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## BBH Luxembourg Funds - BBH Core Select

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### 20 Highlights

- The S&P 500 added a third consecutive strong quarter ending the second quarter 21% above the October '22 lows.
- The BBH Luxembourg Funds Core Select Class I ("Core Select," or "the Fund") gained 8.48% for the second quarter, compared to 8.74% for the benchmark S&P 500.
- It was a historically narrow market with approximately three quarters of the benchmark's returns being generated by just seven securities.

#### **Market Overview**

The S&P 500 added a third consecutive strong quarter ending the period 21% above the October '22 lows, just 7% shy of the January '22 high. Primary drivers included a slow but steady path of moderating inflation, a pause in rate hikes by the Federal Reserve, troughing earnings revisions, and investor enthusiasm about Artificial Intelligence (AI). It was a historically narrow market with approximately three quarters of the benchmark's returns being generated by just seven securities, newly dubbed "the magnificent seven." On a year-to-date basis, the equal-weighted S&P 500 returned just one-third of the benchmark's returns. While returns were broadly positive, diversification was a clear headwind for investors playing the relative performance game.

#### **Portfolio Commentary**

The BBH Luxembourg Funds - Core Select Class I ("Core Select," or "the Fund") gained 8.48% for the second quarter, compared to 8.74% for the benchmark S&P 500. At the sector level, portfolio gains were led by strong performance in Information Technology, Financials, and Industrials. Consumer Staples was the sole sector that posted a modest decline. Security selection for the Fund was positive, led by Industrials and Financials. Allocation was negative, primarily due to the Fund being underweight in Information Technology. Top contributors for the quarter included Oracle (ORCL), Alphabet (GOOG), and Microsoft (MSFT). Top detractors included Dollar General (DG), Thermo Fisher Scientific (TMO), and NIKE (NKE). At quarter end, the Fund held 28 positions, 48% in the top 10, 3% in cash, and traded at 90% of our estimate of intrinsic value 1. There were no new purchases or complete sales during the quarter.

As of 30 June 2023 Berkshire Hathaway Inc (Class A)	6.3%
Alphabet Inc (Class C)	5.6%
Microsoft Corp	5.3%
Linde PLC	5.1%
Mastercard Inc	5.0%
Alcon Inc	4.3%
Arthur J Gallagher & Co	4.2%
Oracle Corp	4.1%
KLA Corp	4.0%
Waste Management Inc	3.9%
Zoetis Inc	3.6%
Costco Wholesale Corp	3.4%
Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc	3.4%
Progressive Corp	3.3%
Abbott Laboratories	3.1%
Copart Inc	3.0%
Booking Holdings Inc	2.8%
Graco Inc	2.7%
Amazon.com Inc	2.7%
Nike Inc (Class B)	2.7%
S&P Global Inc	2.6%
A. O. Smith Corp	2.6%
Texas Instruments Inc	2.5%
Adobe Inc	2.4%
Celanese Corp	2.1%
Diageo PLC	1.8%
Dollar General Corp	1.8%
Nestle SA	1.6%
Cash & Cash Equivalents	4.1%
Liabilities in Excess of Other Assets	-0.1%

Holdings are subject to change.

With market performance in the second quarter heavily influenced by large cap technology, it is no surprise the top performers for the Fund were Oracle, Adobe, Amazon, and KLA. Interest in companies positioned to offer products that integrate AI or enable the creation of these products drove a significant portion of the best performing companies in the S&P 500. Our top performers are each critically important enablers or integrators of AI technology.

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 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 1}$  BBH's estimate of the present value of the cash that a business can generate over its remaining life. BBH CS – UI

Oracle's recent financial performance demonstrated the strong position the Oracle Cloud Infrastructure (OCI) platform is in to be a top vendor for building Al tools in software applications. OCI's pricing is favorable for the types of high volume, compute-intensive workloads necessary for both training and running Al models. Consequentially, OCI's growth relative to the broader cloud infrastructure market suggests it is gaining market share. Oracle's management specifically cited Generative Al workloads as a significant contributor to OCI's impressive 77% year-over-year growth reported in the most recent quarter. Beyond OCI, Oracle has long integrated Al capabilities into both its Fusion suite of back-office application software and the Oracle Autonomous Database which leverages Al technology to increase database availability and reduce human intervention in database maintenance.

At the other end of the spectrum, Dollar General was the largest detractor for the quarter with its shares declining -19%. The company reported a challenging start to its fiscal year with lower-than-expected results and a weaker outlook for its core consumer base, prompting a reduction in full year guidance and a pause in share buybacks. As observed across pockets of retail more broadly, the tailwinds for consumers have been subsiding in recent months with elevated inflation, the reduction of supplemental benefits, higher borrowing costs, and tighter lending standards impacting lower income consumers disproportionately. After multiple years of strong growth augmented by pandemic benefit tailwinds, we anticipated some trend reversal for Dollar General. The current fiscal year is shaping up to be a catch-up investment year for the company at a time when the health of its core consumer is softening. While the near-term impact for the company is disappointing, we believe management's focus to further sharpen the unique combination of value and convenience offered to its core customers in a challenging economic environment remains a compelling strategy to drive long-term growth.

#### **Outlook**

The second quarter served as a reminder that market timing is futile. While earnings expectations moderated during the first quarter, they stabilized and improved over the course of the second quarter following a better-than-feared reporting season. Investors remain remarkably optimistic, despite risks associated with tighter credit, elevated geopolitical tensions, and the prospect of a global economic slowdown or recession. Looking at the balance of the year, corporate profits will have to do their part to sustain current market levels with gains largely resulting from multiple expansion. As we enter the second quarter earnings season, we are encouraged by our portfolio companies' strong balance sheets and ability to compound earnings and cash flow at attractive rates. While market leadership has been unusually narrow, we continue to find value in our holdings and select areas of the broader market.

Respectfully,

Nicholas Haffenreffer
Fund Manager



#### **Performance** Past performance does not predict future results **Annual Returns** 2022 2019 2018 2017 2016 2015 2013 2021 2020 2014 Class I -21.33% 26.19% 12.17% 28.81% -7.75% 18.76% 7.65% -3.24% 7.51% 25.84% Class R[i] -21.33% 26.24% 12.18% 28.80% -7.75% 18.73% 7.65% -3.24% 7.51% 25.84% Class RN[i]\* 26.23% 12.18% 28.79% -7.77% 18.74% 7.66% -3.23% N/A N/A N/A Class X -21.76% 25.54% 11.56% 28.09% -8.25% 18.11% 7.06% -3.77% 6.91% 25.17% Class R[i](GBP) -12.18% 27.91% 8.66% 23.93% -2.28% 8.31% 28.69% 2.31% 14.42% N/A Class RN[i](GBP)\*\* N/A 27.90% 8.66% 23.95% -2.28% 8.35% 28.76% 2.31% N/A N/A **S&P 500** -18.11% 28.71% 18.40% 31.49% -4.38% 21.83% 11.96% 1.38% 13.69% 32.39%

As of 30/06/2023	Average Annual Total Returns						
	3 Mo.	YTD	1 Yr.	3 Yr.	5 Yr.	10 Yr.	Since Inception
Class I	8.48%	14.34%	15.61%	11.22%	9.23%	8.40%	11.11%
Class R[i]	8.49%	14.35%	15.61%	11.23%	9.24%	8.40%	9.78%
Class X	8.33%	14.03%	14.98%	10.62%	8.64%	7.80%	9.03%
Class R[i](GBP)	5.37%	8.84%	10.81%	10.32%	10.08%	10.36%	10.25%
S&P 500	8.74%	16.89%	19.59%	14.60%	12.31%	12.86%	14.12%

Class I Inception: 28/01/2009 Class R[i] Inception: 21/10/2011 Class RN[i] Inception: 02/05/2014 Class X Inception: 10/07/2012 Class R[i](GBP) Inception: 28/03/2013 Class RN[i](GBP) Inception: 02/05/2014

Class I, Class R[i], Class RN[i], Class R[i](GBP), Ongoing Charges: 1.15%

Class X Ongoing Charges: 1.70%

Returns of less than one year are not annualized. \* Class RN[i] redeemed 20 April 2022. \*\* Class RN[i](GBP) redeemed 16 November 2022.

The past performance excludes the entry and exit charges. The ongoing charges figure is based on actual expenses for the year ending December 2022. This figure may vary from year to year. It excludes portfolio transaction costs. The entry charge is 5% of the initial price or subscription price. Fund shares redeemed within 30 days of purchase may be subject to an exit charge of 2%. The entry and exit charges shown are maximum figures. In some cases you may pay less. Past Performance has been calculated in USD. Performance can be increased or reduced as a result of currency fluctuations.

Classes RA, I, R[i], X, and R[i](GBP) Shares are accumulating Classes of Shares and, as such, have no distributions. Any income will automatically be included in the value of your investment.

The S&P 500 is an unmanaged weighted index of 500 stocks providing a broad indicator of stock price movements. The composition of the index is materially different than the Fund's holdings. The index is not available for direct investment.

Sources: BBH & Co. and S&P

Share Class Overview As of 30 June 2023					
	ISIN	Inception Date	Total Net Assets (mil)	NAV	Upside/Downside Capture¹
Class I	LU0407242659	28/01/2009	\$273.3	\$46.07	87.5% / 98.1%
Class R[i]	LU0527403801	21/10/2011	\$21.1	\$29.93	87.5% / 98.1%
Class X Class R[i](GBP)	LU0643341406 LU0861823945	10/07/2012 28/03/2013	\$3.4 £0.3	\$25.88 £27.42	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Upside / Downside Capture Ratio is an annualized 5-year rate, net of fees. Both compare an investment's performance against its benchmark during periods when the benchmark's performance is positive or negative.

Equity Weighting As of 30 June 2023	
Common Stock	95.9%
Cash and Cash Equivalents	4.1%
Liabilities in Excess of Other Assets	-0.1%
Total	100.0%

Fund Facts As of 30 June 2023	
Total Net Assets (mil)	\$298.2
Number of Securities Held	28
Average P/E	26.9
Average Market Cap (bil)	\$347.6
Excludes cash equivalents	

Sector Weighting As of 30 June 202	
Communication Services	5.8%
Consumer Discretionary	8.6%
Consumer Staples	9.0%
Energy	0.0%
Financials	22.3%
Health Care	15.0%
Industrials	12.8%
Information Technology	19.0%
Materials	7.5%
Real Estate	0.0%
Utilities	0.0%
Total	100.0%
Reported as a percentage of portfolio excluding Cash and Cash Equivalents	

Top 10 Companies As of 30 June 2023	
Berkshire Hathaway Inc	6.2%
Alphabet Inc	5.6%
Microsoft Corp	5.2%
Linde PLC	5.1%
Mastercard Inc	5.0%
Alcon Inc	4.3%
Arthur J Gallagher & Co	4.2%
Oracle Corp	4.1%
KLA Corp	4.0%
Waste Management Inc	3.9%
Total	47.6%
Reported as a percentage of total portfolio.	

An investment is in shares of the fund and not in any underlying investment owned by the fund.

Holdings are subject to change. Totals may not sum due to rounding.

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