

Indxis UK Dividend Achievers Index profiles top dividend stocks

- Index of top dividend-paying stocks returns over 20% in 2010
- Game Group top performing stock in terms of dividend yield

London, 24 March 2011 – The most consistent dividend yielding stocks in the UK produced an impressive return of over 20% in 2010, according to Indxis, a leading independent provider of bespoke indexes and investment products.

The UK Dividend Achievers Index, launched last year by Indxis, produced an annualised return over the 12 months to January 31 of 20.85%, out-performing its MSCI benchmark by 2.96%. It also outperformed its benchmark by 0.92% over three years with annualised returns of 3.16%, according to back-tested data.

If an investor had made a £10,000 investment over the past year in a fund or ETF based on the index, it would have yielded an absolute return of just over £2,000.

The UK Dividend Achievers Index mirrors the successful family of Mergent Dividend Achievers in the US which identifies companies with a proven track record of consistent earnings growth and strong cash reserves. It includes UK companies that have increased their annual regular cash dividends for the past five or more consecutive years, providing a regular and reliable income stream for low-risk portfolio strategies.

The index can be used, like all of Indxis's customised indexes, as the basis for an index-tracking product or as a resource in active investment management.

Alan Price, sales director for Indxis, said: "The performance of the UK Dividend Achievers Index over the past year proves it is possible for risk adverse investors to benefit from tremendous equity returns without a high level of risk. Investors reliant on their return on investment, such as those in or nearing retirement, should take heed of this, especially as low-risk fixed-interest returns continue to remain low in the current economic climate."

The index has been mostly composed of large caps at 82%, with over a quarter of funds invested in the services industry at 28%. Financial services stocks also feature prominently in the index at 14%, followed by capital goods and consumer non-cyclical stocks at 12% and 11% respectively.

The index's largest holdings include such household names as Vodafone Group, GlaxoSmithKline and Tesco. The top performing stock in terms of dividend yield over the past year was Game Group with a yield of 8.3%. ARM Holdings featured the highest annualised return of 136%.

The flagship US Dividend Achievers Index created by Indxis's parent company Mergent, was broadly similar in terms of industries represented but had a greater focus on consumer cyclical and financial stocks. The US Dividend Achievers Index experienced annualised returns over 19%.



Mergent has attracted over \$9bn in assets-under-management to linked funds offered by major investment firms including BlackRock, Invesco PowerShares and Vanguard.

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Indxis also provides calculation services to specialist index providers, exchanges and MTFs. Its data and vendor neutral platform offers real-time distribution and has been used to calculate and disseminate major global indices for more than 10 years.

Using its index technology, Indxis creates and licenses innovative investment products including EFTs, open and closed end funds and UITs as well as structured products. Investment products based on Indxis' Dividend Achievers indices currently have more than \$7 billion in assets under management and are licensed to major investment firms including BlackRock, Invesco PowerShares, Vanguard and others.

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