

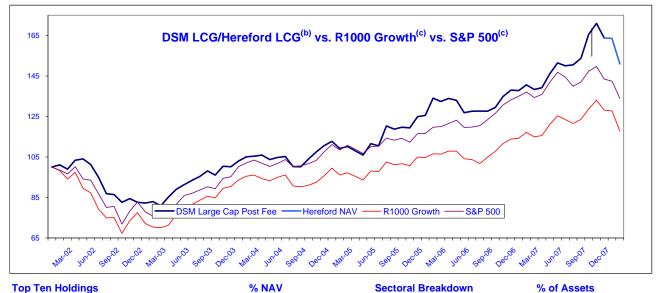
# Hereford Funds DSM US Large Cap Growth Fund January 2008

### **January 2008 Investment Review**

The Hereford/DSM Large Cap Fund declined (7.7%) for the month of January compared to a (7.8%) decline in the Russell 1000 Growth and a (6.0%) decline in the S&P500. We have been surprised by the ferocity of the correction in the equity markets this month. If we had seen this coming, we might have raised cash; but we didn't see it coming, and we feel it is too late to sell now. We believe that investors are largely selling without regard for the "intrinsic value" of what they own. Many investors are "in pain" and pain breeds fear and fear causes panicked selling. As a result, the prices simply represent the balance of supply overwhelming demand, as large numbers of investors seek to stop the pain by raising cash. Given that we believe it is too late to raise cash now, our strategy is to make selective changes to upgrade the portfolio as opportunities present themselves. We hope that these selective changes will enable the long-term returns on the portfolio to be superior to what they otherwise would have been.

Pessimism remains widespread, creating opportunity when the reality is not dire. At present, the portfolio continues to generate weighted earnings growth well in excess of 20% per annum and is selling at 21.4x 2008 (next four quarters) earnings. This ratio of P/E to earnings growth is uncharacteristically attractive, especially in light of current interest rates. We continue to believe that we have identified investment opportunities that will generate an attractive rate of return, while remaining aware of economic and company specific risks. We believe the portfolio is significantly undervalued.

Key information NAV A Shares (31/01/08): \$92.15 Total Fund Size: \$15.6 Million Strategy Assets: \$971.0m <sup>(a)</sup> Fund Launch Date: 29-Nov-07													
Monthly Performance (%)													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
Hereford Funds NAV	(7.7)												(7.7)
Russell 1000 <sup>(c)</sup>	(7.8)												(7.8)
S&P 500 <sup>(c)</sup>	(6.0)												(6.0)
Period Performance (%)									Since Inception 01/01/02				
	YTD	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002		Cumulat	ive	A	nnualis	ed
DSM LCG/Hereford LCG Returns <sup>(b)</sup>	(7.7)	18.7	9.8	11.4	9.4	25.2	(17.7)		51.0		7.0		
Russell 1000 <sup>(c)</sup>	(7.8)	11.8	9.1	5.3	6.3	29.7	(27.9)		17.8			2.7	
S&P 500 <sup>(c)</sup>	(6.0)	5.5	15.8	4.9	10.9	28.7	(22.1)		33.9			4.9	



9.3%
6.2%
5.6%
4.7%
4.5%
4.4%
4.3%
4.0%
4.0%
3.8%

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Health Care	34.7%
Information Technology	18.8%
Energy	12.5%
Financials	13.8%
Services	6.0%
Industrials	7.6%
Materials	1.9%



#### **Investment Objective**

The investment objective of the sub fund is to provide capital appreciation principally through investments in US-based growing corporations with market capitalizations generally above 2 billion dollars. These companies are chosen for their growth prospects, attractive returns, solid business fundamentals and intelligent management. Companies invested in will often have higher revenue and earnings growth rates and less "sell-side" research coverage than comparable larger capitalization corporations. 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.

		Since Inception			R1000 Growth	
Fund Codes (Share Class A)		Risk Profile	DSM US LCG	DSM LC		
Bloomberg	DSMUSLA LX	Volatility	n/a	11.26	12.87	
ISIN	LU0327604228	Sharpe Ratio	n/a	0.30	-0.07	
Reuters	LP65102015	Information Ratio	n/a	0.42		
Sedol	B28TLX2	Tracking Error	n/a	8.48		
Valoren	3504726	Beta	n/a	0.67		
WKN	A0M58T	Alpha	n/a	4.16		

# **Fund Details**

Dealing day Daily None - income accumulated within the fund Dividends **Investment Manager** DSM Capital Partners LLC, 320 East Main Street, Mount Kisco, NY 10549, USA Promoter VP Bank (Luxembourg) S.A., 26 Avenue de la Liberté, L-1930 Luxembourg Authorized Corporate Director VPB Finance S.A., 26 Avenue de la Liberté, L-1930 Luxembourg VP Bank (Luxembourg) S.A., 26 Avenue de la Liberté, L-1930 Luxembourg Custodian Elvinger, Hoss & Prussen, 2 Place Winston Churchill, L-1340 Luxembourg Legal Advisers Deloitte,560 Rue de Neudorf, L-2220 Luxembourg Auditor **Annual Management Charge** Share Class A 1.25%

\$100,000 initial / \$10,000 subsequent

\$10,000 initial / \$1,000 subsequent

0.25% + 20% performance fee on outperformance vs US T-Bill with HWM 1% + 20% performance fee on outperformance vs US T-Bill with HWM 1.75%

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### **Minimum Investment**

Share Class A&B Share Class C&D

Share Class B

Share Class D

Share Class C<sup>(d)</sup>

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# (a) This refers to the total assets invested in the reference strategy managed by the Investment Manager.

(b) Total return including dividends.

(c) 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) minus 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 dsmcapital.com.

(d) Share Class C is German tax registered from 4/1/08.

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