

# Driehaus International Small Cap Growth Fund

## KEY FEATURES

- Developed and emerging markets small cap exposure
- Benchmark aware, not benchmark constrained
- Opportunistic investment approach
- High active share

## INCEPTION DATE

September 17, 2007

*The fund's predecessor limited partnership has an inception date of August 1, 2002.*

## FUND ASSETS UNDER MANAGEMENT

\$310.5 million

## FIRM ASSETS UNDER MANAGEMENT

\$8.6 billion

## INVESTMENT UNIVERSE

Developed and emerging markets small cap equity

## INVESTMENT STYLE

Growth equity

## PORTFOLIO MANAGERS



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Portfolio Manager  
17 years of industry experience



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20 years of industry experience



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## Market Overview

International equity markets had slightly negative returns in the 2nd quarter with most of the decline occurring in the last half of June as concerns over tariffs took center stage.

US officials released a list of Chinese import products with an approximate annual value of \$34 billion subject to tariffs of 25% starting in early July. In response, the Chinese Ministry of Finance responded in kind with tariffs of the same rate and amount on US products. Predictably both countries have earmarked further targeted imports for potential tariffs as a retaliatory tactic.

## Performance Review

For the second quarter, the Driehaus International Small Cap Growth Fund returned -1.69%, net of fees, and the MSCI ACWI ex-US Small Cap Growth Index returned -1.67%.<sup>1</sup>

We remain underweight emerging markets. Uncertainties over global trade, a stronger US dollar, higher interests rates, as well as a number of upcoming political events present challenges.

Exposure to Japan was further reduced during the quarter. Valuations of quality growth companies have been increased substantially, many of the exporters are subject to potential tariffs, and currency remains an important driver in terms of competing with Emerging Asia for exports, which is not a recipe for predictable growth.

We continue to be comfortable with our energy overweight given robust global

demand for crude oil combined with downside risk to global supply given Iran, Angola, Venezuela, Libya, Nigeria all have unique issues inhibiting their ability to increase production.

Exposure to healthcare was increased, primarily in equipment and services. We continue to find consistent growers that are capable of self-generating organic growth with appealing free cash flow yields.

## Outlook and Positioning

This risk of protectionist escalation is very difficult to handicap. On the optimistic side, the prospect of diminishment in corporate confidence prior to mid-term elections could deter the US administration from further escalating trade disputes. In that scenario, strong global growth, a potential for reduction in trade tensions, and Chinese policy easing could serve as a positive catalyst. The downside would be further tariffs undermining the record high operating and free cash margins that have driven most of this cycle.

Otherwise, global indicators are largely positive heading into the second half of the year and it appears activity could be re-accelerating. Global retail sales, capital goods orders, China and Eurozone PMIs, and export orders from emerging markets all have been robust over the past few months.

Reassuringly, fundamentals have been largely positive in both developed and emerging markets, earnings revisions are positive across most geographies, and we continue to find unique, differentiated growth stories.

### <sup>1</sup>Performance Disclosure

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## PERFORMANCE as of 6/30/18

|   | Annualized Total Return |              |               |               |               |              |                               |
|---|-------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|-------------------------------|
|   | QTR                     | YTD          | 1 Year        | 3 Year        | 5 Year        | 10 Year      | Inception 8/1/02 <sup>1</sup> |
| <b>Driehaus International Small Cap Growth Fund</b>           | <b>-1.69%</b>           | <b>2.20%</b> | <b>18.20%</b> | <b>10.49%</b> | <b>11.56%</b> | <b>6.71%</b> | <b>15.73%</b>                 |
| MSCI AC World ex USA Small Cap Growth Index (ND) <sup>2</sup> | -1.67%                  | -0.84%       | 13.67%        | 8.57%         | 9.73%         | 5.40%        | 10.14%                        |

ANNUAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES (Effective July 2, 2018)<sup>3</sup>

|                 |       |                 |       |                                       |       |
|-----------------|-------|-----------------|-------|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Management fee: | 1.00% | Other expenses: | 0.23% | Total annual fund operating expenses: | 1.23% |
|-----------------|-------|-----------------|-------|---------------------------------------|-------|

## SECTOR PERFORMANCE ATTRIBUTION 2nd Quarter — 3/31/18 to 6/30/18

| GICS Sector            | Driehaus International Small Cap Growth Fund (Port) (%) |                   |                        | MSCI AC World ex USA Small Cap Growth Index <sup>2</sup> (Bench) (%) |                    |                         | Attribution Analysis (%) |                         |              |
|------------------------|---|-------------------|------------------------|--|--------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
|                        | Port Avg. Weight  | Port Total Return | Port Contrib To Return | Bench Avg. Weight  | Bench Total Return | Bench Contrib To Return | Allocation Effect        | Selection + Interaction | Total Effect |
| Consumer Discretionary | 19.12   | 5.02              | 0.93                   | 17.73  | -2.01              | -0.35                   | 0.03                     | 1.04                    | 1.34         |
| Consumer Staples       | 4.65  | -12.21            | -0.57                  | 8.70   | 0.30               | 0.04                    | -0.07                    | -0.42                   | -0.65        |
| Energy                 | 5.44  | 11.23             | 0.49                   | 2.24   | 9.41               | 0.18                    | 0.30                     | -0.03                   | 0.37         |
| Financials             | 2.92  | -7.99             | -0.23                  | 5.85   | -4.97              | -0.29                   | 0.08                     | 0.01                    | -0.01        |
| Health Care            | 6.87  | 5.40              | 0.37                   | 11.80  | -0.82              | -0.09                   | -0.02                    | 0.51                    | 0.46         |
| Industrials            | 31.71   | -4.52             | -1.64                  | 20.33  | -3.95              | -0.82                   | -0.27                    | 0.02                    | -0.43        |
| Information Technology | 8.90  | 3.70              | 0.24                   | 17.42  | -0.84              | -0.13                   | -0.10                    | 0.35                    | 0.26         |
| Materials              | 5.09  | -3.83             | -0.22                  | 9.17   | -0.41              | -0.04                   | -0.03                    | -0.16                   | -0.24        |
| Real Estate            | 4.35  | -3.72             | -0.18                  | 4.26   | -3.04              | -0.13                   | 0.00                     | -0.03                   | -0.04        |
| Telecomm. Services     | 3.14  | -14.07            | -0.45                  | 0.99   | -2.64              | -0.03                   | -0.03                    | -0.30                   | -0.39        |
| Utilities              | 0.00  | 0.00              | 0.00                   | 1.50   | 0.39               | 0.00                    | -0.02                    | 0.00                    | -0.03        |
| Cash                   | 7.81  | -0.27             | -0.03                  | 0.00   | 0.00               | 0.00                    | -0.48                    | 0.00                    | -0.28        |
| Unassigned*            | 0.00  | -0.40             | -0.40                  | 0.00   | 68.89              | 0.00                    | -0.40                    | 0.00                    | -0.40        |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>100.00</b>   | <b>-1.69</b>      | <b>-1.69</b>           | <b>100.00</b>  | <b>-1.67</b>       | <b>-1.67</b>            | <b>-1.00</b>             | <b>0.98</b>             | <b>-0.03</b> |

Data as of 6/30/18 Sources: Driehaus Capital Management LLC, Factset Research Systems, Inc., eVestment Alliance, Morgan Stanley Capital International and Standard & Poor's Global Industry Classification Standard.

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## COUNTRY PERFORMANCE ATTRIBUTION 2nd Quarter — 3/31/18 to 6/30/18

| MSCI Country           | Driehaus International Small Cap Growth Fund (Port) (%) |                   |                        | MSCI AC World ex USA Small Cap Growth Index <sup>1</sup> (Bench) (%) |                    |                         | Total Effect |
|------------------------|---|-------------------|------------------------|--|--------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
|                        | Port Avg. Weight  | Port Total Return | Port Contrib To Return | Bench Avg. Weight  | Bench Total Return | Bench Contrib To Return |              |
| Argentina              | 0.23  | -82.86            | -0.05                  | 0.00   | 0.00               | 0.00                    | -0.05        |
| Australia              | 2.66  | 6.08              | 0.14                   | 4.81   | 4.56               | 0.21                    | -0.09        |
| Austria                | 0.75  | -4.11             | -0.06                  | 0.78   | -13.58             | -0.11                   | 0.05         |
| Belgium                | 0.00  | 0.00              | 0.00                   | 1.02   | -6.25              | -0.06                   | 0.05         |
| Bermuda                | 0.00  | 0.00              | 0.00                   | 0.24   | -3.38              | -0.01                   | -0.01        |
| Brazil                 | 2.64  | -33.30            | -1.06                  | 1.06   | -27.53             | -0.34                   | -0.69        |
| British Virgin Islands | 0.00  | 0.00              | 0.00                   | 0.01   | 16.55              | 0.00                    | 0.00         |
| Canada                 | 13.43   | 7.25              | 0.83                   | 6.55   | 6.97               | 0.43                    | 0.60         |
| Cayman Islands         | 0.00  | 0.00              | 0.00                   | 0.08   | 2.05               | 0.00                    | 0.00         |
| Chile                  | 0.00  | 0.00              | 0.00                   | 0.28   | -11.82             | -0.03                   | 0.03         |
| China                  | 2.31  | 13.12             | 0.20                   | 2.89   | -0.35              | 0.08                    | 0.12         |
| Colombia               | 0.00  | 0.00              | 0.00                   | 0.05   | -6.17              | 0.00                    | 0.00         |
| Cyprus                 | 0.00  | 0.00              | 0.00                   | 0.02   | 6.84               | 0.00                    | 0.00         |
| Denmark                | 1.11  | 2.56              | -0.01                  | 1.78   | 17.64              | 0.28                    | -0.30        |
| Egypt                  | 0.00  | 0.00              | 0.00                   | 0.11   | -9.97              | -0.01                   | 0.01         |
| Finland                | 0.83  | 2.47              | 0.01                   | 0.82   | -8.08              | -0.07                   | 0.08         |
| France                 | 2.01  | 12.37             | 0.22                   | 2.96   | -4.73              | -0.15                   | 0.35         |
| Germany                | 8.92  | 7.24              | 0.53                   | 4.74   | -4.02              | -0.18                   | 0.84         |
| Greece                 | 0.00  | 0.00              | 0.00                   | 0.18   | -3.82              | -0.01                   | 0.00         |
| Hong Kong              | 2.52  | -3.42             | -0.09                  | 2.49   | -5.86              | -0.10                   | 0.04         |
| Hungary                | 0.00  | 0.00              | 0.00                   | 0.02   | -15.96             | 0.00                    | 0.00         |
| India                  | 0.00  | 0.00              | 0.00                   | 3.02   | -7.86              | -0.24                   | 0.19         |
| Indonesia              | 0.14  | -18.00            | -0.07                  | 0.51   | -14.23             | -0.08                   | 0.00         |
| Ireland                | 0.00  | 0.00              | 0.00                   | 1.07   | 5.26               | 0.05                    | -0.08        |
| Isle Of Man            | 4.40  | -1.48             | -0.08                  | 1.76   | 6.54               | 0.10                    | -0.13        |
| Israel                 | 0.80  | 15.10             | 0.11                   | 1.14   | 2.37               | 0.02                    | 0.09         |
| Italy                  | 4.27  | -2.96             | -0.18                  | 2.58   | 0.92               | 0.01                    | -0.14        |
| Japan                  | 14.95   | -2.93             | -0.42                  | 22.59  | -2.83              | -0.65                   | 0.14         |
| Jersey                 | 0.00  | 0.00              | 0.00                   | 0.02   | 4.82               | 0.00                    | 0.00         |
| Jordan                 | 0.00  | 0.00              | 0.00                   | 0.05   | 18.52              | 0.01                    | -0.01        |

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| MSCI Country         | Driehaus International Small Cap Growth Fund (Port) (%) |                   |                        | MSCI AC World ex USA Small Cap Growth Index <sup>1</sup> (Bench) (%) |                    |                         | Total Effect |
|----------------------|---|-------------------|------------------------|--|--------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
|                      | Port Avg. Weight  | Port Total Return | Port Contrib To Return | Bench Avg. Weight  | Bench Total Return | Bench Contrib To Return |              |
| Kazakhstan           | 0.00  | 0.00              | 0.00                   | 0.11   | -7.51              | -0.01                   | 0.01         |
| Luxembourg           | 2.27  | -0.88             | -0.05                  | 0.52   | 3.02               | 0.01                    | -0.02        |
| Macau                | 0.00  | 0.00              | 0.00                   | 0.01   | 19.07              | 0.00                    | 0.00         |
| Malaysia             | 0.00  | 0.00              | 0.00                   | 0.70   | -9.51              | -0.07                   | 0.06         |
| Malta                | 0.00  | 0.00              | 0.00                   | 0.03   | 1.64               | 0.00                    | 0.00         |
| Mexico               | 0.00  | 0.00              | 0.00                   | 0.57   | -5.69              | -0.03                   | 0.02         |
| Monaco               | 0.00  | 0.00              | 0.00                   | 0.07   | -2.73              | 0.00                    | 0.00         |
| Netherlands          | 2.30  | -3.92             | -0.13                  | 1.75   | -2.43              | -0.05                   | -0.06        |
| New Zealand          | 0.12  | -0.91             | 0.00                   | 0.68   | -6.13              | -0.04                   | 0.03         |
| Norway               | 1.65  | 31.36             | 0.40                   | 0.73   | 2.07               | 0.01                    | 0.41         |
| Pakistan             | 0.00  | 0.00              | 0.00                   | 0.16   | -11.43             | -0.02                   | 0.02         |
| Peru                 | 0.00  | 0.00              | 0.00                   | 0.03   | -33.19             | -0.01                   | 0.01         |
| Philippines          | 0.72  | -4.41             | -0.03                  | 0.17   | -23.52             | -0.05                   | 0.03         |
| Poland               | 0.17  | -7.81             | -0.03                  | 0.20   | -17.08             | -0.03                   | 0.01         |
| Portugal             | 1.16  | -16.42            | -0.19                  | 0.17   | -6.58              | -0.01                   | -0.16        |
| Qatar                | 0.00  | 0.00              | 0.00                   | 0.11   | -1.96              | 0.00                    | 0.00         |
| Russia               | 0.00  | 0.00              | 0.00                   | 0.14   | -14.13             | -0.02                   | 0.02         |
| Singapore            | 0.00  | 0.00              | 0.00                   | 1.22   | -12.69             | -0.16                   | 0.14         |
| South Africa         | 1.88  | -14.02            | -0.34                  | 1.16   | -19.77             | -0.23                   | -0.08        |
| South Korea          | 2.03  | 7.71              | 0.11                   | 3.84   | -11.12             | -0.43                   | 0.54         |
| Spain                | 2.35  | -16.60            | -0.43                  | 1.66   | -4.05              | -0.06                   | -0.36        |
| Sweden               | 2.29  | 13.38             | 0.26                   | 4.11   | 4.05               | 0.15                    | 0.09         |
| Switzerland          | 2.18  | -2.03             | -0.08                  | 3.29   | 2.39               | 0.07                    | -0.14        |
| Taiwan               | 0.51  | -20.57            | -0.29                  | 3.72   | -1.81              | -0.07                   | -0.29        |
| Thailand             | 0.00  | 0.00              | 0.00                   | 0.76   | -20.87             | -0.17                   | 0.16         |
| Turkey               | 0.00  | 0.00              | 0.00                   | 0.23   | -23.73             | -0.06                   | 0.06         |
| United Arab Emirates | 0.00  | 0.00              | 0.00                   | 0.25   | -9.82              | -0.01                   | 0.01         |
| United Kingdom       | 10.03   | -2.47             | -0.26                  | 9.60   | 5.30               | 0.47                    | -0.71        |
| United States        | 0.55  | -24.55            | -0.23                  | 0.35   | -3.15              | -0.01                   | -0.23        |
| Cash                 | 7.81  | -0.27             | -0.03                  | 0.00   | 0.00               | 0.00                    | -0.28        |
| Unassigned*          | 0.00  | -0.40             | -0.40                  | 0.00   | 0.00               | 0.00                    | -0.40        |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>100.00</b>   | <b>-1.69</b>      | <b>-1.69</b>           | <b>100.00</b>  | <b>-1.67</b>       | <b>-1.67</b>            | <b>-0.03</b> |

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| SECTOR WEIGHTS (%)     |      |           |                    | COUNTRY WEIGHTS (%) |      |           |                |      |           |
|------------------------|------|-----------|--------------------|---------------------|------|-----------|----------------|------|-----------|
|                        | Fund | Benchmark | Active Weights (%) |                     | Fund | Benchmark |                | Fund | Benchmark |
| Consumer Discretionary | 18.2 | 17.4      | 0.8                | Australia           | 2.6  | 5.1       | Luxembourg     | 2.2  | 0.7       |
| Consumer Staples       | 5.1  | 8.4       | -3.3               | Brazil              | 2.3  | 0.9       | Netherlands    | 2.7  | 2.0       |
| Energy                 | 6.4  | 2.5       | 3.8                | Canada              | 14.3 | 7.1       | Norway         | 1.9  | 0.8       |
| Financials             | 2.1  | 6.2       | -4.0               | China               | 2.2  | 2.0       | Philippines    | 0.6  | 0.2       |
| Health Care            | 9.3  | 11.4      | -2.1               | Denmark             | 2.0  | 2.1       | Poland         | 0.5  | 0.2       |
| Industrials            | 28.7 | 19.7      | 9.0                | Finland             | 0.8  | 0.8       | Portugal       | 1.0  | 0.1       |
| Information Technology | 10.9 | 17.8      | -6.8               | France              | 2.2  | 3.1       | South Africa   | 1.8  | 0.9       |
| Materials              | 5.2  | 9.4       | -4.2               | Germany             | 9.4  | 4.5       | South Korea    | 3.0  | 3.6       |
| Real Estate            | 3.9  | 4.4       | -0.5               | Hong Kong           | 2.8  | 1.9       | Spain          | 1.9  | 1.7       |
| Telecomm. Services     | 2.7  | 1.2       | 1.5                | Isle Of Man         | 4.7  | 2.0       | Sweden         | 2.6  | 4.2       |
| Utilities              | 0.0  | 0.0       | 0.0                | Israel              | 0.8  | 1.2       | Switzerland    | 2.5  | 3.4       |
| Cash                   | 7.4  | 0.0       | 7.4                | Italy               | 3.9  | 2.3       | United Kingdom | 10.1 | 9.9       |
|                        |      |           |                    | Japan               | 13.9 | 22.6      | Cash           | 7.4  | 0.0       |

TOP 5 HOLDINGS<sup>1</sup> (as of 5/31/18)

| Company                   | Sector                 | Country        | % of Fund |
|---------------------------|------------------------|----------------|-----------|
| Ichihok Industries,Ltd.   | Consumer Discretionary | Japan          | 2.1       |
| Parkland Fuel Corporation | Energy                 | Canada         | 1.9       |
| CAE Inc.                  | Industrials            | Canada         | 1.9       |
| PUMA SE                   | Consumer Discretionary | Germany        | 1.9       |
| Croda International Plc   | Materials              | United Kingdom | 1.8       |

## PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

|   | Fund    | Benchmark | 5-year period      | Fund  | Benchmark |
|---|---------|-----------|--------------------|-------|-----------|
| Number of Holdings                      | 99      | 2,340     | Annualized Alpha   | 2.62  | n/a       |
| Weighted Avg. Market Cap (M)            | \$3,968 | \$2,689   | Sharpe Ratio       | 0.99  | 0.83      |
| Median Market Cap (M)                   | \$2,831 | \$952     | Information Ratio  | 0.38  | n/a       |
| Est. 3-5 Year EPS Growth                | 16.6%   | 16.7%     | Beta               | 0.91  | 1.00      |
| Active Share (3-year avg.) <sup>2</sup> | 91.85   | n/a       | Standard Deviation | 11.25 | 11.31     |
| <b>Market Cap Breakout (%)</b>          |         |           | Tracking Error     | 4.75  | 0.00      |
| < \$5 billion                           | 66.5    | 86.2      | R-squared          | 0.83  | 1.00      |
| > \$5 billion                           | 33.5    | 13.8      |                    |       |           |

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<sup>1</sup>Holdings subject to change. <sup>2</sup>Data is calculated monthly.

The Fund invests in foreign securities, including small and mid cap stocks, which may be subject to greater volatility than other investments. During certain periods, the Fund has benefited from unusually strong market conditions. 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 the Fund may not experience similar performance results as its assets grow. **Investments in overseas markets can pose more risks than U.S. investments, and the Fund's share prices are expected to be more volatile than that of a U.S.-only fund.** In addition, the Fund's returns will fluctuate with changes in stock market conditions, currency values, interest rates, foreign government regulations, and economic and political conditions in countries in which the Fund invests. These risks are generally greater when investing in emerging markets. These and other risk considerations are discussed in the Fund's prospectus. **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 or visit [www.driehaus.com](http://www.driehaus.com). Please read the prospectus carefully before investing.**

**TERMS:** **Active share** represents the share of portfolio holdings that differ from the benchmark index holdings. Average drawdown is the arithmetic average of declines in value during a given period of time. Downside risk is a measure of the average deviations of a negative return series. A large downside risk implies that there have been large swings or volatility in the manager's return series. **Beta** is a measure of a portfolio's volatility. A beta of 1.00 implies perfect historical correlation of movement with the market. A higher beta manager will rise and fall more rapidly than the market, whereas a lower beta manager will rise and fall slower. **Standard deviation** is a measure of the average deviations of a return series from its mean; often used as a measure of portfolio volatility. A large standard deviation implies that there have been large swings or volatility in the manager's return series. **Tracking error** measures the amount of active risk that is being taken by a manager. Tracking error accounts for the deviation away from the benchmark and does not indicate in which direction it occurred, either positive or negative. Source: eVestment Alliance. **Alpha** is the measure of performance on a risk-adjusted basis. Alpha takes the volatility (price risk) of a mutual fund and compares its risk-adjusted performance to a benchmark index. The excess return of the fund relative to the return of the benchmark index is a fund's alpha. **Sharpe ratio** is calculated by finding the portfolio's excess return and then dividing by the portfolio's standard deviation. **Information Ratio (IR)** measures a portfolio manager's ability to generate excess returns relative to a benchmark, but also attempts to identify the consistency of the investor. This ratio will identify if a manager has beaten the benchmark by a lot in a few months or a little every month. The higher the IR the more consistent a manager is and consistency is an ideal trait. **R-squared** is a statistical measure that represents the percentage of a fund or security's movements that can be explained by movements in a benchmark index. For fixed-income securities, the benchmark is the T-bill. For equities, the benchmark is the S&P 500.