

Neuberger Berman Next Generation Connected Consumer ETF (NBCC)

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Performance Highlights

The Neuberger Berman Next Generation Connected Consumer ETF (NBCC) generated net asset value (NAV) and market price based cumulative total returns of -4.1% and -3.9%¹ respectively, during the third quarter of 2022. Since its inception on April 6, the NAV and Market Price total returns were -27.3% and -26.9%, respectively. The MSCI All Country World Index (“ACWI Index”), the strategy’s primary benchmark, generated total returns of -6.8% for the quarter and -20.5% over the time period since NBCC’s inception.

Market Context

During the third quarter, market performance continued to reflect many of the factors that have pressured equities since the MSCI ACWI peak on Jan 4, 2022. Geopolitical uncertainty remains elevated, Interest rates and inflation have maintained their upward inertia, and covid-driven economic volatility continues to pop its head up as was the case in renewed lockdowns in China. Global equities fell sharply during the quarter, reflecting these challenges as forward P/E multiples for the ACWI Index declined further to 13.4 from 14.1 at the end of Q2 2022, and 19.2 at the end of 2021. The lower multiples reflect higher discount rates, outlook uncertainty, and margin risk attributable to inflationary pressure. Earnings estimates however, have been somewhat more resilient as ACWI Index EPS estimates for 2023 declined just 4.7% during 3Q 2022 and 5.4% YTD.

Within the benchmark, Communication Services, Real Estate, and Utilities led the market lower, while Energy, Consumer Discretionary, and Financials declined by less than the market. In terms of style factors, ACWI Growth outperformed ACWI Value by 122 bps and ACWI Small Mid Cap outperformed ACWI Large Cap by 82 bps. Regionally, the best performance was in Latin America (+3.72%) while the biggest laggard was in Asia ex Japan (-12.54%).

Portfolio Review

On a relative basis, the ETF performed best in Consumer Discretionary and underperformed in Financials. On an individual stock basis, the best performers during the period were DraftKings, Crocs, and Chipotle. The worst performers were Nike, Zhongnan Online P&C Insurance, and Match Group.

Best Performers

DraftKings, Inc. (DKNG). DraftKings is the pure-play in legal N. American online sports betting and daily fantasy sports. Shares outperformed meaningfully in the quarter reflecting cooling competitive fears as promotions waned, and a solid 2Q report and guidance eased fears. Beyond 3Q, we are optimistic in the long run growth potential of the category as other states open and profitability improves in recently launched states. On new jurisdictions, odds on legalized online sports betting in California appear unlikely in 2022 in our view, as opposition from Native American tribes has intensified in recent months. From our perspective, the failed California bid in 2022 is not necessarily bad news as new states, in particular ones as large as California, require significant upfront capital commitments and usually require ~3yr payback periods as demand scales. In the absence of these upfront costs we anticipate DKNG to be better positioned to achieve break-even by F’24 (prior F’25).

Crocs, Inc (CROX). Crocs is the vertically integrated producer and distributor of its eponymous footwear brand and the recently acquired HeyDude brand. While fluid industry supply and demand raises the risk of elevated industry promotions, our data analysis shows a healthy brand that can continue to deliver growth without painful promotions and discounting. In fact, data suggest both the Crocs and HeyDude brands offer compelling family value and may benefit from trade-down. Longer-term we believe balance sheet and free cash flow growth create financial flexibility to amplify Crocs’ strategic strength.

Chipotle Mexican Grill, Inc. (CMG). Against the backdrop of being a brand-right/trend-right category leader, the focus for Chipotle has shifted toward execution. The company continues to expand access points, in particular with suburban drive-

1. Please see the performance table on page 3 for additional performance information and for the definitions of market price and NAV.

through markets, enabling for profitable (Return on Incremental Invested Capital (ROIIC) accretive) market share growth. Quarterly earnings provided relief with comp expectations inline and guidance reiterated. Looking into 2023 we expect restaurant industry price increases to moderate as inflation inputs ebb, thus creating incremental top-line growth scarcity with value accruing to industry growth leaders such as CMG.

Worst Performers:

NIKE, Inc. (NKE). NIKE is the global leader in footwear and athletic wear. Despite continued share gains, profitability growth has stalled due to the confluence of one-time freight, FX, and inventory challenges. Collectively we anticipate these headwinds to begin easing in 1H'23 with pronounced catch-up opportunities beginning in mid-to-late C'23. Furthermore, management is acutely aware of needed clarity for their increasing digital mix; we expect related communication to be a catalyst over the next several quarters.

Zhongan Online P&C Insurance Co., Ltd (6060-HK).

ZhongAn is the leading online insurance company in China, founded in 2013 by Ant Financial, Tencent, and Ping An. Management warned of disappointing 1H22 in July and reported earnings in August – with a disappointing impact from currency and investment losses; however, improving underwriting profit was somewhat of an offset. In 2H22 and beyond, we expect improved growth of underwriting and technology export revenues, reflective of ZA's sizable long-term growth potential and its ongoing share gains under a new regulatory regime.

Match Group, Inc. (MTCH). Match is the leading online dating company globally. In recent quarters its business has been hurt by exogenous factors such as covid lockdowns, currency, macro, and execution-related challenges. The stock value has similarly ebbed as growth slowed and high-growth assets have been devalued across the market. Looking forward, we're encouraged about product innovation potential and Match's leverage to reopening, particularly in Japan – its 2nd largest market. Further, we believe the stock is now discounting permanently slower growth rates, while we believe the post-covid reopening and eventual economic recovery will lead to reaccelerating growth in the quarters ahead as online dating is still significantly unpenetrated globally.

BEST AND WORST PERFORMERS FOR THE QUARTER*

Best Performers (% of ETF NAV as of 09/30/22)	Worst Performers (% of ETF NAV as of 09/30/22)
DraftKings, Inc. (2.42%)	NIKE, Inc. (3.40%)
Crocs, Inc. (2.89%)	Zhongan Online P&C Insurance Co., Ltd (1.99%)
Chipotle Mexican Grill, Inc. (2.15%)	Match Group, Inc. (2.54%)

*Reflects the best and worst performers for the quarter, in descending order, to the ETF's performance based on individual security performance and portfolio weighting. Specific securities identified and described do not represent all of the securities purchased, sold or recommended for the ETF. Positions listed may include securities that are not held in the ETF as of September 30, 2022. It should not be assumed that any investments in securities identified and described were or will be profitable.

Outlook

Over time, we believe the emergence of millennials and Gen Z into their peak earning and spending years will have titanic implications on the economy. These generations represent a large proportion of the population (~150mm ppl in US alone) with rapidly growing economic influence - 3x faster discretionary income growth plus estimated +\$60T of wealth transfer by 2050². These generations behave uniquely, rooted in their status as the world's first "digitally native" generations. Further, their degree of connectivity leaves behind data residue such that we are able to leverage data science to convert data to help inform our long-term investment insights based on their spending habits, and more predictably, based on what they are thinking and doing. We think this investment opportunity and our process to capture it will over time lead to compelling returns.

While this strategy is designed to identify investments with attractive long-term growth potential, it is not invulnerable to shorter-term market gyrations associated with slowing, and perhaps recessing, economic growth. On these near-term concerns that have gripped the broad equity market and particularly growth and consumer-facing stocks, we are increasingly optimistic that reset valuation multiples appropriately reflect higher rates and greater uncertainty. That said, we are cautious that risk to underlying earnings expectations remain due to structurally higher labor wages and logistical challenges stemming from deglobalization. We expect this adjustment phase to play out over the next several quarters, but with materially improved earnings visibility over the next quarter as retailers flush excess inventory.

For the consumer's part, we expect the near-term to continue to be non-linear with consumer spending power remaining surprisingly resilient, albeit not as robust as the last couple years. This moderating level of spending growth is still "good enough" in our view, so long as several medium-term developments manifest as we expect. Namely, we expect the consumer to face less incremental pressure from inflationary housing, energy, transportation and food. Early signs of this are

already emerging. Further, we believe that moving away from heightened stimulus payments and the initial surge in commodity costs will neutralize recent headwinds. Finally, we note that buoyant nominal wages and a relatively clean balance sheet should, in our view, enable the consumer to spend at a healthy rate.

While we optimize the portfolio for a choppier landscape, with one step back for every two steps forward, we believe long-term returns will be maximized by remaining true to our long-term discipline of identifying thematically-pure investment ideas with great business models and underappreciated long-term earnings growth potential. We believe our orientation around this longer-term thematic opportunity should expose the portfolio to the most powerful megatrends. At present, we see the best and most relevant opportunities around travel (lodging), unique goods (luxury), inventory destocking beneficiaries, and gaming (online + land-based). In our view, all of these tectonic consumption shifts are attributable to the unique characteristics of Generations Y and Z.

FUND PERFORMANCE (%)

For Periods Ended 9/30/2022	1 Month	3 Months	YTD	Cumulative Since Inception (4/6/22)
NBCC - NAV	-8.09	-4.14		-27.31
NBCC - Market Price	-8.11	-3.86	--	-26.86
MSCI (All Country World Index) (Net)	-9.57	-6.82	--	-20.48

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Annual Fund Operating Expenses

Gross Expense Ratio	0.65%
Net Expense Ratio	0.55%

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