

#### **Hereford Funds DSM US Large Cap Growth Sub-Fund** November 2014

Investment Review The Hereford/DSM US Large Cap Growth Sub-Fund appreciated 4.0% for the month of November compared to a 3.2% appreciation for the Russell 1000 Growth Index and a 2.7% appreciation for the S&P 500 including dividends. At the end of November, the Fund was invested primarily in the health care, consumer discretionary and technology sectors, with smaller weights in the financials, industrials, materials and consumer staples sectors

For the month, the Fund exceeded its benchmark by approximately 80 bps. This was primarily the result of the Manager's selections in health care, as well as the Fund's underweight in energy versus the benchmark. In November, the best performing positions in the portfolio were Celgene, Allergan, Cognizant Tech Solutions, Alibaba Group and Time Warner. The worst performers for the month were Biogen Idec, Priceline Group, Google, Wynn Resorts and Discovery Communications.

#### Manager's Commentary

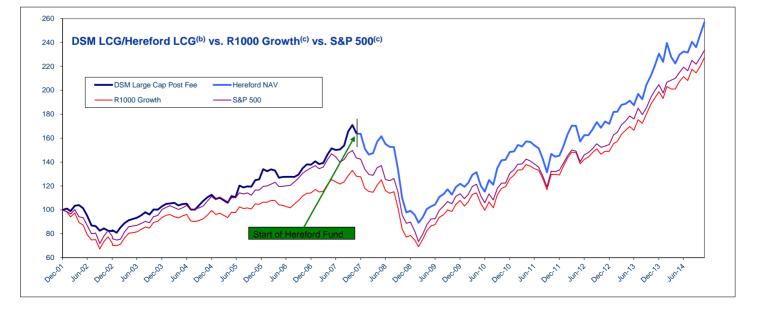
DSM's long-standing global economic outlook of slow 3% type growth remains unchanged, although we continue to worry that geopolitical factors, particularly in the Ukraine and the Middle East, remain the primary risks to that forecast. The US economy continues on pace to post a full year 2014 GDP result in the 2% plus range, albeit that includes recovery from a negative first quarter this year. Recent retail sales numbers have shown growth, while employment remains on a steadily improving trend line. On the other hand, industrial production has been sluggish, wages remain quite subdued, and with that, inflation remains quite low as well. Accordingly, Federal Reserve Governor Powell recently stated in an interview that, based on these trends, it might make sense for rates to begin to rise mid-year 2015. Remember too, that "Quantitative Easing" by the Federal Reserve has largely come to an end. Importantly, corporate earnings in the third guarter were guite strong, with S&P 500 earnings estimates increased to \$120 in CY 2014 and \$130 in CY 2015.

European economic growth remains fractionally positive at best, and even German economic growth has been disappointing. The prospect of very slow European growth has caused ECB President Draghi to propose use of unconventional monetary policies, including purchases of sovereign debt, more generally known as quantitative easing. There has also been discussion of a more broadly-based QE program that would include purchases of stocks, corporate bonds, gold and ETFs. Deflation in Europe remains a focus of discussion. With growth virtually nonexistent and significant fiscal policy changes very difficult to achieve, monetary policy is the only option to maintain low growth and prevent deflation. Unfortunately Europe's fiscal policy changes remain focused on government spending, rather than on the private sector. Recently a €300 billion infrastructure fund has been proposed. In addition, there is the possibility of Eastern European nations imposing sanctions against Russia. This action may also slow growth and raise tensions further in Europe.

The portfolio continues to be focused on unique global businesses that have been identified, and are continuously subject to analysis, by our tenmember investment team. We believe that the valuation of the portfolio, at 20.7x next-four-quarter earnings through December of 2015 based on our calculations, continues to be attractive in the current slow growth economic environment and relative to the market. We also continue to project a mid-to-high "teens" earnings growth rate through 2018. Additionally, the portfolio holdings remain characterized by very strong balance sheets and significant free cash flow.

## **Key Information**

NAV A Shares (28/11/14) Total Fund Size Strategy Assets Fund Launch Date	US\$ 15 US\$ 13 US\$ 4,4 29-Nov	9.0 mil 451.9 m													
Monthly Performance (%)															
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec		YTD	
Hereford Funds NAV	(3.0)	7.1	(4.9)	(2.4)	3.3	1.1	(0.4)	3.9	(1.9)	4.6	4.0			11.3	
Russell 1000 Growth <sup>(c)</sup>	(2.9)	5.2	(1.0)	0.0	3.1	2.0	(1.5)	4.6	(1.5)	2.6	3.2			14.2	
S&P 500 <sup>(c)</sup>	(3.5)	4.6	0.8	0.7	2.3	2.1	(1.4)	4.0	(1.4)	2.4	2.7			14.0	
Period Performance (%)	Period Performance (%) Since Incepti					otion 01/01/02									
	YTD	2013	2012	<b>2011</b>	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	Cumulative	Annualised
DSM LCG/Hereford LCG Returns <sup>(b)</sup>	11.3	34.1	18.2	(2.0)	21.9	22.8	(39.3)	18.7	9.8	11.4	9.4	25.2	(17.7)	156.8	7.6
Russell 1000 Growth <sup>(c)</sup>	14.2	33.5	15.3	2.6	16.7	37.2	(38.4)	11.8	9.1	5.3	6.3	29.7	(27.9)	127.2	6.6
S&P 500 <sup>(c)</sup>	14.0	32.4	16.0	2.1	15.1	26.5	(37.0)	5.5	15.8	4.9	10.9	28.7	(22.1)	133.4	6.8





# Top Tep Holdings

	Oectoral Dieakdown	
Alexion Pharmaceuticals	Priceline Group	Health Care
Celgene	Regeneron Pharmaceuticals	Consumer Discretionary
Cognizant Technology Solutions	Starbucks	Information Technology
Google (Cl. A & C)	Time Warner	Financials
Precision Castparts	Visa	Industrials
		Materials
		Consumer Staples

#### **Investment Objective**

The investment objective of the LCG sub fund 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 (Share Class A	)	Since Inception Risk Profile	Hereford DSM US LCG	DSM LCG Composite	R1000 Growth
Bloomberg	DSMUSLA LX	Volatility	n/a	14.8	15.1
ISIN	LU0327604228	Sharpe Ratio	n/a	0.4	0.3
Reuters	LP65102015	Information Ratio	n/a	0.1	
Sedol	B28TLX2	Tracking Error	n/a	6.8	
	3504726	Beta	n/a	0.9	
WKN	A0M58T	Alpha	n/a	1.6	

#### **Fund Details**

Dealing Day Dividends	Daily None - income accumulated within the fund
Investment Manager	DSM Capital Partners LLC, 116 Radio Circle Drive, Suite 200, Mount Kisco, NY 10549, USA
Promoter	VP Bank (Luxembourg) S.A., 26 Avenue de la Liberté, L-1930 Luxembourg
Management Company	VPB Finance S.A., 26 Avenue de la Liberté, L-1930 Luxembourg
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\$100,000 initial / \$10,000 subsequent

### **Annual Management Charge**

Share Class A & U<sup>(e)</sup> Share Class D<sup>(f)</sup>

### **Minimum Investment**

Share Class A & U<sup>(e)</sup> Share Class D

# \$10,000 initial / \$1,000 subsequent **Order Transmission Information**

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Sectoral Breakdown

% of Assets

29.5%

28.9%

22.9%

6.0%

6.0% 3.1% 2.8%

(a) This refers to the total assets invested in the reference strategy managed by the Investment Manager.(b) 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 (c)

- (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 October 1, 2010.

1.25%

1 75%

Share Class D is German tax registered from October 1, 2010. (f)

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