# **DEVDX** Performance Review

The fund returned 1.76% for the month of May in what was a risk off period for broad markets<sup>1</sup>. The S&P 500 realized its first negative monthly return for the year, finishing down 6.35% as tariff concerns and Fed policy again took center stage. The fund weathered this geopolitically driven risk off environment by producing a positive return with lower correlation (0.46 versus the S&P 500) and realized 50% less volatility than was experienced by equity markets.

As noted in last month's letter, deal activity remains at the forefront of regulators' attention. Key deals awaiting approval from various governing bodies continue to grab most of the headlines. Meanwhile, the deal pipeline has been replenished with a steady dose of companies seeking to capitalize on the low level of global interest rates and bolster prospects amid the muted growth backdrop.

The fund's equity catalyst driven trade category was the largest contributor for the month at 164 basis points, led by a recent crossover investment that finished up 12% on the first day of trading, contributing 152 basis points. The second largest contributor in the category included a pharmaceutical company that provided an update to one of their key oncology assets in the clinic, contributing 42 basis points. No other holding contributed greater than 25 basis points.

The bond catalyst driven trade category detracted 99 basis points to performance for the month. The largest impact in the category was from a communications software solutions company currently running an auction process (64 basis points). While awaiting final bids, the company reported soft quarterly results, causing investors to rebase the standalone downside value for the company. The other top detractors in the category included the floating rates notes of an investment grade air leasing company impacted by the fall in global rates (16 basis points); the secured bonds of a consumer finance company that signaled a shift in capital allocation (15 basis points); and the unsecured bonds of telecommunications company giving back some of the prior month's gains (15 basis points).

The risk arbitrage trade category contributed 3 basis points during the month. Merger arbitrage spreads broadly widened throughout the month, as concerns over US and China relations led to de-risking in the space. As spreads reset wider, the fund selectively increased exposure to deals that presented attractive opportunities.

With financial markets experiencing their first drawdown of 2019, we are encouraged the fund was able to keep its positive trajectory intact. While recent years have been less volatile than history, such periods of market pullbacks and turmoil are healthy, and to be expected. With the economic expansion now reaching the longest on record since the 1800s, we anticipate financial markets will experience more months ahead such as May. In fact, over the last 30 years, the average number of 5% corrections in a calendar year has been just over three. With May's decline, we now have one such occurrence in the books for 2019. As we round the corner to the halfway mark of the year, we will have to wait and see if the other two show up.

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## Month-end Performance (%) as of 5/31/19

				Average Annual Total Return				
Fund/Index	MTH	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since Inception <sup>1</sup>	
Driehaus Event Driven Fund	1.76	16.02	7.75	7.75	2.49		4.12	
S&P 500 Index <sup>2</sup>	-6.35	10.74	3.78	11.72	9.66		11.40	
FTSE 3-Month T-Bill Index <sup>3</sup>	0.21	1.01	2.24	1.29	0.80		0.70	

#### **Calendar Quarter-end Performance (%)** as of 3/31/19

				Average Annual Total Return			'n
Fund/Index	QTR	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since Inception <sup>1</sup>
Driehaus Event Driven Fund	12.31	12.31	7.39	7.22	1.46		3.64
S&P 500 Index <sup>2</sup>	13.65	13.65	9.50	13.51	10.91		12.28
FTSE 3-Month T-Bill Index <sup>3</sup>	0.60	0.60	2.11	1.17	0.72		0.65

### Annual Operating Expenses (%)<sup>4</sup>

Gross Expense	1.90
Net Expense	1.90

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<sup>1</sup>The Driehaus Event Driven Fund has an inception date of August 26, 2013. <sup>2</sup>The Standard & Poor's ("S&P") 500 Index consists of 500 stocks chosen for market size, liquidity, and industry group. It is a market-weighted index (stock price times number of shares outstanding), with each stock's weight in the index proportionate to its market value. <sup>3</sup>The FTSE 3-Month T-Bill Index is designed to mirror the performance of the 3-Month U.S. Treasury Bill. The FTSE 3-Month T-Bill Index is unmanaged and its returns include reinvested dividends. <sup>4</sup>Represents the Annual Fund Operating Expenses as disclosed in the Current prospectus dated April 30, 2019. 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.

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# **DEVDX Portfolio Characteristics\***

#### **Executive Summary**

Assets Under Management (AUM)	\$64,810,715
Long Exposure	\$53,765,143
Short Exposure	\$(13,128,288)
Net Exposure	\$40,636,855
Net Exposure % of AUM	62.70%
Gross Exposure	\$66,893,432
Gross Exposure % of AUM	103.21%
Cash Exposure	\$10,928,395
Cash Exposure % of AUM	16.86%

#### Exposure Breakdown by Asset Class



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### Trade Type

	Gross Exposure	% of Gross Exposure	% Contribution to Total Return
Bond Catalyst Driven	23,690,671	35.4%	-0.99%
Deep Value	266,244	0.4%	-0.13%
Equity Catalyst Driven	26,259,618	39.3%	1.64%
Portfolio Hedge	11,323,473	16.9%	1.35%
Risk Arbitrage	5,353,425	8.0%	0.03%
Cash and Expenses**			-0.11%
Total	66,893,432	100.0%	1.79%

Source: Factset / Preliminary data. May differ from data shown by third-party providers because of rounding or for other reasons.

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## **Portfolio Summary**

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#### Source: Bloomberg

\*Exposure: please note exposure may be different than market value. For equities, bonds, foreign exchange forwards and interest rate swap products, exposure is the same as market value. For options, exposure represents delta-adjusted underlying exposure. For credit de-fault swap and credit default swap indices, exposure represents bond equivalent exposure. \*\*Estimated expenses for the month (not annualized) as a percentage of the fund's net assets for the month. Interest on cash balances are netted against fund expenses. <sup>1</sup>The Standard & Poor's ("S&P") 500 Index consists of 500 stocks chosen for market size, liquidity, and industry group. It is a market-weighted index (stock price times number of shares outstanding), with each stock's weight in the index proportionate to its market value.

# Characteristics

FIXED INCOME	
Effective Duration	-0.04 Years
Spread Duration	2.29 Years
Average % of Par – Long Credit	89.29%
Average % of Par – Short Credit	95.58%
EQUITY	
Weighted Average Market Capitalization (USD in billion)	8.97
Weighted Harmonic Average P/E using FY1 Estimation	6.4x

<sup>2</sup> The Bloomberg Barclays Capital US Aggregate Bond Index, an unmanaged index, represents securities that are SEC-registered, taxable and dollar denominated. This index covers the US investment grade fixed rate bond market, with index components for government and corporate securities, mortgage pass-through securities and asset-backed securities. These major sectors are subdivided into more specific indices that are calculated and reported on a regular basis. <sup>3</sup> The BofA Merrill Lynch US High Yield Index is an unmanaged index that tracks the performance of below-investment-grade, US-dollar-denominated corporate bonds publicly issued in the US domestic market.

Note: A definition of key terms can be found on page 7

# **Product Type**

	Long Exposure (\$)	% of Long Exposure	Short Exposure (\$)	% of Short Exposure	Gross Exposure (\$)	% of Gross Exposure
Bank Loan	5,223,051	9.7%	0	0.0%	5,223,051	7.8%
Corporate	16,771,302	31.2%	(1,147,000)	8.7%	17,918,302	26.8%
Fixed Income	21,994,353	40.9%	(1,147,000)	8.7%	23,141,353	34.6%
ADR/GDR	2,460,361	4.6%	0	0.0%	2,460,361	3.7%
Equity Common	29,296,838	54.5%	(657,815)	5.0%	29,954,653	44.8%
Exchange Traded Fund	0	0.0%	(11,323,473)	86.3%	11,323,473	16.9%
Private Equity	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Equity	31,757,199	59.1%	(11,981,288)	91.3%	43,738,487	65.4%
Currency Forward	1,555	0.0%	0	0.0%	1,555	0.0%
Warrant/Right	12,037	0.0%	0	0.0%	12,037	0.0%
Derivatives	13,592	0.0%	0	0.0%	13,592	0.0%
Total	53,765,143	100.0%	(13,128,288)	100.0%	66,893,432	100.0%

# **Region\***

	Long Exposure (\$)	% of Long Exposure	Short Exposure (\$)	% of Short Exposure	Gross Exposure (\$)	% of Gross Exposure
Developed	7,610,582	14.2%	0	0.0%	7,610,582	11.4%
Emerging	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
United States	46,154,562	85.8%	(13,128,288)	100.0%	59,282,850	88.6%
Total	53,765,143	100.0%	(13,128,288)	100.0%	66,893,432	100.0%

# **Contributors (by Trade Type)**

TOP 5		BOTTOM 5	
Equity Catalyst Driven	1.52%	Bond Catalyst Driven	-0.64%
Portfolio Hedge	0.62%	Equity Catalyst Driven	-0.30%
Equity Catalyst Driven	0.42%	Equity Catalyst Driven	-0.17%
Portfolio Hedge	0.37%	Bond Catalyst Driven	-0.16%
Portfolio Hedge	0.36%	Bond Catalyst Driven	-0.15%
Total	3.29%	Total	-1.42%

Source: Bloomberg \*Region exposure is based on country of domicile

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### Sector

GICS <sup>1</sup>	Long Exposure (\$)	% of Long Exposure	Short Exposure (\$)	% of Short Exposure	Gross Exposure (\$)	% of Gross Exposure
Communication Services	5,429,310	10.1%	0	0.0%	5,429,310	8.1%
Consumer Discretionary	2,880,606	5.4%	0	0.0%	2,880,606	4.3%
Consumer Staples	1,883,564	3.5%	0	0.0%	1,883,564	2.8%
Energy	1,203,327	2.2%	(248,850)	1.9%	1,452,177	2.2%
Financials	18,879,094	35.1%	(2,148,914)	16.4%	21,028,008	31.4%
Health Care	18,025,942	33.5%	(10,730,524)	81.7%	28,756,467	43.0%
Industrials	1,993,819	3.7%	0	0.0%	1,993,819	3.0%
Information Technology	3,467,926	6.5%	0	0.0%	3,467,926	5.2%
Materials	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Real Estate	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Utilities	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Other <sup>2</sup>	1,555	0.0%	0	0.0%	1,555	0.0%
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Source: Bloomberg, Moody's, Standard & Poor's

<sup>1</sup>The Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS), a collaboration between Standard & Poor's and Morgan Stanley Capital International, is a system of classification that identifies a company according to its business activity.

 $^{\rm 2} The \mbox{ Other Industry Sector data is not categorized within the GICS classification system$ 

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#### FUND INFORMATION

#### Types of events in which the fund frequently invests include:

**Corporate action:** Changes to the company's strategy or capital structure as a result of mergers, acquisitions, spin-offs, lawsuits, etc.

**Earnings:** A trade involving an upside or downside surprise to earnings versus market expectations.

**Market dislocation:** Any mispricing of a security for a non-fundamental reason.

**Product cycle:** A key change to the company's product/service offering, or a change in customer preferences for the company's product/service.

**Restructuring:** A change to the company's capital structure or business prospects as a result of bankruptcy, reorganization or corporate distress.

#### Types of trades in which the fund frequently invests include:

**Bond catalyst driven:** Event-driven trades that are expressed predominately through bond positions.

**Deep value:** Trade that attempts to capture the mispricing of an extremely undervalued security.

**Equity catalyst driven:** Event-driven trades that are expressed predominately through equity positions.

**Portfolio hedge:** A hedge to an unwanted factor exposure, such as equity, volatility, credit or interest rate risk.

**Risk arbitrage:** Trades that attempt to capture a valuation discrepancy between similar securities.

#### **DEFINITIONS OF KEY TERMS**

**Average % of Par – Long Credit** - The average dollar price of a bond the Fund is long as a percentage of par.

**Average % of Par – Short Credit** - The average dollar price of a bond the Fund is short as a percentage of par.

**Beta** - A measure describing the relation of a portfolio's returns with that of the financial market as a whole. A portfolio with a beta of 0 means that its price is not at all correlated with the market. A positive beta means that the portfolio generally follows the market. A negative beta shows that the portfolio inversely follows the market; the portfolio generally decreases in value if the market goes up and vice versa. **Credit Default Swap (CDS)** - A contract in which the buyer of the CDS makes a series of payments to the seller and, in exchange, receives a payoff if a credit instrument (typically a bond or loan) goes into default. In its simplest form, a credit default swap is a bilateral contract between the buyer and seller of protection.

**Delta** - The ratio that compares the change in the price of a derivative to the corresponding change in the price of an underlying asset.

Derivatives Premium - Value of a derivatives contract.

**Effective Duration** - A duration calculation for bonds with embedded options. Effective duration takes into account that expected cash flows will fluctuate as interest rates change.

**Equity Gamma** - The ratio that compares the rate of change for the delta with respect to the underlying asset's price.

Portfolio Coupon - The annualized interest earned for the portfolio.

**Portfolio Current Yield** - The annual income (interest or dividends) divided by the current price of the security, aggregated to the portfolio level.

**Portfolio Yield-to-Worst** - The lowest potential yield that can be received on a bond without the issuer actually defaulting, aggregated to the portfolio level. The yield to worst is calculated by making worst-case scenario assumptions on the issue by calculating the returns that would be received if provisions, including prepayment, call or sinking fund, are used by the issuer.

**Spread Duration** - The sensitivity of the price of a bond to a 100 basis point change to its option-adjusted spread. As the rate of the Treasury security in the option-adjusted spread increases, the rate of the option-adjusted spread also increases.

**Sharpe Ratio** is calculated by finding the portfolio's excess return and then dividing by the portfolio's standard deviation.

**Stock Vega** - The change in the price of an option that results from a 1% change in volatility. Vega changes when there are large price movements in the underlying asset and Vega falls as the option gets closer to maturity. Vega can change even if there is no change in the price of the underlying asset (e.g., if there is a change in expected volatility).

**Swap** - A derivative in which two counterparties exchange certain benefits of one party's financial instrument for those of the other party's financial instrument.

**Theta** - A measure of the rate of decline in the value of an option due to the passage of time. Theta can also be referred to as the time decay on the value of an option.