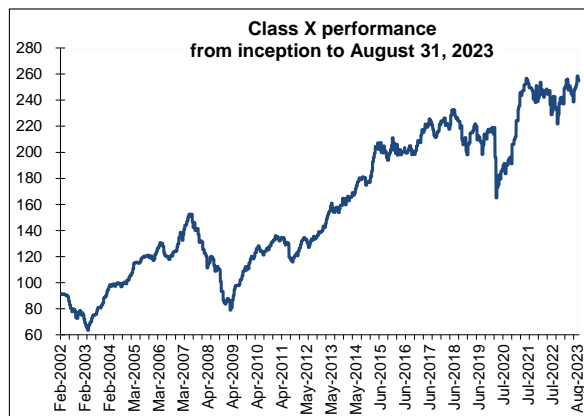


August 2023 Update – Class X

NAV/X share (31/8/2023): EUR 254.87

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| Citadel Value Fund - Performance overview | | |
|---|------------|------------|
| Class X as of Aug 31, 2023 | NAV (in €) | Net Return |
| since inception | 254,87 | 177,4% |
| 2023 YTD | 254,87 | 7,5% |
| 2022 | 237,11 | -2,8% |
| 2021 | 243,96 | 15,2% |
| 2020 | 211,78 | -2,9% |
| 2019 | 218,05 | 10,1% |
| 2018 | 198,09 | -11,8% |
| 2017 | 224,56 | 8,3% |
| 2016 | 207,40 | 0,1% |
| 2015 | 207,17 | 13,9% |
| 2014 | 181,92 | 11,4% |
| 2013 | 163,37 | 16,5% |
| 2012 | 140,25 | 13,0% |
| 2011 | 124,11 | -6,4% |
| 2010 | 132,62 | 13,6% |
| 2009 | 116,78 | 36,9% |
| 2008 | 85,30 | -34,7% |
| 2007 | 130,72 | 0,8% |
| 2006 | 129,71 | 10,2% |
| 2005 | 117,70 | 11,9% |
| 2004 | 105,19 | 17,6% |
| 2003 | 89,42 | 19,3% |
| 2002 | 74,96 | -18,4% |

The Fund is actively managed without a benchmark reference. Source: EFA
X share class inception 4/6/2013. Prior perf. estimated based on class-P

| Top-5 Fund Positions & Valuation | | Current Price (in €m) | | | Current Valuation | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|----------|------------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-------------|
| Company name | Geography | Market Cap | Net Cash | Ent. Value | EV/Sales | EV/EBITDA | FCF Yield | Div. Yield | Upside pot. |
| Vitesco | Germany | 2.934 | 865 | 2.069 | 0,2 | 2,7 | 7% | 0% | 152% |
| NOV | USA | 8.217 | -322 | 8.539 | 1,3 | 13,7 | 2% | 1% | 80% |
| Signify | NL | 3.338 | -1.077 | 4.415 | 0,6 | 5,2 | 11% | 6% | 110% |
| SOL Group | Italy | 2.304 | -339 | 2.643 | 1,9 | 8,2 | 4% | 1% | 14% |
| Pronexus | Japan | 176 | 101 | 75 | 0,4 | 2,8 | 11% | 3% | 65% |
| Citadel Value Fund "look-through" | | 100% | 48% | 52% | 0,4 | 3,9 | 7% | 3% | 60% |
| MSCI World Index | | 100% | -15% | 115% | 2,1 | 10,7 | 4% | 2% | |

Note: Net Cash includes financial fixed assets. Valuation ratios are based on last reported financial year Source: MSCI, D&F Financial Services

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COMMENTARY

Despite a modest end-of-month rally, most global equity markets were down a couple of percent in August. Citadel realized -1.4%, while the MSCI World index in € (including net dividends) was down 0.8%. Since inception Citadel's return has been +177%. In this negative market, the majority of the Fund's holdings realized modest negative performances. With -8.5%, **Signify** was near the bottom of the monthly performance table, suffering from weak second quarter results and a lowering of its full year margin outlook. Fashion retailer **American Eagle Outfitters** partly compensated with a +22.6% monthly return, on positive preliminary results while also catching up with positive signals from the sector.

Most companies have now reported second quarter results, showing widely varying fortunes. Many car manufacturers (including Fund holding **Stellantis**) reported strong results and are continuing to benefit from post-pandemic effects and strong pricing power. Other companies struggle to raise prices enough to compensate for cost-inflation or suffer from negative volume effects induced by higher prices. Hungarian liquor vendor **Zwack Unicum** is a case in point, with volumes down following 2 price hikes totalling some 13% to cover cost inflation. Competent management is taking all necessary action to soften the impact from inflation, but this won't prevent full year profits from declining significantly compared to the record-profit last year.

Food retailer **Ahold Delhaize** is weathering the inflation storm in good shape but performing better in its largest market the US than in Europe, where margins are currently under pressure. Its CEO nevertheless reiterated the full year outlook and expects a medium-term recovery of EU margins.