



# T. Rowe Price

## PORTFOLIO UPDATE

# Equity Income Fund

As of March 31, 2024



**Portfolio Manager:**  
John Linehan

**Managed Fund Since:**  
2015

**Joined Firm:**  
1998

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The fund seeks a high level of dividend income and long-term capital growth primarily through investments in stocks.

## FUND INFORMATION

Symbol	PRFDX
CUSIP	779547108
Inception Date of Fund	October 31, 1985
Benchmark	Russell 1000 Value Index
Expense Information (as of the most recent Prospectus)	0.67%
Fiscal Year End	December 31
12B-1 Fee	—

## MARKET COMMENTARY

U.S. equities advanced in March, capping a strong quarter that lifted several broad indexes to all-time highs. As measured by various Russell indexes, mid-cap equities fared best, followed by small-caps and large-caps. Value outperformed growth in all market capitalizations. Within the S&P 500, energy led returns, followed by utilities and materials. All sectors advanced, with consumer discretionary lagging and producing a modest positive return.

Investors remained optimistic about the corporate profit potential stemming from advances in artificial intelligence (AI) and were encouraged by the outcome of the Federal Reserve's mid-March monetary policy meeting. Although the central bank kept short-term interest rates steady, policymakers maintained their year-end 2023 "dot plot" projections for three quarter-point interest rate cuts by the end of 2024 despite recent upticks in inflation readings.

Considering this optimism is largely priced in to equities, we believe it is important to monitor macroeconomic and exogenous factors that could provide signs that expectations are too high.

These risks include the potential for the oil market to tighten, for services inflation to remain elevated, and for dovish monetary policy to renew inflationary pressures. As active, long-term investors, we believe the current market environment presents myriad opportunities to utilize our comprehensive research platforms and unlock value.

## PERFORMANCE

(NAV, total return)

	One Month	Three Months	One Year	Annualized			
				Three Years	Five Years	Ten Years	Fifteen Years
Equity Income Fund	4.89%	8.82%	20.10%	8.55%	10.88%	8.73%	12.75%
Russell 1000 Value Index	5.00	8.99	20.27	8.11	10.32	9.01	13.10
S&P 500 Index	3.22	10.56	29.88	11.49	15.05	12.96	15.63

**Performance data quoted represents past performance and is not a reliable indicator of future performance. 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 data quoted. To obtain the most recent month-end performance, visit [troweprice.com](https://www.troweprice.com).** The Fund's total return figures reflect the reinvestment of dividends and capital gains, if any.

The value approach carries the risk that the market will not recognize a security's intrinsic value for a long time, or that a stock judged to be undervalued may actually be appropriately priced.

The fund(s) may have other share classes available that offer different investment minimums and fees. See the prospectus for details.

**RISK RETURN CHARACTERISTICS**

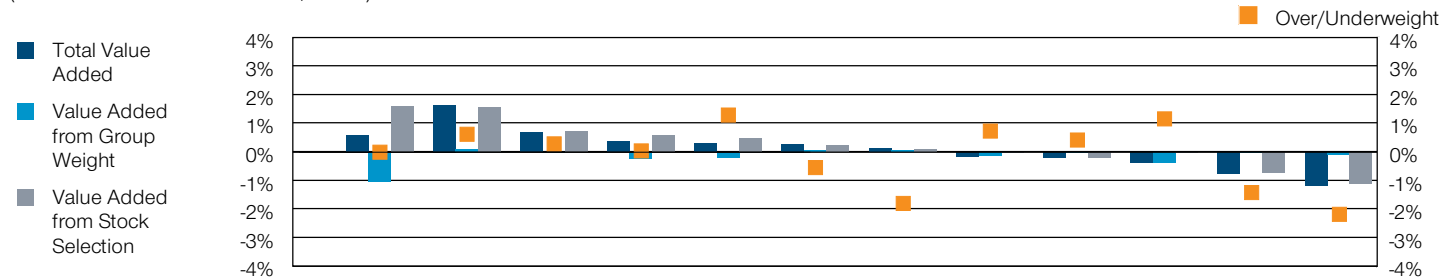
(Five Years ended March 31, 2024)

	Active Share* (as of 3/31/24)	Annualized Std. Deviation	Alpha	Beta	R-Squared	Information Ratio	Sharpe Ratio	Tracking Error
Equity Income Fund	72.5%	19.21%	0.47%	1.02	0.97	0.17	0.45	3.37%
Russell 1000 Value Index	–	18.63	0.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.44	0.00

\* Active Share is a snapshot in time as of the indicated date.

**Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.** Figures are calculated using monthly data and are net of fees.**SECTOR ATTRIBUTION DATA VS. RUSSELL 1000 VALUE INDEX**

(12 months ended March 31, 2024)



	Total	Financials	Info Tech	Comm Svcs	Health Care	Real Estate	Materials	Energy	Consumer Staples	Utilities	Consumer Disc	Indust & Bus Svcs
Over/Underweight	0.00%	0.63%	0.29%	0.05%	1.30%	-0.54%	-1.78%	0.73%	0.43%	1.18%	-1.42%	-2.18%
Fund Performance	20.87	45.23	33.30	43.22	9.38	15.22	13.83	16.55	2.88	-0.21	2.89	20.76
Index Performance	20.27	37.01	24.84	27.76	6.75	9.91	13.11	17.94	4.92	0.89	18.66	30.41
Value Add - Group Weight	-1.02	0.09	-0.03	-0.24	-0.19	0.08	0.06	-0.11	0.01	-0.35	-0.01	-0.10
Value Add - Stock Selection	1.62	1.57	0.72	0.61	0.50	0.22	0.08	-0.03	-0.19	-0.03	-0.72	-1.10
Total Contribution	0.60	1.67	0.69	0.37	0.31	0.30	0.14	-0.15	-0.18	-0.38	-0.74	-1.20

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**TOP 10 ISSUERS**

Comprising 24.2% of total net assets.

	<b>Industry</b>	<b>% of Fund</b>
Qualcomm	Semicons & Semicon Equip	3.0%
Wells Fargo	Banks	3.0
TotalEnergies	Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels	2.5
GE	Aerospace & Defense	2.4
Elevance Health	Health Care Providers & Svcs	2.4
American International Group	Insurance	2.4
Southern Company	Electric Utilities	2.3
News Corp	Media	2.3
Chubb	Insurance	2.2
CF Industries	Chemicals	1.7

Issuers are as of the date indicated and are subject to change.

**PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS**

	<b>Equity Income Fund</b>	<b>Russell 1000 Value Index</b>
Number of Issuers	111	831
Investment Weighted Median Market Cap (mm)	\$78,305	\$78,305
Price to Earnings (12 Months Forward)*° †	16.2X	18.1X
Price to Book (trailing)°	2.3X	2.9X
Projected Earnings Growth Rate (3 - 5 Years)*° †	8.4%	8.1%
Return on Equity (Last 12 Months excl. charges)°	15.3%	16.3%
Top 20 Issuers as Percent of Total	40.1%	25.9%
Total Assets (all share classes)	18,197,937,173	–
Percent of Portfolio in Cash	1.2%	–

°Statistics are based on investment-weighted median.

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†These statistics are based on the Fund's underlying holdings and are not a projection of future portfolio performance. Actual results may vary.

**SECTOR DIVERSIFICATION**

	<b>Finan- cials</b>	<b>Health Care</b>	<b>Indust &amp; Bus Svcs</b>	<b>Info Tech</b>	<b>Energy</b>	<b>Cons Stpls</b>	<b>Utilities</b>	<b>Comm Svcs</b>	<b>Real Es- tate</b>	<b>Materi- als</b>	<b>Cons Disc</b>	<b>Misc.</b>
Equity Income Fund	23.3%	15.6%	12.4%	9.4%	8.8%	8.1%	6.0%	4.6%	4.1%	3.0%	3.0%	0.6%
Russell 1000 Value Index	22.7	14.2	14.6	9.1	8.1	7.7	4.7	4.6	4.6	4.8	5.0	0.0
<b>Over/Underweight</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>-2.2</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>-1.8</b>	<b>-2.0</b>	<b>0.6</b>

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