

# Driehaus Small Cap Growth Fund

## % Month-End Performance (as of 12/31/23)

	MTH	YTD	Annualized				
			1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Inception <sup>1</sup>
Investor Class: DVSMX <sup>1</sup>	10.02	18.92	18.92	-1.73	16.86	12.98	12.08
Institutional Class: DNSMX <sup>1</sup>	9.98	19.12	19.12	-1.50	17.18	13.17	12.19
Russell 2000 <sup>®</sup> Growth Index <sup>2</sup>	11.97	18.66	18.66	-3.50	9.22	7.16	7.89

## % Quarter-End Performance (as of 12/31/23)

	QTR	YTD	Annualized				
			1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Inception <sup>1</sup>
Investor Class: DVSMX <sup>1</sup>	9.17	18.92	18.92	-1.73	16.86	12.98	12.08
Institutional Class: DNSMX <sup>1</sup>	9.21	19.12	19.12	-1.50	17.18	13.17	12.19
Russell 2000 <sup>®</sup> Growth Index <sup>2</sup>	12.75	18.66	18.66	-3.50	9.22	7.16	7.89

## Morningstar Small Cap Growth Rankings<sup>1,3</sup> (as of 12/31/23)

	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Inception <sup>1</sup>
Number of Funds in Category	162	154	146	133	111
Position - Investor Class: DVSMX <sup>1</sup>	49	70	5	3	1
Position - Institutional Class: DNSMX <sup>1</sup>	48	64	5	3	1
Percentile Ranking - Investor Class: DVSMX <sup>1</sup>	31%	46%	4%	3%	1%
Percentile Ranking - Institutional Class: DNSMX <sup>1</sup>	30%	42%	4%	3%	1%

Sources: Driehaus Capital Management LLC, Factset Research Systems, Inc., eVestment Alliance, Lipper Data as of 12/31/23.

The performance data shown represents past performance and does not guarantee future results. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted. Principal value and investment returns will fluctuate so that investors' shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Performance data represents the rate that an investor would have earned (or lost), during the given month, on an investment in the Fund (assuming reinvestment of all dividends and distributions). Average annual total return reflects annualized change. Since Fund performance is subject to change after the month-end, please call (800) 560-6111 or visit [www.driehaus.com](http://www.driehaus.com) for more current performance information.

<sup>1</sup>The average annual total returns and Morningstar rankings 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. <sup>2</sup>The Russell 2000<sup>®</sup> Growth Index measures the performance of those Russell 2000<sup>®</sup> companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values. The performance data includes reinvested dividends. The Russell 2000<sup>®</sup> Index measures the performance of the 2,000 smallest companies in the Russell 3000<sup>®</sup> Index. An investor cannot invest directly in an index. <sup>3</sup>Peer group: Morningstar US Fund Small Cap Growth Category (Primary Share Classes). Data based on monthly returns of 162, 154, 146, 133 and 111 primary small cap share class mutual funds for the one-, three-, five-, ten-year and since inception periods, respectively. <sup>4</sup>Represents the Annual Fund Operating Expenses as disclosed in the current prospectus dated April 30, 2023. 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. <sup>5</sup>Data is calculated monthly. A definition of key terms can be found on the last page.

### Tickers

**DVSMX**

INVESTOR CLASS

**DNSMX**

INSTITUTIONAL CLASS

### Facts

Firm Assets Under Management	\$15.1B
Investment Style	Growth equity

	DVSMX	DNSMX
Inception Date	8/21/17	8/21/17
Fund Assets Under Management	\$91M	\$469M
<b>Annual Operating Expenses<sup>4</sup></b>		
Gross Expenses	1.00%	0.75%
Net Expenses	1.00%	0.75%

### Portfolio Characteristics

5-year period <sup>1</sup>	DVSMX	BENCHMARK
Annualized Alpha	7.49	n/a
Sharpe Ratio	0.58	0.30
Information Ratio	0.98	n/a
Beta	1.00	1.00
Standard Deviation	25.76	24.41
Tracking Error	7.89	n/a
R-squared	0.91	1.00

Market Cap Breakout	DVSMX	BENCHMARK
<\$2.5 billion	10.3%	32.8%
\$2.5- \$15 billion	81.4%	65.7%
> \$15 billion	8.2%	1.4%

	DVSMX	BENCHMARK
Number of Holdings	103	1,074
Weighted Avg. Market Cap (M)	\$6,507	\$3,778
Median Market Cap (M)	\$5,194	\$1,250
Active Share (3-year avg.) <sup>5</sup>	82.03	n/a

## Portfolio Management

**Jeff James**, Lead Portfolio Manager  
33 years of industry experience

**Michael Buck**, Portfolio Manager  
23 years industry experience

**Prakash Vijayan**, Assistant Portfolio Manager  
18 years industry experience

## Driehaus Small Cap Growth Fund

### Sector Weights (%)

	Comm. Services	Consumer Discretionary	Consumer Staples	Energy	Financials	Health Care	Industrials	Information Technology	Materials	Real Estate	Utilities	Cash
DVSMX	1.6	8.8	6.9	4.8	5.2	19.4	25.2	24.1	3.0	0.0	0.0	1.1
Benchmark	2.5	11.1	4.5	4.5	6.3	22.4	19.7	21.7	4.1	1.7	1.5	0.0
Active Weights	-1.0	-2.3	2.4	0.3	-1.1	-3.0	5.5	2.4	-1.2	-1.7	-1.5	1.1

### Top 5 Holdings<sup>1</sup> (as of 11/30/23)

Company	Sector	% of Fund
Super Micro Computer, Inc.	Information Technology	3.1
BellRing Brands, Inc.	Consumer Staples	2.4
Cameco Corporation	Energy	2.3
Saia, Inc.	Industrials	2.0
CyberArk Software Ltd.	Information Technology	2.0

### Sector Performance Attribution 4th Quarter – 9/30/23 to 12/31/23

Driehaus Small Cap Growth Fund (Port) (%)			Russell 2000 Growth Index <sup>2</sup> (Bench) (%)		Attribution Analysis (%)		
GICS Sector	Port Avg. Weight	Port Contrib To Return	Bench Avg. Weight	Bench Contrib To Return	Allocation Effect	Selection + Interaction	Total Effect
Communication Services	2.11	0.57	2.58	0.46	-0.01	0.16	0.15
Consumer Discretionary	8.21	1.19	11.07	1.56	-0.02	-0.07	-0.09
Consumer Staples	7.31	0.91	4.56	0.63	0.12	0.02	0.14
Energy	7.24	-0.28	5.16	-0.60	-0.56	0.65	0.09
Financials	5.75	-0.57	6.44	0.81	0.00	-1.24	-1.24
Health Care	16.24	3.00	21.17	3.17	-0.05	0.44	0.38
Industrials	26.38	2.94	19.96	2.50	-0.07	-0.68	-0.74
Information Technology	22.18	1.37	21.66	3.04	-0.11	-1.46	-1.57
Materials	2.98	0.28	4.17	0.55	0.00	-0.16	-0.16
Real Estate	0.00	0.00	1.62	0.35	-0.13	0.00	-0.13
Utilities	0.00	0.00	1.61	0.15	0.06	0.00	0.06
Cash	1.59	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.10	0.00	-0.10
Other <sup>3</sup>	0.00	-0.12	0.00	0.00	-0.12	0.00	-0.12
Total	100.00	9.28	100.00	12.61	-1.00	-2.33	-3.33

Data as of 12/31/23. Benchmark: Russell 2000® Growth Index

<sup>1</sup>Holdings are subject to change and do not represent a recommendation to buy or sell any security.<sup>2</sup>The definition of this index can be found on page 1. <sup>3</sup>Other refers to operating expenses and securities not recognized by Factset.

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

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**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.

## Driehaus Small Cap Growth Strategy

### Sector Performance Attribution 1-Year – 12/31/22 to 12/31/23

GICS Sector	Driehaus Small Cap Growth Strategy (Port) (%)		Russell 2000 Growth Index <sup>1</sup> (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	2.79	0.63	2.47	0.65	-0.14	0.08	-0.07
Consumer Discretionary	10.45	0.88	11.17	2.23	-0.28	-1.06	-1.35
Consumer Staples	7.22	3.76	4.55	1.24	0.26	2.16	2.42
Energy	5.72	0.95	5.79	-0.05	0.15	1.34	1.49
Financials	5.74	0.42	6.52	1.17	-0.14	-0.58	-0.72
Health Care	17.53	1.61	22.26	2.65	0.02	-0.56	-0.54
Industrials	24.88	4.67	19.55	4.36	0.17	-1.31	-1.14
Information Technology	20.71	6.22	19.71	5.34	0.13	0.31	0.44
Materials	3.44	0.78	4.44	0.48	0.01	0.62	0.63
Real Estate	0.00	-0.01	1.87	0.27	0.10	-0.01	0.10
Utilities	0.00	0.00	1.66	-0.02	0.38	0.00	0.38
Cash	1.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.02	0.00	-0.02
Other <sup>2</sup>	0.00	-0.58	0.00	0.00	-0.60	-0.01	-0.62
Total	100.00	19.33	100.00	18.32	0.04	0.97	1.01

Data as of 12/31/23

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

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## Driehaus Small Cap Growth Fund

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