

	A-Shares	B-Shares
NAV in USD	251.34	256.14
MTD return	-0.70%	-0.66%
YTD return	16.25%	16.67%
Net AuM	USD 68.2 m	
Morningstar Rating™	★★★★★	

Manager's comment

September was a good month for the fund: although we lost 0.7% we beat the Russell 2000 by 1.9%. This brings our alpha for 2018 to 6.2%. Our volatility (13.1%) and beta (0.85) are close or below the corresponding risk measures of our benchmark.

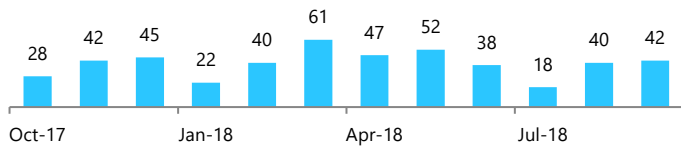
The outperformance was driven by good company specific news including analyst upgrades and stellar earnings news from Aerovironment, Radiant Logistics and Calamp, three firms that announced outside the normal earnings reporting season which starts next month. The US macroeconomic environment remains the best in the world with an unemployment rate falling to the lowest level since 1969 and consumer confidence rising to the highest level in 18 years. The argument that the U.S. market is expensive and other markets such as for example Europe are cheap ignores that stock prices should reflect growth, profitability and governance quality (i.e. commitment to shareholder value) which are significantly higher in the U.S. than elsewhere.

This month we bought Ferroglobe and sold Innovative Solutions and Support.

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 announcements²



Risk metrics

Indicators	PV Buyback USA	Russell 2000
Daily annualized volatility ³	13.1%	13.0%
Maximum drawdown	-20.5%	-24.1%
Beta versus S&P 500	0.85	0.89
Sharpe ratio ⁴	0.99	0.71
Information ratio ⁴	0.68	
Tracking error	5.56%	

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
ISIN	LU1149046275	LU0630248994
Ticker	DIPBAUS LX Equity	DIPVBAA LX Equity

Notes: 1 Daily NAV as of 28/9/2018 | 2 USA Buybacks; www.theonlineinvestor.com | 3 Trailing one year | 4 Calculated based on return since inception

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Performance vs. Benchmark



Performance period	PV BB USA - B	Russell 2000	Outperformance
September 2018	-0.7%	-2.5%	1.9%
Year-to-date	16.7%	10.5%	6.2%
3-year annualized	19.3%	15.9%	3.4%
5-year annualized	13.3%	9.6%	3.8%
2017	13.6%	13.1%	0.5%
2016	20.8%	19.5%	1.3%
2015	1.0%	-5.7%	6.7%

Portfolio breakdown

Sector	# of positions	Avg. Market Cap.
Hardware	15	573 m
Health Care	12	1805 m
Industrials	10	861 m
Financials	9	511 m
Software	8	1212 m
Semiconductors	8	1374 m
Telecom	7	808 m
Energy	6	967 m
Cons. Discretionary	5	882 m
Materials	5	761 m
Cons. Staples	0	-
TOTAL	85	991 m

Industry exposure

