

Driehaus Small/Mid Cap Growth Fund Summary

3RD QUARTER 2021

Market Overview

The September quarter was a down period for the U.S. equity market as the number of headwinds and concerns expanded, causing economic growth to slow and equity multiples to contract slightly. While the largest capitalization stocks outperformed, helping the S&P 500 to eke out a tiny gain of .58%, the rest of the market struggled as size was an important driver of returns. Larger cap stocks outperformed mid caps, which outperformed small caps, which outperformed micro caps. Value also managed to outperform growth during the period.

The small and mid cap indices have now consolidated in a sideways fashion since the spring of this year and are off approximately ten percent from their highs earlier this year. The S&P 500, which reached new price highs throughout the quarter, has now declined about five percent from its recent early September high.

The equity market is typically weak during the August to October period, but multiple fundamental concerns have also pressured equities with the Delta variant the most prominent having caused another major wave of new COVID cases. As a result, many parts of the U.S. brought back mask policies and other social distancing restrictions. While most of new cases are among the unvaccinated population, especially in terms of severe disease, this wave certainly impacted the economic momentum that had been accelerating during the first half of 2021. Economic (GDP) growth slowed as consumer travel and leisure spending decelerated, supply chains continued to be severely impacted, labor markets remained extremely stressed and the return to office policies for many companies were delayed.

Inflation, interest rates and monetary policy were also a major focus for equity investors. Despite Fed Chair Jerome Powell's "transitory" description of inflation, the elevated price levels are proving to be stubborn as supply chains and labor markets continue to be impacted by COVID. The extreme, widespread shortages and extended lead times across most industries and the lack of visibility regarding a return to normal for most supply chains is something that has not been witnessed before. The same can be said of the labor markets. The number of open or unfilled jobs (over 11 million) is a record and far exceeds the number of job applicants seeking work (roughly 8 million). Nearly every industry is having a difficult time finding workers. Many believed that as the extended and generous unemployment benefits ended in early September and as schools reopened, workers would return but this process is also proving to be slower than most expected. This is putting additional upward pressure on wages and overall inflation. The supply chain and labor issues are holding back the potential for economic growth and have reduced consensus economic growth assumptions for the second half of this year. Supply chains and labor markets should normalize over time, especially if this Delta wave is the last significant one. As these supply side issues slowly normalize, their recovery will likely be a tailwind for economic growth. Interest rates, which appear to have bottomed in early August, are rising again and may continue to do so. Increasing rates, within reason, and upward sloping yield curves can be positive signs of economic growth but the pace of the increase in rates (and inflation) and the potential pressure on monetary policy are risks that will need to be monitored carefully.

There are numerous other risks. These include: the U.S. debt ceiling (it needs to be raised by October 18th), Fed tapering and eventual tightening, the re-appointment of Fed Chair Jerome Powell, the passage and the size of the infrastructure bill, rising crude oil prices, tension between China and Taiwan, Evergrande and the over-levered China real estate sector and future potential COVID variants.

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Positively, the demand side of the economic equation remains robust. Pent up demand, low inventories, rising incomes, record net worth and the new economic cycle are all driving very strong demand. At the same time, the lack of product, rising prices and extended lead times could impact demand and overall economic potential. Still, we expect demand to remain strong enough as the supply chains and labor market slowly recover over the next several quarters.

Stock and sector leadership continues to be rotational. Cyclical led in the first half of 2021 fueled by the reopening of the economy. Then as yields fell and Delta cases rose in the September quarter, many WFH (work from home) stocks performed better and many cyclical stocks in the consumer discretionary and industrials sectors lagged. As Delta variant cases peaked in early September and are now steadily declining, many "reopening" cyclical are beginning to benefit.

Our overall sanguine view is supported by our conviction that the economy is still early in its recovery. Given the COVID-induced recession ended last year, we are just entering the second year of this expansion and historically the last five U.S. economic cycles have lasted five to ten years. No two cycles are the same, but this expansion is off to a stronger start despite many of the unprecedented aspects of this one.

Corporate earnings remain robust and have made new highs, as equities have pulled back from their highs earlier this year. Together, higher earnings and lower stock prices have created more attractive valuations and have set up an attractive dynamic as the market looks ahead towards the year end and into 2022. As the market digests the current macro uncertainties, we are finding many appealing opportunities both among cyclical as well as secular growth companies.

Performance Review

For the September quarter, the Driehaus Small/Mid Cap Growth Fund outperformed its benchmark. The Fund gained 1.80%, net of fees, while the Russell 2500 Growth Index declined -3.53%.¹ The Fund also outperformed the Russell 2000 which declined -4.36%, the Russell 2500 which fell -2.68% and the S&P 500 which gained .58%.

The relative outperformance versus the Russell 2500 Growth Index was driven by the portfolio's relative outperformance in several sectors including technology, healthcare, industrials, and consumer staples.

The market's stock and sector leadership continue to be very rotational. While cyclical and reopening stocks performed best in the first half of the year, within the portfolio secular growth parts of technology and healthcare performed well as Delta cases rose and economic growth slowed in the September quarter.

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The portfolio from a bottom-up basis continues to experience strong earnings reports with robust positive surprises, estimate revisions and bullish fundamental outlooks. It also benefitted from good balance and diversification across the various growth categories (secular, cyclical, consistent, recovery) which boosted outperformance.

By sector, the following sectors saw positive absolute returns for the quarter (in order of magnitude): technology, industrials, and financials. As the market declined, several sectors experienced negative absolute returns, including consumer discretionary, communication services, and materials. The positive relative returns for the quarter were primarily from (in order of magnitude): technology, healthcare, industrials, and consumer staples. While consumer discretionary and energy detracted on a relative basis.

Technology

Technology outperformed while contributing over nearly 300 basis points on an absolute and over 20 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 nicely 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.

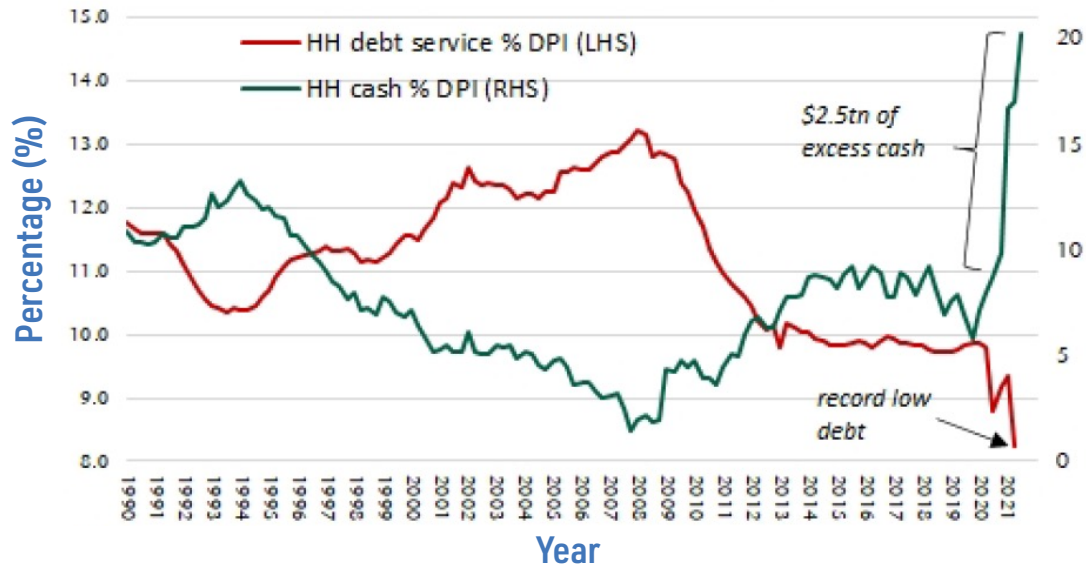
Healthcare

Healthcare outperformed as the sector contributed 151 basis points on a relative basis. The portfolio's holdings were down just .7% versus a decline of 6.6% for the index's healthcare holdings. Several biotech holdings performed well as there was increased optimism on their clinical pipelines and some holdings reported strong clinical trial data. 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.

Consumer Discretionary

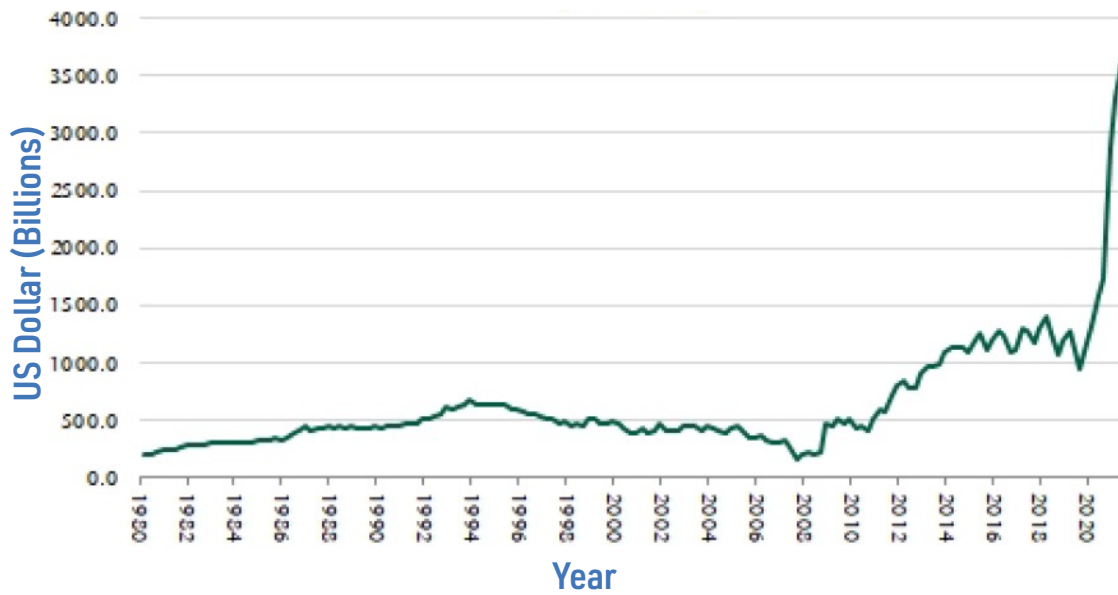
The consumer discretionary sector holdings, which saw strength in the first half of the year, had broad weakness in the September quarter as the Delta-related cases soared. Supply chain, reduced stimulus benefits and labor issues were also sources of the sector's weakness. As a result, and as attractive opportunities developed in other sectors, we reduced our weighting in consumer discretionary from 20.0% to 12.4% during the quarter. As the Delta cases are now falling and most are vaccinated, we do expect the sector to recover. Supply chain issues will linger but they may be discounted in some situations. As the economy continues to grow and labor markets normalize, we expect the very high savings rates and massive pent-up demand to continue to drive solid consumer spending. We remain impressed with robust financial strength of the U.S. consumer as wages, net worth and overall household balance sheets are the strongest we have ever seen. As the consumer is such a core segment of the aggregate U.S. economy, we highlight the strength of the consumer's financial position in Exhibits 1-3.

Exhibit 1: Household Cash & Debt Service



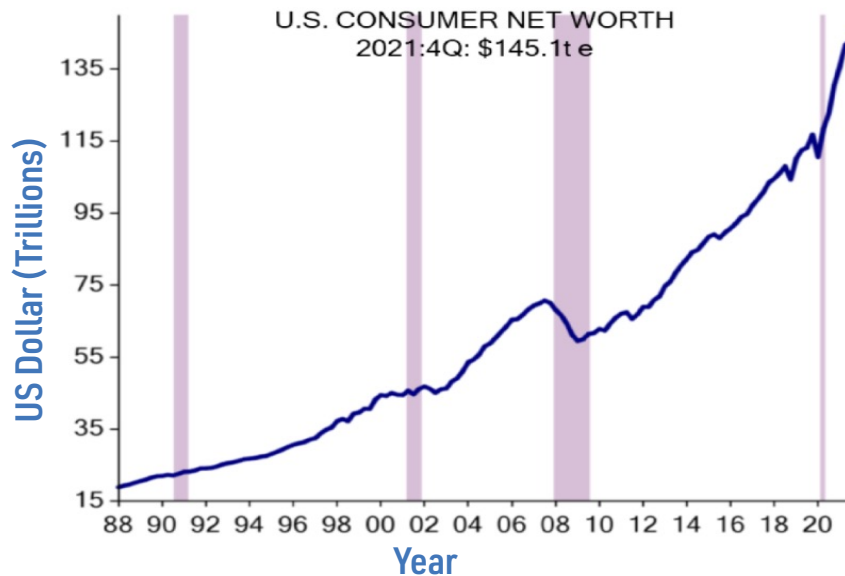
Source: Haver, JEF Economics

Exhibit 2: Household Cash & Checking Deposits (USD bln)



Source: Haver, JEF Economics

Exhibit 3: US Consumer Net Worth



Source: Evercore ISI

Consumer staples also added nicely to outperformance as an energy drink producer and a skin products company performed strongly.

Outlook & Positioning

The outlook for the economy and earnings remains positive as there are multiple drivers supporting this economic expansion. We believe the level of earnings will continue to make new highs. The overall direction of equities will follow the path of earnings as the economic expansion continues. That said, multiple factors are causing stocks to churn sideways. The Delta variant has slowed economic growth over the past few months. The severe stress in supply chains and the labor market don't have recent precedent. Inflation remains elevated and is the highest in years and various political and geopolitical concerns are depressing investor sentiment. Overall, though as the supply side issues slowly improve and we potentially move to a post-pandemic period, the U.S. expansion could prove to be self-sustaining.

The mRNA based COVID-19 vaccines are working very well and appear to provide good protection especially against severe disease. The percentage of adult Americans who are vaccinated is over seventy percent. Delta cases are now in decline after peaking in September and the risk of an additional major COVID wave is low, but naturally unpredictable.

Small and mid cap valuations are attractive on a relative basis versus large caps looking at the past four decades. Earnings growth rates for small companies are much stronger than large caps. Small Caps generally perform well for years from the beginning of a new economic expansion. For instance, post the Nasdaq Bubble and post the Great Financial Crisis, small caps outperformed large caps for five to six years.

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In terms of portfolio positioning, we have an attractive mix of secular and cyclical growth holdings that should continue to benefit the Fund as the market continues to be very rotational. By sector technology is the portfolio's largest absolute weight, followed by industrials, healthcare, consumer discretionary, and financials. Relative to the benchmark, the Fund is overweight industrials, technology, energy, and materials. The Fund is underweight health care, real estate, and consumer discretionary.

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

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% Month-End Performance (as of 9/30/21)

			Annualized				
	MTH	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Inception ¹
Driehaus Small/Mid Cap Growth Fund	-2.27	15.24	42.20	n/a	n/a	n/a	63.42
Russell 2500 [®] Growth Index ²	-3.80	4.84	31.98	n/a	n/a	n/a	42.49

% Quarter-End Performance (as of 9/30/21)

			Annualized				
	QTR	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Inception ¹
Driehaus Small/Mid Cap Growth Fund	1.80	15.24	42.20	n/a	n/a	n/a	63.42
Russell 2500 [®] Growth Index ²	-3.53	4.84	31.98	n/a	n/a	n/a	42.49

Top 5 Holdings³ (as of 8/31/21)

Company	% of Fund
Cross, Inc.	2.7
Zscaler, Inc.	2.4
monday.com Ltd.	2.3
Natera, Inc.	1.8
Roku, Inc. Class A	1.7

Annual Operating Expenses⁴

Gross Expenses	2.58%
Net Expenses	0.95%

Sources: Driehaus Capital Management LLC, Factset Research Systems, Inc., eVestment Alliance. Data as of 9/30/21.

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¹Inception Date: 5/1/2020. ²Benchmark: The Russell 2500[®] Growth Index measures the performance of those Russell 2500[®] Index companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values. The performance data includes reinvested dividends. 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. Driehaus 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 ratio of 0.95% until the earlier of the termination of the investment advisory agreement, by the Board of Trustees or the Fund's shareholders, or May 1, 2023. Pursuant to the agreement, and so long as the investment advisory agreement is in place, for a period of three years subsequent to the Fund's commencement of operations on May 1, 2020, 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 / expense reimbursement as well as the current operating expense cap.

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Sector Performance Attribution 3rd Quarter – 6/30/21 to 9/30/21

GICS Sector	Driehaus Small/Mid Cap Fund Composite (Port) (%)		Russell 2500 Growth Index ¹ (Bench) (%)		Attribution Analysis (%)		
	Port Avg. Weight	Port Contrib To Return	Bench Avg. Weight	Bench Contrib To Return	Allocation Effect	Selection + Interaction	Total Effect
Communication Services	3.34	-0.56	2.50	-0.47	-0.15	0.05	-0.10
Consumer Discretionary	17.80	-1.41	15.57	-0.75	0.05	-0.68	-0.62
Consumer Staples	1.19	0.04	2.84	-0.45	0.21	0.24	0.45
Energy	1.15	-0.40	1.70	-0.11	-0.12	-0.10	-0.22
Financials	1.96	0.33	4.95	0.24	-0.27	0.25	-0.02
Health Care	24.60	-0.06	24.79	-1.58	0.00	1.52	1.51
Industrials	17.56	0.40	13.94	-0.39	0.04	0.89	0.93
Information Technology	25.56	3.21	27.39	0.14	-0.10	3.06	2.97
Materials	4.74	-0.23	3.19	-0.26	-0.04	0.14	0.10
Real Estate	0.00	0.00	2.73	0.06	-0.17	0.00	-0.17
Utilities	0.00	0.00	0.39	0.01	-0.03	0.00	-0.03
Cash	2.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.08	0.00	0.08
Other ²	0.00	-0.12	0.00	0.00	-0.13	0.00	-0.13
Total	100.00	1.20	100.00	-3.55	-0.61	5.37	4.75

Data as of 9/30/21

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

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