

Investment Review

The Hereford/DSM US Large Cap Growth Sub-Fund depreciated 5.38% for the month of April compared to a (4.24)% return for the Russell 1000 Growth Index and a (4.08)% return for the S&P 500 both including dividends. At the end of April, the Sub-Fund was invested in the technology, financials, communication services, consumer discretionary, industrials, health care and consumer staples sectors.

For the month, the Sub-Fund trailed the benchmark by approximately 114bps. This was primarily the result of the Manager’s selections in the technology sector. The Manager’s selections in health care benefitted performance. In April, the positions that contributed the most to the portfolio’s return were Alphabet, Eli Lilly, Chipotle Mexican Grill, Charles Schwab and Neurocrine Biosciences. The positions that detracted the most in the month were Microsoft, Autodesk, Meta Platforms, Advanced Micro Devices and Arista Networks.

Manager’s Commentary

While inflation has come down considerably since its peak in June 2022, it does appear to have flattened out since last summer, hovering between 3 and 3.5%. Services and housing related prices have been stubborn to fall, and wage growth remains near 4%. Given this, over the last few months investor expectations for the number of rate cuts this year has been reduced to roughly 3 cuts from 7 cuts. If inflation remains in the 3% range, the Manager believes it is possible the economy is closer to the end of the inflation decline and rate cut expectation cycle. That said, the European Central Bank could still cut rates over the next several months and the US Federal Reserve during mid-year, most likely in the third quarter. In DSM’s view, even if rate cuts are pushed out, markets may still move higher given the improved economic outlook. Conversely, if the economy softens and rate cuts are sooner/greater than expected, the market may also move higher as the intermediate to longer term macroeconomic picture remains solid with steady growth, full employment and lower inflation. Regardless, interest rates remain quite low by historical standards, supporting market multiples in the 19-22x P/E range and making it very manageable for companies to invest and run their businesses.

Another contributor to the weaker market performance last month were the rising geopolitical risks to global economic stability, particularly the escalating conflict in the Middle East. The Manager believes significant escalation could lead to a sustained spike in energy prices which would have a negative impact on the global economy, however DSM sees minimal company-specific impact on the portfolio beyond the broader macro impacts. It is important to note that US production of oil and gas is dramatically higher, both in absolute and relative terms, than in the 1980s. As OPEC has curtailed its oil production in recent years in an attempt to sustain higher energy prices, US producers have stepped in to fill the gap, making the US the world’s largest oil producer with approximately 15% market share. US natural gas production – a key driver of US electricity prices – has also increased substantially. As a result, the Manager believes that should the conflicts in the Middle East cause a spike in energy prices, for our US-based companies such a spike would be brief as US production steps up to meet demand.

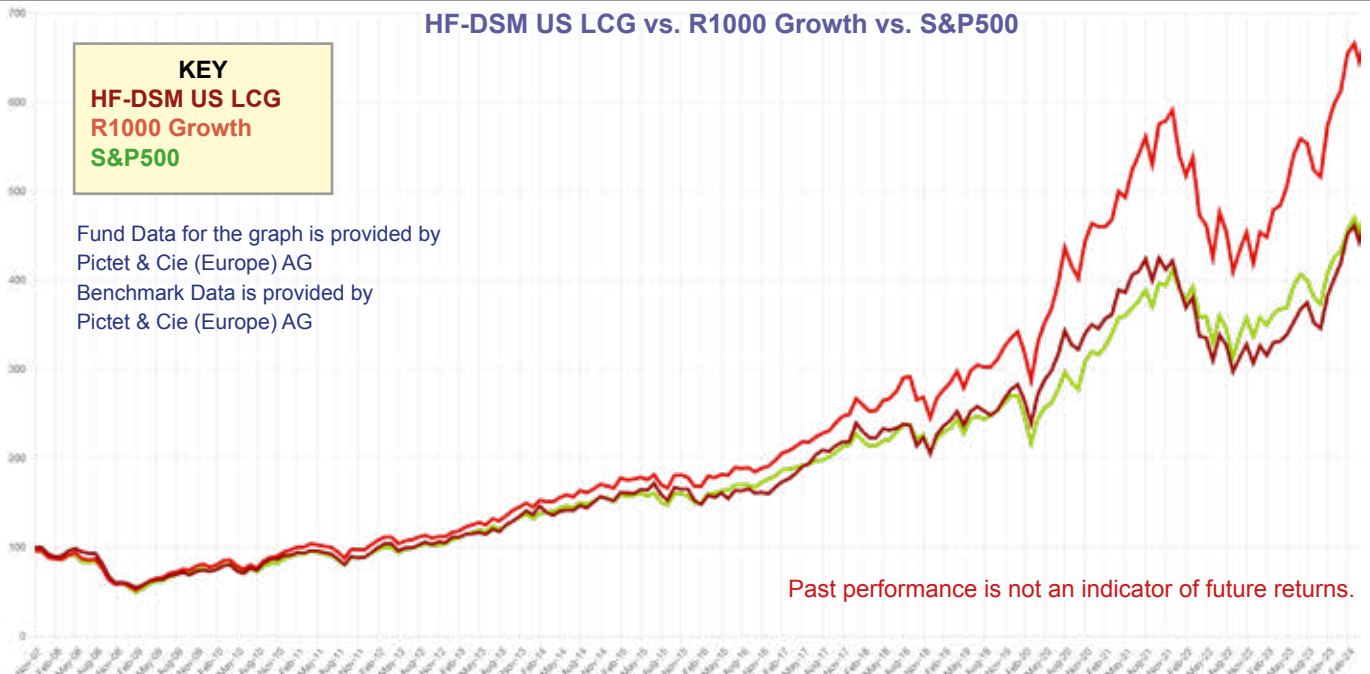
In DSM’s view, geopolitical risks such as the Middle East, the Russian invasion of Ukraine, or a possible conflict between China and Taiwan continue to constitute the most serious risks to global equity markets today. That said, the absolute level of US government debt is a potential economic risk that may one day prove to be a significant problem, though fear of this debt has existed for decades and has thus far proven not to be a concern. Barring unfavorable geopolitical events or an unexpected financial crisis, the Manager believes markets are most likely pointed upward. In their view, the positive impact of lower inflation and a growing economy enhanced by the newly emerging AI technology cycle is likely just beginning. Bull markets have always climbed a wall of worry and the Manager believes this time is no different.

Key Information

NAV A Shares (30/04/24)	US\$ 436.3	Strategy Assets	US\$ 5,557.3 ^(a)
Total Fund Size (all share classes)	US\$ 77.8 m	Fund Launch Date	29-Nov-07

Monthly Performance (%)													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
HF-DSM US LCG	4.6	7.8	2.0	(5.9)									8.83
Russell 1000 Growth^(c)	2.5	6.8	1.7	(4.3)									6.68
S&P 500^(c)	1.7	5.3	3.2	(4.1)									6.04

Period Perf (%)	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	Cumulative	Annualised
DSM US LCG Returns ^(b)	30.7	(27.8)	20.5	26.4	35.0	(6.2)	36.8	(3.3)	7.0	9.7	34.1	18.2	(2.0)	21.9	22.8	(39.3)	18.7	9.8	336.3	9.3%
Russell 1000 Growth ^(c)	42.7	(29.5)	27.5	38.5	36.4	(1.5)	30.2	7.1	5.7	13.1	33.5	15.3	2.6	16.7	37.2	(38.4)	11.8	9.1	537.7	11.9%
S&P 500 ^(c)	26.2	(18.1)	28.6	18.4	31.3	(4.4)	21.8	12.0	1.4	13.7	32.4	16.0	2.1	15.1	26.5	(37.0)	5.5	15.8	351.0	9.6%



Top Ten Holdings

Advanced Micro Devices	Intuit
Alphabet (Cl. A)	Meta Platforms
Amazon.com	Microsoft
Arista Networks	NVIDIA
Fiserv	Visa

Sectoral Breakdown	% of Assets
Information Technology	45.5%
Financials	15.2%
Communication Services	14.4%
Consumer Discretionary	11.2%
Industrials	6.1%
Health Care	4.9%
Consumer Staples	1.8%

Investment Objective

The investment objective of the HF-DSM US LCG is to provide capital appreciation principally through investments in US-based growing corporations with market capitalizations generally above US\$ 5 billion. These companies are chosen for their growth prospects, attractive returns, solid business fundamentals and intelligent management. The sub fund may, on an ancillary basis, invest in US-based companies with lower market capitalizations as well as in non-US based companies. The Compartment may invest in American Depository Receipts and American Depository Shares. The reference benchmark for this strategy is the Russell 1000 Growth Index

The Sub-Fund is actively managed. The benchmark indices of the Sub-Fund are the S&P 500 and the Russell 1000 Growth. They are used for performance comparison purposes. The Investment Manager is not in any way constrained by the benchmark indices in its portfolio positioning. This means the Investment Manager is taking investment decisions without reference to a benchmark index. The Sub-Fund can deviate significantly from the benchmark indices

Fund Codes		Since inception	HF-DSM US LCG	HF-DSM US LCG Composite	R1000 Growth
Bloomberg	DSMUSLA LX	Volatility	n/a	15.8	16.1
ISIN	LU0327604228	Sharpe Ratio	n/a	0.5	0.5
Reuters	LP65102015	Information Ratio	n/a	-0.1	
Sedol	B28TLX2	Tracking Error	n/a	6.2	
	3504726	Beta	n/a	0.9	
WKN	A0M58T	Alpha	n/a	0.1	

Fund Details

Dealing Day	Daily
Dividends	None - income accumulated within the fund
Investment Manager	DSM Capital Partners LLC 7111 Fairway Drive, Suite 350, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418
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Minimum Investment

Share Class A	\$100,000 initial subscription
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Share Class	Mgmt Fees	ISIN	TER	Entry Fee	Exit Fee
A	1.25%	LU0327604228	1.35%*	0%	0%

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- This refers to the total assets invested in the reference strategy managed by the Investment Manager.
- Data and graph depict DSM Composite through November 2007 and Hereford Funds DSM US Large Cap Growth Fund Class A thereafter. Historical gross performance of DSM Large Cap Composite returns (the Reference Strategy) is net of modeled fee and expense typical of Hereford Funds DSM US Large Cap Growth Fund Class A (1.25% fee + 0.25% expense). Fund follows same strategy. Performance presentation incomplete without accompanying footnotes as shown at www.dsmcapital.com.
- Total return including dividends.

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* Financial Year ending September 2023