

# A Decade of Results, Not Stories

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## Key Takeaways

- In a decade dominated by U.S. equities, the [WisdomTree Dynamic International Equity Fund \(DDWM\)](#) quietly outperformed the MSCI EAFE Index with a 10.73% annualized return by focusing on dividend-paying companies across developed international markets.
- [DDWM](#) dynamic currency hedge was a critical return driver, benefiting from higher U.S. interest rates and offering investors a built-in response to shifting global currency regimes.
- With a proven track record through multiple market cycles, [DDWM](#) demonstrates how a disciplined, income-focused international strategy can deliver strong, repeatable performance beyond headline-driven investing.

On January 7, 2026, the [WisdomTree Dynamic International Equity Fund \(DDWM\)](#) quietly crossed a milestone that few strategies reach, and even fewer navigate successfully: its 10-year anniversary. In a decade defined by U.S. equity dominance, shifting global growth dynamics, multiple geopolitical shocks, and dramatically different interest rate regimes, [DDWM](#) has delivered a compelling reminder that disciplined international equity exposure can still perform meaningfully. Rather than chasing cyclical rebounds or macro narratives, [DDWM](#) has emphasized dividend paying stocks across developed markets outside the U.S. The result has been a pattern of returns that speaks less to short-term market timing and more to process consistency, strong performance achieved by repeatedly owning companies that generate cash, allocate capital thoughtfully, and withstand stress.

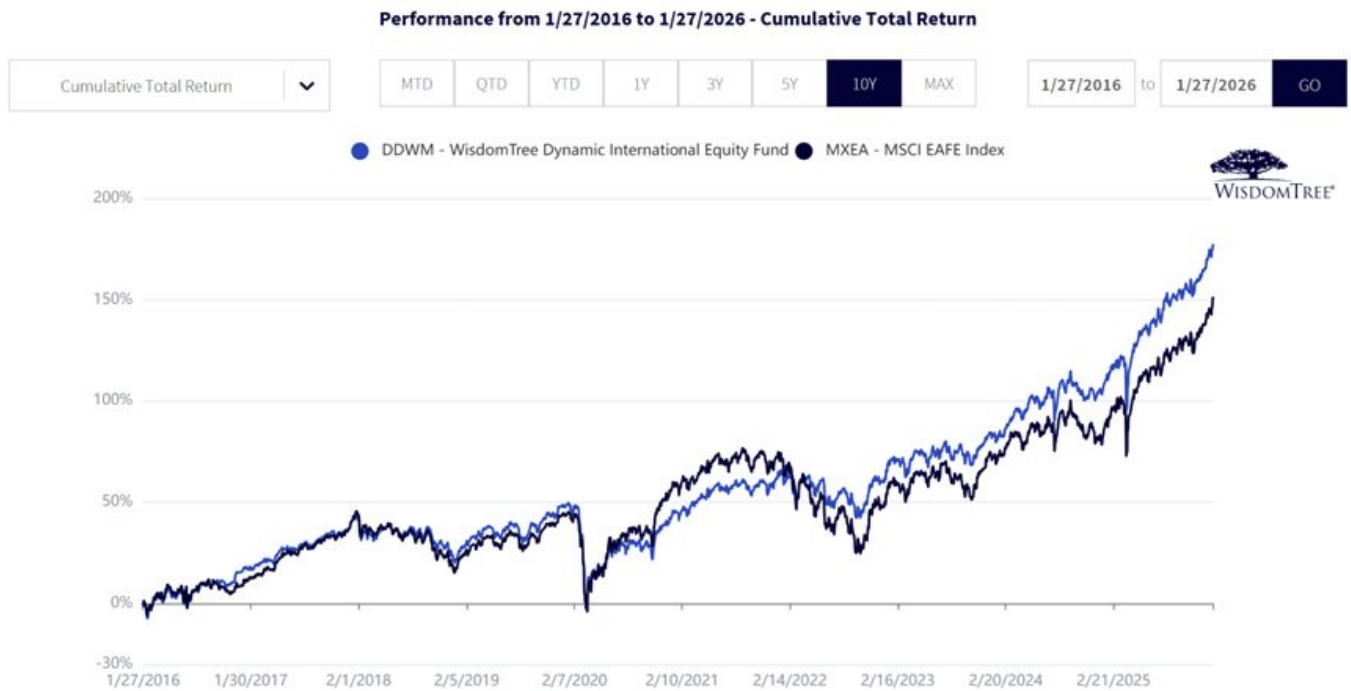
[DDWM](#) is also designed to respond to different currency regimes, encapsulating a capability to dial up or dial down a dynamic currency hedge based on changing market conditions. Everyone sees currencies moving up and down all the time, but few know what to do about it. [DDWM](#) provides one potential answer.

The MSCI EAFE Index is the most widely followed and referenced benchmark for U.S. investors looking to track the performance of developed international stocks. The true test for [DDWM](#), in our view, is being able to meaningfully beat this benchmark over a decade. As is clear in Figure 1a:

- As of January 27, 2026, we saw that [DDWM](#) delivered total return performance, annualized, of 10.73%, while the MSCI EAFE Index delivered 9.66%.

- Digging deeper, the dynamic currency hedge was an important driver of this performance difference. Over the majority of this period, the United States had higher short-term interest rates than most other developed market countries, which means that positioning a currency hedge was an incremental source of return even before any actual currency movement.

**Figure 1a: A Decade of Beating the MSCI EAFE Index**



**Figure 1b: Standardized Returns**

Fund/Index Name	Fund Ticker Symbol	Fund Inception Date	Fund Expense Ratio	Fund 30-Day SEC Yield	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year	Since Fund Inception
WisdomTree Dynamic International Equity Fund (NAV)	DDWM	1/7/16	0.40%	2.48%	30.10%	18.45%	13.41%	N/A	10.12%
WisdomTree Dynamic International Equity Fund (MP)	DDWM	1/7/16	0.40%	2.48%	29.90%	18.39%	13.52%	N/A	10.14%
MSCI EAFE Index					31.22%	17.22%	8.92%	8.18%	N/A

Sources: Morningstar, FactSet and WisdomTree, specifically data is from the PATH Fund Comparison Tool, accessed as of January 28, 2026, but showing returns for the period ended January 27, 2026 for Figure 1a and December 31, 2025 for 1b. NAV denotes total return performance at net asset value. MP denotes market price performance. **Past performance is not indicative of future results. Investment return and principal value of an investment 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. For the most recent month-end and standardized performance, click [here](#).**

## DDWM has Already Been Tested

The last decade rewarded conviction in U.S. equities. It also rewarded investors who quietly compounded their returns elsewhere. While headlines and flows concentrated on a narrow set of mega-cap winners, [DDWM](#) spent ten years doing something far less dramatic, and far more repeatable: owning dividend-paying companies across developed markets outside the U.S. through multiple economic cycles, market shocks, and interest-rate regimes.

That distinction matters. A decade-long track record doesn't eliminate uncertainty, but it does eliminate excuses. It shows how a strategy behaves when growth is scarce, when capital is expensive, and when optimism fades. [DDWM's](#) results were not driven by timing inflection points or chasing recoveries; they were earned by consistently applying a strategy focused on dividend-payers and attuned to dynamically shifting performance of developed market currencies against the U.S. dollar.

As [DDWM](#) enters its second decade, the takeaway isn't that international equities are "back." It's that a dividend focus, applied patiently and systematically, compounds, often away from the spotlight, but not away from results.

Explore [DDWM's](#) performance, fundamentals and comparison metrics to see how a disciplined, dividend-focused approach has played out across market cycles.

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