

# **NEWSLETTER**

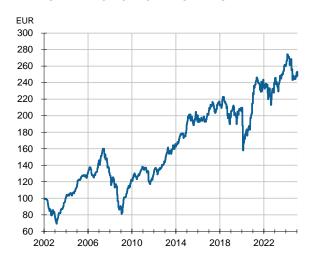
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FEBRUARY 2025

NAV Date ISIN code (P)

Feb 28, 2025 LU0141953439 € 248,06 NAV -1,4% Last month +0,0% Year-to-date +148,1% Since inception

#### PERFORMANCE SINCE INCEPTION



Period	NAV (€)	Net return
Since inception		148,1%
Latest NAV as of Feb 28, 2025	248,06	0,0%
Dec 31, 2024	248,16	-5,1%
Dec 29, 2023	261,56	14,8%
Dec 30, 2022	227,83	-2,8%
Dec 31, 2021	234,41	15,6%
Dec 31, 2020	202,77	-2,9%
Dec 31, 2019	208,77	10,1%
Dec 31, 2018	189,66	-12,1%
Dec 29, 2017	215,83	7,4%
Dec 30, 2016	201,03	-0,1%
Dec 31, 2015	201,21	12,2%
Dec 31, 2014	179,39	10,1%
Dec 31, 2013	162,98	15,1%
Dec 31, 2012	141,66	12,7%
Dec 30, 2011	125,70	-6,9%
Dec 31, 2010	134,97	12,9%
Dec 31, 2009	119,52	36,2%
Dec 31, 2008	87,76	-35,8%
Dec 31, 2007	136,76	-0,5%
Dec 29, 2006	137,40	9,7%
Dec 30, 2005	125,20	12,0%
Dec 31, 2004	111,78	17,2%
Dec 31, 2003	95,41	17,0%
Dec 31, 2002	81,58	-18,4%

Past performance does not predict future returns

Fund inception: Feb 11, 2002 at an NAV of €100. Source: UI EFA

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



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

#### PERFORMANCE UPDATE

While the start of 2025 was already very volatile, this gained even more pace in February. The MSCI World index declined, driven by significantly negative performance of US and Asian markets. Towards the end of the month, developments in the US exacerbated existing geopolitical uncertainties. Furthermore, consumer sentiment in the US is negative due to various recent economic policy plans and measures from the Trump administration. On a positive note, most European markets performed well in February.

As a result, stock markets fluctuated sharply due to shifts in investors' sector and geographical preferences. Valuation and company fundamentals appeared to play only a minor role in equity markets.

Citadel posted a negative return in February, arriving at a flat performance year-to-date. The Fund's most significant contributors were **Kering** (+7%) and **Nichirin** (+4%), while **American Eagle Outfitters** (-19%) and **MPAC Group** (-12%) were the main detractors. Since inception, Citadel has delivered a total return of +148%.

## **PORTFOLIO NEWS**

Following a weak period for luxury-oriented companies, **Kering's** shares (luxury retailer and owner of Gucci) have recovered somewhat year-to-date. The company's annual results made it clear that patience is still required before significant profitability improvements can be expected. However, with a mid-term view, the stock's current valuation appears quite attractive.

**SOL Group's** shares (industrial gas and home care) declined modestly for no obvious reason. Annual results will be released in March, and we expect them to be solid. The results of peers Linde and Air Liquide indicate that volumes in the technical gas sector have remained stable, while prices have been on an upward trend. Strong pricing discipline in recent years has been beneficial for the sector's profitability. Furthermore, we anticipate continued strong growth in SOL's home care services, the company's main growth engine.



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Largest contributors	
Kering	0,3%
Nichirin	0,2%
Samsung Electronics -Pref-	0,1%

Largest detractors	
American Eagle Outfitters	-0,7%
MPAC Group	-0,6%
SOL Group	-0,5%

Top 3 positions	
SOL Group	7,3%
Signify	5,9%
Pronexus	5,2%

#### PORTFOLIO VALUATION \*)

EV/Sales	0.7
EV/EBITDA	4.9
EV/EBITA	8.1
FCF Yield	6%
Dividend Yield	4%
Discount to est. intrinsic value	44%

<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)	20%
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: CITVALU LX Minimum subscription: € 10,000 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, tax, 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 per share, the unit price of the Fund, is the value of its assets minus liabilities, including all Fund costs, divided by the number of shares outstanding. 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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