

Investment Review

The Hereford/DSM US Large Cap Growth Sub-Fund depreciated 1.03% for the month of December compared to a 0.88% return for the Russell 1000 Growth Index and a -2.38% return for the S&P 500 both including dividends. At the end of December, the Sub-Fund was invested in the technology, communication services, financials, consumer discretionary, industrials and health care sectors.

For the month, the Sub-Fund trailed the benchmark by approximately 191bps. This was primarily the result of the Manager’s selections in the technology sector. The Manager’s selections in health care benefitted performance in the period. In December, the positions that contributed the most to the portfolio’s return were Alphabet, Arista Networks, Amazon.com, Apple and Neurocrine Biosciences. The positions that detracted the most in the month were Uber Technologies, Advanced Micro Devices, Oracle, Fiserv and Adobe.

Manager’s Commentary

Calendar year 2024 was a tale of two halves. During the first half of 2024, the Sub-Fund outperformed both the Russell 1000 Growth Index and the S&P 500. However, over the latter half of 2024 including in December, investors adopted a more aggressive stance in their decision-making and the Sub-Fund underperformed. Given DSM’s more conservative approach to investing this is unsurprising, as the Manager will typically underperform in a more speculative market. Although several technology-related portfolio positions, which had driven the Sub-Fund’s outperformance earlier in the year, were weaker in the second half due to this momentum-driven investing, the Manager remains optimistic that the outlook is very bright for the leading global technology businesses in the portfolio, driven by continued growth in cloud, internet, software, semiconductor and security demand in addition to very well-known AI trends.

During 2024, US equities continued to outperform non-US equities. While many commentators have maintained their long-standing belief that European and Emerging Markets equities would in time outperform US equities as regional market returns revert to historic averages, DSM disagrees. In their view, given the size and ongoing growth of American technology stocks, a “reversion to the mean” is not possible because the companies that comprise the averages have changed dramatically. Although the Manager believes the reality of American technological dominance is finally shifting the mindset of global investors to some extent, many of these investors remain underweight US equities, especially in technology. Furthermore, based on the Manager’s year-end S&P 500 bottoms up growth and valuation analysis, they believe there is greater and more sustainable upside to the US equity market than they had previously thought. In the Manager’s view, US Value, European and Emerging Markets (EM) equities will likely show positive returns in 2025, however with much less earnings growth they will likely struggle to generate comparable equity performance to US Growth.

While Donald Trump’s second-term policies may create some uneasiness amongst investors, as might political uncertainty in France and Germany, the Manager believes, other than slowing global economic growth, few significant economic risks remain thereby creating a relatively clear path to equity market appreciation. That said, they believe that geopolitical risks emanating primarily from Russia, Iran and China remain elevated and should not be ignored, while ever-rising US government debt may one day create a potentially substantial economic dislocation as well.

Over the past 96 years, the market, as measured by the S&P 500, has appreciated more than 10% fifty-six times and declined more than 10% just fourteen times. Yet investors spend much of their time trying to minimize the “risk” of this relatively rare occurrence. To the Manager it is obvious that investors should focus on capturing the upside. “Bull markets climb a wall of worry” and in their view the market’s direction remains upward.

Key Information

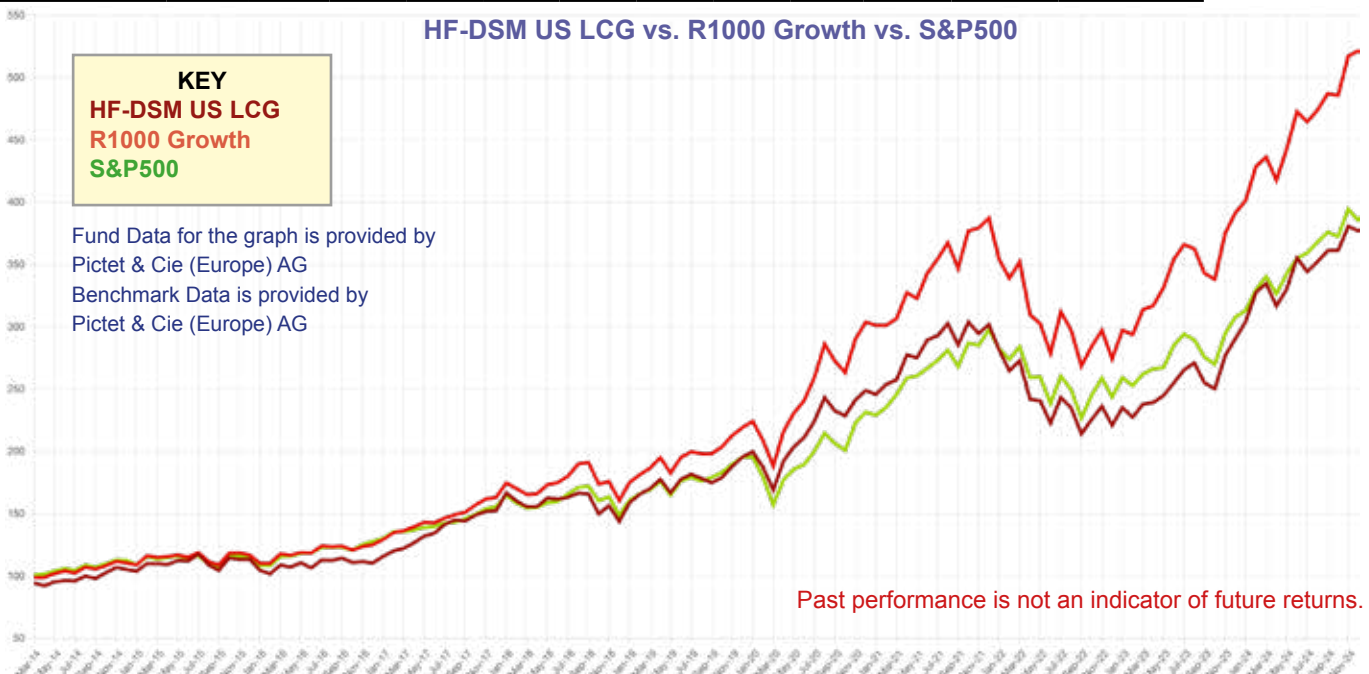
NAV B Shares (31/12/24)	US\$ 376.8	Strategy Assets	US\$ 5,920.3 ^(a)
Total Fund Size (all share classes)	US\$ 85.7m	Fund Launch Date	26/01/2015

Monthly Performance (%)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
HF-DSM US LCG	4.7	7.8	2.1	(5.3)	4.3	7.6	(3.1)	2.3	2.5	0.04	5.4	(1.0)	29.7
Russell 1000 Growth^(c)	2.5	6.8	1.7	(4.2)	6.0	6.7	(1.7)	2.1	2.8	(0.3)	6.5	0.9	33.2
S&P 500^(c)	1.7	5.3	3.2	(4.1)	5.0	3.6	1.22	2.4	2.1	(0.9)	5.9	(2.4)	25.0

Period Perf (%)	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	Cumulative	Annualised
HF-DSM US LCG Returns ^(b)	31.4	(26.8)	21.3	27.2	35.9	(5.6)	37.8	(2.6)	7.8	11.5	276.8	13.0%
Russell 1000 Growth ^(c)	42.7	(29.1)	27.5	38.5	36.4	(1.5)	30.3	7.1	5.6	11.8	421.8	16.5%
S&P 500 ^(c)	26.2	(18.1)	28.6	18.3	31.3	(4.4)	21.8	12.0	1.4	11.7	285.0	13.3%

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



Past performance is not an indicator of future returns.

Top Ten Holdings

Alphabet (Cl. A)	Fortinet
Amazon.com	Intuit
Apple	Meta Platforms
Arista Networks	Microsoft
Fiserv	NVIDIA

Sectoral Breakdown	% of Assets
Information Technology	52.4%
Communication Services	11.8%
Financials	10.3%
Consumer Discretionary	9.4%
Industrials	7.7%
Health Care	7.4%

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

Bloomberg	DSMUSLB LX
ISIN	LU0327604574
Telekurs	003504729
Sedol	B28TLY3

Since inception	HF-DSM US LCG	HF-DSM US LCG Composite	R1000 Growth
Volatility	n/a	15.7	16.0
Sharpe Ratio	n/a	0.5	0.6
Information Ratio	n/a	-0.2	
Tracking Error	n/a	6.2	
Beta	n/a	0.9	
Alpha	n/a	-0.0	

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 B	\$10m initial subscription
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Share Class	Mgmt Fees	ISIN	TER	Entry Fee	Exit Fee
B	0.7%	LU0327604574	0.97%*	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