outflows to support operations and maintain its capital assets.

Midstream – Companies which operate the pipeline and gathering or transmission facilities that move the gas from the well (upstream) to our homes and businesses (downstream). Midstream operations also treat the product, remove water or waste products, compress it and get it ready for various markets downstream.

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Bps - basis points, or 1/100<sup>th</sup> of 1%

OPEC - Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries

CAPEX - Capital expenditures (CapEx) are funds used by a company to acquire, upgrade, and maintain physical assets such as property, plants, buildings, technology, or equipment. CapEx is often used to undertake new projects or investments by a company

Hawkish (monetary policy): monetary policy focused on controlling inflation by either raising interest rates or keeping interest rates at elevated levels

Dovish: tends to suggest lower interest rates; opposite of hawkish.

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