

# DEVDX Performance Review

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During the month of August, the fund returned -1.28%, slightly besting the performance of the S&P 500, which returned -1.58%<sup>1</sup>. At the outset of the month, trade tensions escalated and as market jitters permeated, investors questioned the implications and magnitude of the latest round of tariffs.

The fund was able to achieve the return profile on approximately one third the volatility of the broader market, while limiting draw-down exposure during peak stress. Three separate times during the month the S&P500 was down >4% as markets contended with trade wars and Brexit fears, and during those periods the fund was able to contain downside capture to less than one third. This was most pronounced on the three largest down days in the month, where the S&P declined 2.83% on average, and the fund captured only 23% of the associated drawdown. As we navigate the choppy signals in the market, our focus on capital preservation continues to be paramount and periods such as August support the importance of maintaining an insulated portfolio of investments able to weather the turbulence.

With the arbitrage profit pool shrinking and interest rates making a run at all time lows, the event driven landscape continues to shift. Recent spins have left new shareholders with much to be desired, and the fashionable roll up strategies of the middle part of the decade, are now faced with constant flashing warnings of 'economic recession.' As investors return from summer and the final third of the year gets underway, we anticipate heightened sensitivity to global uncertainty to persist. As such, we will proceed at a measured pace and carve out those idiosyncratic opportunities arising from the increase in volatility.

The fund's equity catalyst driven category was the largest detractor for the month at -268 basis points, led by a manufacturer of biological research equipment that released disappointing earnings, a result of the lumpy nature of the business. Two other therapeutics companies detracted -45 basis points and -38 basis points during the risk off period in August.

The bond catalyst driven strategy contributed 52 basis points as credit markets exhibited significantly less volatility than equity markets and global interest rates continued their march lower. The largest impact in the category was from a telecommunications business that recently shifted its capital allocation policy in favor of credit holders, contributing 17 basis points. The only other contributor greater than 10 basis points in the category was from a diversified tobacco and real estate business that we wrote about last month (13 basis points). The category had no meaningful detractors.

The risk arbitrage category contributed 4 basis points for the month. Half the month's gain was due to the announced sale of a target's psoriasis drug to a competitor, a move meant to gain Federal Trade Commission approval for the deal. The other half of the month's returns was due to the consummation of an oil and gas deal, which closed in the first half of the month.

Portfolio hedges for the fund contributed 106 basis points for the month, not unexpected in a risk off period. The fund continues to run net exposure near 60%, at the low end over the last year. With this lower level of net exposure, the portfolio beta has remained muted, finishing the month at 0.40, while three-month correlation to the S&P remains below a half, closing at 0.45.

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## Month-end Performance (%) as of 8/31/19

Fund/Index	MTH	YTD	1 Year	Average Annual Total Return			
				3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since Inception <sup>1</sup>
Driehaus Event Driven Fund	-1.28	15.72	5.86	6.08	2.61	---	3.90
S&P 500 Index <sup>2</sup>	-1.58	18.34	2.92	12.70	10.11	---	12.13
FTSE 3-Month T-Bill Index <sup>3</sup>	0.19	1.61	2.36	1.47	0.92	---	0.77

## Calendar Quarter-end Performance (%) as of 6/30/19

Fund/Index	QTR	YTD	1 Year	Average Annual Total Return			
				3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since Inception <sup>1</sup>
Driehaus Event Driven Fund	4.46	17.32	9.65	7.93	2.35	---	4.26
S&P 500 Index <sup>2</sup>	4.30	18.54	10.42	14.19	10.71	---	12.54
FTSE 3-Month T-Bill Index <sup>3</sup>	0.61	1.21	2.30	1.36	0.84	---	0.73

## 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.

Investments in overseas markets can pose more risks than U.S. investments, and share prices are expected to be more volatile than that of a U.S.-only fund. The Driehaus Event Driven Fund invests in foreign securities, including small and mid cap stocks, which may be subject to greater volatility than other investments. In addition, returns of this Fund will fluctuate with changes in stock market conditions, currency values, interest rates, foreign government regulations, and economic and political conditions in countries in which this Fund invests. These risks are generally greater when investing in emerging markets. These and other risk considerations are discussed in the prospectus for this Fund. At times, a significant portion of the Fund's return may be attributable to investments in initial public offerings (IPOs) or concentrations in certain strong performing

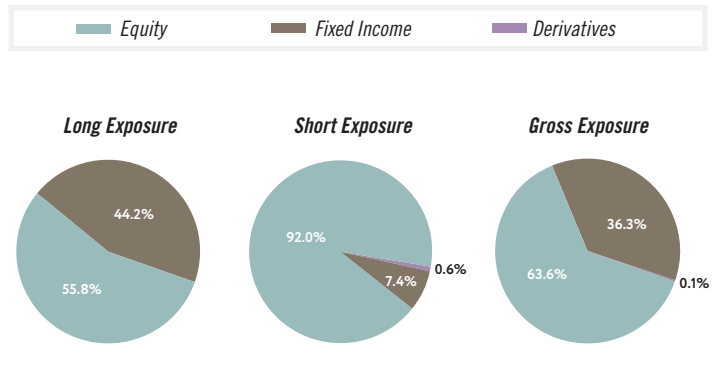
sectors, such as technology. Returns from IPOs or sector concentrations may not be repeated or consistently achieved in the future. In addition, participating in IPOs and other investments during favorable market conditions may enhance the performance of a Fund with a smaller asset base, and this Fund may not experience similar performance results as its assets grow. Stocks of medium-sized companies tend to be more volatile in price than those of larger companies and may have underperformed the stocks of small and large companies during some periods. In addition, investments in medium-sized companies may be more susceptible to particular economic events or competitive factors than are larger, more broadly diversified companies. Growth stocks may involve special risks and their prices may be more volatile than the overall market. The Fund, in addition to investing in unrated and investment grade bonds, may also invest in junk bonds, which involve greater credit risk, including the risk of default. The prices of high yield bonds are more sensitive to changing economic conditions and can fall dramatically in response to negative news about the issuer or its industry, or the economy in general. The use of derivatives involves risks different from, and possibly greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in the underlying assets. Derivatives can be highly volatile, illiquid and difficult to value, and there is a risk that changes in the value of a derivative held by the Fund will not correlate with the Fund's other investments. Further, the Fund may invest in derivatives for speculative purposes. Gains or losses from speculative positions in a derivative may be much greater than the derivative's original cost and potential losses may be substantial. The Fund may make short sales. Short sales expose the Fund to the risk of loss. No investment strategy, including an absolute return strategy, can ensure a profit or protect against loss. Additionally, investing in an absolute return strategy may lead to underperforming results during an upward moving market. When interest rates increase, bond prices decrease and bond funds become more volatile. It is anticipated that the Fund will experience high rates of portfolio turnover, which may result in payment by the Fund of above-average transaction costs. This is a nondiversified fund compared to other funds, the Fund may invest a greater percentage of assets in a particular issuer or a small number of issuers. As a consequence, the Fund may be subject to greater risks and larger losses than diversified funds.

# DEVDX Portfolio Characteristics\*

## Executive Summary

Assets Under Management (AUM)	\$67,080,474
Long Exposure	\$58,796,114
Short Exposure	\$(16,102,034)
Net Exposure	\$42,694,081
Net Exposure % of AUM	63.65%
Gross Exposure	\$74,898,148
Gross Exposure % of AUM	111.65%
Cash Exposure	\$8,336,044
Cash Exposure % of AUM	12.43%

## Exposure Breakdown by Asset Class



## Trade Type

	Gross Exposure	% of Gross Exposure	% Contribution to Total Return
Bond Catalyst Driven	27,333,658	36.5%	0.52%
Deep Value	652,534	0.9%	-0.18%
Equity Catalyst Driven	26,941,310	36.0%	-2.68%
Portfolio Hedge	13,365,466	17.8%	1.06%
Risk Arbitrage	6,605,180	8.8%	0.04%
Cash and Expenses**			-0.08%
<b>Total</b>	<b>74,898,148</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-1.31%</b>

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

## Portfolio Summary

100 Day Volatility	6.67%
S&P 500 Index 100 Day Volatility	14.25%
Beta vs. S&P 500 Index <sup>1</sup>	0.42
Beta vs. Merrill Lynch High Yield Index <sup>2</sup> (since inception)	0.92
Beta vs. Barclays US Aggregate Index <sup>3</sup> (since inception)	(0.52)
Correlation vs. S&P 500 Index (since inception)	0.67
Correlation vs. Merrill Lynch High Yield Index (since inception)	0.40
Correlation vs. Barclays US Aggregate Index (since inception)	(0.19)

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 default 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.

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## Characteristics

FIXED INCOME	
Effective Duration	0.25 Years
Spread Duration	2.13 Years
Average % of Par – Long Credit	94.57%
Average % of Par – Short Credit	99.08%
EQUITY	
Weighted Average Market Capitalization (USD in billion)	7.43
Weighted Harmonic Average P/E using FY1 Estimation	6.3x

<sup>2</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. <sup>3</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.

**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	3,993,548	6.8%	0	0.0%	3,993,548	5.3%
Corporate	22,022,686	37.5%	(1,189,000)	7.4%	23,211,686	31.0%
<b>Fixed Income</b>	<b>26,016,234</b>	<b>44.2%</b>	<b>(1,189,000)</b>	<b>7.4%</b>	<b>27,205,234</b>	<b>36.3%</b>
ADR/GDR	2,615,986	4.4%	0	0.0%	2,615,986	3.5%
Equity Common	29,751,394	50.6%	(1,456,012)	9.0%	31,207,406	41.7%
Exchange Traded Fund	0	0.0%	(13,365,466)	83.0%	13,365,466	17.8%
Private Equity	412,500	0.7%	0	0.0%	412,500	0.6%
<b>Equity</b>	<b>32,779,880</b>	<b>55.8%</b>	<b>(14,821,478)</b>	<b>92.0%</b>	<b>47,601,358</b>	<b>63.6%</b>
Currency Forward	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Equity Options	0	0.0%	(91,555)	0.6%	91,555	0.1%
<b>Derivatives</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>(91,555)</b>	<b>0.6%</b>	<b>91,555</b>	<b>0.1%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>58,796,114</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>(16,102,034)</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>74,898,148</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## Region\*

	Long Exposure (\$)	% of Long Exposure	Short Exposure (\$)	% of Short Exposure	Gross Exposure (\$)	% of Gross Exposure
Developed	8,550,755	14.5%	0	0.0%	8,550,755	11.4%
Emerging	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
United States	50,245,360	85.5%	(16,102,034)	100.0%	66,347,393	88.6%
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## Contributors (by Trade Type)

TOP 5		BOTTOM 5	
Portfolio Hedge	0.63%	Equity Catalyst Driven	-1.03%
Equity Catalyst Driven	0.42%	Equity Catalyst Driven	-0.45%
Portfolio Hedge	0.30%	Equity Catalyst Driven	-0.38%
Bond Catalyst Driven	0.17%	Equity Catalyst Driven	-0.37%
Equity Catalyst Driven	0.16%	Equity Catalyst Driven	-0.36%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.68%</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>-2.60%</b>

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	6,308,648	10.7%	0	0.0%	6,308,648	8.4%
Consumer Discretionary	4,466,895	7.6%	0	0.0%	4,466,895	6.0%
Consumer Staples	4,097,825	7.0%	(128,424)	0.8%	4,226,249	5.6%
Energy	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Financials	15,578,094	26.5%	(3,542,983)	22.0%	19,121,077	25.5%
Health Care	21,512,435	36.6%	(12,430,627)	77.2%	33,943,062	45.3%
Industrials	2,422,198	4.1%	0	0.0%	2,422,198	3.2%
Information Technology	4,410,020	7.5%	0	0.0%	4,410,020	5.9%
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>	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	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.

<sup>2</sup>The 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 predominantly 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 predominantly 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.