VT Cape Wrath Focus Fund

31 August 2022

Commentary

Position sizing is a function of risk/return asymmetry, and on average we see over 90% upside in our top three positions, which account for around a quarter of the Fund's equity holdings. Our top holding is the US-focused, laser screeding equipment manufacturer, Somero Enterprises (SOM). Our entry followed a capitulation event, in this instance a wet 2019 summer in North America that curtailed the concrete laying season, halving the share price to our initial entry point of 198p. At 440p, SOM remains cheap on relative multiples, with prospective consensus P/E and dividend yield of 8x and 9% respectively (supported by balance sheet net cash). The business is also high-quality, with 34% EBIT margins, 65% RoIC, low capital requirements and excellent cash generation. Although an upbeat recent trading update highlighted customers facing 'high workloads and extended project backlogs', the stock is geared to the economically sensitive non-residential construction cycle. If the market doesn't pull SOM closer to peers, some of which trade on over double the valuation multiple, an acquirer well might.

Large

Cap,

7.2%

Mid Cap, 29.5%

Portfolio by Size

Small

Cap, 58.8%

Small Cap below £500m, Mid Cap from £500m to £3,000m, Large Cap above £3,000m

Cash,

4.5%

Top Ten Equity Holdings

| 1 | Somero Enterprises | 8.4% |
|-------|----------------------|-------|
| 2 | Gulf Marine Services | 7.7% |
| 3 | EnQuest | 7.2% |
| 4 | Newriver Reit | 6.8% |
| 5 | Renewi | 5.8% |
| 6 | HSS Hire Group | 5.6% |
| 7 | Capita | 5.5% |
| 8 | Costain Group | 4.9% |
| 9 | WPP | 4.6% |
| 10 | SCS Group | 4.4% |
| TOTAL | | 60.7% |
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Portfolio by Sector



Portfolio Characteristics

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| Holdings (ex cash) that: | |
|---|-------|
| Trade at < TBV ⁺ | 27.7% |
| Trade at < 10x P / E ⁺⁺ | 82.7% |
| Trade at > 10% FCFE yield ⁺ | 64.4% |
| Have balance sheet net cash ^{+^} | 32.1% |

Key Facts

| Structure | UK NURS OEIC |
|--------------------------|---|
| AUM | £7.6m |
| Class A / B price | 124.0p / 122.2p |
| % held by CWC employees | 20.2% |
| Holdings | 21 |
| Launch date | 3 October 2016 |
| Share type | Net accumulation |
| OCF Cap* | 0.37%** |
| Performance fee rate* | 20% versus benchmark (with HWM) |
| Class A benchmark | MSCI UK IMI Net Dividends Reinvested |
| Class B benchmark | 8% annual return |
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⁺ Last reported / ⁺⁺ Consensus forecast

^ Excluding IFRS16

* Refer to prospectus for full details

** Applies to GBP A to 30/06/23, reverting to 0.45%

Performance

3 October 2016 – 31 August 2022

Class A GBP Net Accumulation vs MSCI UK IMI (TR) rebased to 100



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Past performance is not indicative of future results

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Investment Objective

The investment objective of the Fund is to generate capital growth over the long term by typically investing at least 70% in a concentrated portfolio of UK listed equities. The Fund follows a value philosophy, looking for situations in which investors have overreacted to events and valuations no longer reflect company fundamentals. The best opportunities often are found after a period of disappointment has created emotional reasons not to invest. Every investment requires a clear catalyst, which impacts on earnings, or the multiple the market applies to those earnings.

Platforms

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Trust, Adam joined Montanaro Asset Management, where he

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