# **Driehaus Event Driven Strategy**

#### **Investment Philosophy**

- Corporate events and special situations such as M&A, spin-offs, restructurings and complex business models – create market inefficiencies and provide a consistent source of attractively mispriced securities, across the capital structure.
- In-depth, fundamental research and the ability to invest globally and across companies' capital structures offers opportunities to identify superior risk-adjusted investments.
- Investing in highly liquid securities promotes nimbleness and helps mitigate risk.

#### % Month-End Performance (as of 12/31/24)

						Ann	ualized	
	MTH	QTR	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Inception <sup>1</sup>
Driehaus Event Driven - Gross	-1.98	-0.48	3.76	3.76	1.80	7.71	7.12	6.82
Driehaus Event Driven - Net	-2.06	-0.72	2.76	2.76	0.92	6.72	5.96	5.66
S&P 500 Index <sup>2</sup>	-2.38	2.41	25.02	25.02	8.94	14.53	13.10	14.27
Morningstar Event Driven Category <sup>3</sup>	-0.15	0.57	3.86	3.86	2.67	3.68	3.56	3.73

Source: Driehaus Capital Management, FactSet

Data as of December 31, 2024

The performance data represents the strategy's composite of event driven accounts managed by Driehaus Capital Management LLC (DCM). 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.

The Driehaus Event Driven Strategy has an inception date of 2/1/13. <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 Morningstar Event Driven Category is generally representative of mutual funds that primarily employ strategies that seek to profit from corporate actions, such as mergers and acquisitions. Mutual funds in this category typically focus on equity securities but can invest across the capital structure. However, they typically have low to moderate equity market sensitivity since company-specific developments tend to drive security prices. <sup>4</sup>Composite assets include those accounts that meet the composite objectives and eligibility requirements. Please see the notes at the end of this document for additional information. <sup>5</sup>Since inception (2/1/13).

The Driehaus Event Driven Strategy seeks to provide:

- Attractive risk-adjusted returns
- Low correlations to major asset classes
- Less than two-thirds the volatility of S&P 500 Index
- Idiosyncratic risk exposures

#### **Facts**

Inception Date	2/1/13
Composite Assets Under Management <sup>4</sup>	\$450M
Firm Assets Under Management	\$19.7B

#### **Executive Summary**

Long Exposure	\$382,765,656
Short Exposure	\$(96,530,926)
Net Exposure	\$286,234,730
Net Exposure % of AUM	63.65%
Gross Exposure	\$479,296,582
Gross Exposure % of AUM	106.58%

#### **Portfolio Summary**

100 Day Volatility	4.87%
S&P 500 Index 100 Day Volatility	12.76%
Beta vs. S&P 500 Index <sup>5</sup>	0.36
Beta vs. ICE BofA US High Yield Index <sup>5</sup>	0.83
Beta vs. Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index <sup>5</sup>	0.39
Correlation vs. S&P 500 Index <sup>5</sup>	0.59
Correlation vs. ICE BofA US High Yield Index <sup>5</sup>	0.69
Correlation vs. Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index <sup>5</sup>	0.21

## Portfolio Management

**Yoav Sharon**, Portfolio Manager 19 years industry experience

**Tom McCauley**, Portfolio Manager 18 years industry experience

**Michael Caldwell**, Portfolio Manager 17 years of industry experience

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## **Strategy Information**

Types of events in which the strategy 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.

#### Characteristics

Fixed Income	
Effective Duration	0.47 Years
Spread Duration	1.01 Years
Average % of Par – Long Credit	99.95%
Average % of Par – Short Credit	95.68%
Equity	
Weighted Average Market Capitalization (USD in billion)	2.97
Weighted Harmonic Average P/E using FY1 Estimation	11.3x

#### **Investment Strategies**

	Gross Exposure
Bond Catalyst Driven	34.4%
Deep Value	0.0%
Equity Catalyst Driven	28.9%
Portfolio Hedge	16.3%
Risk Arbitrage	20.4%
Total	100.0%

#### **Sectors**

GICS <sup>1</sup>	Gross Exposure
Communication Services	1.5%
Consumer Discretionary	18.6%
Consumer Staples	1.9%
Energy	0.0%
Financials	26.9%
Health Care	16.2%
Industrials	17.5%
Information Technology	1.8%
Materials	0.0%
Real Estate	0.0%
Utilities	7.5%
Other <sup>2</sup>	8.2%
Total	100.0%

#### **Asset Class**

	Gross Exposure
Equity	44.2%
Derivatives	19.6%
Fixed Income	36.2%

## Region<sup>3</sup>

	Gross Exposure
United States	93.5%
Emerging	3.3%
Developed	3.2%

Source: Driehaus Capital Management, FactSet

Data as of December 31, 2024.

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.

<sup>2</sup>The Other Industry Sector data is not categorized within the GICS classification system.

<sup>3</sup>Region exposure is based on country of domicile.

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#### COMPOSITE DESCRIPTION

The Driehaus Event Driven Composite was created in February 2013. The strategy seeks investment opportunities where a catalyst has been identified that is expected to occur within the near to intermediate term, generally within 12 months, to unlock the value embedded in the investment opportunity. Trades will often center on corporate events, such as earnings, product cycles, restructurings, corporate actions, market dislocations or portfolio hedges.

Accounts in the Composite may also hold derivative instruments, including swaps, options, futures and forwards that provide long and short exposures to debt securities, equity securities and currencies. Derivatives may be used to manage interest rate and currency risk, as part of a hedging strategy and/or to replicate outright long and short exposures.

#### PERFORMANCE RESULTS

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.

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#### **TERMS**

**Beta:** A measure describing the relation of a portfolio's returns with that of the financial market as a whole. **Effective Duration:** Duration calculation for bonds with embedded options. Effective duration takes into account that expected cash flows will fluctuate as interest rates change. **Spread Duration:** The sensitivity of the price of a bond to a 100 basis point change to its option-adjusted spread. **Sharpe Ratio:** Calculated by finding the portfolio's excess return and then dividing by the portfolio's standard deviation.

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