

# Driehaus US Small Cap Equity Fund

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SFDR Classification: Article 8

## Portfolio Management



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## ESG Summary

The Fund uses a growth style of investment in equity securities, whereby the Sub-Investment Manager seeks out investments with good growth potential. Under normal market conditions, the Fund will invest at least 80% of its net assets in the equity securities, including common and preferred stocks, of U.S. small-capitalization ("small-cap") companies. The Sub-Investment Manager considers ESG factors to support the attractiveness of companies as long-term portfolio holdings for the Fund. The Sub-Investment Manager believes that the consideration of a broad array of factors, including ESG factors, is critical to generating risk-adjusted returns over time.

**The Fund integrates the below ESG strategies as an intrinsic part of the investment process.**



Exclusion Screening



ESG Integration



Company Engagement



PAI Consideration

## Exclusions

The Fund will seek to exclude companies that are directly involved in the following sectors as part of its investment research:

- Controversial Weapons production/distribution
- Weapons production/distribution (>10% revenue)
- Tobacco production (>5% revenue)
- Coal production and/or distribution (>30%)

The Fund will also seek to exclude companies with known serious violations of internationally recognised norms and standards such as, but not limited to, the UN Global Compact.

## MSCI ESG Rating

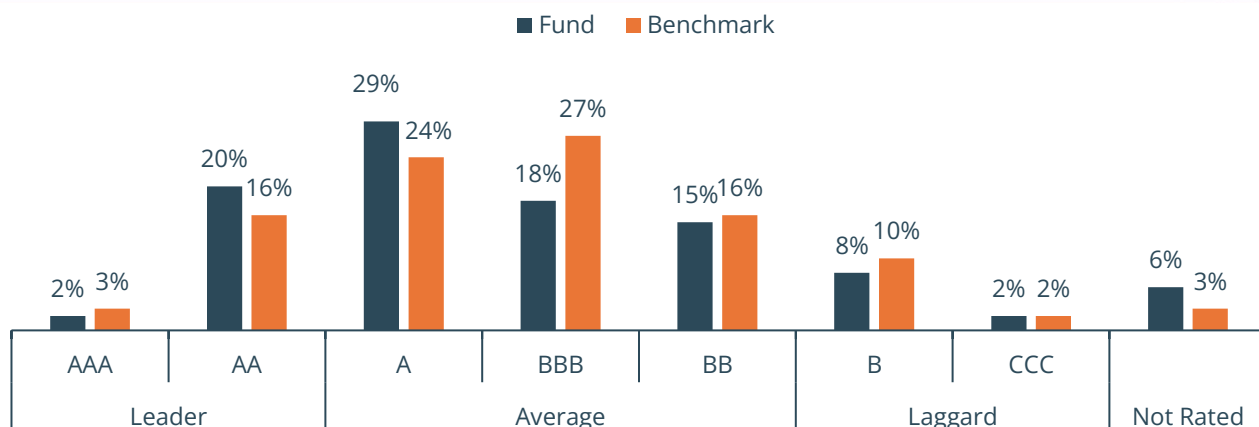
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Benchmark: Russell 2000 Growth

## ESG Rating Distribution

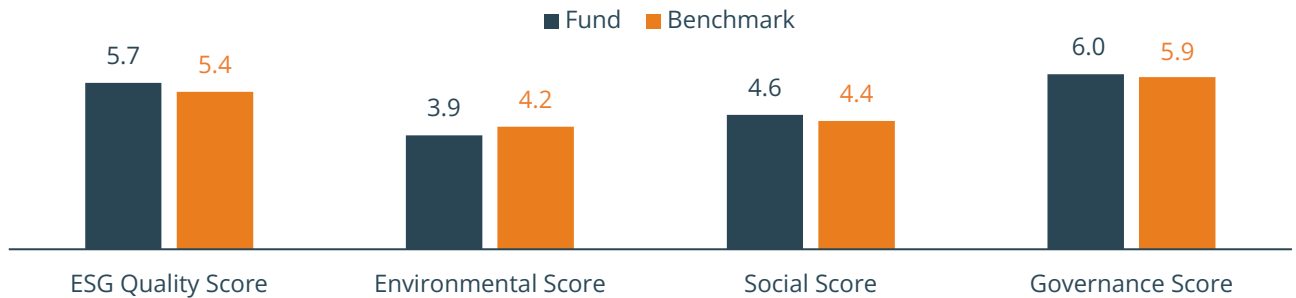


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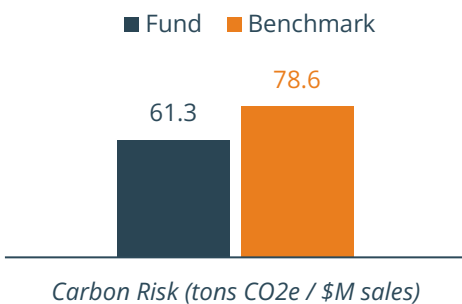
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Source: Heptagon Capital, MSCI ESG Research. ESG Ratings are on a scale of AAA to CCC. Data as of 31/12/2023.

## ESG Quality Scorecard



## Carbon Risk



## Carbon Footprint

	Carbon Emissions Scope 1+2 (tons CO <sub>2</sub> e / \$M invested)	Carbon Intensity Scope 1+2 (tons CO <sub>2</sub> e / \$M sales)
<b>Fund</b>	16.5	51.5
<b>Benchmark</b>	48.8	96.8

## Top 10 Holdings

Company Name	Portfolio Weight (%)	Overall Rating	ESG Rating Momentum	Reputational Risk	Overall ESG Score
Super Micro Computer, Inc.	2.9%	B	Stable	None	2.6
BellRing Brands, Inc.	2.3%	BB	Upward	Moderate	3.4
Axon Enterprise Inc	2.2%	AA	Stable	Moderate	8.2
Xenon Pharmaceuticals Inc.	2.1%	A	Stable	None	6.8
Onto Innovation, Inc.	2.1%	AA	Upward	None	7.2
Camtek Ltd	2.0%	--	--	--	--
Saia, Inc.	2.0%	A	Stable	None	6.9
Cameco Corporation	2.0%	AA	Stable	None	8.4
monday.com Ltd.	1.9%	A	N/A	None	6.7
Vaxcyte, Inc.	1.8%	A	Stable	None	7.1

## Market Value Coverage

	ESG Quality	Carbon Risk	Reputational Risk	Governance Risk
<b>Fund</b>	94%	96%	98%	94%
<b>Benchmark</b>	97%	98%	98%	97%

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Source: Heptagon Capital, MSCI ESG Research. Data as of 31/12/2023. MSCI Carbon Metrics include Scope 1+2 emissions and are based on a \$1,000,000,000 portfolio allocation. ESG Ratings and Carbon Analytics cover equities held in the portfolio only, excluding cash

## Methodology

**ESG Quality Score** measures the ability of underlying holdings to manage key medium to long-term risks and opportunities arising from environmental, social, and governance factors. It is based on MSCI ESG Ratings and is measured on a scale of 0 to 10 (worst to best). The distribution of scores is based on the universe of approximately 28,000 funds included in MSCI ESG Fund Metrics.

**ESG Ratings Distribution** represents the percentage of a portfolio's market value coming from holdings classified as ESG Ratings Leaders (AAA and AA), Average (A, BBB, and BB), and Laggards (B and CCC).

**Carbon Risk** measures exposure to carbon intensive companies. It is based on MSCI Carbon Metrics and is calculated as the portfolio weighted average of issuer carbon intensity. At the issuer level, Carbon Intensity is the ratio of annual scope 1 and 2 carbon emissions to annual revenue. Carbon Risk is categorized as Very Low (0 to <15), Low (15 to <70), Moderate (70 to <250), High (250 to <525), and Very High (>=525).

**Carbon Emissions - Scope 1+2 Intensity** represents the company's most recently reported or estimated Scope 1 + Scope 2 greenhouse gas emissions normalized by sales in USD (t/USD million sales), which allows for comparison between companies of different sizes.

**ESG Ratings Momentum** represents the percentage of a portfolio's market value coming from holdings that have had an ESG Ratings upgrade, and those with a downgrade, since their previous ESG Rating assessment.

**Reputational Risk** represents the percentage of a portfolio's market value coming from holdings involved in very severe controversial events. It is based on MSCI ESG Controversies. Portfolio level Reputational Risk is categorized as Very Low (0%), Low (>0% to <1%), Moderate (1% to <5%), High (5% to <10%), and Very High (>=10%).

## SFDR

This Fund has been classified as an Article 8 for the purposes of the EU's Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation ('SFDR'). The Fund promotes environmental and/or social characteristics but does not have sustainable investment as its primary objective. It might invest partially in assets that have a sustainable objective, for instance assets that are qualified as sustainable according to EU classifications but does not place significantly higher importance on the environmental objective of each underlying investment. Please see [Prospectus](#) for further information on the Funds environmental and/or social characteristics and relevant sustainability risks and principal adverse impacts which may impact the Fund's performance.

## ESG Credentials

Signatory of:



**PRI** is a leading global network for investors who are committed to integrating environmental, social and governance considerations into their investment practices and ownership policies. The Investment Manager, Heptagon Capital signed the UN PRI on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2019. The Sub-Investment Manager, Driehaus Capital Management, signed the UN PRI on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019.

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