

2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER 2023

Global equity markets rallied during the second quarter as the prospects of credit contraction in the wake of US bank sector stress led to growing expectations that the Federal Reserve's (Fed) interest rate hiking cycle may be nearing an end, while investors continued to embrace the artificial intelligence (AI) theme, leading to strong performance from perceived winners in the technology sector.

Emerging Markets (EM) lagged the MSCI All-Country World Index during the quarter, though this was entirely due to underperformance from China, where an uneven economic recovery has transpired since COVID restrictions have been relinquished, while investors have grown increasingly concerned about the deterioration in recent economic data alongside the lingering geopolitical concerns. EM small cap equities outperformed the all-cap index during the second quarter, in part reflecting the lower weighting in China in the MSCI EM Small Cap Index, as well as the higher weighting in India, which performed strongly during the quarter.

The Driehaus Emerging Markets Small Cap Growth Strategy returned 2.9% for the quarter, trailing the 6.5% return for the MSCI Emerging Markets Small Cap Index.<sup>1</sup>

Key contributors during the quarter included Thailand and the energy sector, while China and the industrials sector detracted from relative performance.

Thailand contributed 59 basis points to relative performance during the quarter, largely due to the allocation effect resulting from the strategy's underweight position in the market. The country is amid a political transition following a surprise election win by the opposition Move Forward Party. Additionally, a series of regulatory lapses and scandals have impacted investor confidence. The strategy maintained a 230 basis point underweight to the market throughout the guarter.

The energy sector added to relative performance, led by strong stock selection from Latin American oil and gas exploration and production (E&P) companies. One of the strategy's larger weightings, a Brazilian E&P with a contiguous offshore acreage block, outperformed on the back of a series of strong well results. An Argentine E&P rallied amid optimism surrounding energy reforms in the market, as the company has a large position in the highly prospective shale assets in the country, known as the Vaca Muerta.

China detracted from relative performance during the quarter. Investor sentiment deteriorated during the quarter as economic data worsened and fraying geopolitical relationships remained a headwind. Further, the emergence of other investable themes on a global basis, such as AI and Japanese corporate reform, led investors with a global mandate to markedly reduce allocations to China. Detractors included an oncology hospital operator, a furniture manufacturer, and a restaurant operator.

The performance data represents the strategy's composite of emerging markets small cap equity accounts managed by Driehaus Capital Management LLC (DCM) (the composite). These returns are estimated for the period as the underlying accounts' data is yet to be reconciled to the custodian bank. Net of fee returns reflect the payment of advisory fees and in some instances, other fees and expenses such as administrative and custodian fees while the gross of fee returns do not. Both are net of brokerage commissions charged to the accounts and reflect the reinvestment of income and other earnings. The performance data shown above represents past performance and does not guarantee future results. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted. **Please see the notes section for other important information.** 

The industrials sector detracted from relative performance, with positions in China leading the downside amid shifting sentiment, as the uneven economic recovery led to underperformance from cyclical stocks during the quarter. Detractors included shipping companies and an equipment company that is a key supplier of components for excavators.

The strategy maintains an overweight position in China. Following the broad market underperformance year-to-date, China has given back all of its relative gains since zero-COVID restrictions were removed. Further, the market now trades near historically low valuations, while several companies with strong earnings prospects have been indiscriminately sold off. While we do not expect large scale economic stimulus, the early signs of a policy response are beginning to unfold, and we expect a positive incremental change in the growth outlook in the country. Prominent positions in China are focused on infrastructure, as well as innovative parts of the market, including robotics, health care, and electric vehicles.

The strategy maintains an underweight position in Korea. A narrow subset of companies in Korea tend to fit the strategy's investment philosophy, and current positions are concentrated in the technology sector, as well as companies with exposure to infrastructure related to liquefied natural gas (LNG) and refining.

The strategy is overweight the energy sector. Despite oil and gas prices continuing to normalize following last year's price spike, we continue to observe resilient global demand and anticipate tightening supply/demand balances over the remainder of the year. Further, we observe an attractive idiosyncratic opportunity set in the sector, reflecting strong execution by companies in Brazil, Argentina, and Saudi Arabia.

The strategy maintains an underweight position in the financials sector. We observe a narrowness of positive earnings revisions across the sector as credit growth has slowed, while certain countries are beginning to experience asset quality deterioration.

The strategy continues to hold a positive view on the relative case for EM equities, as we observe a broadening opportunity set, reflecting thematic areas of growth such as AI suppliers in Taiwan, the structural growth of the travel sector in India and Saudi Arabia, the shift of manufacturing capacity to destinations such as Mexico and India, and positive macro dynamics in Brazil. Amid this backdrop, we continue to emphasize the strong opportunity set for bottom-up stock selection within the small cap segment of emerging markets.

Until next month,

Chad Cleaver, Lead Portfolio Manager

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Driehaus Emerging Markets Small Cap Equity Strategy

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#### % Month-End Performance (as of 6/30/23)

				Annualized			
	MTH	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	Inception <sup>1</sup>
Driehaus Emerging Markets Small Cap Equity-Gross (2/1/16)	5.55	3.19	7.58	6.11	9.86	9.19	10.44
Driehaus Emerging Markets Small Cap Equity-Net (2/1/16)	5.44	2.85	6.85	4.60	8.30	7.59	9.10
MSCI Emerging Markets Small Cap Index (ND) (Benchmark)	4.52	6.39	10.50	13.28	13.72	4.93	7.68
MSCI Emerging Markets Small Cap Growth Index (ND)	5.08	6.12	12.58	13.47	12.48	4.86	6.42

#### Top 5 Holdings<sup>5</sup> (as of 5/31/23)

Company	Country	Sector	% of Strategy
Voltronic Power Technology Corp.	Taiwan	Industrials	2.7
FPT Corp.	Vietnam	Information Technology	2.4
ASPEED Technology, Inc.	Taiwan	Information Technology	2.4
Varun Beverages Ltd.	India	Consumer Staples	2.1
SINBON Electronics Co., Ltd.	Taiwan	Information Technology	2.0

#### Sector Weights (%)

	Strategy	Benchmark	Active Weights
Communication Services	0.0	0.0	0.0
Consumer Discretionary	8.8	11.1	-2.3
Consumer Staples	8.8	6.1	2.7
Energy	4.7	1.8	2.9
Financials	5.9	10.9	-5.1
Health Care	11.6	8.9	2.7
Industrials	18.3	16.8	1.4
Information Technology	19.2	17.0	2.1
Materials	12.4	13.9	-1.6
Real Estate	4.3	6.1	-1.8
Utilities	2.4	3.2	-0.7
Cash	3.6	0.0	3.6

Sources: Driehaus Capital Management LLC, Factset Research Systems, Inc., eVestment Alliance Data as of 6/30/23.

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<sup>1</sup>2/1/2016. <sup>2</sup>Composite assets include those accounts that meet the composite objectives and eligibility requirements. Please see notes at the end of this presentation for additional information. <sup>3</sup>Portfolio characteristics represent the strategy's composite. <sup>4</sup>Data is calculated monthly. <sup>5</sup>Holdings subject to change.

#### **Key Features**

- Emerging markets small cap exposure
- Benchmark aware, not benchmark constrained
- Opportunistic investment approach
- · High active share

#### **Facts**

Inception Date	2/1/16
Composite Assets Under Management <sup>2</sup>	\$110 million
Firm Assets Under Management	\$14.4 billion

#### Portfolio Characteristics<sup>3</sup>

5-year period	STRATEGY	BENCHMARK	
Information Ratio	0.33	n/a	
Beta	0.83	1.00	
Standard Deviation	18.55	20.66	
Tracking Error	8.07	n/a	
R-squared	0.85	1.00	
Market Cap Breakout	Strategy	Benchmark	
<\$5 billion	61.6%	96.9%	
\$5- \$15 billion	36.8%	2.0%	
> \$15 billion	1.7%	1.0%	
	Strategy	Benchmark	
Number of Holdings	84	1,913	
Weighted Avg. Market Cap (M)	\$4,730	\$1,861	
Median Market Cap (M)	\$3,860	\$877	
Est. 3-5 Year EPS Growth	22.5%	20.7%	
Active Share (3-year avg.) <sup>4</sup>	95.68	n/a	

## Portfolio Management

**Chad Cleaver, CFA**, Lead Portfolio Manager 20 years industry experience

**Howard Schwab**, Portfolio Manager 23 years of industry experience

**Richard Thies**, Portfolio Manager 16 years of industry experience

### Country Weights (%)

Country weights (%	)		
	Strategy	Benchmark	Active Weights
Argentina	0.8	0.0	0.8
Brazil	6.7	5.7	1.0
Canada	3.0	0.0	3.0
China	7.2	4.8	2.4
Hong Kong	9.2	2.7	6.5
India	25.9	24.2	1.6
Indonesia	1.4	2.2	-0.8
Kazakhstan	1.6	0.0	1.6
Luxembourg	1.5	0.0	1.5
Mexico	2.7	2.4	0.3
Panama	1.0	0.0	1.0
Poland	1.7	1.1	0.6
Qatar	1.0	0.8	0.1
Saudi Arabia	6.7	3.7	3.0
South Korea	3.4	15.0	-11.6
Taiwan	16.2	21.5	-5.3
Thailand	1.1	3.2	-2.1
United Arab Emirates	2.9	1.0	1.9
Vietnam	2.4	0.0	2.4
Cash	3.6	0.0	3.6

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

Data as of 6/30/23.

Benchmark: MSCI Emerging Markets Small Cap Index (ND)

#### Sector Performance Attribution 2nd Quarter - 3/31/23 to 6/30/23

	Driehaus Emerging Markets Small Cap Growth Strategy (Port) (%)			MSCI Emerging Markets Small Cap Index (ND) <sup>1</sup> (Bench) (%)			Attribution Analysis (%)
	Port Avg. Weight	Port Total Return	Port Contrib To Return	Bench Avg.Weight	Bench Total Return	Bench Contrib To Return	Total Effect <sup>2</sup>
Communication Services	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.94	2.05	0.09	0.17
Consumer Discretionary	10.23	-4.01	-0.48	10.76	8.98	0.97	-1.41
Consumer Staples	10.22	-2.48	-0.19	6.45	-1.17	-0.09	-0.43
Energy	5.01	14.68	0.71	1.90	-2.99	-0.06	0.57
Financials	3.83	16.86	0.62	10.27	10.53	1.06	-0.06
Health Care	10.17	5.49	0.55	9.17	3.28	0.31	0.15
Industrials	17.29	-0.30	-0.10	16.37	9.27	1.49	-1.61
Information Technology	17.77	5.49	1.10	17.65	8.86	1.58	-0.62
Materials	12.93	1.41	0.18	13.91	5.71	0.79	-0.55
Real Estate	3.11	11.75	0.37	6.41	0.79	0.06	0.54
Utilities	2.72	14.87	0.38	3.15	5.94	0.19	0.22
Cash	6.72	-0.74	-0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.25
Other <sup>3</sup>	0.00	-0.26	-0.27	0.00	140.34	0.00	-0.27
Total	100.00	2.83	2.83	100.00	6.39	6.39	-3.56

Sources: FactSet Research Systems Inc. and Driehaus Capital Management. Per FactSet Research Systems Inc., the Attribution Report provides an in-depth analysis of relative performance. With this report one can research whether 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.

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MCCI Country	Port Avg.	Port Total	Port Contrib To Return	Bench	Bench Total	Bench Contrib To Return	Total Effect <sup>2</sup>	
MSCI Country Argentina	Weight 1.09	Return 30.86	0.29	Avg.Weight 0.00	Return 0.00	0.00	0.23	
Australia	0.00	0.00	0.27	0.00	-1.14	0.00	0.23	
Bermuda	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.10	47.61	0.00	-0.02	
Brazil	6.24	8.93	0.00	5.31	29.33	1.42	-0.02	
Canada	2.74	0.73	0.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.70	
	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.44	-10.23	-0.04	0.07	
Cayman Islands								
Chile	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.89	9.86	0.08	-0.03	
China	9.43	-15.09	-1.95	4.93	-15.82	-0.85	-1.38	
Colombia	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.09	23.17	0.02	-0.01	
Czech Republic	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.06	-1.55	0.00	0.00	
Egypt	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.26	13.18	0.03	-0.02	
Greece	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.56	30.07	0.15	-0.12	
Hong Kong	9.27	-19.27	-1.98	3.08	-11.75	-0.39	-1.98	
Hungary	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.05	11.02	0.01	0.00	
India 	22.88	17.40	3.85	22.87	18.12	3.96	-0.13	
Indonesia	2.15	-11.50	-0.30	2.37	-6.97	-0.19	-0.08	
Kazakhstan	1.11	7.47	-0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.12	
Kuwait	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.07	4.54	0.05	0.02	
Luxembourg	0.87	-3.67	-0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.12	
Malaysia	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.65	-6.58	-0.18	0.35	
Mexico	2.83	12.16	0.33	2.43	3.84	0.09	0.22	
Netherlands	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.04	29.45	0.01	-0.01	
Panama	1.27	21.36	0.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.20	
Philippines	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.02	-3.18	-0.04	0.10	
Poland	1.40	22.79	0.38	1.14	18.84	0.19	0.17	
Qatar	0.95	17.48	0.15	0.90	4.33	0.05	0.10	
Saudi Arabia	4.95	2.42	0.14	3.48	20.30	0.67	-0.65	
Singapore	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.04	-14.99	-0.01	0.01	
South Africa	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.97	-9.20	-0.33	0.50	
South Korea	3.89	2.77	0.10	15.26	1.88	0.29	0.52	
Suriname	0.27	-1.70	-0.03	0.10	19.37	0.02	-0.05	
Taiwan	15.37	5.55	1.05	21.60	9.16	1.99	-0.63	
Thailand	1.13	-3.47	-0.08	3.41	-13.58	-0.51	0.59	
Turkey	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.55	-12.60	-0.21	0.32	
United Arab Emirates	2.95	3.84	0.12	1.00	9.63	0.10	-0.11	
United States	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.24	-3.04	-0.01	0.02	
Vietnam	2.49	6.51	0.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.01	
Zambia	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.06	5.87	0.00	0.00	
Cash	6.72	-0.74	-0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.25	
Other <sup>3</sup>	0.00	-0.26	-0.27	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.27	
Total	100.00	2.83	2.83	100.00	6.39	6.39	-3.56	

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