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During the month of February, financial markets experienced a swift and severe bout of risk off, as concerns surrounding the COVID-19 virus sparked fears of contagion and the potential for a global economic slowdown. Both equity and treasury markets led the risk off charge as uncertainty surrounding both the magnitude and duration of the virus' impact had a compounding effect on investor anxiety. The fund remained shielded from the asset price declines and finished the month up 1.68%<sup>1</sup> while the S&P 500 was down 8.23%. Additionally, the fund's risk metrics remained subdued relative to the broad market. While the 100-day volatility for the S&P 500 increased from 9.65% to 13.79%, a 43% surge. Comparatively, the fund's 100-day volatility went from 5.37% to 5.54%, essentially flat month over month.

Due to the idiosyncratic nature of the fund's holdings, our correlation to broad market indices remained limited throughout the month, as our return stream decoupled from the market. At month end, the one-year correlation of the fund to the S&P 500 was 0.41, and the fund's rolling one-year downside capture was 20%. With volatility skyrocketing and the increasing potential for a new volatility regime, we anticipate the market fluctuations to continue in the near-term. The pace and severity of the pickup in volatility has started to be felt in the event driven landscape, as fears of the durability of merger agreements rise, and investors demand increased rates of return to bear the risk(s) of holding exposures that only weeks ago were deemed 'safe' by the broader merger arbitrage community.

With this backdrop in mind, we continue to monitor the evolving developments and wait for the appropriate time to deploy fresh capital to idiosyncratic events that present compelling risk reward opportunities with strong probability of success.

The fund's equity catalyst driven category was the largest contributor for the month at 119 basis points, led by a financial services company in the annuity and

life insurance space that is being acquired (+94 basis points). The other two top contributors in the category included a software focused biotechnology company that raised money in the capital markets via an IPO (+84 basis points) and a direct medical equipment company (DME) that recently came public via a special purpose acquisition company (SPAC) acquisition (+52 basis points). The three largest detractors for the month included two oncology focused companies in the healthcare space (-31 basis points & -27 basis points) and an advertising company in the media space that is undergoing a shareholder base turnover (-20 basis points).

The bond catalyst driven strategy detracted 1 basis point during the month. The largest impact in the category consisted of the convertible bonds of a cardiovascular focused company (+13 basis points), the secured first lien term loan of a retailer (+8 basis points), and the unsecured notes of a telecommunications company that is shifting its capital allocation program (+6 basis points). The top detractor in the category consisted of the convertible bonds of an in flight connectivity (IFC) company (-18 basis points), the secured bonds of a consumer staples and retail company (-5 basis points), and the second lien term loan of a broadcasting company (-4 basis points).

The risk arbitrage category detracted 1 basis point for the month. Positive performance was driven by a credit position of a direct to consumer cosmetics space company in the process of being acquired (+7 basis points). The detractors for the month were driven by a financials merger arbitrage spread that widened during the month (-12 basis points). Portfolio hedges contributed 38 basis points to performance.

At month end, the fund's net exposure was 65%, while beta adjusted net weights remained muted at 23%, and correlation to the S&P 500 during the month was 0.54.

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Performance Disclosure

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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 (877) 779-0079 or visit www.drie-haus.com for more current performance information.

### **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 2/29/20)

				Annualized			
	MTH	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Inception <sup>1</sup>
Driehaus Event Driven Fund	1.68	4.85	12.39	8.01	4.79	n/a	4.87
S&P 500 Index <sup>2</sup>	-8.23	-8.27	8.19	9.87	9.23	n/a	11.47
FTSE 3-Month T-Bill Index <sup>3</sup>	0.13	0.26	2.12	1.71	1.10	n/a	0.85

#### % Quarter-End Performance (as of 12/31/19)

				Annualized			
	QTR	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Inception <sup>1</sup>
Driehaus Event Driven Fund	5.02	19.53	19.53	6.18	4.70	n/a	4.22
S&P 500 Index <sup>2</sup>	9.07	31.49	31.49	15.27	11.70	n/a	13.32
FTSE 3-Month T-Bill Index <sup>3</sup>	0.46	2.25	2.25	1.65	1.05	n/a	0.83

### Characteristics

Fixed Income	
Effective Duration	0.47 Years
Spread Duration	2.16 Years
Average % of Par – Long Credit	101.24%
Average % of Par - Short Credit	102.54%
Equity	
Weighted Average Market Capitalization (USD in billion)	7.20
Weighted Harmonic Average P/E using FY1 Estimation	21.5 x

Source: Driehaus Capital Management, FactSet

Data as of February 29, 2020

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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. An investor cannot invest directly in an index. <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. <sup>5</sup>Since fund inception (8/26/13).

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.

# Ticker DEVDX

The Driehaus Event Driven Fund 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	8/26/13					
Fund Assets Under Management	\$77M					
Firm Assets Under Management	\$8.4B					
Portfolio Concentration Flexible, best ideas approach, historically 25-50 trades						
Distributions Quarterly dividends; annua	l capital gains					
Annual Operating Expenses⁵						
Gross Expenses	1.90%					
Net Expenses	1.90%					
Executive Summary						
Long Exposure	\$67,497,993					
Short Exposure	\$(16,863,008)					
Net Exposure	\$50,634,985					
Net Exposure % of AUM	65.47%					
Gross Exposure	\$84,361,001					
Gross Exposure % of AUM	109.08%					
Portfolio Summary						
100 Day Volatility	5.54%					
S&P 500 Index 100 Day Volatility	13.79%					
Beta vs. S&P 500 Index <sup>5</sup>	0.40					
Beta vs. ICE BofA Merrill Lynch US High Yield Ind	ex <sup>5</sup> 0.90					
Beta vs. Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index <sup>5</sup>	(0.46)					
Correlation vs. S&P 500 Index <sup>5</sup>	0.64					
Correlation vs. ICE BofA Merrill Lynch US High Yield Index <sup>5</sup>	0.40					
Correlation vs. Bloomberg Barclays US Aggreg Bond Index <sup>5</sup>	ate (0.18)					

# Portfolio Management

**Michael Caldwell**, Portfolio Manager 15 years of industry experience

**Tom McCauley**, Portfolio Manager 15 years industry experience

**Yoav Sharon**, Portfolio Manager 16 years industry experience

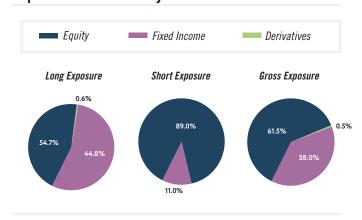
# DEVDX Portfolio Characteristics\*

# **Trade Type**

	Gross Exposure	% of Gross Exposure	% Contribution to Total Return
Bond Catalyst Driven	29,383,642	34.8%	-0.01%
Deep Value	1,007,136	1.2%	0.30%
Equity Catalyst Driven	27,886,158	33.1%	1.19%
Portfolio Hedge	13,097,416	15.5%	0.38%
Risk Arbitrage	12,986,649	15.4%	-0.01%
Cash and Expenses**			-0.11%
Total	84,361,001	100.0%	1.73%

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

## **Exposure Breakdown by Asset Class**



# **Product Type**

	Long Exposure (\$)	% of Long Exposure	Short Exposure (\$)	% of Short Exposure	Gross Exposure (\$)	% of Gross Exposure
Bank Loan	6,800,109	10.1%	0	0.0%	6,800,109	8.1%
Corporate	23,405,687	34.7%	(1,846,793)	11.0%	25,252,479	29.9%
Fixed Income	30,205,796	44.8%	(1,846,793)	11.0%	32,052,588	38.0%
ADR/GDR	4,637,250	6.9%	0	0.0%	4,637,250	5.5%
Equity Common	31,096,331	46.1%	(1,918,800)	11.4%	33,015,130	39.1%
Exchange Traded Fund	0	0.0%	(13,097,416)	77.7%	13,097,416	15.5%
Private Equity	1,162,500	1.7%	0	0.0%	1,162,500	1.4%
Equity	36,896,081	54.7%	(15,016,215)	89.0%	51,912,296	61.5%
Warrants	396,116	0.6%	0	0.0%	396,116	0.5%
Derivatives	396,116	0.6%	0	0.0%	396,116	0.5%
Total	67,497,993	100.0%	(16,863,008)	100.0%	84,361,001	100.0%

Source: Driehaus Capital Management, FactSet

Note: A definition of key terms can be found on the last page of this document.

<sup>\*</sup>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.

<sup>\*\*</sup>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.

## Sector

	Long Exposure (\$)	% of Long Exposure	Short Exposure (\$)	% of Short Exposure	Gross Exposure (\$)	% of Gross Exposure
GICS <sup>1</sup>						
Communication Services	9,132,971	13.5%	0	0.0%	9,132,971	10.8%
Consumer Discretionary	4,710,197	7.0%	0	0.0%	4,710,197	5.6%
Consumer Staples	6,476,843	9.6%	(103,593)	0.6%	6,580,436	7.8%
Energy	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Financials	14,207,256	21.0%	(2,879,242)	17.1%	17,086,498	20.3%
Health Care	24,842,948	36.8%	(13,127,299)	77.8%	37,970,247	45.0%
Industrials	4,204,780	6.2%	0	0.0%	4,204,780	5.0%
Information Technology	3,922,998	5.8%	(752,875)	4.5%	4,675,873	5.5%
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%
Total	67,497,993	100.0%	(16,863,008)	100.0%	84,361,001	100.0%

# Region\*

	Long Exposure (\$)	% of Long Exposure	Short Exposure (\$)	% of Short Exposure	Gross Exposure (\$)	% of Gross Exposure
Developed	9,130,946	13.5%	0	0.0%	9,130,946	10.8%
Emerging	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
United States	58,367,047	86.5%	(16,863,008)	100.0%	75,230,054	89.2%
Total	67,497,993	100.0%	(16,863,008)	100.0%	84,361,001	100.0%

# Contributions (by Trade Type)

Top 5		Bottom 5	
<b>Equity Catalyst Driven</b>	0.94%	<b>Equity Catalyst Driven</b>	-0.31%
Equity Catalyst Driven	0.84%	Equity Catalyst Driven	-0.27%
Equity Catalyst Driven	0.52%	Equity Catalyst Driven	-0.20%
Portfolio Hedge	0.41%	Equity Catalyst Driven	-0.20%
Equity Catalyst Driven	0.34%	Bond Catalyst Driven	-0.18%
Total	3.05%	Total	-1.16%

Source: Driehaus Capital Management, FactSet

<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.

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<sup>\*</sup>Region exposure is based on country of domicile

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

#### Notes

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

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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, spinoffs, 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.