HF Hereford Funds

DSM US Large Cap Growth Sub-Fund Class A - February 2020

Investment Review

The Hereford/DSM US Large Cap Growth Sub-Fund depreciated 6.3% for the month of February compared to a (6.81)% return for the Russell 1000 Growth Index and a (8.23)% return for the S&P 500 both including dividends. At the end of February, the Sub-Fund was primarily invested in the technology, communication services, health care and consumer discretionary sectors, with a smaller weight in the consumer staples sector.

For the month, the Sub-Fund exceeded the benchmark by approximately 55bps. This was primarily the result of the Manager's selections in the technology sector. The Manager's selections in health care detracted from performance. In February, the positions that contributed the most to the portfolio's return were Tencent Holdings, Alibaba Group, Burlington Stores, Zoetis and EPAM Systems. The positions that contributed the least in the month were Royal Caribbean Cruises, Palo Alto Networks, Automatic Data Processing, Alphabet and Becton Dickinson.

Manager's Commentary

The shock and fear triggered by the coronavirus (COVID-19) caused a sharp turnaround in global markets in February. In China, the Manager believes it is likely that the worst of the coronavirus has passed and that a measured recovery of the economy and consumer confidence will soon begin. To DSM, it appears that China's equity markets are stabilizing. Elsewhere, the extent of the virus is not yet known, but could grow significantly. At this time the spread of COVID-19 has accelerated in other countries including South Korea, Italy and Iran and is slowly appearing in the US and throughout Europe.

Like the influenza virus, it is probable that COVID-19 endures for the foreseeable future as a part of the global healthcare setting. Although it is unlikely to be completely eradicated, COVID-19 can be managed and treated. To this end, it is possible that a vaccine will be developed and approved in the near-term. There is no doubt that the impact of the coronavirus on earnings will be meaningful during the first half of 2020, and perhaps somewhat longer. Nevertheless, the Manager believes that investors will realize that this situation can and will be managed, leading to an eventual normalization of economic activity. DSM is actively monitoring the potential impact of the virus on the portfolio and will take advantage of market opportunities as they occur.

Importantly, the Manager believes equity markets look forward, not backward, and therefore global equity markets will recover before economic activity recovers. Equity markets discount future earnings and cash flows over the next decade or more. In DSM's view, longer term earnings expectations will remain largely unchanged. As a result, they expect global equity markets and the portfolio to recover as fear subsides and investor confidence is gradually restored. DSM calculates a high-teens earnings growth rate going forward and believes there remains significant appreciation potential in the portfolio. Given low inflation, historically low interest rates, steady economic growth, strong earnings and reasonable valuations, the Manager sees this as an attractive time to be a holder of premier quality growth businesses, and expects absolute performance to rebound as fears of the coronavirus subside.

Key Information NAV A Shares (29/02/20) US\$ 265.0 Strategy Assets US\$ 5.975.5m^(a) Fund Launch Date Total Fund Size (all share classes) US\$ 72.1m 29-Nov-07 Monthly Performance (%) Dec YTD Feb Oct Jan Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Nov (4.3) **HF-DSM US LCG** 2.1 (6.3)Russell 1000 Growth^(c) 2.2 (6.8)(4.7)S&P 500^(c) (0.0)(8.2) (8.3) 2018 2017 2016 2015 2014 2013 2012 2011 2010 2009 2008 2007 2006 Cumulative Annualised **Period Performance (%)** 2019 HF-DSM US LCG Returns^(b) 35.0 36.8 18.2 (39.3) 8.03% (6.2)(3.3)70 97 34.1 (2.0)21.9 22.8 187 9.8 334.1 Russell 1000 Growth(c) 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 9.1 270.8 7.90% 2.1 15.8 S&P 500(c) 31.3 (4.4) 21.8 12.0 1.4 13.7 32.4 16.0 15.1 26.5 (37.0) 5.5 324.3 7.14% 500.00 HF-DSM US LCG vs. R1000 Growth vs. S&P500 475.00 **KEY** 450.00 **HF-DSM US LCG Post Fee** 425.00 **HF-DSM US LCG** 400.00 R1000 Growth 375.00 S&P500 350.00 325.00 300.00 275.00 250.00 Start of HF-DSM US LCG 225 00 200.00 175.00 150.00 125.00 100.00 75.00 50.00 25.00 0.00 Dec-01 Dec-02 Dec-04 Dec-05 Dec-06 Dec-07 Dec-08 Dec-09 Dec-10 Dec-11 Dec-12 Dec-13 Dec-14 Dec-15 Dec-16 Dec-17 Dec-19 Dec-03 Dec-18

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Top Ten Holdings	
Adobe	Facebook
Alibaba Group	Microsoft
Alphabet (Cl. A)	PayPal Holdings
Amazon.com	Tencent Holdings
Automatic Data Processing	Visa

Sectoral Breakdown	% of Assets
Information Technology	41.1%
Communication Services	19.4%
Health Care	18.7%
Consumer Discretionary	17.2%
Consumer Staples	1.6%

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.

Fund Codes		Since inception	HF-DSM US LCG	HF-DSM US LCG Composite	R1000 Growth
Bloomberg	DSMUSLA LX	Volatility	n/a	14.8	14.5
ISIN	LU0327604228	Sharpe Ratio	n/a	0.5	0.9
Reuters	LP65102015	Information Ratio	n/a	0.0	
Sedol	B28TLX2	Tracking Error	n/a	6.3	
	3504726	Beta	n/a	0.9	
WKN	A0M58T	Alpha	n/a	0.8	

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) (a
Management Company	FundPartner Solutions (Europe) S.A. 15, Avenue John F Kennedy, L-1855 Luxembourg) (b
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Annual Management Charge	
Share Class A & U ^(e)	1.25%
Share Class D ^(f)	1.75%

Minimum Investment

Share Class A & U ^(e)	\$100,000 initial / \$10,000 subsequent
Share Class D	\$10,000 initial / \$1,000 subsequent

Order Transmission Information

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- (a) 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.
- (d) The fund is registered with the BaFin for public distribution in Germany from 17/10/12, registered with the AFM for public distribution in the Netherlands and registered with the AMF for public distribution in France
- Share Class U has been granted Reporting Status by HMRC as of (e) October 1, 2010.
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