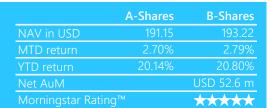


# **PV Buyback USA**

# Monthly report

31 December 2016



### Manager's comment

In December, we earned 2.8%, slightly beating the Russell 2000 which earned 2.6%. With a return of 20.8% in 2016, we beat our benchmark by 1.3 % with similar volatility and beta. Since inception, we earned 93%, and we are now 33% ahead of our benchmark.

2016 was a volatile year that started badly with oil trading at \$25 triggering fear of a global crisis but ended with a rally inspired by the hopes raised by Donald Trump. The rally was mainly concentrated in small caps that are expected to gain more from Trump's tax and deregulation policies. As a result, the Russell beat the S&P 500 by 10%. The general sense of optimism is also reflected in the US consumer confidence indicators that reached their highest level in 15y. It was also the year of takeovers: 10 of the 90 companies in our portfolio. This month we sold Heritage Oaks Bancorp (taken over), as well as Taser and NQ Mobile. We purchased Inuvo, Providence Service and Allscripts Healthcare.

We have now a track record of 5 calendar years. Since 31st Dec 2011, we earned 127% (18% pa) well above the Russell and the S&P. The stronger dollar even made our European investors earn 184% in euros. Every single year, we beat our benchmark and we obviously will do our best to maintain this performance in the future. Finally, our assets have grown from \$7m to \$53m, an increase of 630%. We thank you for your trust and wish you all the best for 2017.

### Fund strategy

The PV Buyback USA Fund is a long-only fund focused on small and mid caps listed on the US equity market. It invests in companies announcing share buyback programs to take advantage of an undervalued stock price. To identify those firms where the repurchase is most likely motivated by undervaluation, the Fund has developed a systematic approach. Fund managers are highly experienced and have a strong track record in developing and implementing this investment strategy.

# Number of buyback announcements<sup>2</sup>



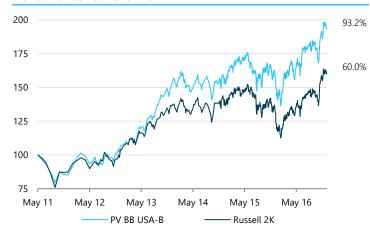
## Risk metrics

Indicators	PV Buyback USA	Russell 2000
Daily annualized volatility <sup>3</sup>	18.4%	18.2%
Maximum drawdown	-20.5%	-24.1%
Beta versus S&P 500	1.16	#N/A Requesting Data
Sharpe ratio <sup>4</sup>	0.68	0.48
Information ratio <sup>4</sup>	0.63	
Tracking error	5.90%	

#### **Fund facts**

Fund name	DIM Funds SICAV SA – PV Buyback USA		
Legal structure	UCITS V		
Management comp.	Degroof Petercam Asset Services		
Domicile	Luxembourg (CSSF regulated)		
Geography	US listed stocks		
Asset classes	Equity		
Strategy	Directional long-only		
Style	Value, event driven situations		
Reference	Russell 2000		
High	Yes, trailing 2 years		
Investment	Theo Vermaelen and Urs Peyer		
Fund administrator	Banque Degroof Petercam Luxembourg		
Share class	A-Shares	B-Shares	
Management fee	150 bps	100 bps	
Performance fee	10 % of the outperf.	10 % of the outperf.	
Minimum investment	None	USD 250.000	
Liquidity	Daily, 1 day notice	Daily, 1 day notice	
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#### Performance vs. Benchmark

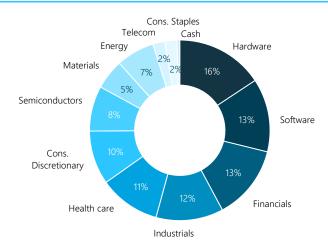


Performance period	PV BB USA - B	Russell 2000	Outperformance
December 2016	2.8%	2.6%	0.2%
Year-to-date	20.8%	19.5%	1.3%
3-year annualized	8.7%	5.3%	3.4%
5-year annualized	17.8%	12.9%	5.0%
2015	1.0%	-5.7%	6.7%
2014	5.4%	3.5%	1.8%
2013	49.3%	39.8%	9.5%

#### Portfolio breakdown

Sector	# of positions	Avg. Market Cap.
Hardware	14	593 m
Software	13	399 m
Financials	11	601 m
Industrials	11	603 m
Health care	11	3175 m
Cons. Discretionary	9	866 m
Semiconductors	7	676 m
Energy	6	1004 m
Materials	5	529 m
Telecom	2	288 m
Cons. Staples	2	860 m
TOTAL	91	936 m

## Industry exposure



Notes: 1 Daily NAV as of 31/12/2016 | 2 USA Buybacks; www.rttnews.com| 3 Trailing one year | 4 Calculated based on return since inception

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