

# Performance Update

February 2020 **Legends Fund -1.40%**

## Dear Investor

Legends Fund lost -1.40% in February. Given what has occurred in markets in March, we will be mostly focussing this letter on those developments.

- Total market havoc in March leaves few winners
- Our battle tested managers protect capital and remain in a strong position
- The disarray in markets provide extraordinary investment opportunities
- Legends Fund is well positioned to capitalize on these opportunities and to profit from the recovery

The economic impact from combatting the coronavirus is devastating and far beyond what anyone could have seen coming only three months ago. In markets, there has been no hiding in March, except for being in cash, outright short or long volatility.

This also sums up our three winners for the month. Pierre Andurand's **Andurand Commodity Fund** is up 57% to March 20, having turned net short Brent crude in February. While the manager had a fundamentally bullish view on oil, he correctly became concerned about the impact of the coronavirus. The fund contributed +2.6% to Legends Fund in March. **Brevan Howard** is up 17% up to March 20, being long volatility and capitalizing on the opportunities in the rates market. The fund's contribution in March is +1.3%. But no doubt the biggest story at the end of this will be Bill Ackman's **Pershing Square**. After having made a convincing come back in 2019 with 50% gains, Ackman got very concerned in February about the coronavirus and brought large amounts of credit protection, the area that he felt would provide his portfolio with the best asymmetric protection. He made an emotional appeal on CNBC on March 18th to take the steps needed to deal with the virus, which can be viewed [here](#). Throughout this, he held on to his long portfolio of strong companies that he believed would be in a good position to get through this crisis. Fast forward to March 23rd, Ackman had realized an incredible \$2.6 billion in gains from his hedge, an amount that corresponds to 40% of his total funds' AUM. The cost of the hedge mid February was a mere \$27million. This more than compensated for the losses on his longs. Having built the conviction by then that the right steps would be taken to combat the virus, Ackman fully reinvested those proceeds in his portfolio names. Here is a [link](#) to his interview on March 23rd in which he lays out his views and the basis for his newfound conviction. Interestingly, and illustrative of the massive dislocations, the listed Pershing Square Holdings vehicle traded to around a 50% discount to the underlying value which provided us with an opportunity to increase our holdings at very attractive prices.

More in general, given high valuations and the anticipated turning of the credit cycle we have been positioned conservatively in terms of net market exposures going into this. We had redeemed out of several long-biased long short equity managers over the past 18 months. Still, after holding up well in February with a modest loss of 1.40%, Legends Fund is having a tough month, being down about 10% in March. For the period Feb-Mar MTD this is in line with the HFRX Global Hedge Fund Index, and

somewhat ahead of another benchmark we use, a 60:40 portfolio of stocks and bonds, which up to today is down 16% over that period.

We strongly believe however, that this period will not be about a couple of percent over- or underperformance. It will be about staying power, and who is in a position to fight another day and capitalize on the massive opportunities that are at the other side of this. Our managers are already putting money to work in opportunities not seen since the GFC of 2008 and most important for us is to see that each of our managers is in a strong position to capitalize on these.

To optimally capitalize on the opportunities in credit markets – an area where we expect particularly attractive investment opportunities - we are also accelerating our efforts to launch our distressed debt strategy in a fund structure and we expect to be ready to accept investments in the next couple of months.

Below we do a quick run down through the rest of the portfolio. Important to note is that all our managers are very experienced, battle tested managers with whom we have gone through deep crisis periods before. And although some of these numbers are quite mindblowing to us, this also highlights the depth and volatility of what has happened. It is also important to note that these numbers are estimates and there are still a few more days left in the month, which could see these numbers change significantly

**Millennium International** is having its worst month so far in its 30-year history, being down 6.3% up to March 20th. While by no means a terrible performance in this environment (and considering 13% annual returns since 1990), it does show how even the best risk managers are getting hurt by the market action.

**Renaissance Technologies** is suffering even significantly more being down 15% on average to March 20th, twice their worst historical monthly result. That said, the funds maintain their full exposures and we expect Renaissance to produce a lot of alpha going forward.

**Egerton Capital** was down 11% up to March 20th, holding up a bit better than should be expected purely looking at their net exposure of a little over 50%. Holdings in what seem some net beneficiaries of the crisis like Netflix, softened the blow to performance somewhat.

**Autonomy Global Macro**. Worst hit of all our managers is Robert Gibbins' Autonomy Global Macro Fund, which was down 27% up to last Friday. Some emerging markets who were just showing some real structural improvement are being particularly hard hit. That said, the manager is taking advantage of some major dislocations in these markets and like previous crises will probably see a period of very strong performance coming out of this.

**VR Capital** is also experiencing a steep drawdown, with mid -month numbers down -16%. Positions in Argentina have been responsible for about half the losses. This is a manager who excels at investing in deeply stressed situations and who is starting to see lots of bargains not seen for a long term – with the exception of Argentina after the market collapse in August.

**Third Point** is suffering as well coming into the month about 65% net long. The pain is exacerbated in the listed vehicle where most of our position is in, which is down 24% through yesterday. As with Pershing Square a large part of this is due to the discount widening, something we expect to alleviate somewhat when the worst of the stress passes. Third Point is another firm that will be allocating a lot to the opportunities in equities and credit markets that this environment presents. He is one of the managers Donald Trump consulted with earlier this month.

The numbers clearly show how unprecedented the sudden market collapse has been as our portfolio by no means was in a full risk on mode.

We hope everyone is hanging in there and gets through this period in good health.

Please reach out to us if you would like to discuss further.

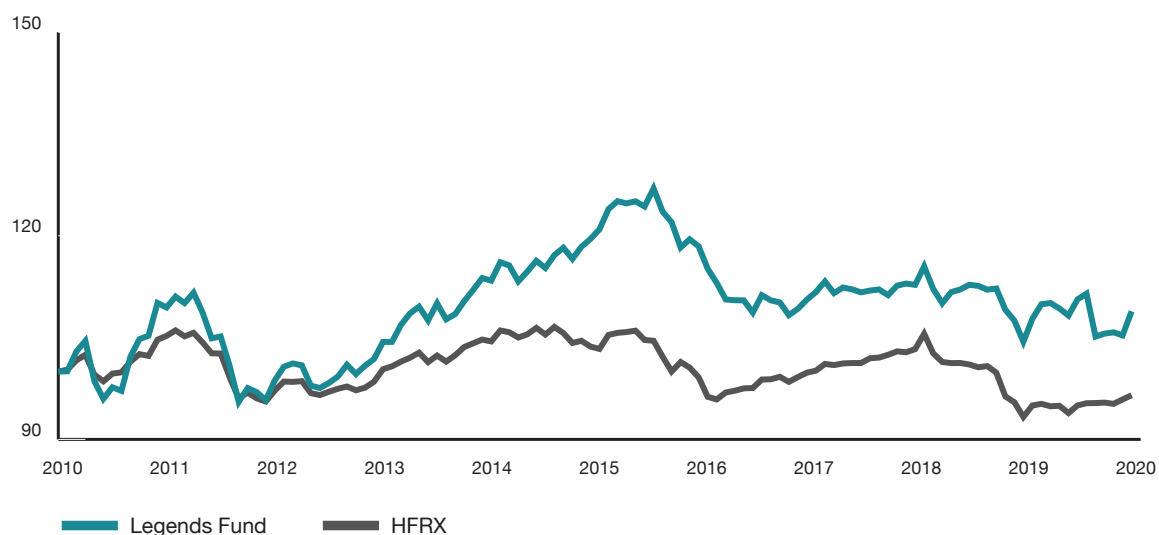
Kind regards,

The Theta team.

Returns (%)	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year	Index*
<b>2020</b>	0.41	-1.40											<b>-1.00</b>	<b>-1.82</b>
<b>2019</b>	3.25	1.99	0.15	-0.73	-0.95	2.20	0.76	-5.67	0.42	0.17	-0.41	3.36	<b>4.30</b>	<b>3.44</b>
<b>2018</b>	2.41	-2.87	-1.88	1.48	0.35	0.62	-0.14	-0.49	0.14	-2.79	-1.45	-2.91	<b>-7.43</b>	<b>-9.93</b>
<b>2017</b>	1.02	2.38	-1.51	0.74	-0.24	-0.39	0.23	0.14	-0.75	1.27	0.27	-0.17	<b>1.96</b>	<b>3.49</b>
<b>2016</b>	-2.78	-1.81	-2.16	-0.22	-0.01	-1.63	2.36	-0.68	-0.28	-1.71	0.88	1.23	<b>-6.63</b>	<b>0.70</b>
<b>2015</b>	1.19	2.46	0.95	-0.26	0.24	-0.61	2.14	-2.68	-1.27	-3.05	1.01	-0.87	<b>-0.90</b>	<b>-4.38</b>
<b>2014</b>	-0.33	2.39	-0.41	-2.03	1.28	1.37	-0.90	1.65	0.92	-1.39	1.53	0.99	<b>5.08</b>	<b>-0.98</b>
<b>2013</b>	2.47	0.01	2.41	1.57	0.91	-1.84	2.33	-2.14	0.72	1.75	1.51	1.56	<b>11.72</b>	<b>6.31</b>
<b>2012</b>	3.03	2.05	0.48	-0.27	-2.98	-0.34	0.75	0.98	1.74	-1.36	1.22	0.98	<b>6.33</b>	<b>3.05</b>

Results from Feb 2010 to Dec 2012 are the results of Legends Fund predecessor fund (same strategy, but no listing).

\* The HFRX Global hedge Fund index hedged to Euro



## Fund Characteristics

Return Target	Euribor +5%
AuM	EUR 250 Million in strategy
Month-End NAV	EUR 93.71
Participations	255,954
Subscriptions	Daily, through stock exchange
Redemptions	Daily, through stock exchange
Direct Fund Dealings	Daily subscriptions, monthly redemptions with 90 days notice
Management Fee	0.625%
Performance Fee	5% with High Watermark
Subscription Fee	0%
Redemption Fee	0%
Currency	EUR
ISIN Code	NL0009692839

## About Legends Fund

Legends Fund offers unique access to some of the world's most renowned money managers. The underlying funds are mostly closed to new investors or require multi-million dollar minimums. Through its industry network and long standing history with these managers Legends Fund makes this unique investment talent accessible to all investors. Through its listing at Euronext Amsterdam, Legends Fund can be bought and sold on a daily basis without a minimum investment amount.

Legends Fund is managed by the hedge fund specialists of Theta Capital Management. Established in 2001, Theta Capital Management is one of the oldest and largest independent Dutch Alternative Asset Managers. Since its creation, Theta has been exclusively focused on managing portfolios of hedge funds for both private and institutional clients. Management and shareholders of Theta Capital are among the largest investors in Legends.

