

**DSM US Large Cap Growth Sub-Fund**  
**Class A - October 2024**

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**Investment Review**

The Hereford/DSM US Large Cap Growth Sub-Fund depreciated 0.01% for the month of October compared to a (0.33)% return for the Russell 1000 Growth Index and a (0.91)% return for the S&P 500 both including dividends. At the end of October, the Sub-Fund was invested in the technology, communication services, financials, consumer discretionary, industrials and health care sectors.

For the month, the Sub-Fund exceeded the benchmark by approximately 32bps. This was primarily the result of the Manager's selections and overweight versus the benchmark of the financials sector. The Manager's selections in health care also benefitted performance in the period. In October, the positions that contributed the most to the portfolio's return were NVIDIA, Fiserv, Alphabet, GE Vernova and Visa. The positions that detracted the most in the month were Microsoft, Advanced Micro Devices, Eli Lilly, Adobe and Apple.

**Manager's Commentary**

The geopolitical landscape, including the ongoing war in Ukraine and tensions in the Middle East, as well as the uncertainty surrounding the US elections resulted in a volatile month for markets. However, the global economy continues to evolve, despite facing a complex interplay of factors that should influence the forward growth path. While there are reasons for optimism, particularly in the US, challenges persist in Europe and China. The Manager continues to have the view that the global economy will experience a soft landing this year, with US economic growth pacing around 2.5%, bolstered by approximately 3% growth in the second half. Global growth should again be above 2% in 2025, with the US slowing from its torrid second half 2024 pace and growing closer to 2% next year.

The US economy continues to demonstrate remarkable resilience. Despite inflationary pressures, the labor market has remained robust, with a continued historically low unemployment rate and steady wage growth. In addition, consumer spending has been supported by rising net worth and a gradual decline in inflation, though there is still some pressure on the low to middle income cohort. With inflation approaching the US Federal Reserve's 2% target, the Fed has embarked on a rate cutting cycle, aggressively reducing the federal funds rate by a half a percent in the 3Q with expectations for further cuts into 2025. The market is pricing the fed funds rate to close 2025 around 3.5%, and DSM believes further reductions should continue to bolster economic confidence.

Europe's economic outlook is less optimistic. Slow growth, coupled with concerns about negative growth in Germany, highlights the region's challenges, although the UK has shown positive signals more recently. While inflation has moderated, consumer confidence remains weak, hindering spending. With inflation declining to approximately 2.2%, and closing in on the European Central Bank's 2% target rate, the ECB has cut rates three times this year, which should provide some support to consumer spending. The Manager would highlight that higher income tax rates are being discussed across Europe, which in their view would only prove to be a further headwind to economic growth. As such, unfavorable economic policies and geopolitical tensions further complicate Europe's path to recovery.

Overall, the global economy is expected to experience a soft landing in 2024, primarily driven by the US economy's continued growth. DSM expects central banks around the world to maintain a focus on inflation, gradually reducing interest rates as inflationary pressures further subside. However, the challenges facing Europe and China do represent uncertainties. Lower inflation is also supportive of steady economic growth. The Manager's "soft landing-muddle through" economic outlook, combined with AI-driven productivity, provides a solid underpinning on which the market may over time move steadily higher.

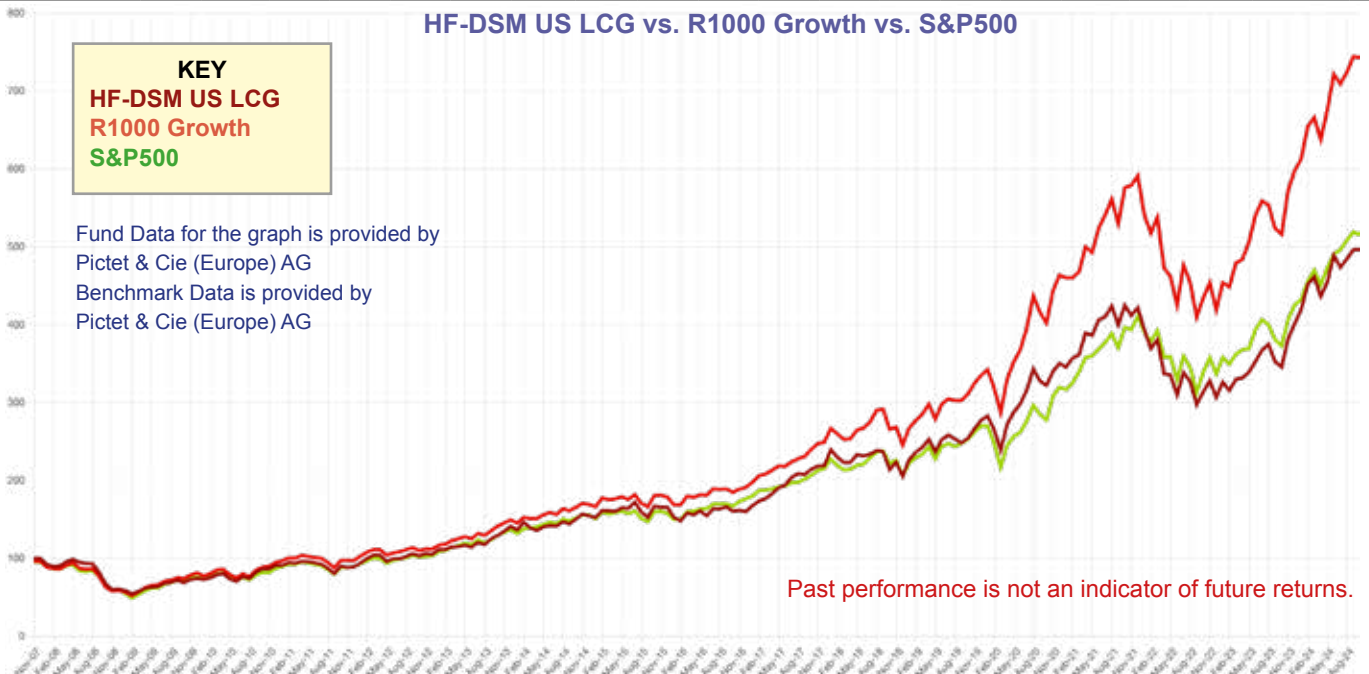
**Key Information**

NAV A Shares (31/08/24)	US\$ 496.3	Strategy Assets	US\$ 5,759.1 <sup>(a)</sup>
Total Fund Size (all share classes)	US\$ 83.7 m	Fund Launch Date	29-Nov-07

Monthly Performance (%)													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
<b>HF-DSM US LCG</b>	4.6	7.8	2.0	(5.9)	4.2	7.5	(3.1)	2.2	2.5	(0.1)			23.8
<b>Russell 1000 Growth<sup>(c)</sup></b>	2.5	6.8	1.7	(4.3)	6.0	6.7	(1.7)	2.1	2.8	(0.3)			24.1
<b>S&amp;P 500<sup>(c)</sup></b>	1.7	5.3	3.2	(4.1)	5.0	3.6	1.2	2.4	2.1	(0.9)			21.0

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 <sup>(b)</sup>	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	396.3	9.9%
Russell 1000 Growth <sup>(c)</sup>	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	642.0	12.5%
S&P 500 <sup>(c)</sup>	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	414.5	10.1%

**HF-DSM US LCG vs. R1000 Growth vs. S&P500**



## Top Ten Holdings

Advanced Micro Devices	Eli Lilly
Alphabet (Cl. A)	Fiserv
Amazon.com	Meta Platforms
Apple	Microsoft
Arista Networks	NVIDIA

Sectoral Breakdown	% of Assets
Information Technology	52.6%
Communication Services	11.8%
Financials	11.3%
Consumer Discretionary	8.3%
Industrials	7.8%
Health Care	7.2%

## 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	15.7	16.1
ISIN	LU0327604228	Sharpe Ratio	n/a	0.5	0.6
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](http://www.dsmcapital.com).
- Total return including dividends.

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\* Financial Year ending September 2023