

## Hereford Funds **DSM US Large Cap Growth Fund** April 2008

## **April 2008 Investment Review**

The Hereford/DSM Large Cap Fund appreciated 6.5% for the month of April compared to 5.3% for the Russell 1000 Growth index and 4.9% for the S&P500. Consistent with last month, the majority of the fund remains invested in the health care, technology, business services, and energy services sectors. The weighted average P/E of the portfolio is 21.9x which we believe is attractive relative to our estimated earnings growth of 20%.

The markets continued their recovery from the lows seen in mid-March, partially on the belief that the worst of the credit crisis had passed and that the financial system has stabilized following the collapse of Bear Stearns. In their most recent meeting, the Federal Reserve opted for another 25 basis point cut in the Fed Funds rate to 2% marking the seventh reduction in the past 8 months. Reaction to the cut was mixed as inflation hawks had hoped for a more definitive signal that the recent string of cuts had come to an end. Instead, the Fed indicated that while this may be the last cut for a while, they would not rule out further action if warranted. The dollar is hovering near all-time lows, and commodities are near all time highs. But, with so-called core inflation up 2.1% year over year in March, it remains just slightly above the Fed's comfort zone of 2%.

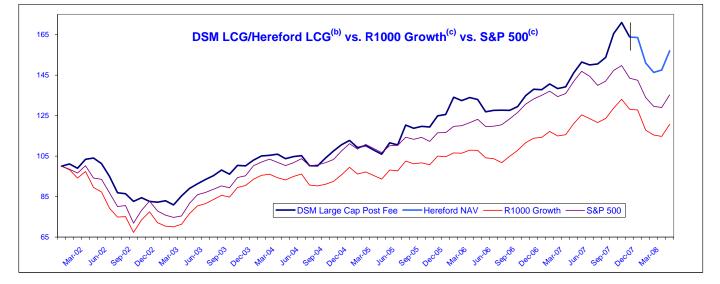
The Commerce Department recently announced that Q1 GDP growth was a positive 0.6%. While we are technically not in recession, many important indicators including job losses, unemployment claims, and consumer confidence are pointing in that direction. The Fed faces a tough balancing act.

During the month of April, we made some adjustments to the portfolio. After trimming Franklin Resources in March, we have opted to exit the position entirely. We also took the opportunity to trim our holdings in Allergan and Monsanto. In the case of Allergan, we felt that increased economic pressure on consumers could curtail spending on some of AGN's key products which are discretionary in nature. The MON trim was valuation related. We initiated a new position in Schering Plough following a significant sell-off that we felt was overdone.

## **Key information**

NAV A Shares (30/04/08): \$95.83 Total Fund Size: \$18.9 mil Strategy Assets: \$1,213.8mil<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)	(3.1)	0.8	6.5									(4.0)
Russell 1000 <sup>(c)</sup>	(7.8)	(2.0)	(0.6)	5.3									(5.5)
S&P 500 <sup>(c)</sup>	(6.0)	(3.3)	(0.4)	4.9									(5.0)
Period Performance (%)							Since Inception 01/01/02						
	YTD	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002		Cumu	Ilative		Annu	alised
DSM LCG/Hereford LCG Returns <sup>(b)</sup>	(4.0)	18.7	9.8	11.4	9.4	25.2	(17.7)		57	.0		7.	4
Russell 1000 <sup>(c)</sup>	(5.5)	11.8	9.1	5.3	6.3	29.7	(27.9)		20	.7		3.	0
S&P 500 <sup>(c)</sup>	(5.0)	5.5	15.8	4.9	10.9	28.7	(22.1)		35	.3		4.	9





Top Ten Holdings	% NAV	Sectoral Breakdown	% of Assets		
Celgene Corp	8.9%	Health Care	32.2%		
Schlumberger Ltd	7.9%	Information Technology	22.5%		
Google Inc-CI A	5.6%	Energy	15.6%		
Genzyme Corp	5.0%	Industrials	8.9%		
Weatherford Intl Ltd	4.8%	Services	5.6%		
ABB	3.9%	Financials	5.6%		
Stryker Corp	3.7%	Materials	3.4%		
Apple Inc	3.7%	Consumer Discretionary	2.8%		
Monsanto Co	3.4%	Consumer Staples	2.3%		
Hologic	3.4%				

## **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. 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 ISIN Reuters Sedol Valoren WKN	DSMUSLA LX LU0327604228 LP65102015 B28TLX2 3504726 A0M58T	Volatility Sharpe Ratio Information Ratio Tracking Error Beta Alpha	n/a n/a n/a n/a n/a	11.37 0.32 0.44 8.35 0.68 4.35	12.81 -0.05		
Fund Details							
Dealing day Dividends Investment Manager Promoter Authorized Corporate Director Custodian Legal Advisers Auditor	Daily None - income accumulated within the fund DSM Capital Partners LLC, 320 East Main Street, Mount Kisco, NY 10549, USA VP Bank (Luxembourg) S.A., 26 Avenue de la Liberté, L-1930 Luxembourg 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 Elvinger, Hoss & Prussen, 2 Place Winston Churchill, L-1340 Luxembourg Deloitte,560 Rue de Neudorf, L-2220 Luxembourg						
Annual Management Charge							
Share Class A Share Class B Share Class C(d) Share Class D	1.25% 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%						
Minimum Investment							
Share Class A&B Share Class C&D	\$100,000 initial / \$10,000 subsequent \$10,000 initial / \$1,000 subsequent						
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<ul> <li>(a) This refers to the total assets invested in th</li> <li>(b) Data and graph depict DSM Composite three Historical gross performance of DSM Large Horeford Funde DSM LIS Large Country</li> </ul>	ough November 2007 and F Cap Composite returns (th	Hereford Funds DSM US Large Reference Strategy) minus	ge Cap Growth Fund Cla modeled fee and expension	se 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 Total return including dividends.

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

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