

PV Buyback USA

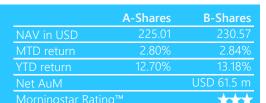
Monthly report

31 October 2019

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2011

2012



Manager's comment

In October, we earned 2.8% slightly above our benchmark the Russell 2000. This brings our year to date return to 13.2% and our alpha to -2.7%.

This is also the first time in 7 months that small caps beat the S&P 500 who earned 21.2% returns. Note that 2019 is an exceptional year in which small caps completely became delinked from big caps.

The earnings season has started and so far 23 of our companies announced their 3Q earnings. 90 % beat or met analyst expectations reflecting the fact that analysts were typically overly pessimistic, possibly as a result of macroeconomic concerns. However there seems to be no recession in sight with 3Q GDP growth at 1.9 % and unemployment at a 50-year low. Also, the typical canary in the coal mine, the yield curve, shows no evidence of an impending recession, at least in the U.S... This month we bought Wolverine Worldwide. In total 21 firms announced buyback programs.

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	20.5%	19.2%
Maximum drawdown	-25.1%	-26.2%
Beta versus S&P 500	1.04	1.09
Sharpe ratio ⁴	0.44	0.32
Information ratio ⁴	0.53	
Tracking error	5.53%	

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 index	Russell 2000		
High Watermark	Yes, trailing 2 years		
Investment Advisors	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 31/10/2019 | 2 USA Buybacks; www.theonlineinvestor.com | 3 Trailing one year | 4 Calculated based on return since inception



Performance period	PV BB USA - B	Russell 2000	Outperformance
October 2019	2.8%	2.6%	0.3%
Year-to-date	13.2%	15.9%	-2.7%
3-year annualized	10.3%	9.5%	0.9%
5-year annualized	8.3%	5.9%	2.4%
2018	-7.2%	-12.2%	5.0%
2017	13.6%	13.1%	0.5%
2016	20.8%	19.5%	1.3%

2016

2017

2018

Russell 2K

2019

Portfolio breakdown

2013

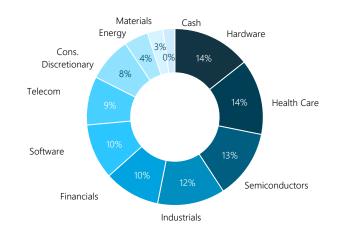
2014

PV BB USA-B

2015

Sector	# of positions	Avg. Market Cap.
Health Care	12	1534 m
Hardware	11	459 m
Industrials	11	585 m
Semiconductors	9	813 m
Financials	9	968 m
Cons. Discretionary	8	519 m
Software	8	1264 m
Telecom	8	793 m
Energy	6	296 m
Materials	3	186 m
Cons. Staples	0	-
TOTAL	85	810 m

Industry exposure



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