# US Leaders Equity Fund"

Investment fund Semiannual report 2022 (non-audited)

> For the period 1 January till 30 June 2022

Riga, 2022 CBL ASSET MANAGEMENT



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# INFORMATION OF THE INVESTMENT FUND



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Name of the Fund:	"CBL US Leaders Equity Fund"
Type of the Fund:	Investment fund
Classes:	- R Acc USD ISIN: LV0000401032
	- R Acc EUR (hedged) ISIN: LV0000400992
Registration date of the Fund: Number of the Fund:	22.12.2020. FL261
Investment management company name: Investment management company's registered	CBL Asset Management IPAS
office:	Republikas laukums 2a, Riga, LV-1010, Latvia
Investment management company's registration number:	40003577500
Number of the license for investment management company operations:	06.03.07.098/367
Name of the Fund's Custodian	AS Citadele Banka
Registered office of the Fund's Custodian	Republikas laukums 2a, Riga, LV-1010, Latvia
Registration number of the Fund's Custodian:	40103303559
Investment management company's Council and Board members and their positions:	Council of the investment management company: Chairperson of the Council – Vaidas Žagūnis, appointed on 03.08.2021Chairperson of the Council – Vladimirs Ivanovs, resigned on 03.08.2021Member of the Council - Blohmé Nils Magnus Göran, appointed on 03.08.2021
	Board of the investment management company: Chairperson of the Board – Kārlis Purgailis Board Member – Zigurds Vaikulis Board Member – Andris Kotāns Board Member – Lolita Sičeva
Rights and responsibilities related to investment fund management:	The Council and the Board members shall perform all duties prescribed in laws and regulations of the Republic and in the Articles of Association of the investment management company
Fund Managers:	Andrejs Piļka Igors Lahtadirs
Rights and responsibilities related to the Fund's management:	The Fund Manager performs all duties prescribed in laws and regulations of the Republic of Latvia, in the Articles of Association of the investment management company and in the prospectus of the Fund
Auditors:	Rainers Vilāns Certified Auditor Certificate No 200
	KPMG Baltics AS Vesetas iela 7 Riga, LV-1013, Latvia Licence No 55



#### INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT COMPANY REPORT

The investment fund "CBL US Leaders Equity Fund (hereinafter – the Fund) is an equity fund offering share certificates of two classes: R Acc USD and R Acc EUR (hedged). Investors have the opportunity to invest both in the euros, i.e., in R Acc EUR (hedged) class share certificates, and in the U.S. dollars, i.e., in R Acc USD class share certificates. The Fund manager is the investment management company CBL Asset Management, legal address Republikas laukums 2a, Riga, LV-1010, registered under No. 40003577500. The Investment Company's operating license is No. 06.03.07.098/367.

The investment objective of the Fund is to achieve long-term capital appreciation by investing primarily in the equities of those issuers that have their principal business location or head office in the United States and are registered in the OECD without sectoral restrictions. The Fund's income is derived from share price appreciation and dividend income.

As at 30 June 2022, the Fund's net assets totalled EUR 13,973,128, while gross assets – EUR 14,260,109. The Fund's return and value are calculated for each class individually. As at 30 June 2022, the value of the unit of the CBL US Leaders Equity Fund Class R Acc USD was EUR 9.05, that is for EUR 2.25 less than at 31 December 2021, while the value of the unit of the CBL US Leaders Equity Fund Class R Acc EUR (hedged) was EUR 9.17, that is less for EUR 3.59 than at 31 December 2021. As at 30 June 2022, the return of the CBL US Leaders Equity Fund Class R Acc USD was negative 19.91% (in euros according to the ECB exchange rates) and 26.56% negative in the Fund's base currency (USD) fixed by the financial markets at the end of the day. As at 30 June 2022, the return of the CBL US Leaders Equity Fund Class R Acc EUR (hedged) was also negative 28.13%.

The year has started with a sharp decline in practically all segments of financial markets. Initially, the correction looked more technical, as it is quite logical that after the strong growth last year, some investors were willing to lock in at least part of the large profits. A bigger fear was caused by Inflation data, which indicated that consumer prices continue to rise rapidly and that there is no sign of a slowdown in inflation. Relentless inflation means that the world's central banks will have to raise interest rates faster, as well as end all monetary stimulus programs, which until now have been an important support factor for stock markets. Uncontrollable inflation, in turn, can lead to maximally tight monetary policy, which tends to stifle consumer demand and thus lead to economic recession. Although high inflation is not exactly new to the financial markets and the levels were already high throughout the previous year, the market has lived with the belief that it is a transitory phenomenon and that normalization will happen soon. Steadily rising inflation quickly began to erode investor confidence and they began to reduce their positions in equities. Hopes for normalization were completely extinguished by the military conflict between Russia and Ukraine. Both countries, but mainly Russia, are important suppliers of many commodities to the world - oil, gas, various metals, as well as agricultural goods. As Western countries introduced harsh sanctions against Russia, a shortage of several resources began to appear, which caused their prices to rise sharply. The increase in resource prices further increased inflationary pressure and financial markets began to prepare for more negative scenarios in the world economy. The European economy is under great stress due to its dependence on Russian natural gas, the interruption of its supplies can stop the operation of the industrial sector. The introduced sanctions against Russia have already contributed to the reduction of gas supplies, and the risk that all industries in Europe will not have enough energy resources has become quite real. The described above events increased the probability of an economic recession significantly. As a result, in the first half of the year, the main index of the US stock market, the S&P 500, lost 20%, crossing the psychological level, which is classically considered the beginning of a bear market. Rather surprisingly, the shares of European companies looked a little better, where the broad market index Stoxx Europe 600 has fallen by 14.4%. The relatively better dynamics of European equty indices is largely explained by the larger weight of commodity sector in them. Stocks of commodity related companies have been virtually the only positive performers this year, thanks to a strong rally in commodity markets.

On the back such a strong market correction as we witnessed in the first half of this year, the Fund's investments have also decreased in value. The Fund's investments in consumer staples, energy and materials sectors have lost relatively less, while industrials, technology and communication services sectors have exhibited the largest decline. During the whole half-year, the fund managers actively adjusted the structure of the Fund's portfolio to bring the portfolio in line with the most topical technical and fundamental trends in the financial markets. At the end of the period, the weight of cash in the Fund was 1.40%.

During the reporting period, the total management costs amounted to EUR 131,950, which did not exceed the maximum amount of 4.00% outlined in the Fund's prospectus. The investment management company fee of EUR 112,130, custodian fee – EUR 14,417 and other management expenses - EUR 5,403, were covered from the Fund's assets.

As a result of the market correction in the first six months of this year, stock prices are currently pricing in a relatively large number of various risks. Market fundamentals have become much more attractive. Judging by the price-toearnings ratio, the US stock market is already below the average level of the last ten years, and European stocks are also trading well below historical average values. The recent decline in valuations has been very large and rapid, and therefore, in the longer term, it is reasonable to state that the stock market's return potential has significantly improved compared to the beginning of this year. In the short term, however, we expect that the increased volatility in the global stock markets could remain for some time and with the high uncertainty currently prevailing in the financial markets and the global economy, we do not rule out a further decline in stock market. Therefore, the management team of IPAS CBL Asset Management closely monitors and responds to developments in the financial markets by actively adjusting the Fund's portfolio structure.

For the Board of the Investment Management Company:

Kārlis Purgailis Chairperson of the Board Riga, 28 July 2022, Andrejs Piļka Fund Manager Igors Lahtadirs Fund Manager



## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	Notes	30.06.2022.	31.12.2021.
Assets			
Due on demand from credit institutions Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:	1	199,796	224,483
Equity instruments	2	14,045,157	18,084,339
Derivative financial instruments	3	15,156	5,547
Total assets		14,260,109	18,314,369
Liabilities			
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss:			
Derivative financial instruments	3	(266,524)	(92,798)
Accrued expenses		(20,457)	(26,467)
Total liabilities		(286,981)	(119,265)
Net assets		13,973,128	18,195,104

The accompanying notes on pages 8 through 10 form an integral part of these financial statements.

For the Board of the Investment Management Company:

Kārlis Purgailis Chairperson of the Board

Riga, 28 July 2022,



## STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Income for the reporting period	
Dividend income 52,691 27,	074
Total income 52,691 27,	074
Expenses for the reporting period	
Remuneration to investment management company (112,130) (60,2	63)
Custodian fee (14,417) (7,7	48)
Other Fund management expenses (5,403) (1,1	87)
Total expenses (131.950) (69,1	98)
Increase/(decrease) in investment value	
Realized (decrease) in investment value(1,312,082)(80,7	42)
Unrealized (decrease)/increase in investment value (3,125,453) 1,106,	145
Total (decrease)/increase in investments(4,437,535)1,025,	403
(Decrease)/increase in net assets from investment (4,516,794) 983,	279

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For the Board of the Investment Management Company:

Kārlis Purgailis Chairperson of the Board

Riga, 28 July 2022,



### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

"CBL US Leaders Equity Fund"	30.06.2022.	30.06.2021.
Net assets at the beginning of the reporting period	18,195,104	-
(Decrease)/increase in net assets from investment	(4,516,794)	983,279
Transactions with share certificates:		
Inflow from sale of share certificates and units	1,606,087	11,924,246
Outflow on redemption of share certificates	(1,311,269)	(1,073,280)
Increase in net assets from transactions with share certificates	294,818	10,850,966
Net asset (decrease)/increase in the reporting period	(4,221,976)	11,834,245
Net assets at the end of the reporting period	13,973,128	11,834,245
"CBL US Leaders Equity Fund" Klase R Acc USD ISIN LV0000401032	30.06.2022.	30.06.2021.
Number of share certificates at the beginning of the reporting period	714,748	-
Number of share certificates at the end of the reporting period	743,814	388,538
Net assets per share certificate at the beginning of the reporting period	11.30	-
Net assets per share certificate at the end of the reporting period	9.05	9.33
"CBL US Leaders Equity Fund" Klase R Acc EUR (hedged)		
ISIN LV0000400992	30.06.2022.	30.06.2021.
Number of share certificates at the beginning of the reporting period	793,294	-
Number of share certificates at the end of the reporting period	789,028	739,272
Net assets per share certificate at the beginning of the reporting period	12.76	-
Net assets per share certificate at the end of the reporting period	9.17	11.10

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For the Board of the Investment Management Company:

Kārlis Purgailis Chairperson of the Board

Riga, 28 July 2022,



## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 1. NOTE DUE ON DEMAND FROM CREDIT INSTITUTIONS

	30.06.2022.	% of the Fund's net assets 30.06.2022.	31.12.2021.	% of the Fund's net assets 31.12.2021.
Total due on demand from credit institutions, AS Citadele Banka:	199,796	1.43%	224,483	1.23%

#### 2. NOTE EQUITY INSTRUMENTS

All equity instruments are classified as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss. As at 30 June 2022, all equity instruments owned by the Fund were traded on regulated markets. The following table presents the equity instruments broken down by the issuer's country of origin as at 30 June 2022:

Financial instrument Financial instruments traded	ISIN code	Cur- rency	Amount	Acquisiti- on value (EUR) <u>14,842,556</u>	Carrying amount 30.06.2022. (EUR) 14,045,157	% of the Fund's net assets 30.06.2022. <u>100.54%</u>
Equity instruments of US issu		<u>els.</u>		14,842,556	14,045,157	100.54%
Eli Lilly & Co	US5324571083	USD	1,528	295,977	480,054	3.44%
Fortinet Inc	US34959E1091	USD	7,650	536,226	418,478	2.99%
Microsoft Corp	US5949181045	USD	1,597	359,164	396,875	2.84%
Colgate-Palmolive Co	US1941621039	USD	5,125	390,567	396,155	2.84%
AbbVie Inc	US00287Y1091	USD	2,680	374,608	395,640	2.83%
Alphabet Inc	US02079K1079	USD	185	413,080	391,769	2.80%
Amgen Inc	US0311621009	USD	1,633	345,039	383,559	2.74%
Vertex Pharmaceuticals Inc	US92532F1003	USD	1,377	351,439	376,272	2.69%
Ulta Beauty Inc	US90384S3031	USD	1,002	359,897	373,027	2.67%
Waters Corp	US9418481035	USD	1,162	321,511	372,697	2.67%
Paychex Inc	US7043261079	USD	3,358	276,770	372,493	2.67%
KLA Corp	US4824801009	USD	1,186	322,534	367,698	2.63%
Visa Inc	US92826C8394	USD	1,908	378,053	362,588	2.59%
Apple Inc	US0378331005	USD	2,717	312,182	358,622	2.57%
Automatic Data Processing			,	- , -	,-	
Inc Mettler-Toledo International	US0530151036	USD	1,748	294,958	356,197	2.55%
Inc	US5926881054	USD	312	349,504	347,357	2.49%
Lam Research Corp	US5128071082	USD	815	452,001	338.255	2.42%
Broadcom Inc	US11135F1012	USD	714	393,129	336,069	2.41%
Cadence Design Systems Inc	US1273871087	USD	2,300	330,555	334,870	2.40%
Adobe Inc	US00724F1012	USD	939	462,672	333,798	2.39%
Gartner Inc	US3666511072	USD	1,429	331,081	332,548	2.38%
Sealed Air Corp	US81211K1007	USD	5,911	291,407	329,439	2.36%
Oracle Corp	US68389X1054	USD	4,854	329,760	327,307	2.34%
S&P Global Inc	US78409V1044	USD	994	319,083	324,143	2.32%
Willis Towers Watson PLC	IE00BDB6Q211	USD	1,685	368,727	321,313	2.30%
Mastercard Inc	US57636Q1040	USD	1,050	338,134	318,791	2.28%
Regions Financial Corp	US7591EP1005	USD	17,332	301,391	315,537	2.26%
Marriott International Inc/MD	US5719032022	USD	2,395	372,069	315,383	2.26%
Monolithic Power Systems Inc	US6098391054	USD	810	287,664	302,789	2.17%
Zoetis Inc	US98978V1035	USD	1,812	324,462	302,041	2.16%
Aon PLC	IE00BLP1HW54	USD	1,115	315,962	289,737	2.07%
Arista Networks Inc	US0404131064	USD	3,096	353,934	280,479	2.01%
Copart Inc Seagate Technology Holdings	US2172041061	USD	2,637	331,819	276,318	1.98%
PLC	IE00BKVD2N49	USD	3,900	352,010	268,798	1.92%
Diamondback Energy Inc	US25278X1090	USD	2,300	345,122	266,470	1.91%
NVIDIA Corp	US67066G1040	USD	1,784	390,943	262,817	1.88%
Meta Platforms Inc	US30303M1027	USD	1,674	458,229	262,696	1.88%
Texas Instruments Inc	US8825081040	USD	1,572	223,598	233,931	1.67%
Ameriprise Financial Inc	US03076C1062	USD	1,000	267,201	231,357	1.66%
Moody's Corp	US6153691059	USD	871	235,845	228,597	1.64%
Illinois Tool Works Inc	US4523081093	USD	1,200	257,214	209,396	1.50%
Applied Materials Inc	US0382221051	USD	2,241	209,318	199,030	1.42%
IDEXX Laboratories Inc	US45168D1046	USD	530	225,310	179,752	1.29%
SVB Financial Group Equity instruments of Kazakh	US78486Q1013 issuers:	USD	456	292,407 -	174,015	1.25% <b>0.00%</b>
Kazakhstan Kagazy PLC	US48667M4015	USD	14,000	-	-	0.00%
Total equity instruments:				14,842,556	14,045,157	100.54%

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The following table presents the equity instruments broken down by the issuer's country of origin as at 31 December 2021:

2021:						
					Carrying	% of the
		<b>C</b>		Acquisiti-	amount	Fund's net
Financial instrument	ISIN code	Cur- rency	Amount	on value (EUR)	31.12.2021. (EUR)	assets 31.12.2021.
Financial instruments traded or			Amount	14,616,792	<u>18,084,339</u>	<u>99.39%</u>
Equity instruments of US issu				14,239,439	17,601,835	<u>96.74%</u>
Fortinet Inc	US34959E1091	USD	1,530	193,350	487,841	2.68%
Paychex Inc	US7043261079	USD	3,738	305,392	452,877	2.49%
KLA Corp	US4824801009	USD	1,186	322,534	450,357	2.48%
Mettler-Toledo International					,	
Inc	US5926881054	USD	287	320,437	431,998	2.37%
Automatic Data Processing						
Inc	US0530151036	USD	1,968	325,598	429,777	2.36%
Keysight Technologies Inc	US49338L1035	USD	2,340	302,077	427,795	2.35%
Apple Inc	US0378331005	USD	2,717	312,182	425,662	2.34%
Gartner Inc	US3666511072	USD	1,429	331,081	422,884	2.32%
Robert Half International Inc	US7703231032	USD	4,263	297,056	419,600	2.31%
Tractor Supply Co	US8923561067	USD	1,995	296,764	418,816	2.30%
Eli Lilly & Co S&P Global Inc	US5324571083 US78409V1044	USD USD	1,708 994	329,397 319,083	417,937	2.30% 2.28%
Monolithic Power Systems Inc	US6098391054	USD	994 935		414,758 408,375	2.28%
Sealed Air Corp	US81211K1007	USD	6,661	328,405 328,034	395,626	2.24%
Arista Networks Inc	US0404131064	USD	3,096	353,934	393,383	2.16%
Zoetis Inc	US98978V1035	USD	1,812	324,462	392,253	2.16%
Seagate Technology Holdings	000007071000	000	1,012	021,102	002,200	2.1070
PLC	IE00BKVD2N49	USD	3,900	352,010	390,103	2.14%
Alphabet Inc	US02079K1079	USD	151	332,441	387,214	2.13%
Old Dominion Freight Line Inc	US6795801009	USD	1,200	251,857	380,099	2.09%
Microsoft Corp	US5949181045	USD	1,273	270,191	379,292	2.08%
Oracle Corp	US68389X1054	USD	4,854	329,760	375,300	2.06%
Lam Research Corp	US5128071082	USD	590	349,272	374,649	2.06%
Facebook Inc	US30303M1027	USD	1,242	378,250	372,501	2.05%
Edwards Lifesciences Corp	US28176E1082	USD	3,228	327,575	371,508	2.04%
Ulta Beauty Inc	US90384S3031	USD	1,002	359,897	364,297	2.00%
NVIDIA Corp	US67066G1040	USD	1,384	300,907	358,574	1.97%
Xilinx Inc	US9839191015	USD	1,914	295,211	355,998	1.97% 1.94%
Copart Inc Intuit Inc	US2172041061	USD USD	2,637 594	331,819 225,728	353,525	1.94%
Waters Corp	US4612021034 US9418481035	USD	1,021	277,111	338,474 337,175	1.85%
Regions Financial Corp	US7591EP1005	USD	17,332	301,391	334,061	1.84%
NetApp Inc	US64110D1046	USD	3,952	220,670	320,668	1.76%
Adobe Inc	US00724F1012	USD	637	331,322	319,580	1.76%
Applied Materials Inc	US0382221051	USD	2,241	209,318	312,090	1.72%
IDEXX Laboratories Inc	US45168D1046	USD	530	225,310	310,106	1.70%
Etsy Inc	US29786A1060	USD	1,573	274,684	303,406	1.67%
Moody's Corp	US6153691059	USD	871	235,845	299,482	1.65%
Zions Bancorp NA	US9897011071	USD	5,238	223,824	292,608	1.61%
First Republic Bank/CA	US33616C1009	USD	1,562	292,604	285,369	1.57%
O'Reilly Automotive Inc	US67103H1077	USD	450	194,455	280,815	1.54%
Align Technology Inc	US0162551016	USD	475	223,924	277,917	1.53%
SVB Financial Group	US78486Q1013	USD	456	292,407	273,254	1.50%
CDW Corp/DE	US12514G1085	USD	1,489	177,974	269,955	1.48%
Analog Devices Inc Ameriprise Financial Inc	US0326541051 US03076C1062	USD USD	1,737 1,000	245,956 267,201	269,737 266,643	1.48% 1.47%
Texas Instruments Inc	US8825081040	USD	1,572	223,598	262,254	1.44%
Illinois Tool Works Inc	US4523081040	USD	1,200	257,214	261,508	1.44%
NIKE Inc	US6541061031	USD	1,697	247,068	250,370	1.38%
United Parcel Service Inc	US9113121068	USD	1,323	235,203	250,080	1.37%
Citizens Financial Group Inc	US1746101054	USD	5,586	187,656	233,284	1.28%
Equity instruments of Irish iss				377,353	482,504	2.65%
Accenture PLC	IE00B4BNMY34	USD	1,313	377,353	482,504	2.65%
Equity instruments of Kazakh			-	-	-	0.00%
Kazakhstan Kagazy PLC	US48667M4015	USD	14,000	-	-	0.00%
Total equity instruments:				14,616,792	18,084,339	99.39%



### 3. NOTE DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The following table presents the notional amount and fair value of currency forwards and swaps as at 30 June 2022. The notional amount of foreign exchange transactions is determined in accordance with the claims arising from these transactions.

	30	% of the		
		Fair value		Fund's net assets
Foreign currency exchange transactions	Notional amount	Aktīv	Liabilities	30.06.2022.*
FX transactions (swaps)	8,864,470	-	(266,524)	(1.91%)
FX transactions (forwards)	1,395,886	15,156	-	0.11%
Total derivative financial instruments	10,260,356	15,156	(266,524)	(1.80%)

\* Net carrying amount of derivative asset and liability is disclosed as percentage of the Fund's net assets. All derivative financial instruments are EUR and USD swaps/forwards concluded with AS Citadele Banka.

The following table presents the notional amount and fair value of currency forwards and swaps as at 31 December 2021. The notional amount of foreign exchange transactions is determined in accordance with the claims arising from these transactions.

	3	% of the		
		Fair value		Fund's net
Foreign currency exchange transactions	Notional amount	Assets	Liabilities	assets 31.12.2021.*
FX transactions (swaps)	9,111,380	5,547	(74,169)	(0.38%)
FX transactions (forwards)	838,747	-	(18,629)	(0.10%)
Total derivative financial instruments	9,950,127	5,547	(92,798)	(0.48%)

\* Net carrying amount of derivative asset and liability is disclosed as percentage of the Fund's net assets. All derivative financial instruments are EUR and USD swaps/forwards concluded with AS Citadele Banka.

#### 4. NOTE PERFORMANCE DYNAMICS OF THE INVESTMENT FUND

"CBL US Leaders Equity Fund" Klase R Acc USD	30.06.2022.	31.12.2021.
Net assets (EUR)	6,734,032	8,076,094
Number of share certificates	743,814	714,748
Value of the unit of the investment fund (EUR)	9.05	11.30
Return of the investment fund *	(19.91%)	13.00%
Net assets (USD)**	6,994,638	9,146,983
Number of share certificates	743,814	714,748
Value of the unit of the investment fund (USD)	9.40	12.80
Return of the investment fund *	(26.56%)	28.00%

"CBL US Leaders Equity Fund" Klase R Acc EUR (hedged)	30.06.2022.	31.12.2021.
Net assets (EUR)	7,239,096	10,119,010
Number of share certificates	789,028	793,294
Value of the unit of the investment fund (EUR)	9.17	12.76
Return of the investment fund *	(28.13%)	28.12%

The total assets of the CBL US Leaders Equity Fund consist of the total net assets of both classes in the Fund's measurement currency; when translating the total assets of the CBL US Leaders Equity Fund at the exchange rate published by the European Central Bank, an exchange rate difference between the total amounts of both classes arises which leads to the difference from the net assets presented elsewhere in the financial statements.

\* Return is calculated, assuming there are 365 days in a year.

\*\* Net asset value in USD is established using exchange rates fixed by the financial markets at the end of the day.