

# **NEWSLETTER**

X CLASS

## FEBRUARY 2024

NAV Date
ISIN code (X)

Feb 29, 2024 LU0939062922 € 278,63 NAV 2,5% Last month 1,9% Year-to-date 203,2% Since inception

#### PERFORMANCE SINCE INCEPTION



| Period                        | NAV (€) | Net return |
|-------------------------------|---------|------------|
| Since inception               |         | 203,2%     |
| Latest NAV as of Feb 29, 2024 | 278,63  | 1,9%       |
| Dec 29, 2023                  | 273,49  | 15,3%      |
| Dec 30, 2022                  | 237,11  | -2,8%      |
| Dec 31, 2021                  | 243,96  | 15,2%      |
| Dec 31, 2020                  | 211,78  | -2,9%      |
| Dec 31, 2019                  | 218,05  | 10,1%      |
| Dec 31, 2018                  | 198,09  | -11,8%     |
| Dec 29, 2017                  | 224,56  | 8,3%       |
| Dec 30, 2016                  | 207,40  | 0,1%       |
| Dec 31, 2015                  | 207,17  | 13,9%      |
| Dec 31, 2014                  | 181,92  | 11,4%      |
| Dec 31, 2013                  | 163,37  | 16,5%      |
| Dec 31, 2012                  | 140,25  | 13,0%      |
| Dec 30, 2011                  | 124,11  | -6,4%      |
| Dec 31, 2010                  | 132,62  | 13,6%      |
| Dec 31, 2009                  | 116,78  | 36,9%      |
| Dec 31, 2008                  | 85,30   | -34,7%     |
| Dec 31, 2007                  | 130,72  | 0,8%       |
| Dec 29, 2006                  | 129,71  | 10,2%      |
| Dec 30, 2005                  | 117,70  | 11,9%      |
| Dec 31, 2004                  | 105,19  | 17,6%      |
| Dec 31, 2003                  | 89,42   | 19,3%      |
| Dec 31, 2002                  | 74,96   | -18,4%     |

Past performance does not predict future returns. Source: UI EFA X Class inception: June 4, 2013 at an NAV of €157.03. Prior returns estimated based on P Class since inception date of Feb 11, 2002

### **Summary Risk Indicator (SRI)**



Please read the Key Information Document for an explanation of the SRI

#### PERFORMANCE UPDATE

During February, the world's major equity markets showed positive performance. Much of this optimism was fuelled by high growth expectations for the nascent Artificial Intelligence market, causing the share prices of related stocks to soar. The MSCI World index in EUR, including net dividends, rose by 4.6%.

Citadel realised positive performance with a +2.5% return in February. Since inception, Citadel has delivered a return of +203%. During February, the most significant contributors were **American Eagle Outfitters** (+20%) and **Stellantis** (+18%), while **NOV** (-13%) and **Signify** (-11%) were the largest detractors.

#### **PORTFOLIO NEWS**

The flow of annual results announcements remained large throughout February. Below are some highlights:

Stellantis, one of the world's largest and most profitable mainstream carmakers, reported solid profit and cash flow growth for 2023. This is a strong achievement, given the competitive challenges and cost increases the company faced. Management remains humble yet ambitious about the profit and cash flow potential in 2024 and beyond. Despite the impressive performance of its shares, we believe that the stock is still significantly undervalued. Apparently, company management thinks alike and announced a share buyback of €3bn.

Also **Dewhurst** (elevator components) announced a share buyback program. We view this as highly value accretive, given the clear undervaluation of the shares and the company's cash-rich balance sheet. As a result, the shares were up 12% during the month. Meanwhile, we continue our efforts to try to convince selective companies of the potential benefits of share buybacks.

**NOV** (equipment for the energy sector) reported robust revenue performance for the fourth quarter but adopted a more cautious stance regarding the outlook for 2024 compared to market expectations. Nevertheless, the company's strong free cash flow growth in 2024 is supporting the stock's valuation.



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| Largest contributors      |      |
|---------------------------|------|
| American Eagle Outfitters | 0,9% |
| Stellantis                | 0,8% |
| Toyota Industries         | 0,7% |

| Largest detractors |       |
|--------------------|-------|
| NOV                | -0,6% |
| Signify            | -0,6% |
| Pronexus           | -0,2% |

| Top 3 positions |      |
|-----------------|------|
| SOL Group       | 5,3% |
| Stellantis      | 5,3% |
| AEO             | 5,0% |

#### PORTFOLIO VALUATION \*)

| EV/Sales                         | 0.6 |
|----------------------------------|-----|
| EV/EBITDA                        | 4.6 |
| EV/EBITA                         | 7.3 |
| FCF Yield                        | 6%  |
| Dividend Yield                   | 3%  |
| Discount to est. intrinsic value | 31% |

<sup>\*)</sup> based on weighted averages at the latest NAV date.

## FUND STATISTICS & COST STRUCTURE \*)

| Volatility (since inception)            | 11.6% |
|---|-------|
| Beta (since inception)                  | 0.69  |
| Management fee (per annum)              | 0.75% |
| Incentive fee (above 4% hurdle and HWM) | 10%   |
| Transaction fees                        | 0%    |

<sup>\*)</sup> Please review the Key Information Document (KID) for an elaborate cost overview. Source: Citadel Value Fund, Pure Capital S.A.

# **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Legal status: SICAV, regulated by CSSF Luxembourg Depository Bank: Quintet Private Bank (Europe) S.A. Fund's stock exchange listing: Euro MTF Luxembourg

Bloomberg ticker: CITVALX LX Minimum subscription: € 1 million NAV frequency: twice a month

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#### INVESTMENT STRATEGY

Since 2002, Citadel Value Fund has been dedicated to deep value investing in equities. Its objectives are:

- preserving capital
- achieve attractive long-term absolute returns

Citadel is actively managed without reference to a benchmark. The Fund employs fundamental company analysis in its investment process and acquires shares only at a significant discount to the estimated intrinsic value. It exclusively invests in companies listed in OECD countries. Citadel is also open to retail investors and is under regulatory supervision of the CSSF in Luxembourg.

# GLOSSARY \*)

<u>EV/EBITA</u>: Enterprise Value (market capitalization plus net debt) divided by earnings before interest, taxes and amortisation of intangibles.

<u>FCF Yield</u>: Free operating cash flow generated by a company divided by its enterprise value.

<u>NAV (€):</u> Net Asset Value, the unit price of the Fund, is the value of its assets minus liabilities and includes all Fund costs. The NAV is available on the Fund's website.

<u>SICAV</u>: An open-ended investment fund with variable capital, regulated under European law.

<u>Value investing:</u> an equity investment strategy based on (1) knowing the value of your investment; and (2) ensuring a margin of safety when making an investment. \*) For more definitions please refer to www.citadelfund.com/glossary

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