

# Hereford Funds DSM US Large Cap Growth Fund March 2008

## **March 2008 Investment Review**

The Hereford/DSM Large Cap Fund appreciated 0.8% for the month of March compared to a (0.6%) decline in the Russell 1000 Growth and a (0.4%) decline in the S&P500. The majority of our portfolio is presently invested in the health care, technology, business services and energy services sectors. The weighted portfolio is presently valued at 20.3x the next four quarters of earnings ending March of 2009. We continue to believe that your portfolio remains very attractively valued in the current investment environment.

The Federal Reserve took measures in March to stabilize the credit markets and ensure a more healthy general economy. The Federal Reserve actions increased the ability of banks and brokerage houses to access liquidity interest rates were lowered again. Along with expected near term fiscal stimulus, the credit markets and economy should slowly improve over time. Inflation is a near term concern, largely on the back of rapidly rising commodity costs. Should economies around the world continue to cool down, inflation should as well. The current outlook is subdued, though many are calling for a slow recovery in the second half of 2008, and an even stronger showing in 2009.

Since our last letter to you, we took the opportunity to make some portfolio changes in light of the changing economic situation unfolding in the US and globally. We decided to trim our exposure to financial services and several other names, and re-allocate the funds to other current holdings that we thought would better weather any continued financial and economic turbulence. Thus, we trimmed or sold our financial holdings in State Street, SEI Investments, Franklin Resources, and Invesco, while also trimming positions in Corning, CH Robinson, and Cognizant. We re-allocated much of these funds into existing positions that included ABB, News Corp., CVS, Microsoft, and Monsanto. Toward the end of the quarter, in light of the significant actions that the Federal Reserve took and improved sentiment, we did re-initiate positions in Franklin Resources and Invesco.

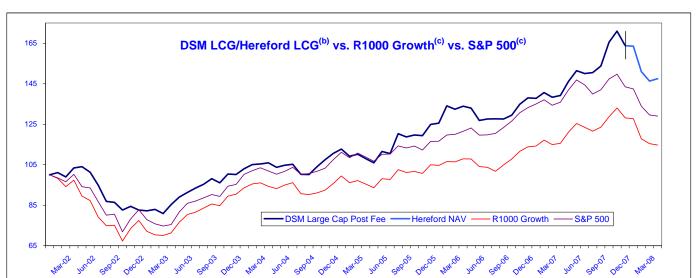
## **Key information**

NAV A Shares (31/03/08): \$90.02 Total Fund Size: \$17.7 Million Strategy Assets: \$1,056.2m<sup>(a)</sup> Fund Launch Date: 29-Nov-07

## **Monthly Performance (%)**

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Hereford Funds NAV	(7.7)	(3.1)	8.0										(9.8)
Russell 1000 <sup>(c)</sup>	(7.8)	(2.0)	(0.6)										(10.2)
S&P 500 <sup>(c)</sup>	(6.0)	(3.3)	(0.4)										(9.5)

Period Performance (%)								Since Incep	otion 01/01/02	
	YTD	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	Cumulative	Annualised	
DSM LCG/Hereford LCG Returns <sup>(b)</sup>	(9.8)	18.7	9.8	11.4	9.4	25.2	(17.7)	47.5	6.4	
Russell 1000 <sup>(c)</sup>	(10.2)	11.8	9.1	5.3	6.3	29.7	(27.9)	14.7	2.2	
S&P 500 <sup>(c)</sup>	(9.4)	5.5	15.8	4.9	10.9	28.7	(22.1)	29.0	4.2	





Top Ten Holdings	% NAV	Sectoral Breakdown	% of Assets
Celgene	9.6%	Health Care	31.4%
Schlumberger	7.3%	Information Technology	20.2%
Genzyme	5.7%	Energy	14.5%
Weatherford	4.6%	Industrials	8.6%
Allergan	4.2%	Financials	7.3%
Monsanto	4.0%	Services	5.6%
Stryker	4.0%	Materials	4.0%
Google	3.9%	Consumer Discretionary	3.2%
ABB Ltd	3.6%	Consumer Staples	2.5%
Automatic Data Processing	3.3%		

#### 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.

Fund Codes (Share Class A)		Since Inception Risk Profile	DSM US LCG	DSM LC	R1000 Growth
Bloomberg	DSMUSLA LX	Volatility	n/a	11.20	12.74
ISIN	LU0327604228	Sharpe Ratio	n/a	0.26	-0.10
Reuters	LP65102015	Information Ratio	n/a	0.42	
Sedol	B28TLX2	Tracking Error	n/a	8.39	
Valoren	3504726	Beta	n/a	0.67	
WKN	A0M58T	Alpha	n/a	3.92	

### **Fund Details**

Auditor

Dealing day Daily

None - income accumulated within the fund Dividends

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## **Annual Management Charge**

Share Class A 1.25%

Share Class B 0.25% + 20% performance fee on outperformance vs US T-Bill with HWM Share Class C(d) 1% + 20% performance fee on outperformance vs US T-Bill with HWM

Share Class D

## **Minimum Investment**

Share Class A&B \$100,000 initial / \$10,000 subsequent Share Class C&D \$10,000 initial / \$1,000 subsequent

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- (a) This refers to the total assets invested in the reference strategy managed by the Investment Manager
- Total return including dividends.
- 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
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