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# **DRIEHAUS U.S. SMALL CAP EQUITY FUND\***

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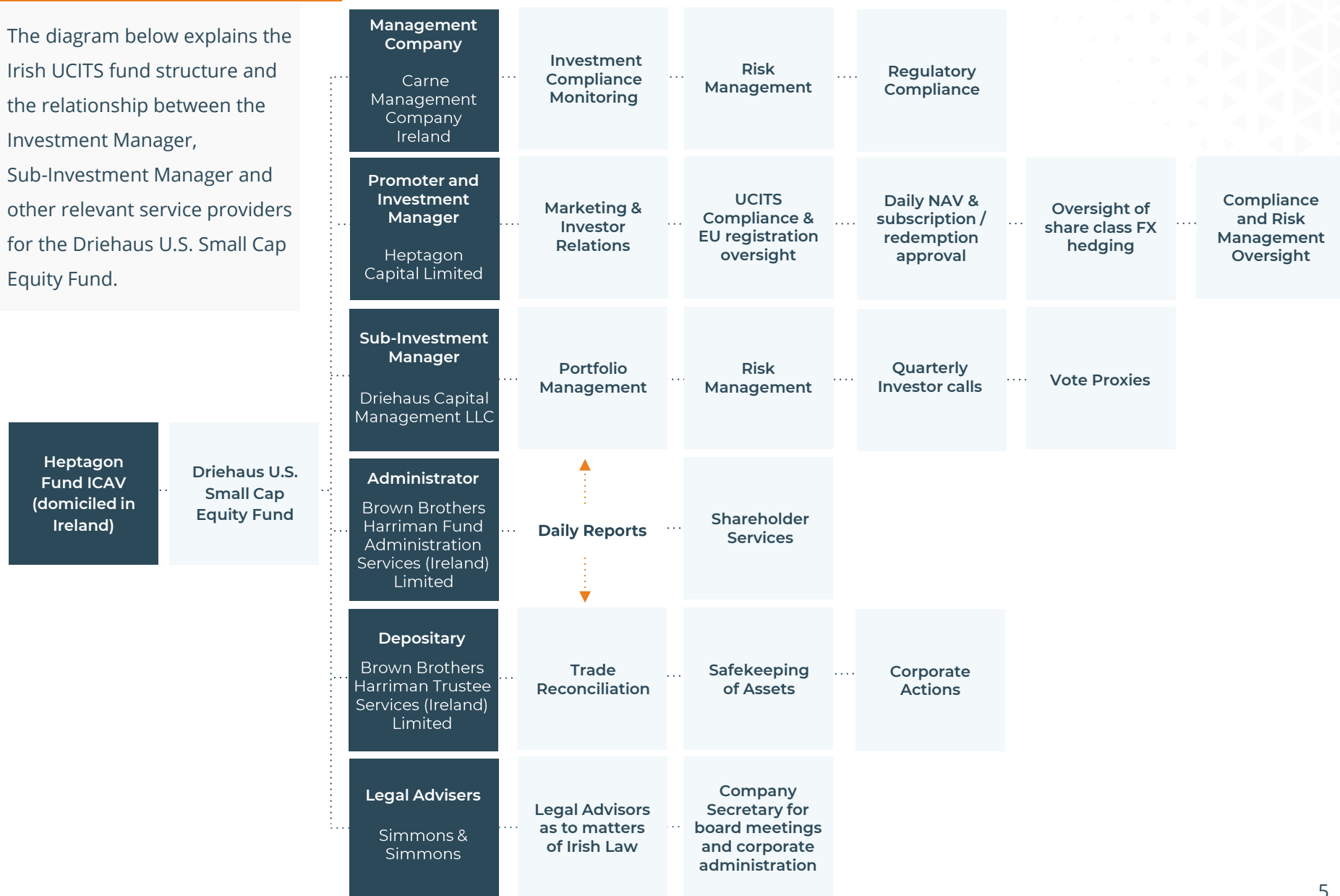
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# THE INVESTMENT MANAGER & SUB-INVESTMENT MANAGER



# IRISH UCITS FUND STRUCTURE

The diagram below explains the Irish UCITS fund structure and the relationship between the Investment Manager, Sub-Investment Manager and other relevant service providers for the Driehaus U.S. Small Cap Equity Fund.



# INVESTMENT MANAGER – HEPTAGON CAPITAL

Independent  
boutique  
asset  
management  
firm

**\$13.8bn\*\***  
Assets under  
Management  
and Advice

Established in  
2005

5 Office  
Locations

45 Total  
Employees

18 Different  
Nationalities

17  
Languages

## Heptagon Capital\*

### Heptagon UCITS Fund Platform

#### In-house

- Heptagon Future Trends Equity Fund

#### Sub-advised

- Driehaus Emerging Markets Sustainable Equity Fund
- Driehaus US Micro Cap Equity Fund
- **Driehaus US Small Cap Equity Fund**
- Driehaus US SMID Cap Equity Fund
- Heptagon Kettle Hill US L/S Equity Fund
- Kopernik Global All-Cap Equity Fund
- Qblue Global Sustainable Leaders Fund
- WCM Global Equity Fund
- Yacktman US Equity Fund

### External Manager Platform

- Hedge Funds
- Private Equity
- Alternative Funds
- Long Only Funds
- Real Estate

### Discretionary Portfolio Management

- Discretionary Portfolio Management
- Concentrated Equity Management
- Hedging and Overlay Strategies
- Asset Allocation Advice
- Bespoke Mandates

Signatory of:



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\*\* As of 31/12/2024

# SUB-INVESTMENT MANAGER – DRIEHAUS CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

Independent  
boutique  
asset  
management  
firm

\$19.7 billion of  
Assets under  
Management

Founded in  
1982

Based in  
Chicago,  
USA

87 total  
Employees

Registered  
with the SEC  
since 1983

## Strengths:

- Firm with 40+ year history
- Structured as a multi-boutique sharing common business services.
- Focus on less-efficient investable universes
- Proven investment philosophies with differentiated sources of alpha
- Well resourced, experienced investment talent
- Strong alignment of interests with investors
- Robust business infrastructure

Signatory of:



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# DRIEHAUS – AWARDS, RATINGS AND RANKINGS

## Awards

DrieHaus US Micro Cap Equity Fund



2021 Lipper Fund Award for Best Fund over 3 years in Equity US Sm&Mid Cap classification

Jeff James (Portfolio Manager)



Sauren Golden Awards 2021 & 2022 –  
Three gold medals for outstanding fund management for Equity USA Small Caps category

## Rankings

DrieHaus Micro Cap Growth Strategy

#1 (of 422 managers) in eVestment database for All US Equity Category US Micro Cap and US Small Cap Equity Category<sup>1</sup>

DrieHaus Small Cap Growth Strategy

#1 (of 15 managers) in eVestment database for All US Equity Category and US Small Cap Equity Category<sup>2</sup>

DrieHaus Emerging Markets Growth Strategy

#1 (of 28 managers) in eVestment data for All Emerging Markets Equity Category<sup>3</sup>

DrieHaus Emerging Markets Sustainable Equity Fund\*

#1 (of 28 managers) in eVestment data for All Emerging Markets Equity Category<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> As of 31 December 2024 since inception date 1 January 1996.

<sup>2</sup> As of 31 December 2024 since inception date 1 January 1980.

<sup>3</sup> As of 31 December 2024 since inception date 1 January 1997.

<sup>4</sup> As of 31 December 2024.

\*Please note the track record used for this includes the EM growth strategy since inception up until the launch of the EM Sustainable fund, where that track record picks up.

# DRIEHAUS US GROWTH EQUITIES



# DRIEHAUS US GROWTH EQUITIES – OVERVIEW

| The Driehaus US Growth Equity Team is responsible for four strategies

Strategy	PM Inception	AUM	Capitalisation Range
Micro Cap Growth (hard closed)	January 1998 <sup>1</sup>	\$2,267m	\$100m to \$2bn
Small Cap Growth (soft closed)	January 2006 <sup>1</sup>	\$4,910m	\$500m to \$7bn
Small/Mid Cap Growth	February 2012	\$2,305m	\$1bn to \$20bn
Life Sciences	February 2019	\$402m	All Cap



The team focuses on investing in **US-traded stocks** of companies **experiencing positive fundamental change** with market capitalisations of between \$100m and \$20bn.



Investments are **allocated to the strategies based on market capitalisation or sector** and may be held in one or more strategy.

Source: Driehaus Capital Management as of 31/12/2024

<sup>1</sup>Represents dates Jeff James became Lead Portfolio Manager. Predecessor team(s) managed Micro Cap Growth from January 1996 to December 1997 and Small Cap Growth from January 1980 to December 2005.

# **DRIEHAUS SMALL CAP GROWTH STRATEGY**



# DRIEHAUS SMALL CAP GROWTH STRATEGY – COMPETITIVE EDGE



## I Team

- **Experience:** Lead portfolio manager inception date 2006 (1998 for Micro Cap Growth).
- **Longevity:** Stable team with no departures in over 15 years.



## I Alignment and Incentivisation

- **Skin in the game:** Portfolio Management Team has majority of their liquid net worth invested in the strategies.
- **Revenue share:** Team is highly incentivised to outperform with its own P&L.
- **Capacity:** This strategy is soft closed



## I Differentiated Approach

- **Market anomaly:** A differentiated philosophy that identifies and capitalises on persistent market inefficiencies.
- **Biotech:** Industry typically excluded by active managers. Our deep domain expertise and proven investment framework is a differentiator



## I Investment Process

- **Market cycles:** Robust process has been time tested and consistently repeatable across multiple market cycles.
- **Growth profiles:** Strategy is diversified across different stages and types of growth.

# DRIEHAUS US GROWTH EQUITIES TEAM

The below employees at DrieHaus are responsible for the portfolio management (including idea generation, portfolio construction, security selection, investment research and risk management) of the DrieHaus U.S. Small Cap Equity UCITS Fund.

## Large and experienced resource committed to small cap growth

### Portfolio Management

**Jeff James**  
Lead Portfolio Manager  
Tenure began: 1997

**Michael Buck**  
Portfolio Manager/Senior Analyst  
Consumer Discretionary/Staples/Financials  
Tenure began: 2002

### Assistant Portfolio Management / Analyst Coverage

**Prakash Vijayan, CFA**  
Assistant Portfolio Manager/Senior Analyst  
Information Technology/Communication Services  
Tenure began: 2010

**Michael Caldwell<sup>1</sup>**  
Senior Analyst  
Health Care/Biotechnology  
Tenure began: 2007

**Ryan Lowery<sup>2</sup>**  
Senior Analyst  
Industrials  
Tenure began: 2014

**Alex Munns<sup>1</sup>**  
Senior Analyst  
Health Care/Biotechnology  
Tenure began: 2015

**Ben Olien, CFA**  
Senior Analyst  
Materials/Energy/Industrials  
Tenure began: 2005

**Manuel Rocha**  
Analyst  
Health Care/Biotechnology  
Tenure began: 2021

**Felicity Huang**  
Associate Analyst  
Consumer/Financials/Information Technology  
Tenure began: 2024

### Risk Coverage

**Maximilian Heitner<sup>2</sup>**  
Director of Research and Risk Management  
Tenure began: 2010

**Michael So<sup>2</sup>**  
Senior Risk Analyst  
Tenure began: 2015

**Abigail Schlehuber**  
Environmental, Social and Governance Analyst  
Tenure began: 2024

### Traders

**Jason Vedder**  
Director of Trading and Operations  
Tenure began: 2000

**Troy Frederick**  
Senior Trader  
Tenure began: 2000

**Sam Borelli, CMT**  
Senior Trader  
Tenure began: 2011

**Jim Pelletier**  
Senior Trader  
Tenure began: 2022

<sup>1</sup> Also has portfolio manager or assistant portfolio manager responsibilities within the firm's research structure.

# DRIEHAUS SMALL CAP STRATEGY OVERVIEW

## What to expect

- Market Capitalisations < \$7bn at time of purchase
- Companies undergoing positive change
- Focus on rate of change of earnings
- Diversification via different growth profiles
- Unconstrained, benchmark aware portfolio
- Active trading

### Investment Philosophy

The strategy exploits equity market inefficiencies that materialise following inflection points, combining fundamental, behavioral and industry analysis

### Investment Objective

The strategy aims to outperform, net of fees, the Russell 2000® Growth Index over a full market cycle

### Investment Style

Bottom up growth equity investment approach

### Portfolio Managers

Lead Portfolio Manager has managed the strategy since 01.01.2006

- Jeff James: Lead Portfolio Manager – 35 years of industry experience
- Michael Buck: Portfolio Manager – 25 years of industry experience
- Prakash Vijayan: Assistant Portfolio Manager – 20 years of industry experience

### Benchmark

Russell 2000® Growth Index

### AUM

- Composite AUM<sup>1</sup>: \$4,910m\*
- Total Strategy Assets<sup>2</sup>: \$4,910m\*

### Concentration Constraints

Single security < 10% of NAV as per prospectus (expected < 3%)

### Diversification

Active conviction based portfolio, generally fully invested with 80-120 stocks  
Position weights generally between 0.5% and 3.0%

<sup>1</sup> Composite assets include those accounts that meet the composite objectives and eligibility requirements. See pages 46-47 for composite information.

<sup>2</sup> Total strategy assets include all assets managed in the strategy style.

\*As of 31/12/2024

# **DRIEHAUS SMALL CAP GROWTH STRATEGY - PHILOSOPHY & PROCESS**



## I Driehaus Believes



### **Stock prices are driven by earnings growth and earnings revisions over the long-term**

- Companies with strong business models, growth potential and quality management teams tend to generate strong long-term shareholder returns

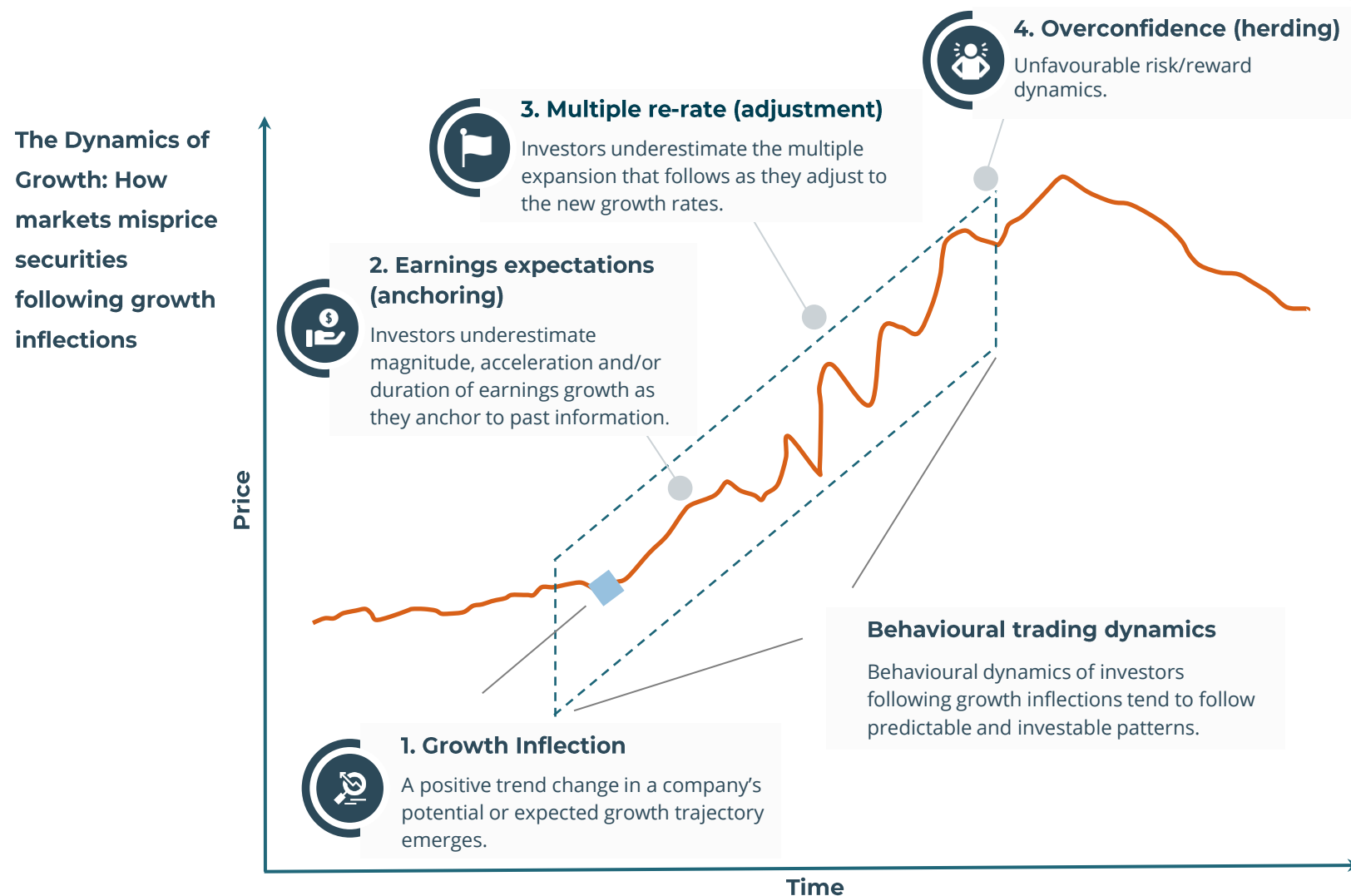


### **Markets tend to misprice companies undergoing positive growth inflections**

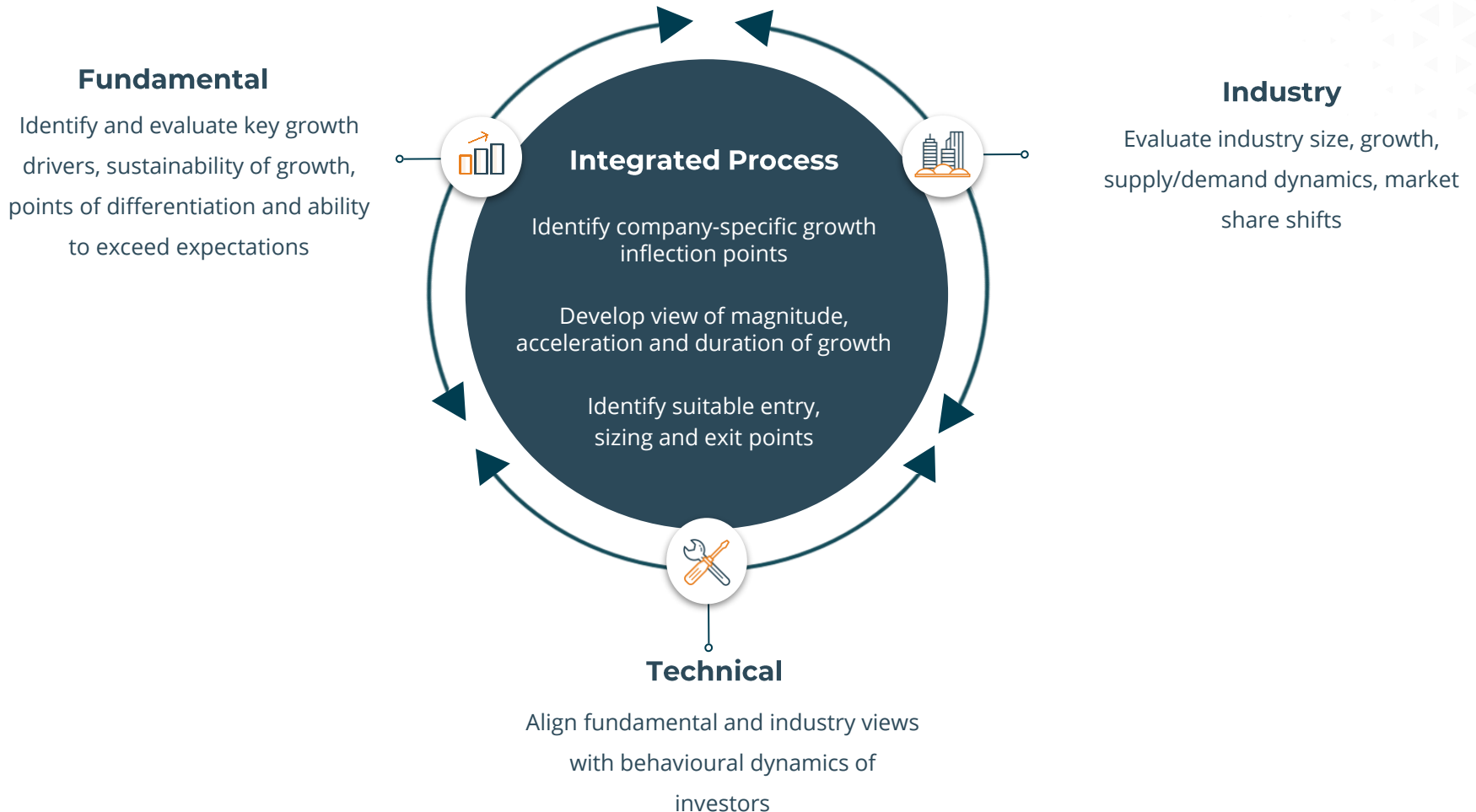
- These inefficiencies exist and persist due to investors' cognitive biases
- These inefficiencies follow predictable and investible patterns
- Driehaus capitalise on these inefficiencies by combining behavioural, macro and fundamental analysis.
- Driehaus believe many parts of the global investment universe are informationally efficient, but behaviourally inefficient.

# INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY

- Philosophy capitalises on a persistent market inefficiency. Inefficiencies typically follow predictable and investable patterns.

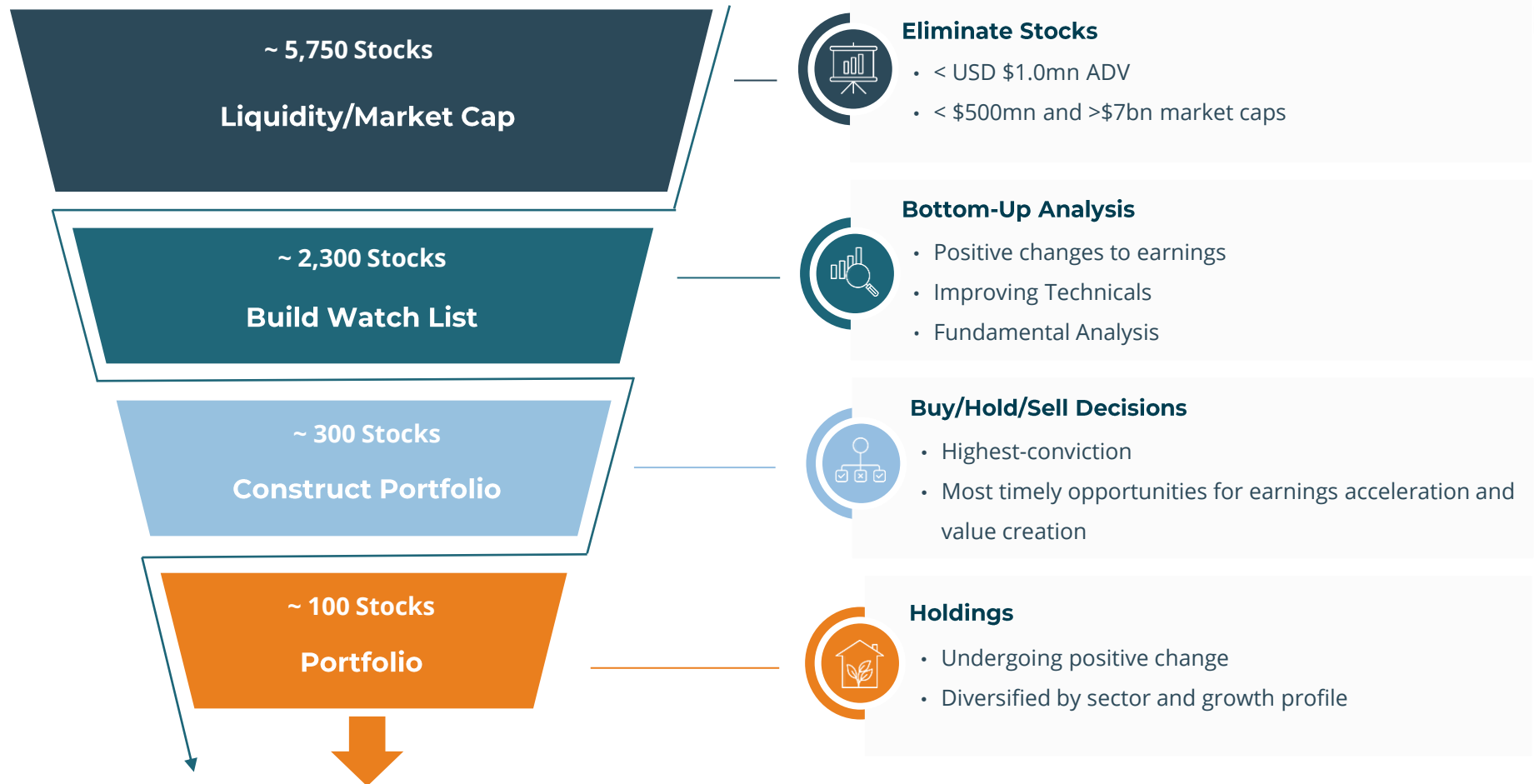


**The integration of fundamental and macro research to capitalize on the behavioural dynamics of the markets provides us a definable and repeatable edge.**



# INVESTMENT PROCESS OVERVIEW

| A structured, repeatable process, that leads to a portfolio of mispriced securities.



# BUY AND SELL DISCIPLINE

**Turnover is a by-product of new idea generation and risk management.  
Driehaus avoid complacency through an unbiased sell discipline.**



## **Buy/Hold Rationale**

- High conviction that future earnings will exceed expectations
- Valuations are attractive relative to peers and stock's history
- Attractive asymmetric return potential exists (security still likely mispriced)
- Technicals confirm fundamental investment thesis



## **Sell Reasons**

- Changes to the fundamental investment thesis
- Valuation and risk/reward less favourable
- Industry or sector weakness
- Make room for higher conviction and more timely investments
- Relative strength deterioration

# FUNDAMENTAL ANALYSIS

**I Driehaus develops company-specific investment theses with a defined research focus for specific growth profiles.**



## Dynamic Growth

*Typical Range: 25-40%*

- Disruptive business models and/or technologies
- Differentiated product or service
- Supportive secular trends
- Underpenetrated or open-ended market



## Cyclical Growth

*Typical Range: 15-40%*

- Growth prospects linked to economic or industry cycles
- Inflections tied to shifts in macro or industry conditions
- Earnings profiles may be more volatile/shorter term in nature



## Recovery Growth

*Typical Range: 10-20%*

- Early stages of fundamental turnaround
- Relative value opportunities deemed to be attractive in relation to growth potential
- Stock typically well below historical highs



## Consistent Growth

*Typical Range: 25-40%*

- Durable organic growth rates based on strong market position and sustainable competitive advantage
- Attractive, defensible margins
- Superior management quality
- Highly predictable business model

# DRIEHAUS FRAMEWORK FOR EVALUATING BIOTECH COMPANIES

Checking many of these boxes meaningfully improves probability of success.  
This framework is fully aligned with Driehaus' core investment philosophy



## IP

Strong, long-duration  
intellectual property



## Biology

Robust biologic  
rationale



## Preclinical

Rigorous preclinical testing for safety  
Rigorous preclinical testing for efficacy



## Clinical

Well-characterised dosing scheme  
Strong precedent, with well-designed  
clinical trials



## Regulatory

Precedented, expedited  
path to market



## Competition

Limited competition



## Market

Identified, symptomatic patient  
population  
Accessible market  
Commercial rights in key markets



## Timeline

Good catalyst flow  
Well-capitalised to create value



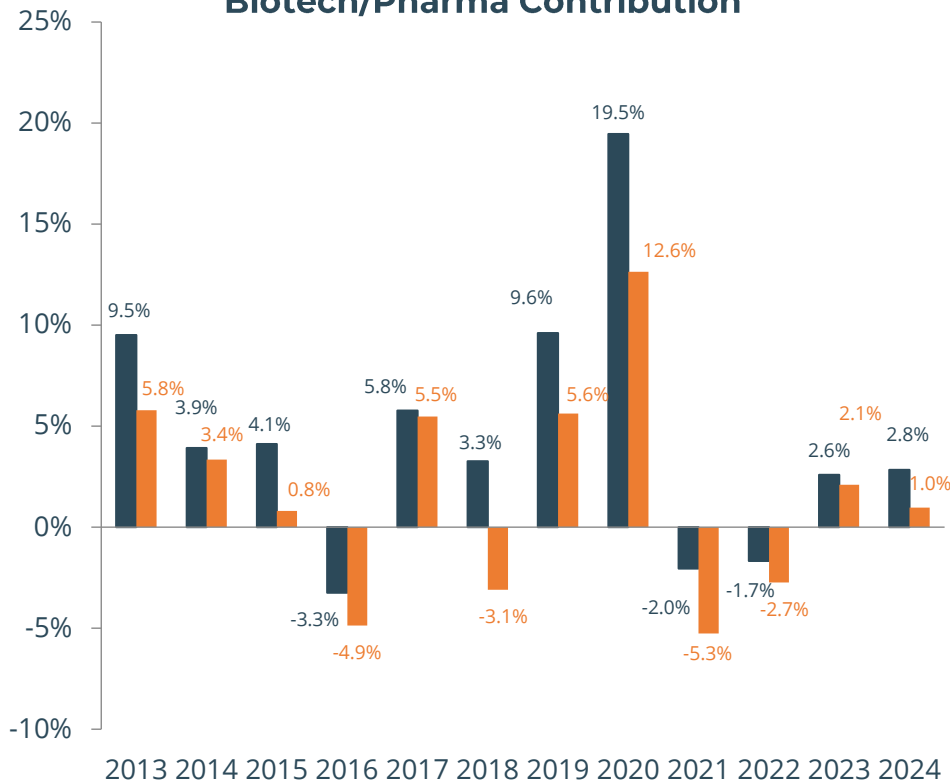
## Management

Excellent management with a strong  
track record

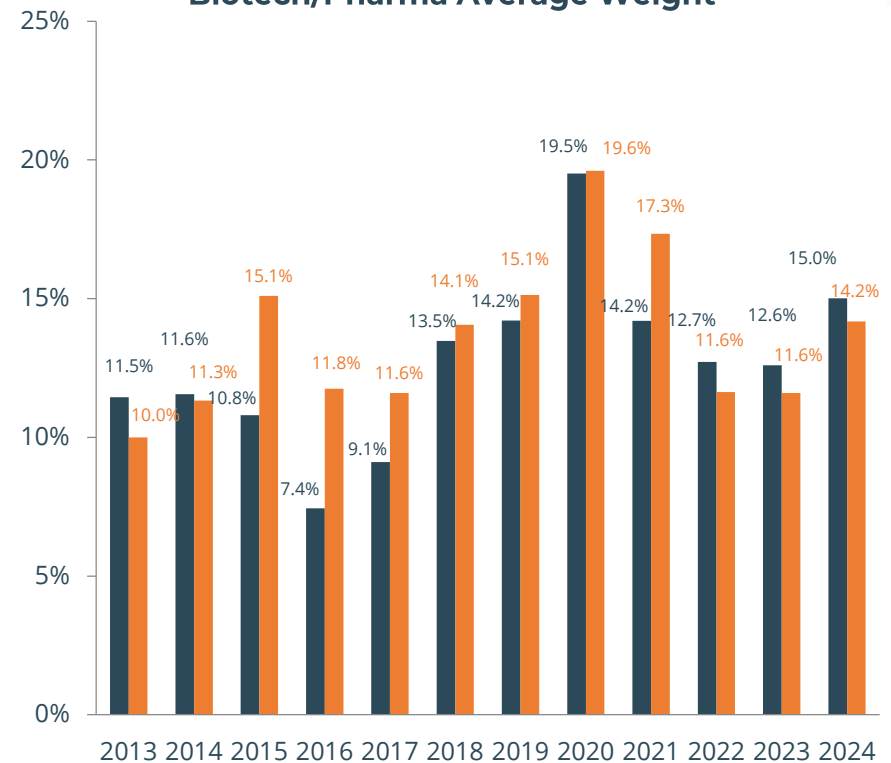
**Consistent long track record of generating alpha in these industries.  
Outperformance driven by bottom-up security selection**

■ Driehaus Small Cap Growth Strategy  
■ Russell 2000® Growth Index

## Biotech/Pharma Contribution



## Biotech/Pharma Average Weight



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Source: Driehaus Capital Management, Factset Research Systems, Inc.

# PORTFOLIO CONSTRUCTION

## A bottom-up, conviction driven process allows Driehaus to understand the risks they are taking

- Position sizing is based on conviction
- Broad portfolio guidelines (see below) provide sensible diversification parameters
- Understand individual and aggregate risk factor exposure

Characteristic	Parameter	Rationale
Cash	Fully invested	Market timing conflicts with investment objective
Position size	Maximum ~ 3.0%	Express conviction while minimising concentration risks
Number of holdings	~ 100	Sufficiently robust universe
Sector	Maximum 20% overweight	Manage sector concentration risks
Market capitalisation	< \$7 billion at time of investment	Allows winners to run
Off benchmark holdings/ ADRs	No limit / $\leq 10\%$	Optimises universe
Growth Profiles	Maintain exposure to Dynamic/Cyclical/Recovery Consistent/ Biotech	Enhances end market and risk factor diversification without sacrificing conviction
Volatility	No tracking error restrictions	Avoid closet indexing
Key Risk Management Considerations	Decompose expected tracking error Understand exposures/sensitivities Technical overlay	Understand systematic risks and accentuate idiosyncratic exposures Minimise negative surprises Minimise biases

# RISK MANAGEMENT

## Comprehensive and robust risk management.....



### Understand Exposures

#### Monitor exposures:

- Sector / Industry / Security
- Style factors such as
  - Momentum
  - Volatility
  - Valuation
- Analyse exposures on a relative, absolute and beta-adjusted basis
- Ensure appropriate portfolio diversification



### Understand Sensitivities

#### Monitor sensitivities:

- Intra-portfolio correlations
- Country / Sector / Currency / Security
- Correlations, betas, volatilities

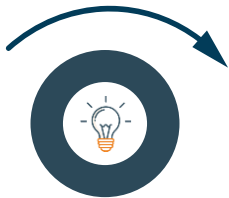
#### Conduct / Analyse:

- Scenario analysis
- Stress tests



**Ensure awareness  
of significant  
exposure to  
sensitives and  
make certain that  
Driehaus are  
consciously  
making them**

## Risk management is integrated into every step of the investment process



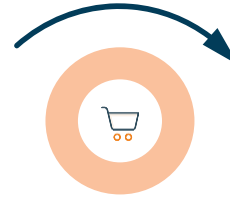
**Idea Generation**  
Ensure liquidity



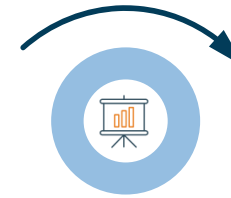
**Analysis**  
Validate investment  
theses



**Portfolio Construction**  
Optimise intended exposures



**Trading**  
Best execution



**Inv. Policy Committee**  
Multi-departmental  
oversight



**Compliance**  
Adherence to firm  
policies and obligations

**.....Understand risks, avoid surprises**

# DRIEHAUS SMALL CAP GROWTH STRATEGY

## | Key Alpha Generation Features



### **Growth Inflection Investing**

- Captures a persistent market inefficiency



### **~ 100 Positions**

- Optimises the investment style
- Fully captures the opportunity set
- Improves the strategy's risk profile



### **Trading**

- Captures the sweet spot of stocks' outperformance
- Ensures stocks benefit from a positive trend
- Component of strategy's risk management



### **Technical Integration**

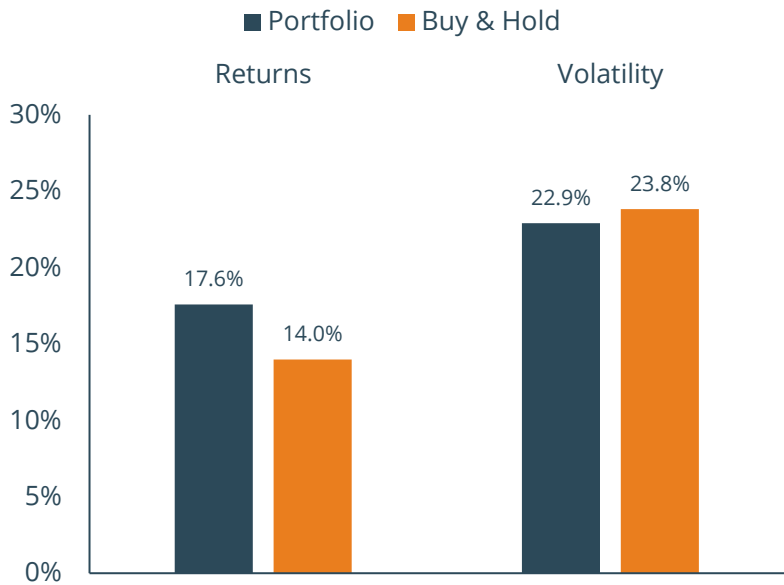
- Complements the team's deep fundamental research
- Enhances both the buy and sell discipline

Gross Performance and Volatility Analysis, Rolling 1-Year Periods

Representative Portfolio vs. "Buy & Hold" Portfolio<sup>1</sup>  
01/01/2006<sup>2</sup> – 31/12/2024

Representative Portfolio	
Relative Performance: Average	+3.59% pts
Relative Standard Deviation: Average	-0.94% pts
Total Rolling Periods	6,575
Positive Periods	4,397 (67% of periods)
Negative Periods	2,178 (33% of periods)

Returns and Volatility



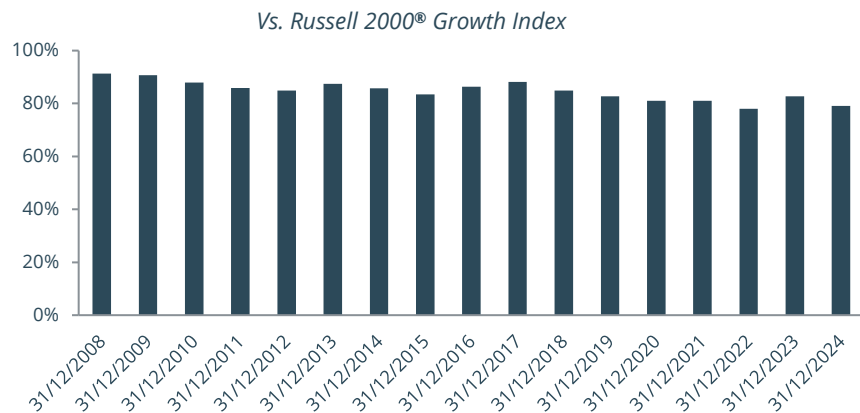
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The table above provides insight into the value added from the turnover within the Driehaus Small Cap Growth strategy. To quantify the benefit, the strategy's actual performance is compared to a hypothetical portfolio where no trading takes place, which is called the "Buy & Hold Portfolio." The table provides outcomes for 6,391 rolling one-year periods. For these calculations, the periods are rolled each day. This means that each day, the Buy & Hold Portfolio (the static, untraded portfolio) is reset and then performance for that one-year period is determined. The next day, the process is repeated. Each of these periods is then compared to the performance of the strategy for the same period. The difference between the actual strategy performance and the Buy & Hold Portfolio performance reflects the added value of trading.

Construction Methodology of Buy & Hold Periods

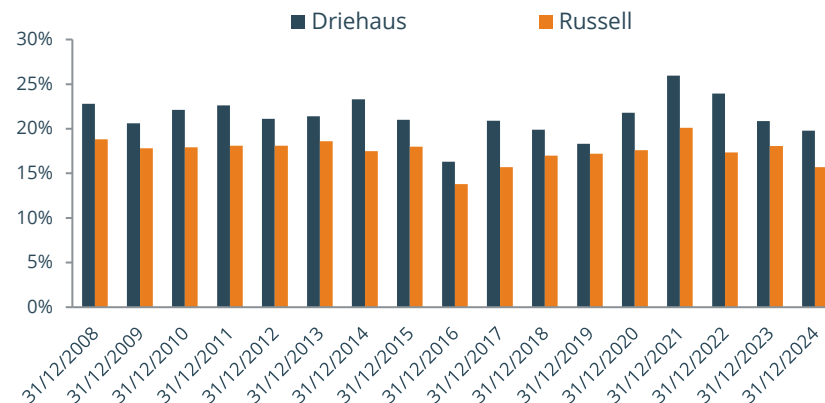
The Buy & Hold Portfolio, which is a static untraded hypothetical portfolio, represents one-year performance, rolled every day, from January 1, 2006 through the period ended December 30, 2024. (The first one-year period started January 1, 2006 and ended December 31, 2006. The next one-year period started January 2, 2006 and ended January 1, 2007, etc.) Performance is gross of fees and net of transaction costs. Performance is estimated and has not been reconciled for the referenced periods. The buy & hold portfolio is gross of fees and has no transaction costs as it has no transactions. <sup>1</sup>The representative portfolio performance and volatility figures are generated by Driehaus Capital Management and represent the performance and volatility of the representative portfolio for the Driehaus Small Cap Growth strategy over rolling 12-month periods. The "buy & hold" portfolio performance and volatility are generated by FactSet Research Systems LLC and represent the performance of a static (untraded) Driehaus Small Cap Growth representative portfolio over 12-month periods. <sup>2</sup> James was named sole lead portfolio manager on 1/1/06.

## Active Share



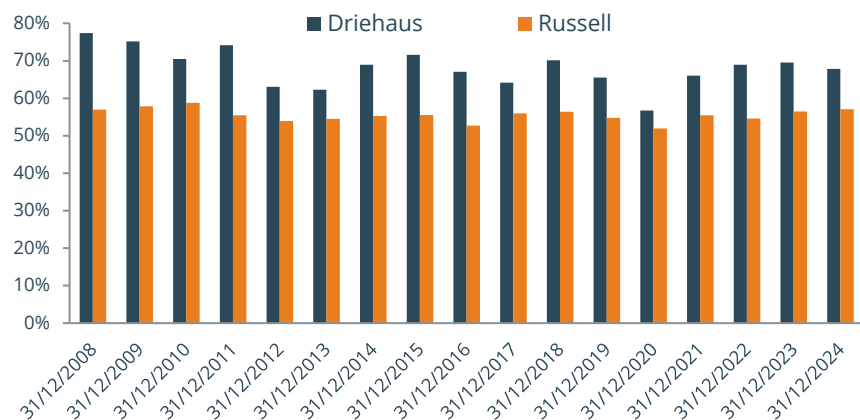
Source: Factset Research Systems, Inc.

## 3-5 Year Earnings-per-Share Growth Rates



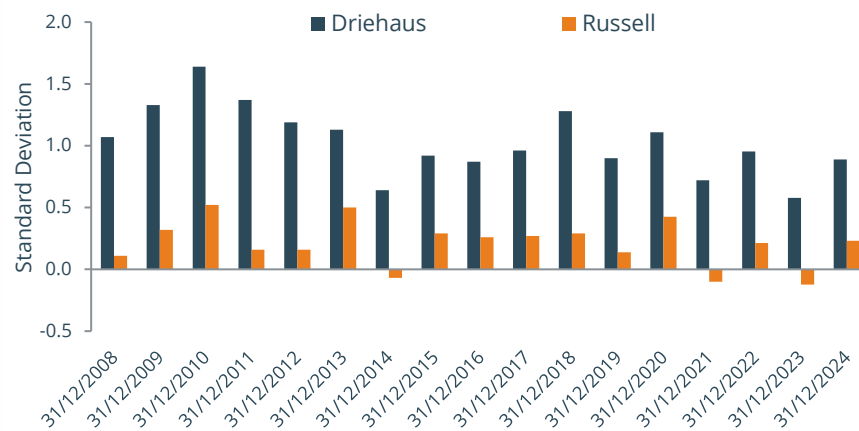
Source: Factset Research Systems, Inc.

## Earnings Revisions



Source: Factset Research Systems, Inc.

## Medium-Term Momentum



Source: Axioma, Inc.

Source: Driehaus Capital Management

Characteristics listed above are related to the Driehaus Small Cap Growth strategy. Russell represents the Russell 2000® Growth Index. Exposures are a by-product of the investment approach and subject to change based on the market environment.

# DRIEHAUS SMALL CAP GROWTH STRATEGY - PERFORMANCE & CHARACTERISTICS

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*Performance for the strategy is from January 2006, when Jeff James became Lead Portfolio Manager.*

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# PERFORMANCE OF DRIEHAUS SMALL CAP GROWTH STRATEGY

as of 31/12/2024

## Monthly Returns

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	Russell	Excess Return
2006	17.0%	-2.0%	6.4%	1.4%	-8.9%	0.0%	-7.8%	-1.7%	-4.2%	4.1%	9.7%	1.6%	13.6%	13.3%	0.3%
2007	4.5%	-1.3%	0.1%	4.8%	4.4%	4.4%	0.1%	1.4%	9.9%	11.1%	-6.3%	3.1%	41.1%	7.0%	34.1%
2008	-13.1%	-1.5%	-2.3%	5.5%	6.6%	-1.8%	-6.3%	-4.2%	-12.3%	-21.4%	-10.7%	4.3%	-46.9%	-38.5%	-8.4%
2009	-8.8%	-10.6%	4.9%	9.2%	4.7%	1.4%	7.7%	0.1%	7.5%	-8.2%	8.0%	9.7%	24.9%	34.5%	-9.6%
2010	-5.3%	6.1%	9.5%	3.6%	-5.5%	-8.6%	7.5%	-7.2%	11.2%	2.5%	6.9%	5.8%	26.6%	29.1%	-2.5%
2011	0.2%	8.6%	5.1%	4.5%	-3.6%	-1.2%	-2.6%	-7.4%	-10.8%	10.6%	-1.0%	-1.6%	-1.3%	-2.9%	1.6%
2012	3.4%	4.4%	2.6%	1.1%	-8.6%	2.7%	-0.6%	5.7%	2.2%	-4.4%	0.2%	1.8%	10.2%	14.6%	-4.4%
2013	6.8%	0.9%	6.8%	-0.6%	6.8%	1.9%	11.2%	-0.5%	8.6%	0.7%	0.2%	5.0%	58.3%	43.3%	15.0%
2014	1.0%	5.7%	-5.4%	-7.8%	-2.6%	9.2%	-7.9%	6.5%	-2.8%	5.6%	3.1%	1.1%	3.9%	5.6%	-1.7%
2015	-1.0%	7.2%	1.7%	-3.6%	6.8%	3.1%	1.9%	-8.1%	-5.8%	2.8%	2.3%	-4.5%	1.5%	-1.4%	2.9%
2016	-10.5%	-4.3%	7.8%	0.4%	2.6%	3.6%	9.4%	1.6%	3.5%	-8.1%	6.9%	0.2%	11.6%	11.3%	0.3%
2017	2.5%	2.5%	1.5%	2.3%	1.7%	3.4%	0.6%	0.7%	4.9%	3.3%	3.5%	0.9%	31.4%	22.2%	9.2%
2018	3.4%	0.3%	2.4%	-0.1%	10.9%	2.8%	-0.4%	12.8%	-0.5%	-14.3%	0.1%	-10.9%	3.3%	-9.3%	12.6%
2019	12.5%	9.6%	0.3%	2.6%	-2.6%	8.8%	3.6%	-3.6%	-8.3%	4.9%	3.8%	3.3%	38.4%	28.5%	9.9%
2020	0.0%	-5.3%	-20.8%	17.0%	15.5%	6.2%	6.1%	6.8%	0.5%	1.7%	16.6%	10.1%	60.1%	34.6%	25.5%
2021	6.3%	6.2%	-3.8%	3.2%	-2.5%	4.5%	-1.7%	3.5%	-1.2%	8.6%	-2.9%	-0.4%	20.7%	2.8%	17.9%
2022	-19.7%	1.1%	-1.2%	-12.0%	-2.8%	-8.2%	9.6%	1.4%	-7.5%	9.1%	-0.1%	-7.9%	-35.0%	-26.4%	-8.6%
2023	6.1%	0.2%	-1.9%	-0.3%	1.0%	8.4%	3.9%	-1.7%	-6.4%	-8.4%	8.3%	9.8%	18.5%	18.7%	-0.2%
2024	3.8%	11.7%	2.8%	-6.6%	6.0%	1.1%	0.5%	1.6%	3.4%	-1.0%	11.8%	-9.6%	26.0%	15.2%	10.8%

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Sources: DrieHaus Capital Management, FactSet.

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## Portfolio Statistics

	Driehaus	Russell
Annualised Return	12.65%	8.54%
Annualised Volatility	22.59%	20.86%
Sharpe Ratio	0.49	0.33
Beta	1.00	1.00
R-squared	0.85	1.00
Upside Capture	145.27	1.00
Downside Capture	99.59	1.00
Tracking error	8.78	N/A

## Portfolio Characteristics

	Driehaus	Russell
Number of holdings	111	1117
Weighted Avg. Market Cap (M)	\$8,458	\$4,363
Median Market Cap (M)	\$5,552	\$1,178
Active Share	79.68	-

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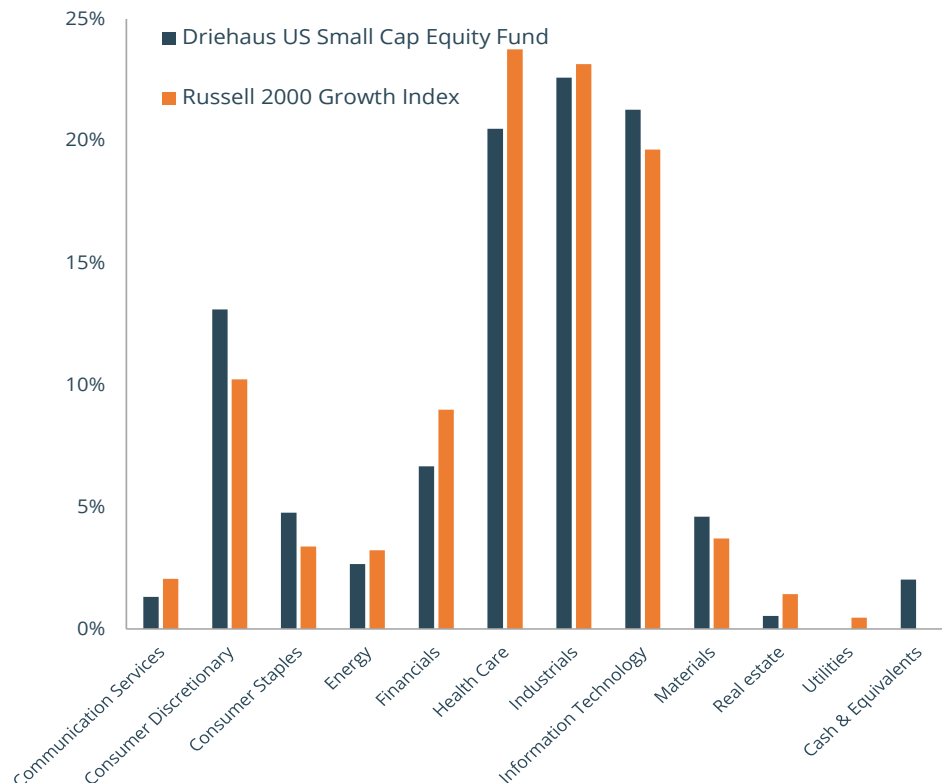
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# CHARACTERISTICS OF DRIEHAUS US SMALL CAP EQUITY FUND

as of 30/11/2024

## Portfolio Sector Weights



## Top Ten Holdings

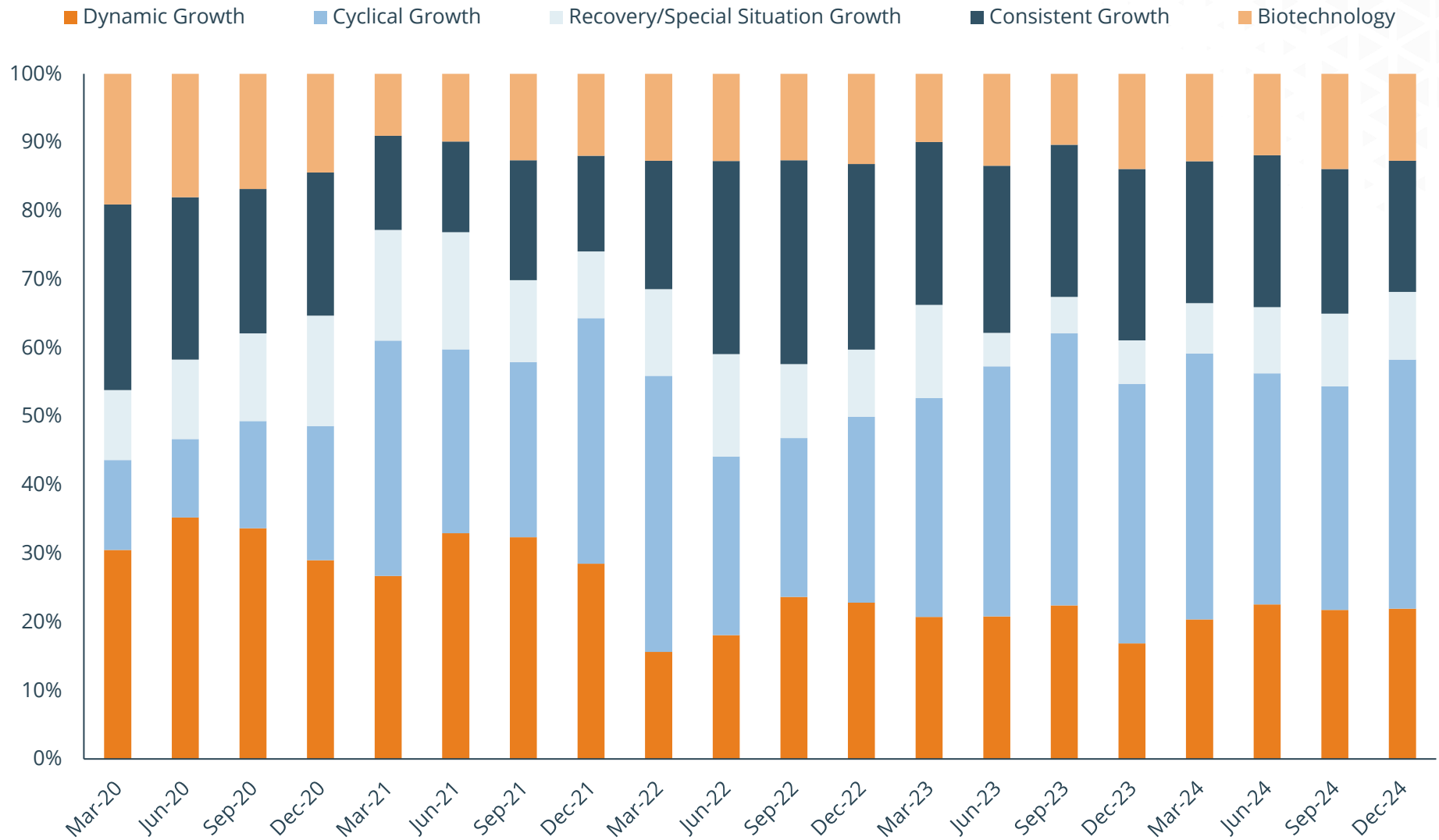
	% Holding
Flowserve Corporation	2.8%
Crinetics Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	2.5%
FTAI Aviation Ltd.	2.4%
Carpenter Technology Corporation	2.1%
Core Scientific, Inc.	1.9%
Sprouts Farmers Market, Inc.	1.9%
Modine Manufacturing Company	1.9%
Tetra Tech, Inc.	1.8%
Coherent Corp.	1.8%
Astera Labs, Inc.	1.7%
<b>Total of Top 10 Holdings</b>	<b>20.8%</b>

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Source: Morningstar, FactSet.

Data is for the Driehaus US Small Cap Equity Fund (Irish UCITS Fund) as of 30/11/2024 due to a 1-month lag on the full holdings.

# GROWTH PROFILE WEIGHTINGS



Source: Factset Research Systems, Inc as of 31/12/2024  
 Characteristics listed above are related to the Driehaus Small Cap Growth strategy.

# STOCK DISCUSSION



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### I Top Contributor



**Astera Labs, Inc. (ticker: ALAB)** designs semiconductors used in high-speed connectivity applications in data centers, such as PCIe retimers, switches. ALAB was a top contributor as the company reported strong 3Q24 results with revenues 16% higher and guided 4Q24 revenues 15% higher than expected. Strength was driven by strong retimer product sales to multiple hyperscalers with company expecting new Switch product sales to start in 4Q24 and to accelerate revenues through 2025.

### I 2<sup>nd</sup> Largest Contributor



**Axon Enterprise Inc (ticker: AXON)** develops advanced electronic control devices for law enforcement, military, and corrections/consumer markets. In August, AXON reported 2Q24 revenue and earnings per share that exceeded consensus expectations by 5% and 17%. The company also raised its guidance for 2024 due to the strong 2Q24 results and the potential for new products to expand its total addressable market. As a result, AXON's stock performed strongly and was a top contributor during the quarter.

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### I Top Detractor



**TransMedics Group, Inc (TMDX)** was a top detractor for the fourth quarter of 2024. The company sells equipment and services that enable more, and higher-quality transplants for patients that need them. During the fourth quarter the company released their fiscal third quarter earnings and in that release the company missed consensus expectation on revenue for the first time since we bought the stock. The market had been accustomed to large revenue (and earnings) beats, and the miss relative to expectations was poorly received by the market. Shares of TMDX traded down 38% the day of the release.

### I 2<sup>nd</sup> Largest Detractor



**Vaxcyte, Inc. (PCVX)** was a top detractor for the fourth quarter of 2024. The company is a clinical stage biopharmaceutical company that is developing highly differentiated vaccines for infectious disease. During the fourth quarter, President-elect Trump announced the nomination of Robert F. Kennedy Jr. to lead the US Department of Health and Human Services and given Kennedy's negative opinion of vaccines the market perceived increased risk to Vaxcyte's future, potential dominance of the markets for which they had shown best-in-category data. Shares of PCVX traded down 28% during the fourth quarter of 2024.

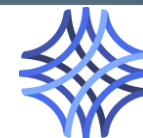
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### I Largest New Purchase<sup>1</sup>



**Astera Labs, Inc. (ticker: ALAB)** designs semiconductors used in high-speed connectivity applications in data centers, such as PCIe retimers and switches. In 4Q24, the company reported strong 3Q24 results with revenues 16% higher and guided 4Q24 revenues 15% higher than expectations. Strength was driven by strong retimer product sales to multiple hyperscalers with company expecting new Switch product sales starting in 4Q24 and expected revenues to increase through 2025. We initiated a position in the strategy as ALAB is experiencing product cycle driven growth with both retimer and switch product seeing increased sales to drive upside to 2025 consensus revenues and earnings estimates.

### I Largest Full Sale<sup>2</sup>



**Baldwin Insurance Group, Inc (ticker BWIN)** is an independent insurance distribution firm. BWIN was a top sell after concerns arose regarding funding capacity for a homeowners insurance program that had been a meaningful driver of organic growth. Moderating tailwinds from rate and exposure also pressured the outlook for organic revenue growth.

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Source: Driehaus Capital Management LLC

<sup>1</sup>Defined as the Fund's largest position as of the end of the quarter that was not held at the start of the quarter

<sup>2</sup>Defined as the Fund's largest position at the start of the quarter that was not held at the end of the quarter

# **DRIEHAUS SMALL CAP GROWTH INVESTMENT TEAM BIOGRAPHIES**



# DRIEHAUS SMALL CAP GROWTH TEAM

The below employees at Driehaus are responsible for the portfolio management (including idea generation, portfolio construction, security selection, investment research and risk management) of the Driehaus U.S Small Cap Equity UCITS Fund.



**Jeff James**  
Lead Portfolio  
Manager

Jeffrey James is the lead portfolio manager for the Micro Cap Growth, Small Cap Growth and Small/Mid Cap Growth strategies. In his role as portfolio manager, he has final responsibility for the strategies' portfolio construction, risk management and buy/sell decisions. Additionally, he is responsible for implementation of the investment philosophy, idea generation as well as the evaluation of macro-level trends and the market environment. Mr. James began his career with Lehman Brothers in 1990. From 1991 to 1997, he worked at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago as an analyst and joined Driehaus Capital Management in 1997 as a sector analyst covering the information technology and energy sectors for the firm's Small Cap Growth and Mid Cap Growth strategies. In 1998, he began managing the Driehaus Micro Cap Growth strategy. From 2001 to 2005, he also served as portfolio manager for the firm's long/short hedge fund. He was named portfolio manager of the Driehaus Small Cap Growth strategy in 2006 and the portfolio manager of the Driehaus Small/Mid Cap Growth strategy in 2012. Mr. James received his B.S. in finance from Indiana University in 1990 and his M.B.A. from DePaul University in 1995.

Michael Buck is a portfolio manager and a senior analyst on the US Growth Equities Team with a focus on the consumer discretionary, consumer staples and financials sectors. His in-depth fundamental research, idea generation and buy/sell recommendations are leveraged across the Micro Cap Growth, Small Cap Growth and Small/Mid Cap Growth strategies. As portfolio manager for these three strategies, he is also responsible for providing depth of leadership to the team. Mr. Buck began his career at Deloitte Consulting, LLC as a business analyst until he joined Driehaus Capital Management in 2002. He received his B.A. and B.M. in economics and cello performance from Northwestern University in 2000.

**Michael Buck**  
Portfolio Manager  
– Senior Analyst



**Prakash Vijayan,**  
**CFA**  
Assistant Portfolio  
Manager – Senior  
Analyst

Prakash Vijayan is an assistant portfolio manager and senior analyst on the US Growth Equities Team with a focus on the information technology and communication services sectors. His in-depth fundamental research, idea generation and buy/sell recommendations are leveraged across the Micro Cap Growth, Small Cap Growth and Small/Mid Cap Growth strategies. Mr. Vijayan began his career as an equity research analyst for Beekman Capital Management in 2005 covering the technology, media and telecommunications sectors prior to joining Driehaus Capital Management in 2010. He received his Bachelors of Technology degree in mechanical engineering from Indian Institute of Technology in 2003 and a Masters of Science in mechanical engineering from Arizona State University in 2005. Mr. Vijayan is a CFA charterholder.

# DRIEHAUS SMALL CAP GROWTH TEAM

Michael is a senior analyst and a portfolio manager on the US Growth Equities Team with a focus on the health care sector. His in-depth fundamental research, idea generation and buy/sell recommendations are leveraged across all four of the strategies managed by the Driehaus US Growth Equities Team. Additionally, specific to the Driehaus Life Sciences and Driehaus Event Driven strategies, Mr. Caldwell acts as a portfolio manager and is also responsible for security selection, portfolio construction and risk management. Mr. Caldwell has been investing in healthcare equities for more than a decade and has analysed, followed, and interacted with management of most small cap healthcare companies in the Russell 3000. Prior to joining Driehaus in 2007, Mr. Caldwell worked as a graduate research associate for the Department of Biomedical Engineering at Yale University. Mr. Caldwell received his B.S. in biomedical engineering from Yale University.

**Michael Caldwell**  
Senior Analyst



**Alex Munns**  
Senior Analyst

Alex is a senior analyst and an assistant portfolio manager on the US Growth Equities Team with a focus on the health care sector. His in-depth fundamental research, idea generation and buy/sell recommendations are leveraged across all four of the strategies managed by the Driehaus US Growth Equities Team. Additionally, specific to the Driehaus Life Sciences strategy, Mr. Munns acts as an assistant portfolio manager and is also responsible for security selection, portfolio construction, and risk management. Before joining Driehaus in 2015, Mr. Munns worked in oncology commercialization and business development with Baxalta where he performed due diligence on assets across oncology and hematology. Prior to that, he worked in business development for Terumo Cardiovascular Systems, managing contracts between the company, its suppliers, and due diligence. Mr. Munns has also taught for Teach for America in Chicago. Mr. Munns received a B.A. from Yale University and an M.B.A. from the University of Michigan Ross School of Business.

Ben is a senior analyst on the US Growth Equities Team with a focus on the materials, energy, industrials and utilities sectors. His in-depth fundamental research, idea generation and buy/sell recommendations are leveraged across the Micro Cap Growth, Small Cap Growth and Small/Mid Cap Growth strategies. Mr. Olien began his career with the International Trade Group as a futures trader until he joined Driehaus in 2005. He received his B.B.A. in accounting and finance from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2003. Mr. Olien is a CFA charterholder.

**Ben Olien, CFA**  
Senior Analyst



**Ryan Lowery**  
Senior Analyst

Ryan Lowery is a senior analyst on the US Growth Equities Team with a focus on industrials. His in-depth fundamental research, idea generation and buy/sell recommendations are leveraged across the Driehaus Micro Cap Growth, Small Cap Growth and Small/Mid Cap Growth strategies managed by the Driehaus US Growth Equities Team. Prior to joining Driehaus as a research intern in 2013, Mr. Lowery played professional hockey in the AHL and ECHL. He received his B.A. in mathematical economics from Colorado College in 2011.

# DRIEHAUS SMALL CAP GROWTH TEAM

Manuel Rocha is an analyst on the US Growth Equities Team with a focus on the health care sector. His in-depth fundamental research, idea generation and buy/sell recommendations are leveraged across all four of the strategies managed by the Driehaus US Growth Equities Team. Mr. Rocha has been investing in life science companies since 2019. Prior to joining Driehaus, Mr. Rocha worked as a graduate research associate in the Committee on Development, Regeneration, and Stem Cell Biology at the University of Chicago. There, he was an associate with the Innovation Fund, where he performed due diligence on technology-based ventures coming out of the University. Mr. Rocha received a B.S. in biological sciences and an M.S. in global health from the University of Notre Dame. He received his Ph.D in development, regeneration, and stem cell biology from the University of Chicago.

**Manuel Rocha**  
Analyst



**Maximilian Heitner**  
Director of Research  
and Risk  
Management

Maximilian is responsible for developing and recommending risk strategies to achieve the firm's investment goals as well as assisting in the analysis of investment ideas which meet investment objectives and portfolio requirements. Mr. Heitner also works with portfolio managers and analysts to monitor and analyze risk exposure, discuss new investment ideas and review the fundamental developments of stocks, industries, and/or geographic segments to enhance investment decision-making across strategies. Mr. Heitner joined Driehaus in 2010. Prior to that, Mr. Heitner worked at PEAK6 Asset Management L.L.C. as a senior analyst covering large cap stocks. He also worked at Magnetar Investment Management as a quantitative analyst. Before that role, Mr. Heitner held positions at William Blair & Company LLC, Tucker Anthony, and Brokerage Consultants LLC. Mr. Heitner received a B.A. from Brandeis University and an M.B.A. in finance and marketing from Loyola University.

Michael is a risk analyst for the firm. He is responsible for facilitating the firm's overall risk infrastructure and functions, which includes new and existing risk platforms, various quantitative tools and processes, and other initiatives that achieve the firm's investment goals. Previously, Mr. So was the credit fund accounting manager, where he was responsible for reconciliation and ensuring accuracy in profit and loss, performance, and attribution reporting. Before joining Driehaus in 2015, he was the second vice president at Northern Trust Hedge Fund Services, supporting the largest client on the platform. Prior to Northern Trust's acquisition of Omnium, Mr. So supported a wide range of hedge fund clients at Omnium, the fund administration arm of Citadel. He has also served within the Advanced Strategies group at Mesirow Financial. Mr. So received a BS from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He is a certified public accountant.

**Michael So, CPA**  
Senior Risk Analyst



**Abigail Schlehuber**  
Environmental, Social and Governance  
Analyst

Abigail Schlehuber is an Environmental, Social, and Governance analyst on the Risk Management Team. Before joining Driehaus Capital Management in 2024, Ms. Schlehuber worked as a risk and advisory services experienced associate - ESG & sustainability for BDO USA, LLP. Prior to that she worked as an ESG consultant for Conserve ESG. Ms. Schlehuber received a B.A. in economics from University of Notre Dame.

# DRIEHAUS SMALL CAP GROWTH TEAM



**Jason Vedder**  
Director of Trading  
and Operations

Jason Vedder joined Driehaus Capital Management in 2000. He is responsible for directing the firm's domestic and international trading function, which includes supervising all traders. Additionally, he serves on the firm's business management committee. Mr. Vedder received his B.A. in economics from Albion College in 1992. From 1992 to 1998 he was a floor specialist and position trader on the Chicago Stock Exchange, as well as a market maker on the NASDAQ. During this time, he was also a member of the Equity Capital Formation Task Force for the US Department of the Treasury. From 1998 to 2000 he worked as a founding partner of Smart Bandwidth, LLC. During his tenure with Driehaus, Mr. Vedder has held positions of increasing responsibility prior to assuming his current role in 2010. He has participated as a panelist for a Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) roundtable on thinly traded securities. Additionally, he remains an active participant in global equity market structure issues, including guest speaking at industry conferences and meeting with appointed SEC commissioners and elected government officials. Mr. Vedder earned his M.B.A. from DePaul University in 2003. Mr. Vedder has passed all 3 levels of the Chartered Market Technician program (CMT).

Troy Frederick joined Driehaus Capital Management in 2000. He is responsible for executing domestic trades and providing ongoing information to portfolio managers regarding market sentiment, trading environment, volatility and trends. In addition, he also acts as a back-up for trading international markets and foreign exchange markets. Mr. Frederick received his B.S. from DePaul University in 1997. He began his career with Ritchie Capital Markets as a trade clerk on the Chicago Board of Trade. From there, he worked for Bank One's foreign exchange markets as a trader assistant.

**Troy Frederick**  
Senior Trader



**Samuel Borrelli**  
Senior Trader

Samuel Borrelli, CMT is a senior trader for Driehaus Capital Management. He is responsible for executing trades and providing ongoing information to portfolio managers regarding market sentiment, trading environment, volatility and trends. Mr. Borrelli joined the firm in 2011. Prior to joining Driehaus Capital Management, Mr. Borrelli was an assistant trader/portfolio manager at Miro Financial and a trader at Sharmac Capital Management. He began his career with Magnetar Capital as an operations specialist. Mr. Borrelli received his B.A. in Economics from Wabash College in 2007. Mr. Borrelli holds the Chartered Market Technician designation.

Felicity Huang is an associate analyst on the US Growth Equities Team. Ms. Huang's in-depth fundamental research, idea generation and buy/sell recommendations are leveraged across the Driehaus Micro Cap Growth, Small Cap Growth and Small/Mid Cap Growth strategies managed by the Driehaus US Growth Equities Team. Prior to joining Driehaus Capital Management in 2024, Ms. Huang was a venture capital intern. She received her B.S. in journalism, with a minor in data science, from Northwestern University in 2024.

**Felicity Huang**  
Associate Analyst



# FUND PARTICULARS



# DRIEHAUS US SMALL CAP EQUITY FUND PARTICULARS

## Legal Structure

An open-ended umbrella type investment vehicle authorised pursuant to the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2011, as amended.

## Share Classes

A (Retail) / B (Retail) / C (Seed - closed) / I (Institutional) / S (Institutional)

## ISIN / Bloomberg Ticker

A IE00BH3Z9P87  
B IE00BH3ZB850  
C IE00BH3ZBB87 (closed)  
I IE00BH3ZGX52  
S IE00BH3ZJB48

## Exchange Listed

None

## Registered for Retail Sale

Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland

## Registered for Accredited Investors

Singapore (CISNET restricted scheme)

## Minimum Investment

A = \$15,000 / B = \$15,000 / C = \$1,000,000 (closed) / I = \$2,000,000 / S = \$20,000,000

## Management Fee

A = 1.50% / B = 1.95% / C = 0.90% (closed) / I = 1.15% / S = 1.00%

## Subscriptions

Daily - T+2 Settlement

## Redemptions

Daily - T+3 Settlement

## Lock-up Provision

None

## Leverage

None

## Sub-Investment Manager

DrieHaus Capital Management LLC

## Management Company

Carne Management Company Ireland

## Depository

Brown Brothers Harriman Trustee Services (Ireland) Limited

## Administrator

Brown Brothers Harriman Fund Administration Services (Ireland) Limited

## Lawyers

Simmons & Simmons LLP, Dublin

## Auditor

Grant Thornton LLP

Please refer to important information on page 2.

# NOTES & DISCLAIMERS



## Composite Total Return %

	Annualised							
	MTH	QTD	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	10 Yrs	Since Inception (01/01/2006)*
DrieHaus Small Cap Growth (gross)	-9.56%	0.52%	28.16%	28.16%	0.54%	15.36%	16.53%	13.97%
Russell 2000® Growth Index <sup>1</sup>	-8.19%	1.70%	15.15%	15.15%	0.21%	6.86%	8.09%	8.54%

## Annualised Calendar Quarter-end Performance %

	2006*	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
DrieHaus Small Cap Growth (gross)	14.43%	42.20%	-46.21%	25.93%	27.46%	-0.46%	11.09%	59.68%	4.84%	2.44%	12.64%	32.62%	4.10%	41.83%	64.18%	22.44%	-33.93%	20.04%	28.16%
Russell 2000® Growth Index <sup>1</sup>	13.35%	7.05%	-38.54%	34.47%	29.09%	-2.91%	14.59%	43.30%	5.60%	-1.38%	11.32%	22.17%	-9.31%	28.48%	34.63%	2.83%	-26.36%	18.66%	15.15%

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Source: DrieHaus Capital Management

\*Date Jeff James was named Portfolio Manager for the Strategy on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2006.

The performance data represents the strategy's composite of small cap growth accounts managed by DrieHaus Capital Management LLC (DCM) (the composite). These returns are estimated for the period as all underlying accounts have not yet been reconciled. Gross performance results do not reflect the deduction of investment advisory fees, are net of brokerage commissions charged to the accounts and include reinvested dividends and other earnings. Performance results will be reduced by the fees incurred in the management of the account. For example, assuming an annual gross return of 10% and annual advisory fee of 0.75%, the net annualized total return of the portfolio would be 9.21% over a 5-year period. Investment advisory fees are described in DCM's Form ADV Part 2A. 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 performance results for the composite are shown in comparison to an index. The index is not actively managed and does not reflect the deduction of any advisory or other fees and expenses. While the securities comprising the index are not identical to those in the composite, DCM believes this comparison may be useful in evaluating performance. Please see the notes section for other important information.

<sup>1</sup>The Russell 2000® Index measures the performance of the 2,000 smallest companies in the Russell 3000® Index.

	Annualised					
	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	10 Yrs	Since Inception (01/01/2006)*
Driehaus Small Cap Growth (Net) %	27.45%	27.45%	-0.03%	14.62%	15.67%	13.07%
Russell 2000® Growth Index <sup>1</sup> %	15.15%	15.15%	0.21%	6.86%	8.09%	8.54%

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## NOTES TO PRESENTATION

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## COMPOSITE OBJECTIVES AND ACCOUNTS ELIGIBLE FOR THE SMALL CAP GROWTH COMPOSITE

The Small Cap Growth Composite (the Composite) presented includes all unleveraged "small cap growth accounts" over which the Company exercises discretionary investment authority of both cash and equities using the same investment objective and philosophy. The Company changed the name of the Composite from Small Cap Composite to Small Cap Growth Composite in 2008 to more appropriately reflect the investment strategy of the Composite. The Composite was created in January 1993. An account is considered to be a small cap growth account if it primarily invests in U.S. equity securities of high growth companies within market capitalization ranges of generally followed small cap indices at the time of purchase. However, there is no requirement to be exclusively invested in small cap stocks, and the accounts have invested, to a lesser extent, in stocks with a smaller or larger capitalization from time to time. Once an account has met the above criteria and is fully invested, it is included in the Composite in the next full monthly reporting period. Accounts that change investment strategies are transferred between composites in the first full monthly reporting period in which the account is managed under the new style. Terminated accounts are excluded from the Composite in the first month in which they are not fully invested as of the end of the month.

## PERFORMANCE RESULTS

Asset-weighted, net of fee composite returns are presented. Monthly composite returns are calculated as the sum of the monthly returns of each account weighted by the account's beginning monthly value as compared to the Composite total. For periods prior to November 1, 2004, time-weighted account rates of return were calculated on a monthly basis and allowed for the effect of cash additions and withdrawals using the Modified-Dietz method. If a cash contribution or withdrawal exceeded 10% of an account's value, the account was revalued and the return was calculated for the interim period. Effective November 1, 2004, account rates of return are calculated on a monthly basis by geometrically linking daily returns. Monthly composite returns are geometrically linked to determine annual composite returns.

Net of fee returns reflect the payment of advisory fees and in some instances, other fees and expenses such as administrative and transfer fees and are net of brokerage commissions charged to the accounts. The annualized rate of return is presented as the level annual rate which, if earned for each year in a multiple-year period, would produce the actual cumulative rate of return over that period. For small cap growth accounts, valuations and returns are computed and stated in U.S. dollars. After March 1, 1990, securities transactions, which include brokerage commissions, are recorded on a trade date basis, and where information is available, income and expense items are recorded on an accrual basis and income and expense items are recorded on an accrual basis. Prior to 1990, settlement date valuation was used and interest and dividends were recorded on a cash basis. Returns are presented on a pretax basis. Leverage is not a part of the Company's investment strategy for this Composite. Past performance is not indicative of future results. All investments have risks and you could lose money. Other methods may produce different results and the results for individual accounts and for different periods may vary depending on market conditions and the composition of the account. Care should be used when comparing these results to those published by other investment advisers, other investment vehicles and unmanaged indices due to possible differences in calculation methods. Additional information regarding policies for valuing portfolios, calculating and preparing compliant composite presentations are available upon request. A complete listing and description of all composites is also available upon request. Please contact our sales, marketing and relationship management department at 312-932-8621.

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\*Date Jeff James was named Portfolio Manager for the Strategy.

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