

Driehaus Small Cap Growth Fund Summary

2ND QUARTER 2021

Market Overview

The June quarter was another positive period of appreciation for the U.S. equity market. The single digit percentage gains for the indices were broad-based but most of the market was stuck in a side-ways consolidation. The churning, rotating action was below the surface of the S&P 500 and Nasdaq, both of which reached new all-time highs driven by the strength of the largest technology stocks.

The consistent retreat in bond yields during the quarter was a major factor driving the direction of stocks. The decline in yields occurred despite elevated inflationary pressures and robust economic growth. Growth stocks were supported by the falling yields and driven by strong performance in the technology and healthcare sectors. Cyclical stocks (outside of the energy sector) and "reopening" stocks generally underperformed in the second half of the quarter as yields continued to fall and concerns about "peak" growth and the emerging Delta variant increased.

From a macro standpoint, the combination of very strong monetary and fiscal stimulus is providing tremendous support for the post-COVID economic recovery. The successful uptake of the COVID vaccines by nearly 70% of U.S. adults is enabling the economic reopening. These factors together with powerful pent-up consumer demand and very low inventories across most industries are producing economic strength and a rapid recovery in the labor market but are also fueling the threat of inflation.

The pace and sustainability of inflation has been an all-consuming topic for the market. The Federal Reserve believes it is transitory, but how long is transitory? Many indicators suggest the rate of inflation may have already peaked versus easy year-over-year comparisons. Peak stimulus and peak economic growth rates may have already occurred, a view corroborated by the decline in most commodity prices and bonds yields. Importantly, "peak" rates of growth don't mean the end of the economic cycle. Inflation and economic growth can remain elevated for some time. The U.S. economy is in year one of a new cyclical expansion and for context the last five U.S. expansions lasted 5 to 10 years. Still, component and inventory shortages together with labor shortages will continue and are being reported (or complained about) by nearly every industry. Some fear this is holding back economic growth and is pressuring corporate margins and the potential for even higher earnings. That is likely true, but the interesting part is that supply chain and labor constraints will likely elongate the cycle and prevent overheating.

It has become widely understood by market participants that economic growth and earnings will be strong as the economy reopens. The ongoing consolidation or rotation over the past couple months, outside of some of the largest S&P 500 stocks, is likely the result of the market transiting through a period of uncertainty. There is uncertainty surrounding monetary policy as the Fed will soon begin to transition away from crisis level monetary accommodation via tapering of asset purchases. There is also uncertainty around the magnitude of deceleration in economic growth from peak growth rates to a more sustained (but still strong) level of economic growth. A series of economic indicators have missed expectations recently but that is potentially due to component and labor shortages. As the market digests these uncertainties, it is likely setting up some appealing opportunities in the second half of the year as many cyclicals and small caps consolidate and earnings and the economy establish a new sustainable level of growth. Of course, these scenarios could be disrupted if the variants cause COVID cases to spike and economic shutdowns are mandated. Positively, the evidence to date suggests the mRNA vaccines continue to perform relatively well versus the variants, especially in limiting severe disease and new booster shots will likely become available versus the variants later this year.

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Performance Review

For the June quarter, the Driehaus Small Cap Growth Fund outperformed its benchmark. The Fund had a 5.01% return, net of fees, while the Russell 2000 Growth Index experienced a gain of 3.92%. The Fund also outperformed the Russell 2000 which gained 4.29%, but it did trail the S&P 500 which gained 8.55%¹.

The relative outperformance versus the Russell 2000 Growth Index was driven by the portfolio's relative outperformance in the following sectors: industrials, technology, consumer staples and communication services.

Despite the outperformance and positive absolute returns, it was a challenging quarter. The market's stock and sector leadership were very rotational. Cyclical and reopening stocks which had performed well over the prior couple quarters pulled back as bond yields declined, peak growth fears increased and as the Delta variant spread late in the quarter. Conversely, secular growth stocks, which had a poor first quarter, resumed their leadership and performed well late in the quarter. Macro factors, such as the daily direction of yields, risk factors and correlations appeared to be more impactful than bottom up characteristics during the quarter. Many "reopening" stocks should handily exceed consensus expectations as their fundamental trends remain strong but most experienced multiple compression regardless. Despite this, the portfolio benefited from strong earnings reports and being well diversified across the various growth categories (secular, cyclical, consistent, recovery) which helped it outperform.

By sector, the Fund's absolute and relative performance was broad based as nearly all the major sectors contributed with positive absolute returns. Healthcare and financials both trailed the benchmark by a small amount, based on relative performance. The positive absolute returns for the quarter came from (in order of magnitude): technology, industrials, consumer staples, consumer discretionary, healthcare, communication services, materials, and energy.

Industrials

The industrials sector performed well. Outperformance of just over 70 basis points came from outperforming the benchmark and by being overweight the sector. Holdings in shipping, machinery, and the business services industries, performed well. After a strong first quarter, leisure focused airlines detracted from performance as cyclical and reopening stocks generally declined despite a robust recovery in demand.

Technology

Technology outperformed while contributing over 200 basis points on an absolute and over 60 basis points on a relative basis. The sector continues to see strong fundamental trends in most of its sub-industries and the group was able to perform well as bond yields fell, enabling some multiple expansion. Software and IT service stocks recovered after they trailed in the first quarter. The performance of our semiconductor and semi capital equipment holdings were mixed. Big picture, the outlook for semiconductors and related capital equipment remains bright as it is one of many industries seeing shortages as inventories are at very low levels. Telco equipment holdings performed well as rural broadband spending is robust due to government stimulus to upgrade connectivity in rural sections of the country.

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Consumer Discretionary and Staples

The consumer discretionary sector holdings performed largely in-line with the benchmark on a relative basis. The portfolio continues to maintain overweight stance versus the benchmark. As the economy begins to reopen and the labor market recovers, the benefits of stimulus, very high savings rates and massive pent-up demand is driving robust consumer spending. Notable outperformers during the quarter included several specialty retailers, a shoe manufacturer, a casino operator, and some leisure product companies. Consumer staples also added nicely to outperformance as an energy drink producer and a wine producer performed strongly. On the downside, a few outdoor related leisure product manufacturers underperformed as "reopening stocks" generally experienced multiple contraction.

Energy

While it is a small weighting, the portfolio was overweight the energy sector and it outperformed slightly versus the benchmark. The sector was the best performing sector in the U.S. market in the first half of this year as crude oil surged to well over \$70 by the end of the quarter. The sector has largely been abandoned by public investors in recent years due to poor returns and excess capital spending over the past decade. Now the industry is more rational in how it spends capital and the rig count is rising again as demand and the commodity price recovers. From an Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) standpoint, we carefully assess each new holding. We hold one oil service company that improves worker and well site safety and exploration and production companies that generally operate more efficiently and are more favorably rated from an ESG perspective than their peers in the industry.

Healthcare

Healthcare also began to recover as bond yields fell. The portfolio's healthcare holdings outperformed slightly as the sector contributed nearly 50 basis points on an absolute basis but trailed slightly on a relative basis as the portfolio is underweight the benchmark. It did finish the quarter as our largest sector weighting in absolute terms. IPO activity within the group remains strong with many companies coming public during the quarter. The level of innovation we see in healthcare is exciting. Biotech/therapeutics, molecular diagnostics and med-tech all stand to benefit strongly looking forward as these companies improve the standard of care and provide better outcomes for patients.

Outlook & Positioning

The outlook for the economy, earnings and equities remains positive as there are multiple drivers supporting the economic reopening. The mRNA based COVID-19 vaccines are working very well and appear to provide good protection from new variants. The percentage of adult Americans who are vaccinated is near seventy percent. The rise of the Delta variant is a concern, but the risk of it materially impacting the U.S. economy is relatively low given the effectiveness of existing vaccines and additional boosters. For the most part, the U.S. has now come close to fully reopening across the country.

The US economy will likely have sustained strong growth well into next year due to many positives, including: the vaccines, pent-up demand, high savings rates, multi-decade low inventories, extremely easy monetary policy, and large fiscal policy stimulus. Even as some of these inputs see "peak" growth or peak impact, they all should provide a series of strong tailwinds.

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Additionally, smaller cap valuations are favorable compared to large caps with earnings growth rates that are much stronger than large caps. Micro and Small Caps generally perform well for years from the beginning of a new expansion. Post the Nasdaq Bubble and post the Great Financial Crisis, smaller caps outperformed large caps for five to six years.

These positives need to be framed by the risks that exist. The numerous risks include: the Delta and other virus variants, the sizable segment of the population (about 25% in the U.S.) that is hesitant or refuses to take one of the vaccines, inflation pressures, changes in monetary policy, major changes in interest rates, new regulations on business and higher taxes, a stronger dollar, labor shortages and rising wages. All these risks are nuanced and may end up helping the market climb the wall of worry, but we are monitoring each one carefully.

We are confident that the US has entered a new economic expansion with many powerful drivers. This should result in a sustained new economic cycle and we anticipate broad participation from most sector and industries, including both secular growth and cyclical companies. In terms of portfolio positioning, healthcare remains our largest absolute weight, followed by technology, consumer discretionary, industrials and financials. Versus the index, the Fund is overweight industrials, technology, materials, consumer discretionary and energy and is underweight health care, financials, real estate, and consumer staples. During the quarter, sector weightings in healthcare and technology increased, while weightings in consumer discretionary and financials were reduced.

Overall, we see many dynamic investment opportunities in improving or sustainable industries, which fit our investment philosophy of companies exhibiting positive growth inflections, differentiation, market share gains, strong revenues and expanding profitability.

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% Month-End Performance (as of 6/30/21)

	Annualized						
	MTH	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Inception ¹
Investor Class: DVSMX ¹	4.36	14.56	70.43	31.14	31.99	19.91	15.80
Institutional Class: DNSMX ¹	4.42	14.70	70.98	31.52	32.28	20.04	15.89
Russell 2000 [®] Growth Index ²	4.69	8.98	51.36	15.94	18.76	13.52	10.78

% Quarter-End Performance (as of 6/30/21)

	Annualized						
	QTR	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Inception ¹
Investor Class: DVSMX ¹	5.01	14.56	70.43	31.14	31.99	19.91	15.80
Institutional Class: DNSMX ¹	5.14	14.70	70.98	31.52	32.28	20.04	15.89
Russell 2000 [®] Growth Index ²	3.92	8.98	51.36	15.94	18.76	13.52	10.78

Top 5 Holdings³ (as of 5/31/21)

Company	% of Fund
Cross, Inc.	2.0
Springworks Therapeutics, Inc.	2.0
Natera, Inc.	1.9
Caesars Entertainment Inc	1.7
Calix, Inc.	1.6

Annual Operating Expenses⁴

	DVSMX	DNSMX
Gross Expenses	1.35%	0.80%
Net Expenses ⁵	1.20%	0.80%

Sources: Driehaus Capital Management LLC, Factset Research Systems, Inc., eVestment Alliance Data as of 6/30/21.

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¹The average annual total returns of the Driehaus Small Cap Growth Fund include the performance of one of the Fund's predecessor limited partnerships, which is calculated from January 1, 2007, before it commenced operations as a series of the Driehaus Mutual Funds on August 21, 2017 and succeeded to the assets of the Driehaus Institutional Small Cap, L.P. (the "Predecessor Partnership"), Driehaus Small Cap Investors, L.P., Driehaus Institutional Small Cap Recovery Fund, L.P. and Driehaus Small Cap Recovery Fund, L.P., (together, the "Limited Partnerships"). The Limited Partnerships were managed by the same investment team with substantially the same investment objective, policies and philosophies as the Fund. The investment portfolios of the Limited Partnerships were identical and therefore had similar performance. The performance of the Predecessor Partnership is shown here because it has been in operation the longest. The Predecessor Partnership was not registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended ("1940 Act"), and thus was not subject to certain investment and operational restrictions that are imposed by the 1940 Act. If the Predecessor Partnership had been registered under the 1940 Act, its performance may have been adversely affected. Accordingly, future Fund performance may be different than the Predecessor Partnership's past performance. After-tax performance returns are not included for the Predecessor Partnership. The Predecessor Partnership was not a regulated investment company under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and therefore did not distribute current or accumulated earnings and profits and was not subject to the diversification and source of income requirements applicable to regulated investment companies.²The Russell 2000[®] Growth Index measures the performance of those Russell 2000[®] companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values. The performance data includes reinvested dividends. The Russell 2000[®] Index measures the performance of the 2,000 smallest companies in the Russell 3000[®] Index. An investor cannot invest directly in an index.³Holdings subject to change.⁴Represents the Annual Fund Operating Expenses as disclosed in the current prospectus dated April 30, 2021. It is important to understand that a decline in the Fund's average net assets due to unprecedented market volatility or other factors could cause the Fund's expense ratio for the current fiscal year to be higher than the expense information presented. A shareholder may be required to pay a commission to their financial intermediary.⁵Driehaus Capital Management LLC, the Fund's investment adviser (the "Adviser"), has entered into a contractual agreement to cap the Fund's current ordinary annual operating expenses (excluding interest, taxes, brokerage commissions, other investment-related expenses, acquired fund fees and expenses, and extraordinary expenses, such as litigation and other expenses not incurred in the ordinary course of the Fund's business), resulting in the current net expense ratios of 1.20% for the Investor Shares and 0.80% for the Institutional Shares until the earlier of the termination of the investment advisory agreement, by the Board of Trustees or the Fund's shareholders, or April 30, 2023. Pursuant to this agreement, and so long as the investment advisory agreement is in place, for a period not to exceed three years from the date on which the waiver or reimbursement was made, the Adviser is entitled to reimbursement for previously waived fees and reimbursed expenses to the extent that the Fund's expense ratio remains below the operating expense cap that was in place at the time of the waiver as well as the existing operating expense cap. Because of this agreement, the Fund may pay the Adviser less than the contractual management fee.

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Sector Performance Attribution 2nd Quarter – 3/31/21 to 6/30/21

GICS Sector	Driehaus Small Cap Growth Fund (Port) (%)		Russell 2000 Growth Index ¹ (Bench) (%)		Attribution Analysis (%)		
	Port Avg. Weight	Port Contrib To Return	Bench Avg. Weight	Bench Contrib To Return	Allocation Effect ²	Selection + Interaction ²	Total Effect ²
Communication Services	2.24	0.35	2.21	0.19	0.02	0.15	0.18
Consumer Discretionary	22.13	0.74	15.51	0.74	0.22	-0.25	-0.03
Consumer Staples	2.40	0.79	3.25	0.25	-0.07	0.63	0.56
Energy	3.89	0.18	0.32	0.01	0.63	-0.58	0.06
Financials	4.90	-0.05	4.12	0.27	0.08	-0.40	-0.32
Health Care	19.28	0.48	32.01	1.01	0.14	-0.33	-0.19
Industrials	20.19	0.86	14.57	-0.19	-0.31	1.04	0.73
Information Technology	18.21	2.02	20.22	1.32	-0.05	0.69	0.64
Materials	5.62	0.21	2.79	0.07	-0.28	0.28	0.00
Real Estate	0.00	0.00	3.53	0.19	-0.05	0.00	-0.05
Utilities	0.16	-0.11	1.45	0.02	0.05	-0.11	-0.06
Cash	0.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.00	0.07
Other ³	0.00	-0.16	0.00	0.00	-0.16	0.00	-0.16
Total	100.00	5.32	100.00	3.89	0.29	1.14	1.43

Data as of 6/30/21

Sources: Driehaus Capital Management LLC, Factset Research Systems, Inc., eVestment Alliance

Per FactSet Research Systems Inc., the attribution report provides an in-depth analysis of relative performance. With this report one can research whether or not a portfolio outperformed a benchmark, and how each group contributed to performance. The performance data shown above is estimated and represents past performance and does not guarantee future results. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted. The information presented is intended for informational purposes only.

¹The definition of this index can be found on page 5. ²Attribution Analysis categories are defined as: **Allocation Effect** - Measures the impact of the decision to allocate assets differently than those in the benchmark. **Security Selection Effect** - Measures the effect of choosing securities, which may or may not outperform those of the benchmark. **Interaction Effect** - Jointly measures the effect of allocation and selection decisions. **Total Effect** - The Total Effect for each MSCI/GICS Sector is equal to the sum of the individual Attribution Effects for that MSCI/GICS Sector. ³Other refers to securities not recognized by Factset.

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At times, a significant portion of a Fund’s return may be attributable to investments in initial public offerings (IPOs) or concentrations in certain strong performing sectors, such as technology. Returns from IPOs or sector concentrations may not be repeated or consistently achieved in the future. In addition, participating in IPOs and other investments during favorable market conditions may enhance the performance of a Fund with a smaller asset base, and this Fund may not experience similar performance results as its assets grow. The securities of micro-cap companies may be more volatile in price, have wider spreads between their bid and ask prices, and have significantly lower trading volumes than the securities of larger capitalization companies. As a result, the purchase and sale of more than a limited number of shares of the securities of a smaller company may affect its market price. Growth stocks may involve special risks and their prices may be more volatile than the overall market. It is anticipated that the Fund will experience high rates of portfolio turnover, which may result in payment by the Fund of above-average transaction costs. These and other risk considerations are discussed in the Fund’s prospectus.

Market Turbulence Resulting from COVID-19. The outbreak of COVID-19 has negatively affected the worldwide economy, individual countries, individual companies and the market in general. The future impact of COVID-19 is currently unknown, and it may exacerbate other risks that apply to the Fund.

Please consider the investment objectives, risks, fees and expenses of the Fund carefully prior to investing. The prospectus and summary prospectus contain this and other important information about the Fund. To obtain a copy of the prospectus and/or summary prospectus, please call us at (800) 560-6111. Please read the prospectus and summary prospectus carefully before investing.

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