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# **DRIEHAUS EMERGING MARKETS SUSTAINABLE EQUITY FUND\***

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Driehaus manages the Fund according to the same investment principles, philosophy and execution of approach as those used for the EM Sustainable Composite, however it should be noted that due to certain factors including, but not limited to, differences in cash flows, fees, expenses, performance calculation methods, and portfolio sizes and composition, there may be variances between the investment returns demonstrated by each portfolio in the future.

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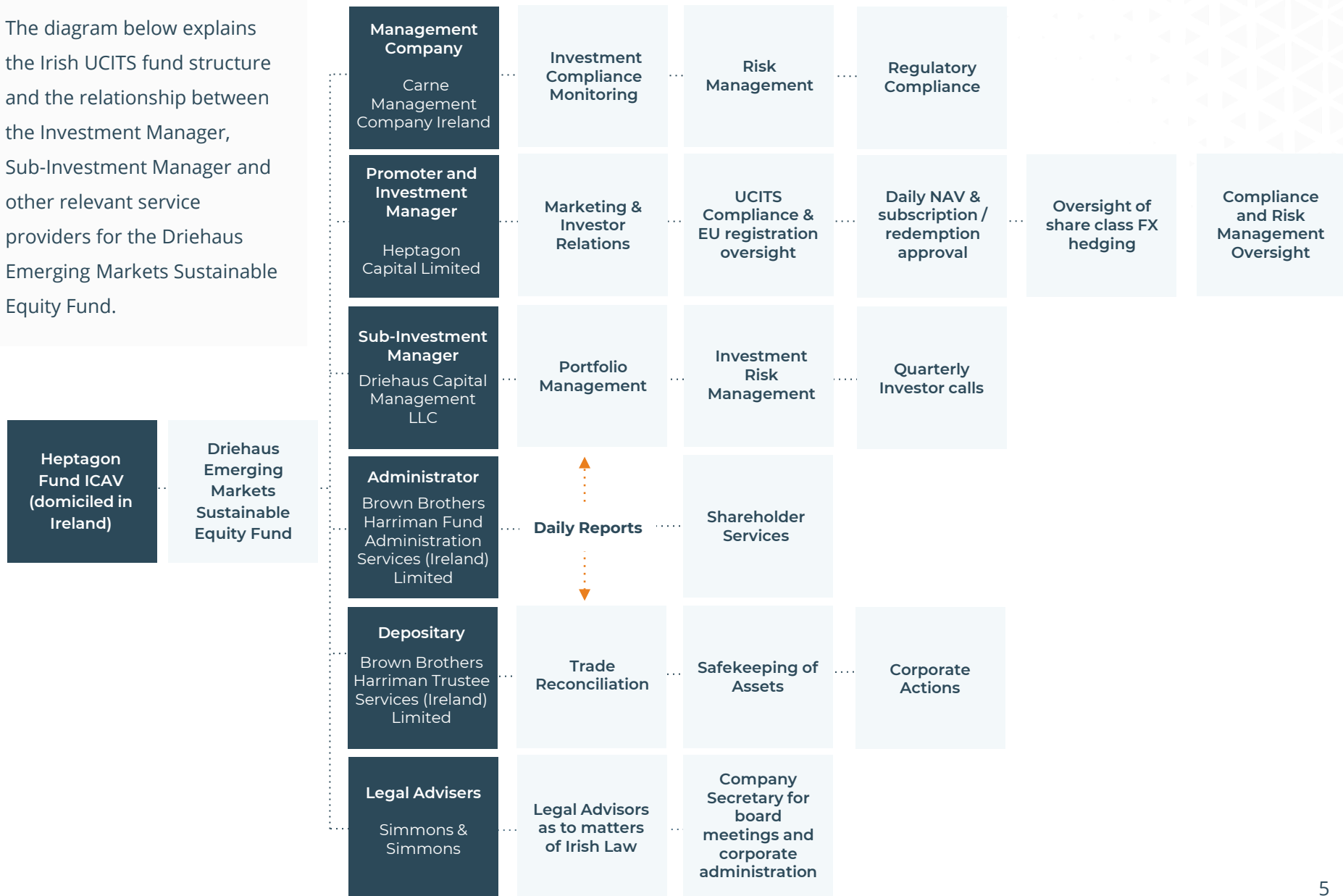
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# THE INVESTMENT MANAGER & SUB-INVESTMENT MANAGER

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# 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 Emerging Markets Sustainable Equity Fund.



# INVESTMENT MANAGER – HEPTAGON CAPITAL

**Independent  
boutique asset  
management  
firm**

**\$16.1 bn\*\* Assets  
under  
Management  
and Advice**

**Established in  
2005**

**4 Office  
Locations**

**40 Total  
Employees**

**16 Different  
Nationalities**

## Heptagon Capital

### Heptagon UCITS Fund Platform

#### In-house

- Heptagon European Focus Equity Fund
- Heptagon Future Trends Equity Fund
- Heptagon Future Trends Hedged Fund
- Heptagon Listed Private Assets Fund

#### Sub-advised

- Yacktman US Equity Fund
- **Driehaus Emerging Markets Sustainable Equity Fund**
- Driehaus US Micro Cap Equity Fund
- Driehaus US Small Cap Equity Fund
- Kopernik Global All-Cap Equity Fund
- WCM Global Equity Fund
- Heptagon Kettle Hill US L/S Equity Fund
- Summit Sustainable Opportunities L/S Equity Fund
- Easterly US Value 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:

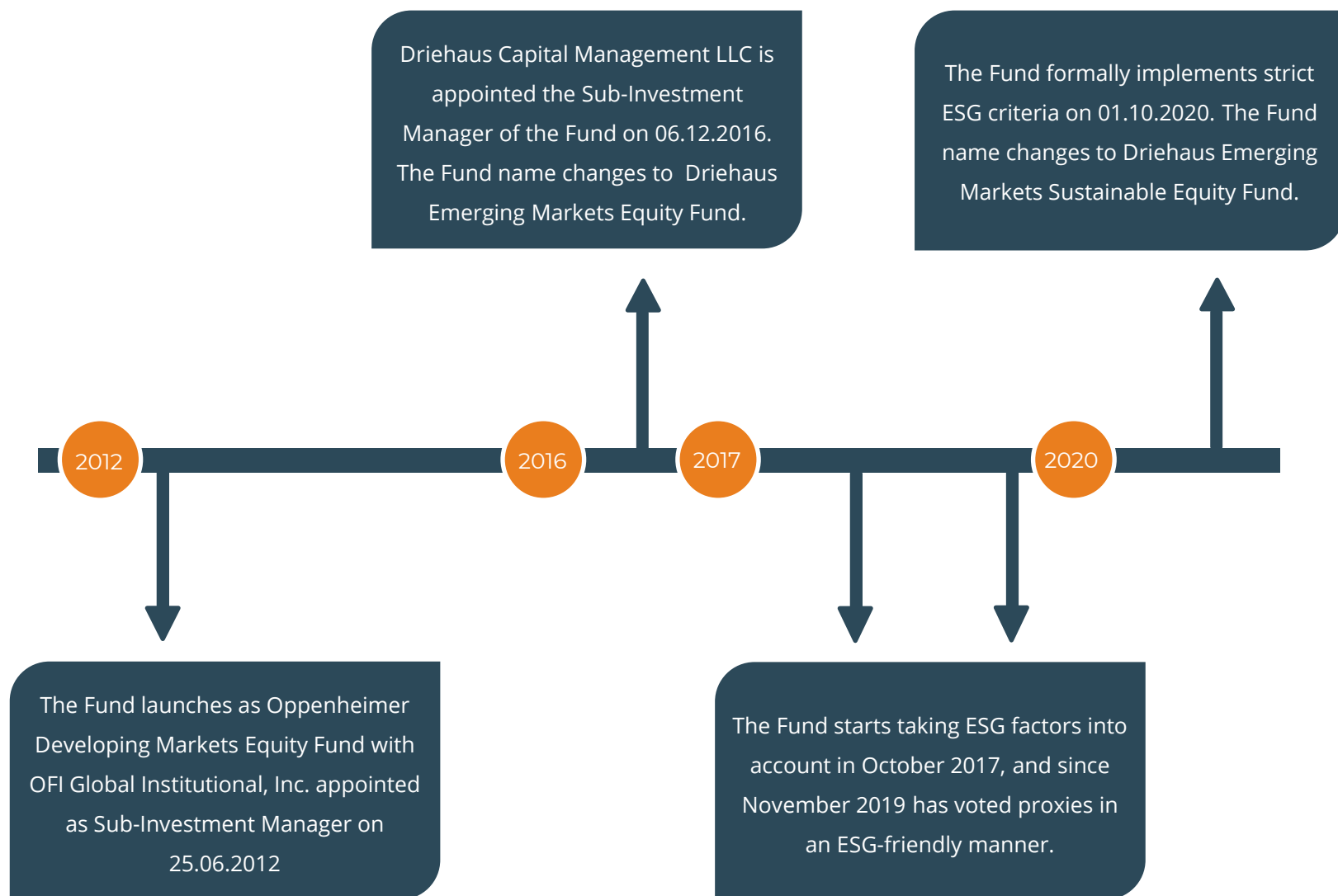


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*\*\* As of 30.09.2021*

# FUND EVOLUTION



# SUB-INVESTMENT MANAGER-DRIEHAUS CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

Independent  
boutique  
asset  
management  
firm

Founded in  
1982

Based in  
Chicago,  
USA

\$14.2 billion of  
assets under  
management

86 total  
employees

ESG factors  
integrated  
into  
investment  
process

Registered  
with the SEC  
since 1983

## Strengths:

- Stable firm with 39+ year history
- Focus on less-efficient investable universes
- Market tested 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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## Four Experienced Investment Teams





# 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
Driehaus Emerging Markets Growth Fund (DREGX)	 Lipper 10-Year Award 2016 for Emerging Markets Funds <sup>1</sup>
Jeff James (Portfolio Manager)	 Sauren Golden Awards 2021 - Three gold medals for outstanding fund management for Equity USA Small Caps category
Howard Schwab (Portfolio Manager)	 Citywire AAA rated
Chad Cleaver (Portfolio Manager)	 Citywire AAA rated
Richard Thies (Portfolio Manager)	 Citywire AAA rated
Michael Buck (Portfolio Manager)	 Citywire AAA rated

## Rankings

Driehaus Micro Cap Growth Strategy	#1 strategy (of 598 managers) in eVestment database for All US Equity category and US Micro Cap and US Small Cap Equity Categories <sup>2</sup>
Driehaus Emerging Markets Growth Strategy	#1 (of 41 managers) in eVestment database for All Emerging Markets Equity category <sup>3</sup>
Driehaus Small Cap Growth Strategy	#1 (of 31 managers) in eVestment database for All US Equity category and US Small Cap Equity category <sup>4</sup>
Driehaus Emerging Markets Sustainable Equity Fund	#8 <sup>th</sup> percentile (out of 728 funds) on Citywire for trailing 3-year total return <sup>5</sup>

## Ratings

Driehaus Emerging Markets Growth Fund (DREGX)	 Overall 5 and 10 Yr <b>5 Star Rating</b> for Emerging Markets Category <sup>6</sup>
Driehaus Micro Cap Growth Fund (DMCRX)	 Overall 3 and 5 Yr <b>5 Star Rating</b> for Small Growth Category <sup>6</sup>
Driehaus Small Cap Growth Fund (DNSMX)	 Overall 3 Yr <b>5 Star Rating</b> for Small Growth Category <sup>6</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The Lipper Fund Awards program honours funds that have excelled in delivering consistently strong risk-adjusted performance, relative to peers. In addition, the Lipper Fund Awards program recognizes fund families with high average scores for all funds within a particular asset class or overall. <sup>2</sup> As of 30 September 2021 since inception date 1 January 1996. <sup>3</sup> As of 30 September 2021 since inception date 1 January 1997. <sup>4</sup> As of 30 September 2021 since inception date 1 January 1980. <sup>5</sup> As of 30 September 2021 <sup>6</sup> Morningstar, as of 30 September 2021. The Overall Morningstar Rating™ for a fund is derived from a weighted average of the risk-adjusted performance figures associated with its three-, five- and ten year (if applicable) Morningstar Rating™ metrics.

# INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY & PROCESS



# DRIEHAUS EMERGING MARKETS SUSTAINABLE STRATEGY

## | Competitive Edge



### | Team

- **Experience:** 3 Portfolio Managers with 36+ years of Emerging Markets portfolio management experience at Driehaus.
- **Leadership:** Portfolio Managers own senior sector coverage responsibilities.



### | Alignment and Incentivisation

- **Revenue share:** Team is highly incentivised to outperform with its own P&L and revenue share.



### | Market Inefficiency

- **Market anomaly:** A differentiated philosophy and process exploits a persistent market anomaly driven by investors' behavioural biases.



### | Investment Process

- **Market cycles:** Robust process has been tried, tested and proved consistently repeatable across multiple market cycles.
- **Growth profiles:** Strategy is diversified by different growth exposures.
- **Sustainability:** Strong ESG attributes relative to the benchmark.

## | Key Alpha Generation Features



### **Focus on Inflection Points**

- Captures a persistent market inefficiency



### **~100 Positions**

- Optimises the investment style
- Fully captures the opportunity set



### **Trading**

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



### **Macro Integration**

- Integrated into bottom up company analysis
- Ensures aggregate portfolio exposures are consistent with Team's big picture views



### **Behavioural Analysis**

- Enhances both the buy and sell discipline

# DRIEHAUS EMERGING MARKETS 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 Emerging Markets Sustainable Equity Fund.

## I Dedicated Emerging Markets Expertise -

Experienced Portfolio Managers and Analysts with Specialised Areas of Coverage

Portfolio Management					
<b>Richard Thies</b> Portfolio Manager ESG Lead/Macro/Financials		<b>Chad Cleaver, CFA</b> Portfolio Manager Materials/Energy/Industrials		<b>Howard Schwab</b> Portfolio Manager Information Technology/Consumer	
Assistant Portfolio Management / Analyst Coverage					
<b>Mihaela Zahariuc*</b> Senior Analyst ESG/Consumer/Health Care		<b>Andrew Srichandra, CFA</b> Senior Analyst Materials/Energy/Industrials		<b>Thomas Ansen-Wilson, CFA*</b> Senior Analyst ESG/ Information Technology	
<b>Jonathon Mershimer</b> Assistant Portfolio Manager/Senior Analyst Financials/Macro				<b>Jason Shao</b> Analyst Generalist/China-Focussed	
Risk Coverage					
<b>Maximilian Heitner*</b> Director of Research and Risk Management		<b>Michael So*</b> Risk Analyst		<b>Amaya Aranzabal*</b> Environmental, Social and Governance Analyst	
Traders					
<b>Jason Vedder</b> Director of Trading and Operations		<b>Jeffrey Funk</b> Senior Trader	<b>Troy Frederick</b> Senior Trader	<b>Kimberly Nagy</b> Senior Trader	<b>Samuel Borrelli, CMT</b> Senior Trader
					<b>Jack Crowley, CFA</b> Trader

The Emerging Markets team benefits from formal and informal sharing of research and insight with the wider Driehaus investment research organization (macroeconomic/ geopolitical/ sector/ industry/ technical market environment)

The team's structure is flat to foster independent thinking and ownership of research ideas.

Additionally, the team benefits from the firm's 24-hour trading department and its wider investment research resources.

All analysts, including portfolio managers, have specific areas of expertise and/ or coverage responsibilities.

\* Also serves on the Firm's ESG Committee.

# DRIEHAUS EMERGING MARKETS SUSTAINABLE STRATEGY OVERVIEW

## What to expect

- Consistent and repeatable investment and risk management process
- Strong ESG attributes relative to the benchmark
- Investments in fundamentally sound companies undergoing positive change
- Manager engagement with companies on material ESG issues and sustainable proxy voting
- Diversification via different types of company growth profiles
- Macroeconomic analysis integrated into all aspects of the investment process
- Alpha contribution and risk reduction through security selection and active trading
- Lower volatility and downside market capture than the benchmark
- Alignment of interests

<b>Investment Approach</b>	Clear and proven investment philosophy and process, integrating fundamental and macroeconomic analysis that exploits inefficiencies linked to company-specific and macro inflections. True emerging markets opportunity including off-benchmark exposure
<b>Investment Objective</b>	The strategy aims to outperform, net of fees, the MSCI Emerging Markets Index
<b>Sustainability</b>	Focus on companies with strong or improving ESG attributes and growth opportunities tied to social, environmental and/or governance solutions
<b>Investment Style</b>	Bottom up equity investment approach
<b>Portfolio Managers</b>	<p>Stable, experienced, proven three-person portfolio management team</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Richard Thies, Portfolio Manager, ESG Lead <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9+ years of emerging markets experience at Driehaus</li> <li>• Leads macro and financials coverage</li> <li>• Trained economist with microfinance background in sub-Saharan Africa</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Chad Cleaver, CFA, Portfolio Manager <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12+ years of emerging markets experience at Driehaus</li> <li>• Leads materials, energy and industrial coverage</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Howard Schwab, Portfolio Manager <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 18+ years of emerging markets experience at Driehaus</li> <li>• Leads information technology and consumer coverage</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Benchmark</b>	MSCI Emerging Markets Index
<b>AUM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emerging Markets Sustainable Equity Composite <sup>1</sup>: \$93m</li> <li>• Total Emerging Markets Strategy Assets<sup>2</sup>: \$5,905m</li> </ul>
<b>Diversification</b>	Active conviction based portfolio, generally fully invested with 80-140 stocks Position weights generally between 0.5% and 4%

<sup>1</sup> Composite assets include those accounts that meet the composite objectives and eligibility requirements. As of 30 September 2021.

<sup>2</sup> Total strategy assets include all assets managed in the strategy style. As of 30 September 2021.

The Fund does not have a sustainable designated reference benchmark.

## I Driehaus Believes



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

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



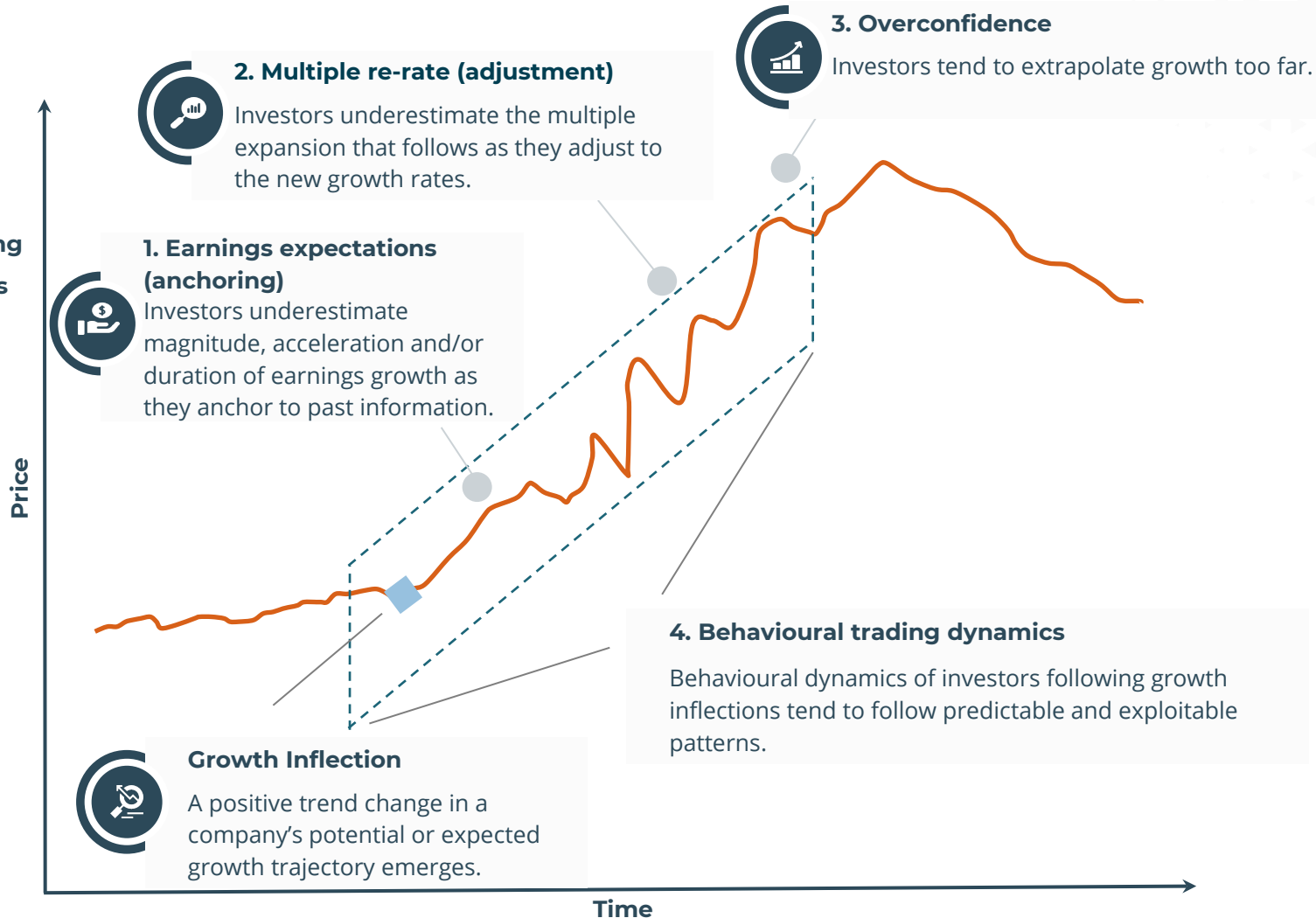
### **Markets tend to misprice securities following company-specific growth inflections**

- These inefficiencies exist and persist due to investors' cognitive biases
- They follow predictable and exploitable patterns
- Identifying and capitalising on these inefficiencies at inflection points facilitates alpha creation

# INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY

| Philosophy capitalises on a persistent market inefficiency.....

**The Dynamics of Growth: How markets misprice securities following growth inflections**



..... Inefficiencies follow predictable and investable patterns



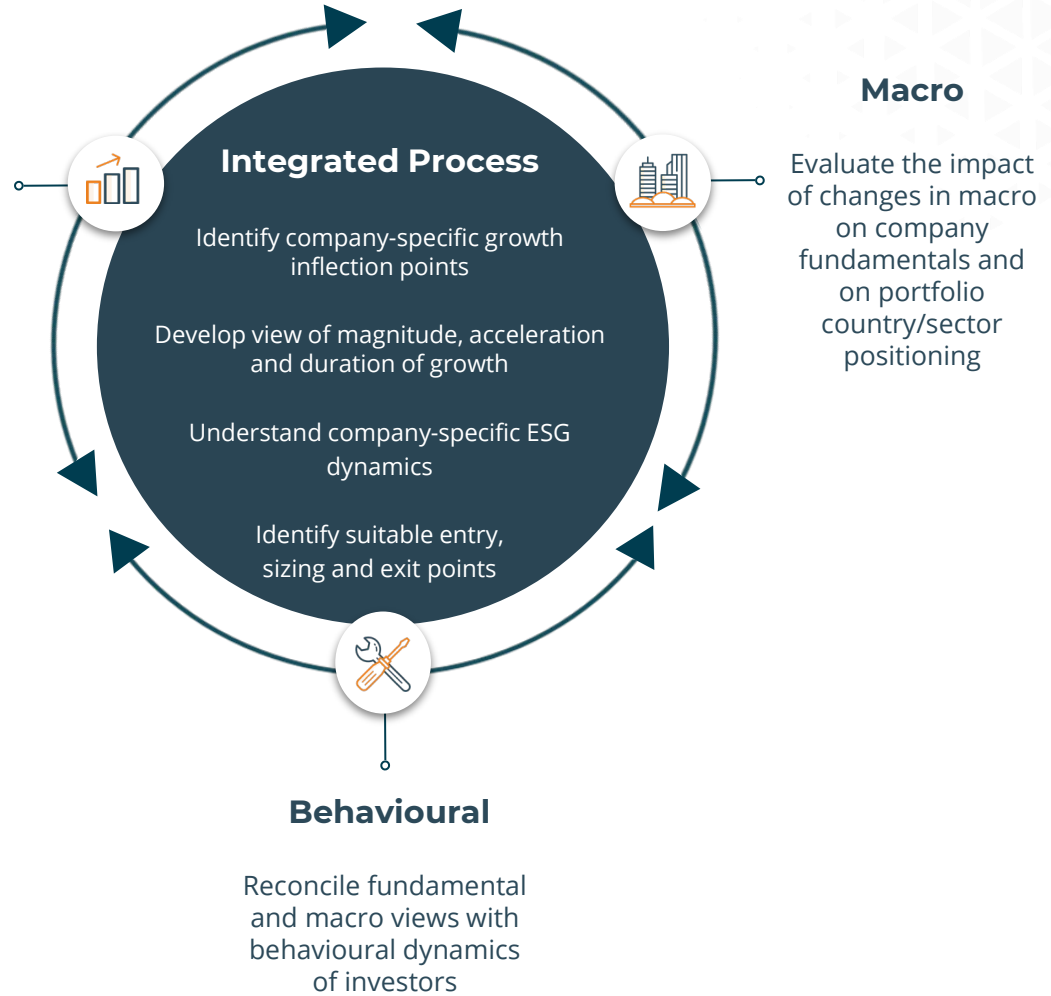
## I The interplay of fundamental, industry and behavioural analysis.....

### I Driehaus' Philosophy

- Companies with strong business models and quality management teams generate strong long-term shareholder returns
- Investors' cognitive biases produce market inefficiencies
- Identifying and capitalising on these inefficiencies at inflection points facilitates alpha capture
- Material ESG factors will affect the sustainability of companies' future earnings and profitability
- The linkage between ESG factors and corporate fundamentals will persist if not increase

### Fundamental

Identify key business growth drivers and develop a view on their evolution, sensitivity and ESG footprint



..... Provides a definable and repeatable edge

# SUSTAINABILITY OVERVIEW

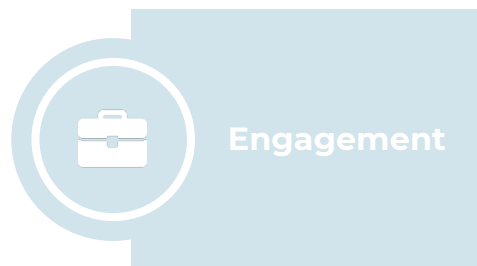
**I Driehaus seeks to identify companies with strong or improving ESG business practices relative to their sector peers.**



- Focus on companies with strong or improving ESG attributes and growth opportunities tied to social and environmental solutions.
- Exclusions include involvement in adult entertainment, coal production, gambling, tobacco, weapons.
- Sustainable proxy voting and engagement to drive ESG improvements.



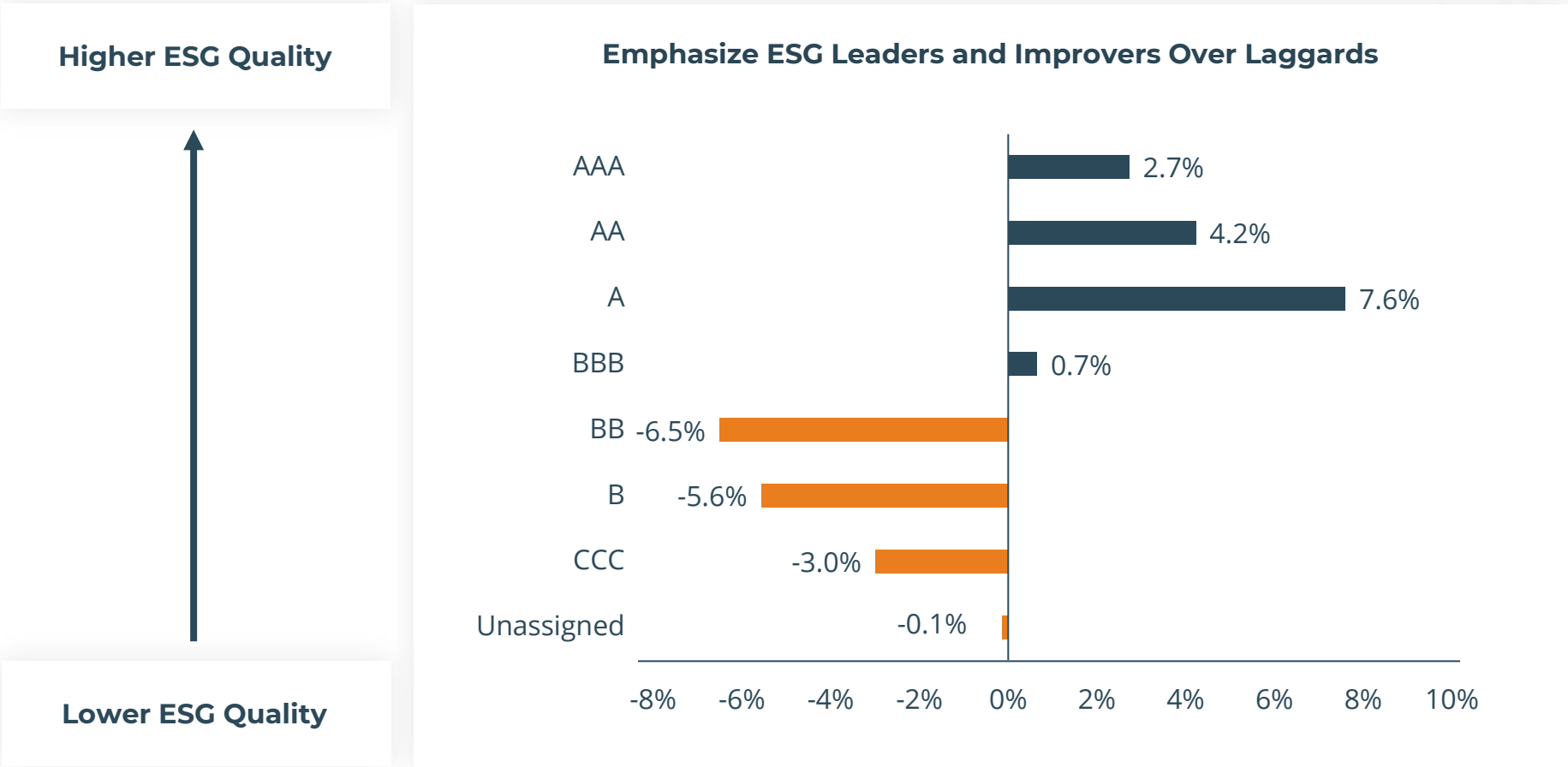
- Considerations which are used in our ESG analysis varies by industry and sector and may include:
  - Alignment with UN Sustainable Development goals;
  - Environmental and social reporting, disclosures and transparency;
  - Material environmental and/or social controversies;
  - Human rights considerations;
  - Environmental practices;
  - Board structure;
  - Transparency in financial disclosure and accounting policies;
  - Board and work force diversity;
  - Executive compensation;
  - Third-party ESG research from MSCI Inc., Sustainalytics and Truevalue Labs; and
  - Expected improvement in ESG practices, factors and ratings



- Engage with company management on potential ESG concerns identified.
- Sustainable-focused proxy voting policy.

# ESG RATINGS

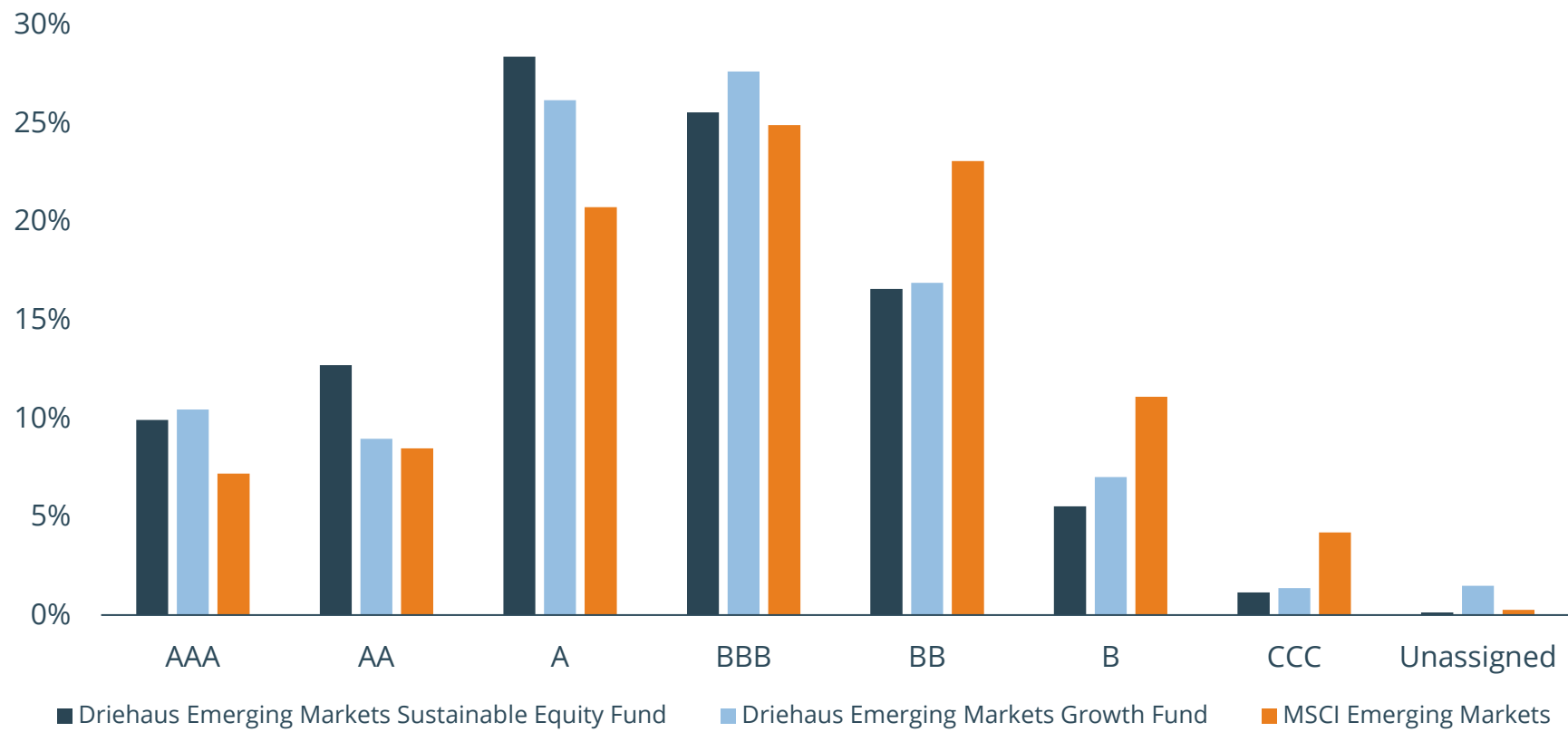
## Relative Portfolio Weight vs. MSCI Emerging Markets Index (%pts)



Source FactSet Research Systems LLC, MSCI Inc. ESG Ratings, and Driehaus Capital Management LLC  
Portfolio and benchmark holdings are as of 30/09/21 and represent the model Driehaus Emerging Markets Sustainable Equity Strategy account and the MSCI Emerging Markets Index. Cash is excluded.  
Companies without an assigned ESG rating by MSCI Inc. have been manually assigned a rating by Driehaus Capital Management LLC.

Relative Portfolio Weight vs. MSCI Emerging Markets Index (%pts)

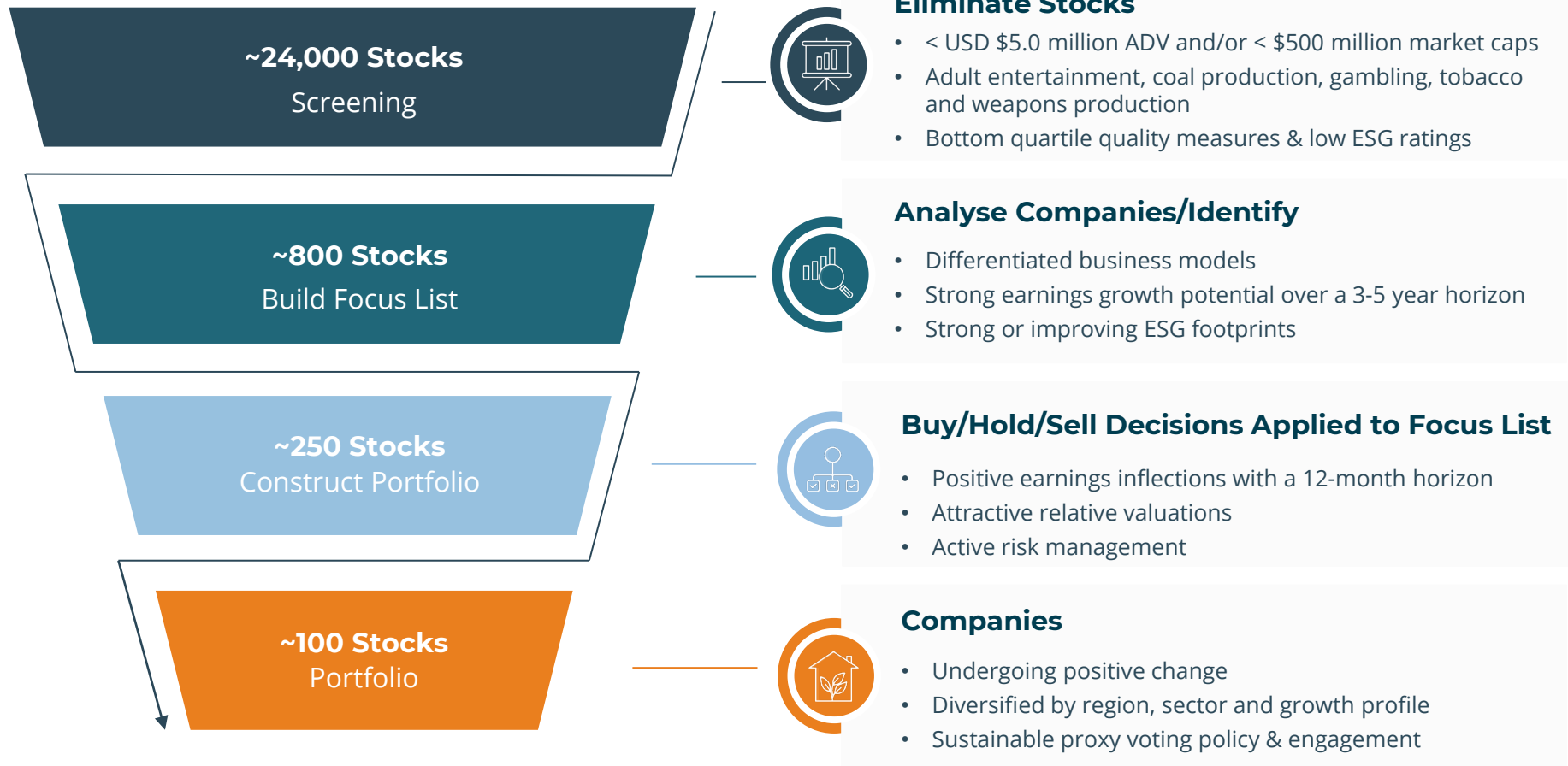
Emphasize ESG Leaders and Improvers Over Laggards



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Companies without an assigned ESG rating by MSCI Inc. have been manually assigned a rating by DrieHaus Capital Management LLC.

# INVESTMENT PROCESS OVERVIEW

**A consistent and repeatable process that leads to a portfolio of emerging market companies undergoing positive change with strong ESG attributes.**



# FUNDAMENTAL ANALYSIS

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



## Dynamic Growth

Research focused on magnitude and acceleration of growth

**Typical Range: 25-45%**

- Disruptive business models and/or technologies
- Differentiated product or service
- Supportive demographic trends
- Underpenetrated market
- May offer improvements to major social and environmental problems



## Cyclical Growth

Research focused on magnitude and acceleration of growth

**Typical Range: 15-35%**

- Growth prospects linked to economic or product cycles
- Inflections tied to shifts in macro or industry conditions
- May be experiencing improving ESG business practices
- Earnings profiles may be more volatile/shorter term in nature



## Recovery Growth

Research focused on magnitude, acceleration and/or duration of growth

**Typical Range: 10-25%**

- Weakness in fundamentals deemed to be transitional and market expectations appear overly pessimistic
- Relative value opportunities deemed to be attractive in relation to growth potential
- May be experiencing improving ESG business practices



## Consistent Growth

Research focused on duration of growth

**Typical Range: 15-35%**

- Durable organic growth rates based on strong market position
- Attractive, defensible margins
- Strong management quality
- May trade at premium valuation as a result of sustainable competitive advantages
- Typically have relatively strong ESG attributes

**Result: A diversified focus list of fundamentally vetted companies with relatively strong or improving ESG business practices**

# FOCUS LIST

**A selective list of emerging markets-related companies that possess strong relative growth and ESG performance potential on a three-to five-year horizon.**

## Focus List

- ~250 stocks diversified across region, sector, market cap and growth buckets (classifications). Each analyst covers 40-50 focus list companies.
- Low name turnover (<25%). Much of the portfolio turnover is opportunistic trading around focus list positions for the purposes of risk management, rather than adding or removing new stocks.
- A focus list company has a strong/differentiated business model, management quality, competitive position, and/or market opportunity.
- The investment team generally has extensive history/interaction with focus list companies, which explains the lower turnover rate of focus list companies.
- Focus list companies are fundamentally monitored on a continuous basis and frequently engage with management teams.
- Focus list companies have strong and/or improving ESG business practices relative to their sector peers.

## Purpose



Eliminates approximately 80% of the investable universe leaving companies that exhibit the attributes of our investment philosophy and ESG preference



Increases the efficiency of our research effort and improves our ability to target and detect positive inflection points



Ensures that evolving ESG business practises and risks are well understood



Provides portfolio managers with well vetted eligible securities that serve as building blocks for portfolio construction (buy decisions applied to the Focus List)

# PORTFOLIO CONSTRUCTION

## | Bottom-up, conviction driven process.....

- Positions 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 5% pts > index	Express conviction while minimising concentration risks
Number of holdings	~ 100	Sufficiently robust universe
Country / Sector	Maximum 15% pts > index	Express conviction while limiting country / sector risks
Market capitalisation	All capitalisation	Optimises universe
Off benchmark holdings	No limit	Optimises universe
Growth Profiles	Maintain exposure to Dynamic/Cyclical/Recovery Consistent	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	Accentuate idiosyncratic investments Avoid surprises Avoid biases

.....Understand the risks Driehaus are taking



| Turnover is a by-product of new idea generation and risk management.....



## Buy/Hold Rationale

- High conviction that future earnings will exceed expectations
- Valuations are justified relative to peers and stock's history
- Macro and behavioural picture confirms investment thesis
- Attractive asymmetric return potential exists (security still likely mispriced)



## Sell Reasons

- Changes to the fundamental investment thesis
- Take profits
- Security is efficiently (or overly) valued
- Make room for new investment
- Macro and/or behavioural picture inconsistent with fundamental views

.....Avoid falling in love with stocks through unbiased sell discipline

# RISK MANAGEMENT

**Risk management process supports portfolio construction, quantifying exposures and sensitivities to minimise unintended outcomes.**



## Understand Exposures

### Monitor sensitivities:

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



## Understand Sensitivities

### Monitor exposures:

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

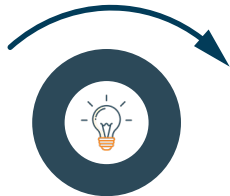
### Conduct / Analyse:

- Scenario Analysis
- Stress tests



Ensure awareness of significant active exposures and make certain that they are being consciously made

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



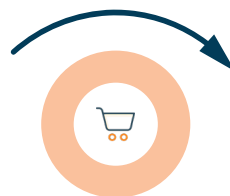
**Idea Generation**  
Ensure liquidity



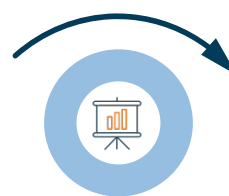
**Analysis**  
Validate investment theses



**Sustainability**  
Changes in MSCI ESG Ratings and Controversies systematically monitored



**Portfolio Construction**  
Optimise intended exposures



**Trading**  
Best execution



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



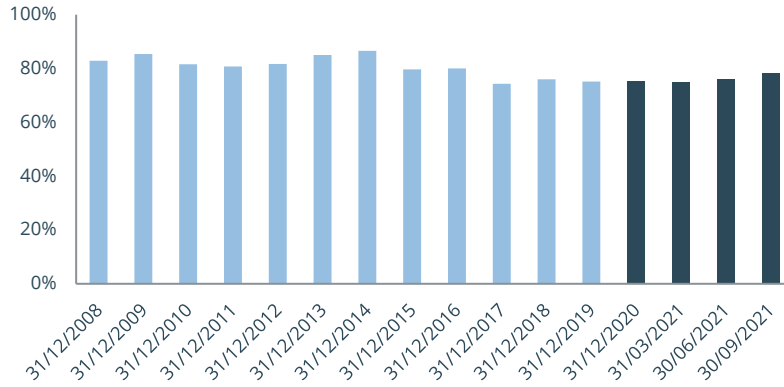
**Compliance**  
Adherence to firm policies and obligations

# PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

as of 30/09/2021

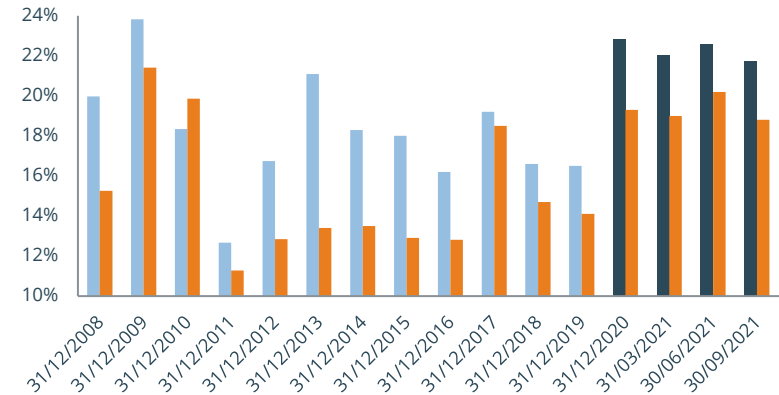
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## Active Share



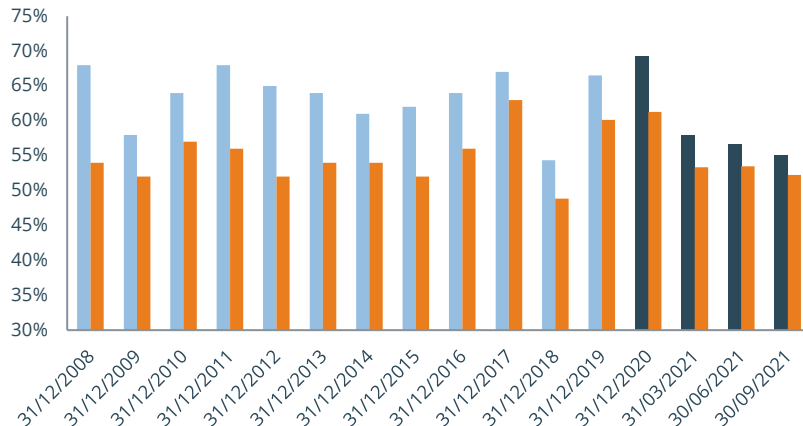
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## 3-5 Year Earnings-per-Share Growth Rates



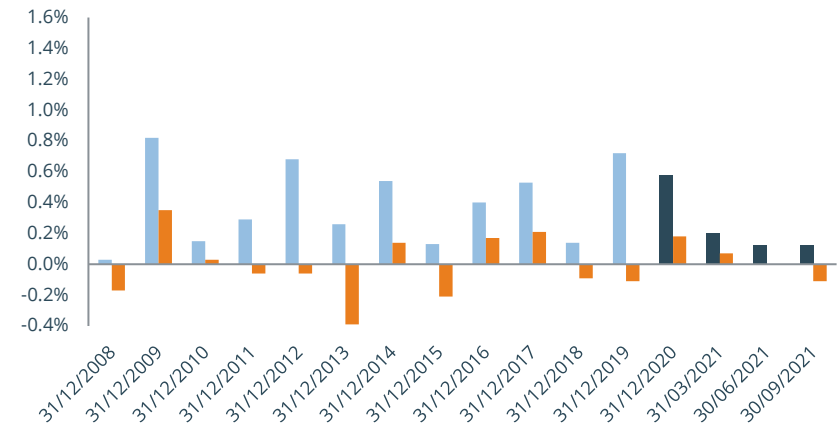
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## Earnings Revisions



Source: Driehaus Capital Management.

## Medium-Term Momentum



Source: Axioma, Inc.

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# **DRIEHAUS EMERGING MARKETS SUSTAINABLE EQUITY FUND\***



\* a sub-fund of Heptagon Fund ICAV, an Irish UCITS vehicle

# DRIEHAUS EMERGING MARKETS SUSTAINABLE EQUITY FUND (IRISH UCITS)

as of 30/09/2021

DrieHaus Capital Management LLC was appointed Sub-Investment Manager of the Fund on 06.12.2016. Prior to this OFI Global Institutional, Inc. was the Sub-Investment Manager from 25.06.2012 to 05.12.2016. The Fund's strategy formally started to implement ESG criteria on 01.10.2020.

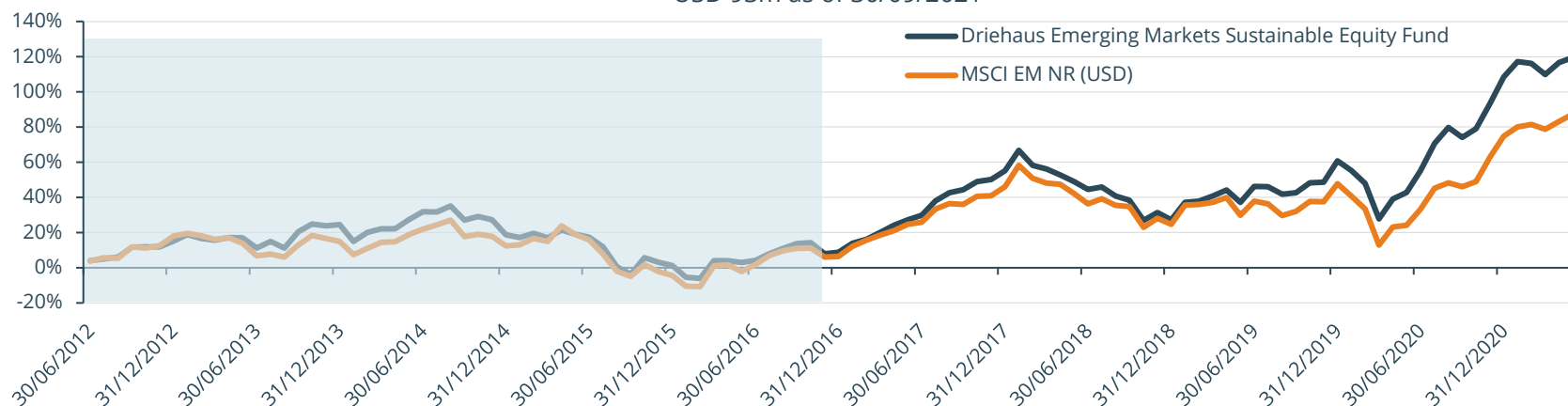
## Monthly Returns: Class I - Net of fees

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	MSCI	Excess Return
2012						3.9%*	1.0%	1.1%	5.3%	0.2%	0.0%	3.0%	15.2%*	18.0%*	-2.8%
2013	3.2%	-1.8%	-0.9%	1.2%	-0.1%	-5.0%	3.3%	-3.1%	8.2%	3.8%	-0.9%	0.6%	8.1%	-2.6%	10.7%
2014	-7.7%	4.4%	1.8%	-0.1%	4.4%	3.4%	-0.1%	2.6%	-6.0%	1.7%	-1.4%	-6.8%	-4.7%	-2.2%	-2.5%
2015	-1.3%	2.0%	-2.2%	3.8%	-2.0%	-1.4%	-4.7%	-10.0%	-4.3%	9.8%	-2.4%	-1.8%	-14.6%	-14.9%	0.3%
2016	-6.7%	-0.8%	10.8%	0.1%	-1.1%	1.2%	3.6%	2.9%	2.4%	0.4%	-5.5%	0.8%	7.3%	11.2%	-3.9%
2017	4.8%	1.8%	3.5%	3.4%	2.5%	2.0%	6.3%	3.3%	1.2%	3.2%	0.9%	3.3%	42.7%	37.3%	5.4%
2018	7.6%	-5.1%	-1.3%	-2.2%	-2.5%	-2.9%	1.0%	-3.6%	-1.7%	-8.2%	3.6%	-3.1%	-17.9%	-14.6%	-3.3%
2019	7.7%	0.5%	2.1%	2.4%	-4.8%	6.5%	0.0%	-3.0%	0.5%	4.1%	0.2%	8.2%	26.3%	18.4%	7.9%
2020	-3.4%	-4.7%	-13.7%	8.9%	2.7%	8.6%	10.0%	5.4%	-3.2%	2.9%	7.9%	7.9%	29.7%	18.3%	11.4%
2021	4.1%	-0.5%	-2.9%	3.3%	1.4%	2.8%	-5.5%	3.2%	-4.7%				0.6%	-1.2%	-0.6%

## Cumulative Performance Since Inception

UCITS Fund AUM in USD Millions:  
USD 93m as of 30/09/2021

\* Since I share class inception 25/06/2012



Source: Morningstar and BBH.

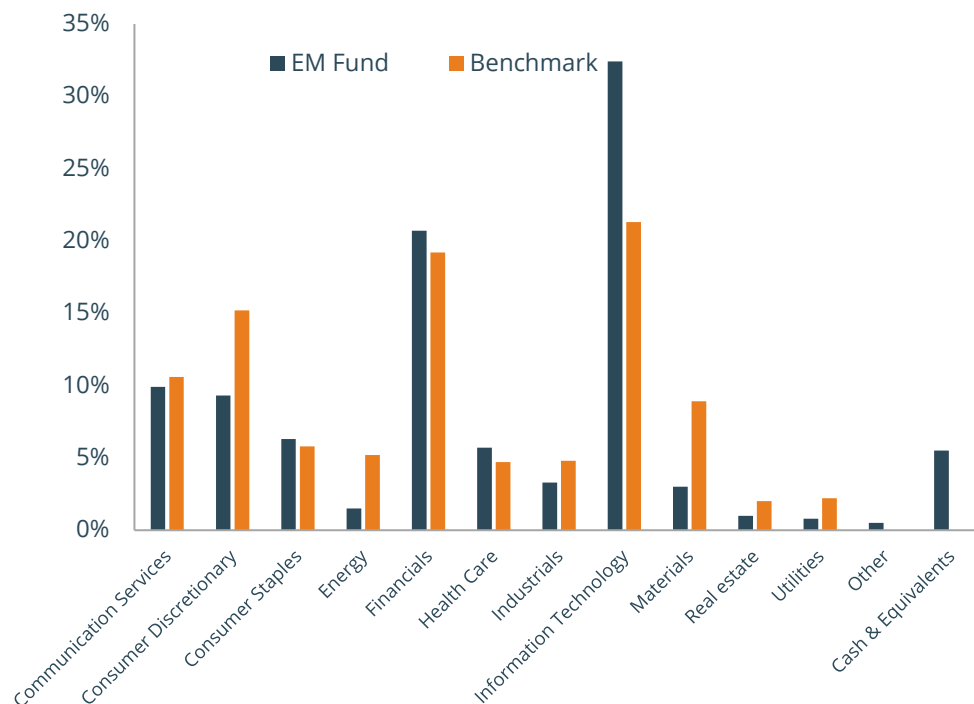
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# DRIEHAUS EMERGING MARKETS SUSTAINABLE EQUITY FUND (IRISH UCITS)

as of 31/08/2021

## Portfolio Sector Weights



## Top Ten Holdings

by Issuer	Return
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing ADR	5.5%
Tencent Holdings Ltd	4.8%
Samsung Electronics Co Ltd	4.4%
ICICI Bank Ltd	2.4%
ASML Holding NV	2.3%
Apollo Hospitals Enterprise Ltd	1.8%
HDFC Bank Ltd	1.7%
Housing Development Finance Co	1.7%
Nvidia Corp	1.7%
EPAM Systems Inc	1.6%
<b>Total of Top 10 Holdings</b>	<b>27.9%</b>

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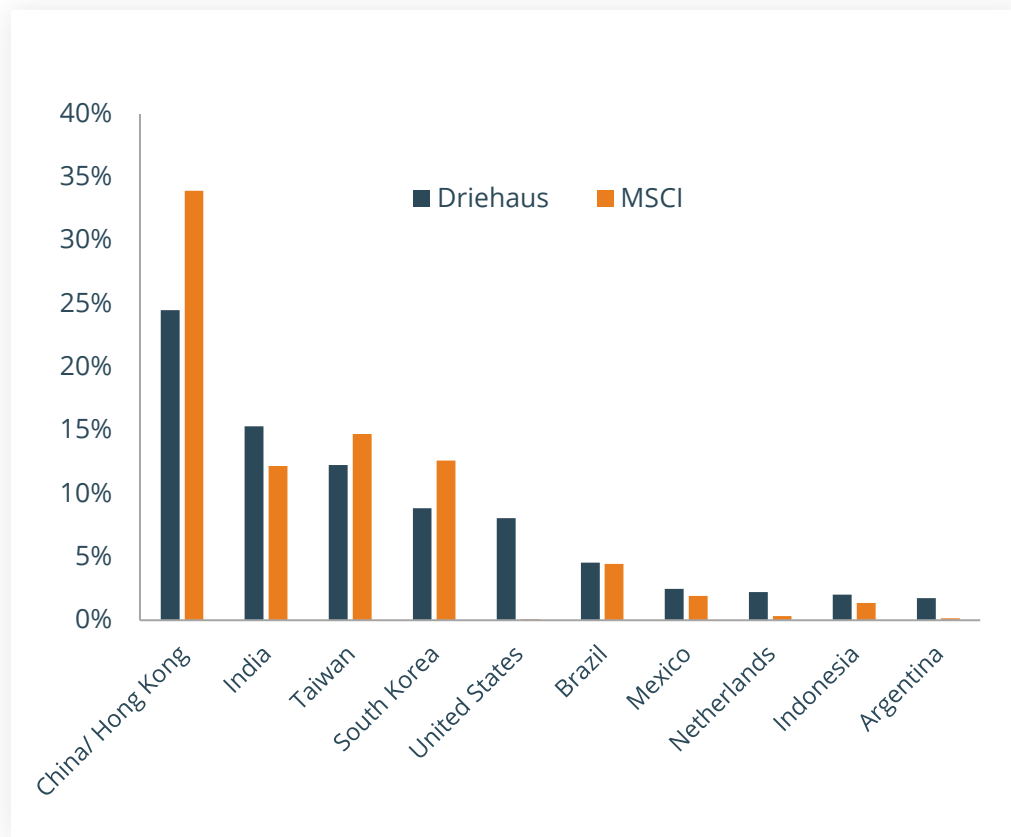
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as of 30/09/2021

## Top 10 Country Weights



## Portfolio Characteristics

	DrieHaus	MSCI
Number of holdings	97	1,418
Weighted Avg. Market Cap (M)	\$153,379	\$133,664
Median Market Cap (M)	\$35,625	\$7,656
Est. 3-5 Year EPS Growth	21.7%	18.8%
Active Share <sup>1</sup>	78.37	N/A

## Market Cap Breakdown

<\$5bn	7.3%	7.2%
\$5-\$15bn	12.5%	22.3%
>15bn	80.2%	70.5%

<sup>1</sup> Data is calculated monthly.

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# **DRIEHAUS EMERGING MARKETS SUSTAINABLE COMPOSITE**





# PERFORMANCE OF DRIEHAUS EMERGING MARKETS SUSTAINABLE COMPOSITE

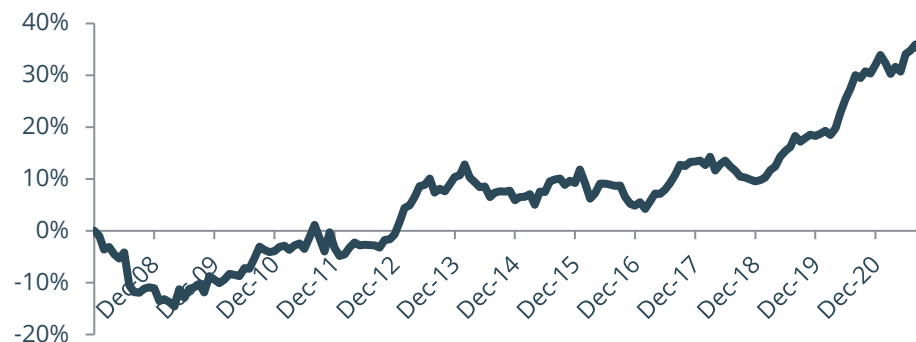
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(net of fees)

Since December 31, 2007 Driehaus Emerging Markets Composite has achieved a cumulative net return of **87.7%** vs. **39.7%** of the MSCI Emerging Markets Index (net) during the same period of time. Fund performance prior to 01.10.2020 relates to the Driehaus Emerging Markets Growth Composite, net of fees, thereafter, it relates to the Driehaus Emerging Markets Sustainable Composite, net of fees.

## Monthly Returns

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	MSCI	Excess Return
2008	-12.0%	4.0%	-4.1%	5.9%	0.9%	-7.5%	-9.8%	-8.5%	-15.6%	-23.4%	-6.4%	6.8%	-53.6%	-53.3%	-0.3%
2009	-8.4%	-4.5%	12.4%	14.0%	19.4%	-3.0%	12.2%	0.1%	9.0%	-1.6%	7.5%	2.9%	73.1%	78.5%	-5.4%
2010	-5.6%	1.2%	8.6%	1.0%	-8.0%	1.2%	7.4%	0.6%	12.4%	2.1%	-2.7%	6.7%	25.6%	18.9%	6.7%
2011	-1.4%	-0.5%	4.5%	3.8%	-1.8%	-2.3%	2.1%	-5.5%	-15.3%	9.3%	-2.0%	-3.9%	-14.1%	-18.4%	4.3%
2012	8.6%	5.8%	-1.4%	0.1%	-10.4%	3.7%	1.9%	-0.2%	5.1%	1.1%	1.4%	5.4%	21.4%	18.2%	3.2%
2013	3.9%	1.6%	-0.9%	2.4%	-0.3%	-5.3%	2.2%	-3.8%	6.7%	4.0%	0.1%	0.2%	10.4%	-2.6%	13.0%
2014	-5.4%	5.0%	0.7%	-0.4%	2.4%	2.6%	-0.0%	2.9%	-6.3%	1.2%	-0.7%	-5.7%	-4.4%	-2.2%	-2.2%
2015	1.3%	2.9%	-0.7%	5.1%	-1.0%	-2.3%	-4.2%	-7.7%	-2.4%	5.4%	-2.7%	-2.3%	-9.1%	-14.9%	5.8%
2016	-3.3%	-2.4%	9.1%	1.6%	-1.5%	3.7%	4.4%	2.1%	1.3%	-1.7%	-5.3%	-0.1%	7.4%	11.2%	-3.8%
2017	5.6%	1.6%	3.7%	3.5%	2.7%	1.8%	6.6%	3.5%	1.5%	3.0%	1.0%	3.4%	44.9%	37.3%	7.6%
2018	7.7%	-4.8%	-0.2%	-2.6%	-2.0%	-3.1%	1.1%	-3.1%	-1.5%	-7.9%	3.5%	-2.6%	-15.1%	-14.6%	-0.5%
2019	8.1%	0.7%	2.1%	2.6%	-4.8%	6.7%	-0.3%	-2.5%	0.8%	4.5%	0.4%	6.6%	27.0%	18.4%	8.6%
2020	-3.8%	-4.2%	-14.4%	9.4%	3.2%	8.8%	9.6%	4.1%	-1.8%	2.9%	7.9%	7.9%	30.3%	18.3%	12.0%
2021	4.1%	-0.5%	-2.9%	3.3%	1.4%	2.8%	-5.5%	3.2%	-4.7%				0.6%	-1.2%	-0.6%

## Cumulative Alpha above MSCI Emerging Markets Index as of 30/09/2021



### Statistics – 31/12/2007- 30/09/2021

	Driehaus	MSCI
Annualised return	4.7%	2.5%
Annualised volatility	20.0%	21.7%
Information Ratio	0.40	-
Annual Sharpe Ratio (Rf = LIBOR USD3M)	0.22	0.10
Max drawdown	-60.3%	-58.8%
Downside Capture	0.89	1.00
R-Squared	0.94	1.00
Beta to MSCI	0.89	1.00

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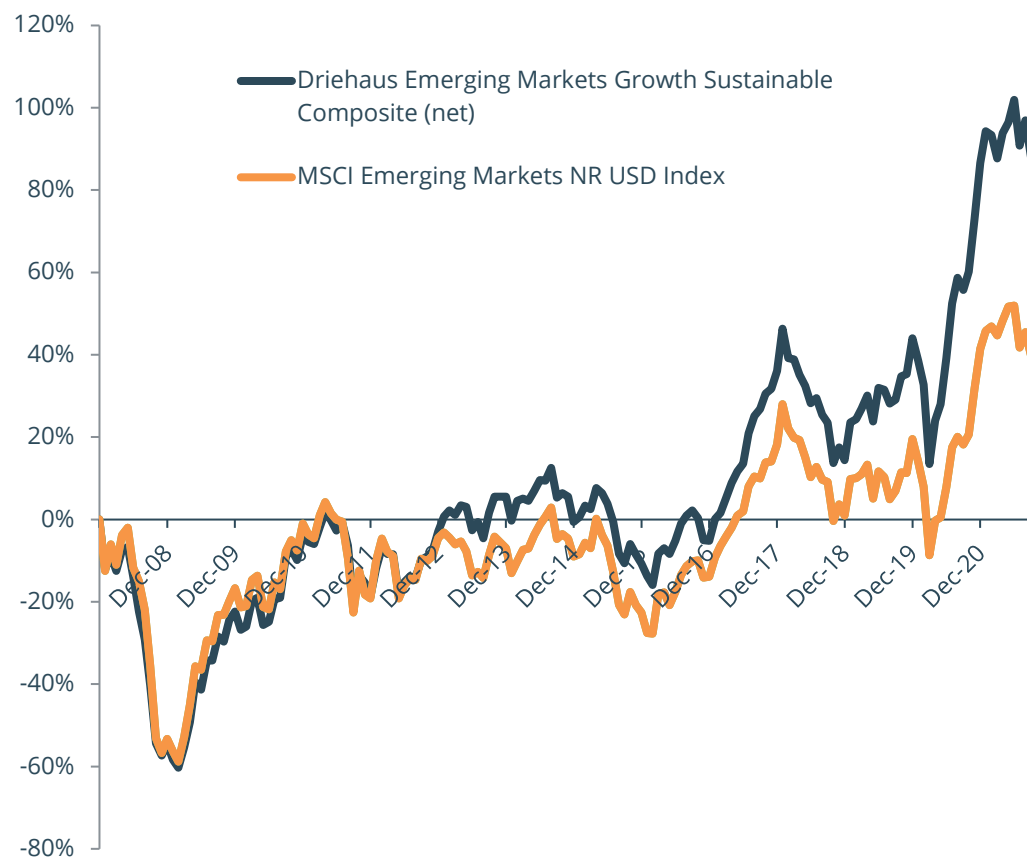
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# PERFORMANCE OF DRIEHAUS EMERGING MARKETS SUSTAINABLE COMPOSITE

as of 30/09/2021  
(net of fees)

## Historical Cumulative Returns

Investment growth in the **DrieHaus Emerging Markets Sustainable Composite** since December 31, 2007 vs. **MSCI Emerging Markets Index**



	Annualised Returns				
	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	10 Yrs
<b>DrieHaus</b>	0.6%	20.6%	15.0%	12.9%	9.0%
<b>MSCI</b>	-1.2%	18.2%	8.6%	9.2%	6.1%
<b>+/-</b>	-0.6%	+2.4%	+6.4%	+3.7%	+2.9%

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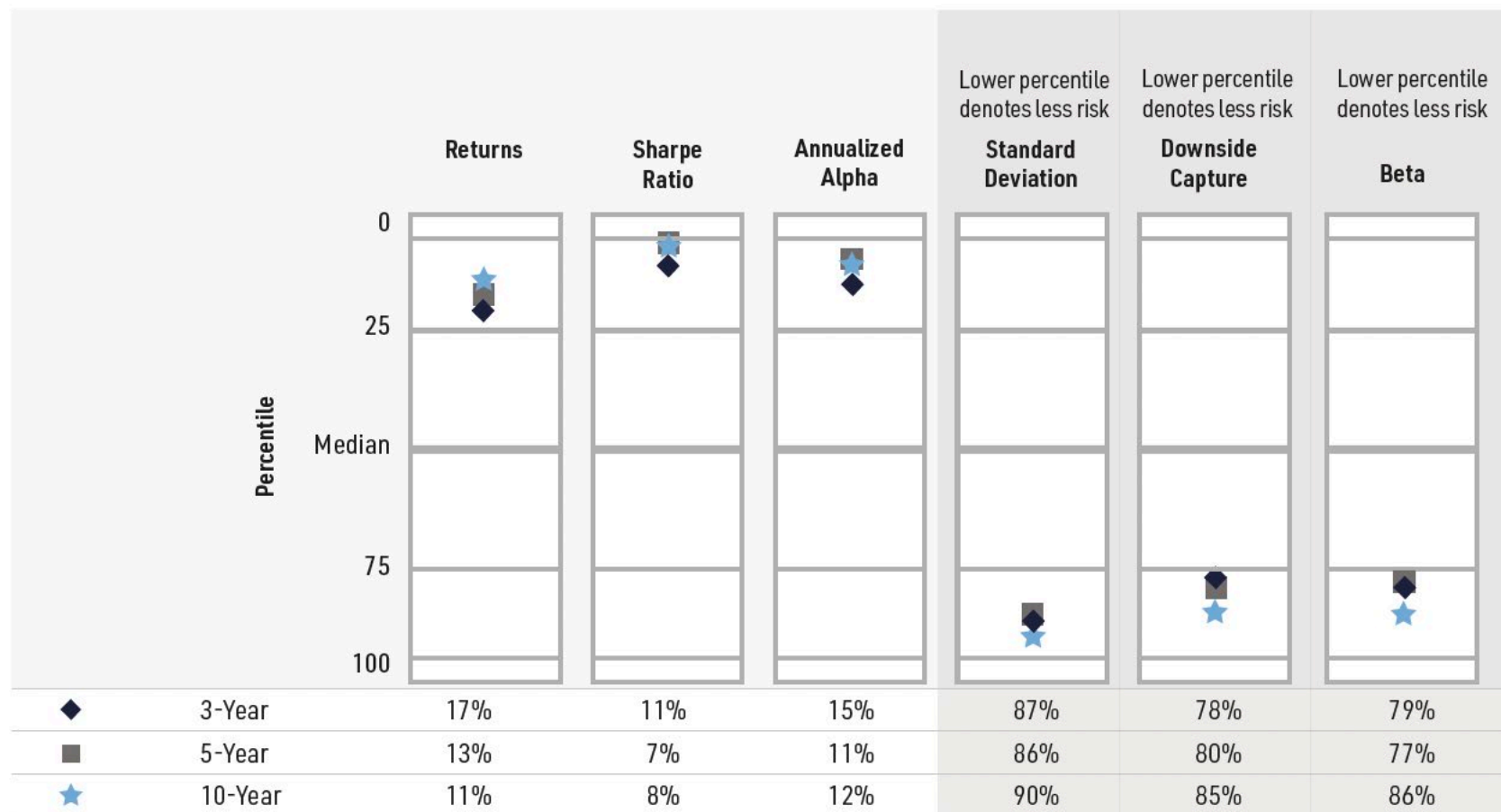
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# PERFORMANCE OF DRIEHAUS EMERGING MARKETS SUSTAINABLE COMPOSITE

as of 30/09/2021  
(gross of fees)

## Gross of Fee eVestment Emerging Markets All Cap Equity Universe Percentile Rank



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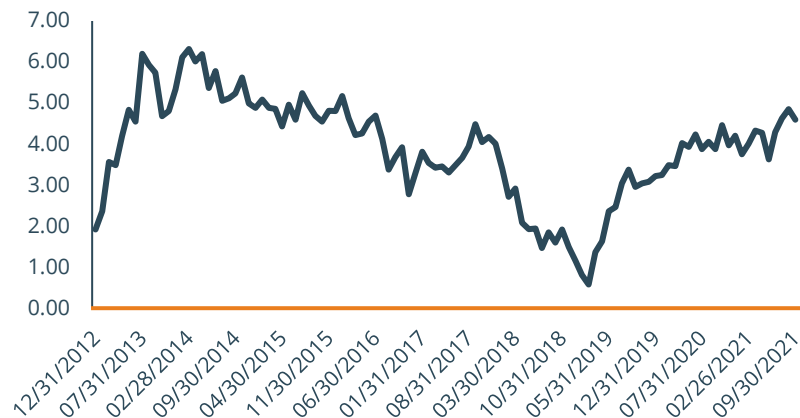
Sources: eVestment Alliance.

Peer group: eVestment Emerging Markets All Cap Equity. Benchmark: MSCI Emerging Markets Index. Data based on monthly returns of 549, 492 and 305 investment portfolios for the three-, five-, and ten-year periods, respectively. Characteristics listed above are related to the model DrieHaus Emerging Markets Growth strategy account up to 30 September 2020. As of 1 October 2020, all information relates to the DrieHaus Emerging Markets Sustainable Strategy.

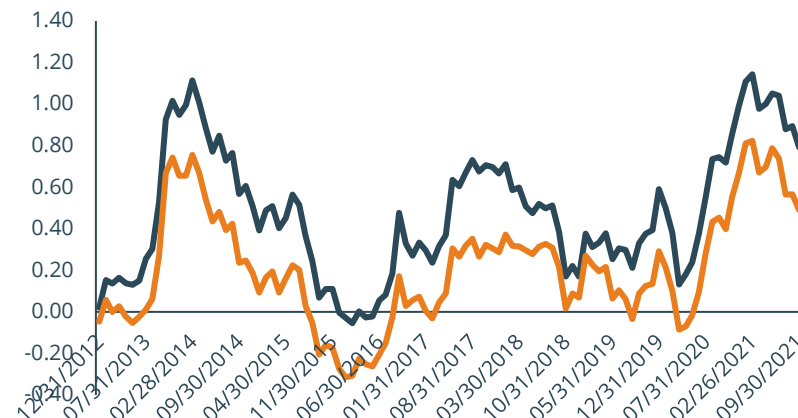
# ROLLING 5-YEAR RETURN AND RISK STATISTICS

31/12/2007 to 30/09/2021

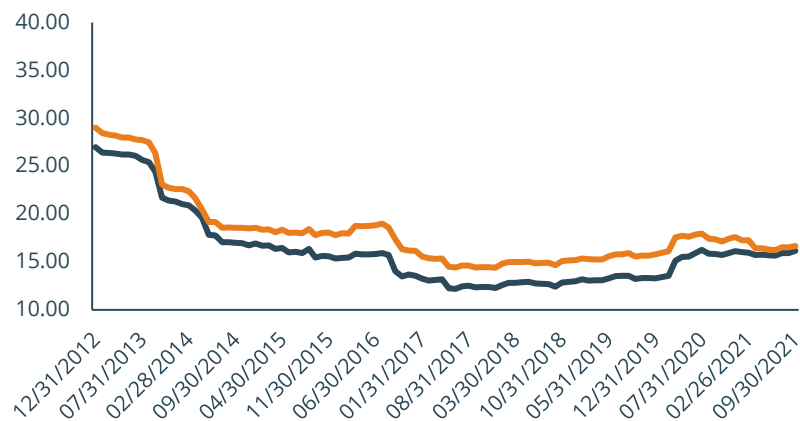
## Rolling 5-Year Excess Returns



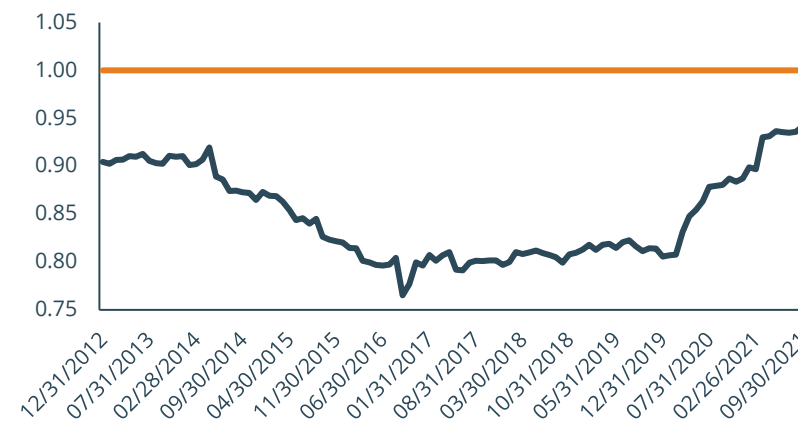
## Rolling 5-Year Sharpe Ratio



## Rolling 5-Year Standard Deviation



## Rolling 5-Year Beta



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# DRIEHAUS EMERGING MARKETS SUSTAINABLE EQUITY STRATEGY STOCK EXAMPLES

The four companies discussed in this document below were chosen as representations of the type of growth stocks held in each of the Driehaus Sustainable Growth “Buckets” within the Driehaus Emerging Markets Sustainable Equity Fund (Irish UCITS Fund). The fifth company is an example of a stock not held in the Fund based on ESG analysis. The stocks are not presented to demonstrate performance. The positions may not have been profitable as of October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. Holdings are subject to change and may not reflect recent market activity or current holdings.

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## I Contemporary Amperex Technology Co. Limited (ticker CATL)

- Contemporary Amperex Technology Co. (CATL) is China's largest energy vehicle (EV) battery maker. It has roughly 50% domestic market share and 25% global market share.
- CATL will benefit from broad battery industry growth as global EV penetration rises. EVs accounted for just 2% of global auto market units in 2019. However, that number could rise to 50% by 2030, driven by falling costs and supportive government policies.
- The company will maintain its strong industry position due to its technology capabilities, tight integration with upstream suppliers, and large scale. CATL spent over \$430 million on R&D in 2019, ahead of their major competitors. Their R&D focus has enabled them to develop capabilities in advanced battery chemistries and technologies.
- Driehaus expects CATL to gain market share, particularly in Europe. They continue to win orders from the major European auto OEMs. Their competitiveness will be further improved after a new factory in Germany opens sometime in the next 1-2 years.
- As a battery maker, the company plays a critical role in driving the growth of cleantech like EVs and energy storage, helping to reduce global emissions. The company also has the opportunity to improve the efficiency of raw materials usage via technology advancements and recycling. The company has a sustainable supply chain management policy which is critical given the upstream materials and processes used in battery production. Still, Driehaus would like to see the company improve its disclosures in this area.

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## I Wuxi Biologics (ticker 2269 HK)

- Wuxi Biologics is a leading biologic technology service provider. The company offers contract research and manufacturing services to global pharmaceutical and biotech customers. Wuxi has a broad portfolio of services that range from pre clinical development to commercial manufacturing.
- Structurally, biologic development is well suited to outsourcing via CROs like Wuxi given the high up-front capital costs that are required for development when drug approval and commercial viability are still unknown. Meanwhile, successful drug development benefits Wuxi as its clients are very likely to retain Wuxi for volume manufacturing given regulatory requirements.
- Wuxi Bio's technological capabilities, quality controls, and delivery track record have allowed the company to significantly grow its backlog. The company has been rapidly filling up its current capacity and plans to accelerate capex to ramp up its presence in the US and Europe. Wuxi Bio will become an even stronger development platform as its scale and geographical reach expand.
- Given the rapidly accelerating demand for biologics around the world, we believe the company's unique capabilities and future backlog are not adequately captured by the current market cap even as the stock trades at high forward multiples. Additionally, as Wuxi increases its mix from contract research towards more contract manufacturing, the company should have increased visibility on demand and be able to increase profitability by improving manufacturing efficiency.

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# CYCLICAL GROWTH EXAMPLE



## I Silergy Corp (ticker 6415 TT)

- Silergy is a Chinese analog semiconductor design firm that specialises in power management integrated circuits (PMICs). Analog ICs are used to translate between real world signals that are continuous in nature (like sound, energy, and light) and digital computing signals (which is discrete/binary).
- PMICs play an important role in an application's power efficiency which is important for reducing energy consumption and/or increasing battery life. Silergy's PMICs are used in a wide variety of end-products such as LED lighting, base stations, TVs, smart speakers, PCs, smartphones, and many more. Silergy also has a smart-meter and energy monitoring segment.
- Intellectual property and engineering talent are critical in the analog design business. Silergy's key executives have been able to cultivate a strong engineering organization while keeping costs low (leverage young graduates in China and outsourced manufacturing). They have been able to grow their product portfolio and consistently post strong organic growth. Driehaus expects Silergy will be able to continue to grow at this rate or higher as they expand into new markets like automotive and data centre in the coming years.
- The PMIC market is still dominated by large Western firms such as Texas Instruments, Qualcomm, and Dialog Semiconductor. Silergy only has roughly 1% market share in the large China market but Driehaus expects it can gain share owing to its strong execution and a growing customer preference for local suppliers.
- Silergy's product focus is important for increasing energy efficiency in a wide variety of products. The company has been able to develop its engineering talent via effective employee training programs, although Driehaus would like to see further progress in this area.

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## I KIA Motors Corporation (ticker 000270 KS)

- Kia Motors is one of the leading Korean automakers, coming off a disappointing 2019 and a very difficult first half of 2020. The stock has long been under pressure due to losing share in China and in the U.S. market, and has been weighed by labour disputes and product cycle misses but has remained on our focus list because they have maintained a unique value-for-money offering in the global auto market and have long had high potential as an electric vehicle producer.
- Despite some issues, the company does have a compelling value proposition in the lower-price point of the market globally, with higher-tech cars at cheaper price points. The recent rebranding has successfully improved brand equity as well.
- A long-time low margin operator, Driehaus sees scope for a long-term improvement in profitability led by the company's electric vehicle (EV) portfolio. Kia has been among the more ambitious traditional OEMs, aiming to launch zero fully combustion engine vehicles by 2028. The company's net margin in 2018 was 2.1% and Driehaus sees the potential for that to double in the coming years. They are leading the market in next gen battery systems, offering among the fastest charging times currently on the market which is increasingly likely to be a differentiator.
- The company is gaining significant market share in each of its biggest markets and Driehaus anticipates that continuing. They are most positive on the market opportunity in India where a very concentrated market dominated by one local incumbent offers a lot of potential for a lower-cost, SUV-focused producer.
- Kia has had ESG-related concerns in the past; in areas of governance, labour and product quality. Driehaus anticipates improvements in governance going forward given the Korean government's new focus on reforming chaebols. There are also remaining issues with product safety from previous models that must be monitored. The external ratings agencies, however, give the company zero credit for its electric vehicle focus and the positive impact therein, thus Driehaus sees the company's true sustainability level to be understated.

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# CONSISTENT GROWTH EXAMPLE



## I Asian Paints Ltd. (ticker APNT IN)

- Asian Paints is the leader in India's decorative paints industry. The company's extensive dealer network, diversified product offerings and strong brand are key attributes that ensure consistent top line growth and margin expansion opportunities. The company has a strong portfolio of brands and a diversified offering across its established paints business as well as in newer introduced categories such as waterproofing, adhesives and home improvement. Despite the fact that the company has reached ~50% market share, Asian Paints has ample opportunity to further share gains from unorganized players.
- New product introduction has been a core strategy. The company has consistently and successfully introduced new products across the value chain, from expanding the value-for-money category to upgrading consumers to higher price points. As the relevance of the health & hygiene theme has increased, management most recently introduced anti-bacterial products, under the brand Royal Health Shield. The company also launched Nilaya Natural, with 97% of ingredients having a natural origin.
- The company has grown revenue at an 8% CAGR over the past five years while earnings-per-share have increased at a 15% compound rate. DrieHaus expects that growth to continue in light of 1) accelerated consolidation of the market, 2) faster growth in higher-end products and 3) higher domestic spend on remodelling.
- The company has also been active in reducing plastic waste. The company has collected and recycled more than 1,800 tons of post-consumer flexible plastic across 12 states. Asian Paints has also been procuring paper that contains 100% recycled content and uses recycled cardboard cartons (secondary packaging) to pack small size paint containers. The jumbo packaging used to transfer raw materials is also reused for internal purposes.

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## I Asian Paints Ltd. (ticker APNT IN) - Continued

The company has also published its Business Responsibility Report summarizing its sustainability initiatives, with key focus on a) water consumption, b) energy management and renewables, and c) waste management.

1. The company is committed to meeting internationally accepted green products standards. The company started its commitment to being truly “green” 7 years ago with the “Lead & Heavy Metal Free Guarantee”, before the government’s legislation that banned such products.
2. Asian Paints is focusing on reducing its consumption of fresh water by collecting rainwater to use in the manufacturing process and improvements in cooling tower operations. The company also has several water replenishment projects in the communities surrounding its factories.
3. In recent past, the company has focused on increasing the renewable content of its products and process innovation. Polyols and polymeric carbohydrates with a natural origin have been incorporated in the company’s products.
4. The company has implemented a new dispersion technology at its manufacturing facilities which enable reduction of rutile (a key contributor of green gas emissions).

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# EXAMPLE OF A STOCK NOT OWNED FOR ESG REASONS



## I Foshan Haitian Flavouring & Food (ticker 603288 CH)

- Foshan Haitian Flavouring & Food is a leading brand in the condiments sector in China. The industry remains highly fragmented and Haitian is the only company in the sector with national distribution and scale.
- Over the past 10 years, Haitian has never missed their yearly guidance by consistently delivering double-digit revenue and earnings growth and 30% sustainable ROE. This is due to management's strategy to aggressively increase the distribution channels and successfully expand into new flavours and new product categories. The company has been actively exploring new condiment-related products to ensure future growth. By leveraging its existing platforms, the company is well positioned to penetrate into new categories.
- With only 7.5% market share, Haitian has significant opportunities to continue to consolidate the soy sauce and oyster market. Haitian also has a balanced exposure to in-home consumption and restaurants which reduces the cyclicity of the business.
- The company has not outlined any specific initiatives that would help them minimize the environmental impact of its soy processing operation (soya is a water-intensive crop). Thus, the company falls behind other global peers in terms of ESG initiatives and rating.
- Of paramount importance in a company with some sustainability controversies and concerns, the company continues not to communicate an ESG strategy or provide any ESG related data to investors.

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Source: Driehaus Capital Management

# **DRIEHAUS EMERGING MARKETS INVESTMENT TEAM**



# DRIEHAUS EMERGING MARKETS TEAM

The below employees at Driehaus Capital Management are responsible for the portfolio management (including idea generation, portfolio construction, security selection, investment research and risk management) of the Driehaus Emerging Markets Sustainable Equity Fund.

**Richard Thies**  
Portfolio Manager

Richard is a portfolio manager of the Driehaus Emerging Markets Sustainable Equity Strategy and leads the Driehaus Emerging Markets Team's ESG efforts in addition to the Team's coverage of the financials sector and has primary responsibility for macroeconomic analysis. He is also the lead portfolio manager of the Driehaus Emerging Markets Opportunities strategy and a portfolio manager for the Driehaus Emerging Markets Growth and Driehaus Emerging Markets Small Cap Equity strategies. Mr. Thies' macroeconomic analysis, idea generation, security analysis, ESG work, portfolio construction, and risk management responsibilities are leveraged across the four strategies managed by the Driehaus Emerging Markets Team. He joined Driehaus Capital Management in 2011. Mr. Thies received his B.A. in international studies from Emory University in M.A. in international political economy from the University of Chicago.

Chad is a portfolio manager of the Driehaus Emerging Markets Sustainable Equity Strategy and leads the Driehaus Emerging Markets Team's coverage of the materials, energy and Industrials sectors. He also serves as the lead portfolio manager of the Driehaus Emerging Markets Small Cap Equity strategy and is a portfolio manager for the Driehaus Emerging Markets Growth and Driehaus Emerging Markets Opportunities strategies. His idea generation, security selection, portfolio construction, and risk management responsibilities, and macro-level analysis, are leveraged across the four strategies managed by the Driehaus Emerging Markets Team. Mr. Cleaver joined Driehaus Capital Management in 2004. He received his A.B. in economics from Wabash College in 2000 and his MBA from the Kenan-Flagler Business School at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 2004. Mr. Cleaver is a CFA charterholder.

**Chad Cleaver, CFA**  
Portfolio Manager

**Howard Schwab**  
Portfolio Manager

Howard is a portfolio manager for the Driehaus Emerging Markets Sustainable Equity Strategy and leads the Driehaus Emerging Markets Team's coverage of the information technology and consumer sectors. He also serves as the lead portfolio manager for the Driehaus Emerging Markets Growth strategy and is a portfolio manager for the Driehaus Emerging Markets Small Cap Equity and Driehaus Emerging Markets Opportunities strategies. His idea generation, security selection, portfolio construction, and risk management responsibilities, and macro-level analysis, are leveraged across the four strategies managed by the Driehaus Emerging Markets Team. Mr. Schwab joined Driehaus Capital Management in 2001. He received his B.A. in economics from Denison University in 2001.

# DRIEHAUS EMERGING MARKETS TEAM

## **Mihaela Zahariuc**

Senior Analyst

Michaela is a senior analyst on the Emerging Markets Team with a focus on the consumer and health care sectors. She also supports Richard Thies with ESG related initiatives. She is responsible for idea generation, in-depth fundamental research and making relevant buy/sell recommendations to the portfolio managers. Ms. Zahariuc joined DrieHaus Capital Management in 2018. She received a B.A. in musicology from the National Conservatory of Music in Bucharest, Romania and an M.A. in Arts, Entertainment and Media Management from Columbia College in Chicago, IL.

Jonathon is responsible for macro and financial research as well as idea generation and buy/sell recommendations. For the Emerging Markets Opportunities strategy, Mr. Mershimer is responsible for structuring and executing directional, relative value and hedges trades across asset classes, including both local and external fixed income, currencies, and interest rates, and providing depth of leadership to the team. Mr. Mershimer joined DrieHaus Capital Management in 2020. He received his B.A. in Economics from Bucknell University and his MBA from the University of Chicago Booth School of Business. Mr. Mershimer is a CFA charter holder.

## **Jonathon Mershimer, CFA**

Senior Analyst

## **Drew Srichandra**

Senior Analyst

Drew focuses on international and emerging market stocks within the materials, energy, industrials and utilities sectors. In his role as a senior analyst he is responsible for idea generation, in-depth fundamental research and making relevant buy/ sell recommendations to the portfolio managers. Mr. Srichandra began his career in 1998 at Mentor Capital as an analyst covering the communications, media, natural resources and consumer products sectors. In 1999 he joined IG Investment Management as an analyst focusing on the information technology sector. Mr. Srichandra also worked as a senior investment analyst at AIC Group of Funds. In addition, he worked at Engemann Asset Management as a research analyst prior to joining DrieHaus Capital Management in 2007. He received his Bachelors of Commerce degree in finance from the University of Manitoba, Canada in 1997. Mr. Srichandra is a CFA charterholder.

# DRIEHAUS EMERGING MARKETS TEAM

**Thomas Ansen-Wilson, CFA**  
Senior Analyst

Thomas focuses on emerging market stocks. He is responsible for idea generation, in-depth fundamental research and making relevant buy/sell recommendations to the portfolio managers. Mr. Ansen-Wilson joined DrieHaus Capital Management in 2014. He received a B.B.A. from the College of William and Mary. He is a CFA charterholder.

Jason Shao is an analyst on the Emerging Markets Team. As a generalist with a focus on China, his in-depth fundamental research, idea generation and buy/sell recommendations are leveraged across all of the strategies managed by the DrieHaus Emerging Markets Team. Before joining DrieHaus Capital Management in 2020, Mr. Shao worked as a global trading and market services intern for NASDAQ Stock Market in the market operations department. Prior to that he worked as a Letter of Credit documents examiner intern for China Construction Bank in the international business department. Mr. Shao received a B.A. in economics from Wabash College and a Master of Science in Finance from Simon Business School – University of Rochester.

**Jason Shao**  
Analyst

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

Maximilian works with portfolio managers and analysts to monitor and analyze risk exposure and discuss new investment ideas. Additionally, he serves on the firm's management committee. Mr. Heitner joined DrieHaus Capital Management in 2010. He earned his B.A. from Brandeis University and his MBA from Loyola University.



# DRIEHAUS EMERGING MARKETS TEAM

## **Michael So, CPA**

Risk Analyst

Michael facilitates the firm's overall risk infrastructure and functions. He is responsible for new and existing risk platforms, various quantitative tools and processes, as well as other initiatives that achieve the firm's investment goals. Mr. So joined Driehaus Capital Management in 2015. He earned his B.S. from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He is a certified public accountant.

Jason 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 joined the firm in 2000 and has held positions of increasing responsibility prior to assuming his current role in 2010. From 1992 to 1998 Mr. Vedder 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. 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 received his B.A. in economics from Albion College in 1992 and his M.B.A. from DePaul University in 2003. Mr. Vedder has passed all 3 levels of the Chartered Market Technician program (CMT).

## **Jason Vedder**

Director of Trading and Operations

## **Jeffrey Funk**

Senior Trader

Jeffery is responsible for executing trades for the firm's international portfolios and providing ongoing information to portfolio managers regarding market sentiment, trading environment, volatility and trends. Mr. Funk joined Driehaus Capital Management in 2000. He received a B.S. in finance from DePaul University.

Amaya is an Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) analyst on the Risk Management Team. As a generalist with a focus on ESG, her idea generation, interpretation of major company developments and identifying ESG issues and data analysis are leveraged across the firm's ESG initiative efforts. Additionally, she serves on the firm's ESG committee. Before joining Driehaus Capital Management in 2021, Ms. Aranzabal worked as the head of external communications and reputation for Grupo Lala. Prior to that she worked as a government relations manager, industry and risk coordinator and corporate legal coordinator for Grupo Modelo – Anheuser Busch InBev. Ms. Aranzabal received a B.A. in law from Universidad Iberoamericana and is pursuing a M.B.A. from Loyola University Chicago, Quinlan School of Business.

## **Amaya Aranzabal**

Environmental, Social and Governance  
Analyst

# DRIEHAUS EMERGING MARKETS TEAM

## **Kimberly Nagy**

Senior Trader

Kimberly Nagy, Senior Trader, is responsible for executing trades for the firm's international portfolios and providing ongoing information to portfolio managers regarding market sentiment, trading environment, volatility and trends. Ms. Nagy joined Driehaus Capital Management in 2001. She received a B.S. in finance from Illinois State University.

Troy Frederick 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, CMT**

Senior Trader

Samuel Borrelli 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.

Jack Crowley is responsible for executing trades and providing ongoing information to portfolio managers regarding market sentiment, trading environment, volatility and trends. Mr. Crowley joined the firm in 2017. Prior to joining Driehaus Capital Management, Mr. Crowley was an equity trader for Columbia Wanger Asset Management. Mr. Crowley received his B.S. in Finance and Accounting from Saint Louis University in 2010. He is a CFA charterholder.

## **Jack Crowley, CFA**

Trader

# UCITS FUND PARTICULARS AND STRUCTURE



# DRIEHAUS EMERGING MARKETS SUSTAINABLE 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) / I (Institutional)

## ISIN / Bloomberg Ticker

A	IE00B76BMG52	HDMEAUS
B	IE00B6R1HD97	HDMEBUS
I	IE00B6RSJ564	HDMEIUS

## Exchange Listed

None

## Registered for Retail Sale

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

## Registered for Accredited Investors

Singapore (CISNET restricted scheme)

## Minimum Investment

A = \$15,000 / B = \$15,000 / I = \$2,000,000

## Management Fee

A = 1.50% / B = 1.95% / I = 0.90%

## Subscriptions

Daily - T+3 Settlement

## Redemptions

Daily - T+5 Settlement

## Lock-up Provision

None

## Leverage

None

## Sub-Investment Manager

DrieHaus Capital Management LLC

## 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

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# APPENDIX



# BOTTOM-UP RESEARCH: QUANTITATIVE SCREENING EXAMPLE

**COMPOSITE** – This shows a stock's composite score relative to the EM universe combining the 4 key factors of quant work: quality, valuation, revisions and momentum. These four factors are emphasized because all have historically been shown to outperform over time.

**REVISIONS** – The revisions score shows the relative strength of a company's earnings revisions trend (1-month and 3-month) compared to the EM universe.

**MEDIUM-TERM MOMENTUM** – The blue+green lines show how medium-term momentum is evolving, while the noisy red dotted line shows short-term momentum (this is mainly used as a timing indicator for entry or sell points since short-term momentum tends to be a highly reverting factor).

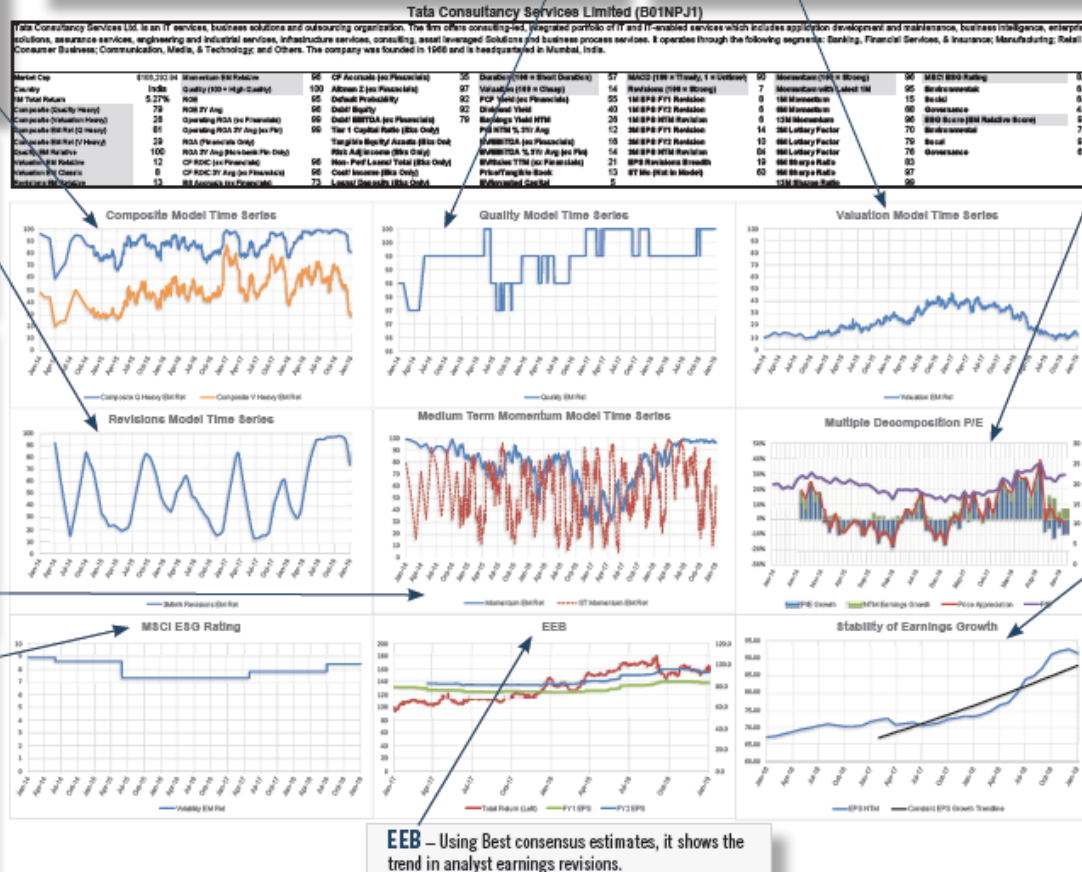
**MSCI ESG RATING** – MSCI ESG Research provides quantitative scores based on in-depth research, ratings and analysis of the environmental, social and governance-related business practices of companies.

**QUALITY** – The quality score combines metrics such as profitability, cash conversion and leverage. This chart is helpful for not only showing where a company's quality stands relative to the universe, but more importantly how that quality is evolving. Deteriorating quality may be a sign of underlying fundamental deterioration in the business, while improving quality may suggest the inverse.

**VALUATION** – The valuation score combines metrics such as FCF yield, dividend yield, PE and price/book, and also looks at where current multiples stand versus history. This chart helps us understand not only how expensive or cheap a company is compared to the EM universe, but importantly where its relative valuation stands compared to its own history (since certain stocks such as healthcare and consumer staples will tend to always screen as expensive versus the universe).

**MULTIPLE DECOMPOSITION** – There is a lot going on in this chart but it shows how a stock has performed over the past month and what % of the performance was driven by earnings change versus multiple change. We want to see performance supported by earnings growth for the stocks we own, and look for opportunities to buy stocks where selloffs were purely multiple-driven.

**STABILITY OF EARNINGS GROWTH** – Shows the progression of a stock's next 12 months EPS with a "best fit" trend line. This provides an indication of how stable or volatile a company's growth is, and whether we are seeing any disconnect in current growth rate from trend (potential inflection).



Source: Driehaus Capital Management, Merrill Lynch Investment Research

This slide is shown to demonstrate the firm's quantitative screening process. This is a holding as of 31/12/2018 for the strategy. This information is presented for illustrative purposes only and is not intended to be relied upon as a forecast, research or investment advice, and is not a recommendation, offer or solicitation to buy or sell any securities or to adopt any investment strategy. The fund is actively managed and portfolio holdings, weightings and allocations are subject to change at any time. Driehaus and Heptagon assume no obligation to update or supplement this information to reflect subsequent changes.

# TOOLS USED TO IDENTIFY GROWTH INFLECTIONS



## Quarterly earnings reports and company interactions

1. Monitor and analyse earnings report
2. Meet with companies: Looking for incremental information that suggests fundamentals or earnings growth is improving
3. Pattern recognition is an important part of our process
4. Extensive experience looking at a variety of business models over multiple countries and market cycles



Results in understanding which models work well in EM and what to watch for in order to identify the inflection in a particular model. An example is hospitals, where the positive inflection tends to occur after a company's CAPEX cycle has peaked.



## Fundamental screens

Through our quantitative screening process Driehaus screens for

1. Accelerating earnings growth rates
2. Positive earnings revisions
3. Expansion of margins or return ratios
4. Analyze how a company's quality score is evolving



Earnings revisions are particularly important, positive revisions suggest the company's performance is > expectations and the market is attempting to catch up to the new reality. Analyzing how a company's quality score is evolving is also key since improving business quality often coincides with a positive trend change for the company.



## Share price decomposition

1. Driehaus decomposes share price performance into earnings growth and valuation rerating/derating
2. Then look for positive divergences



An example of a positive divergence is when a stock sells off or underperforms, but the poor performance is driven entirely by valuation derating, while earnings continue to grow and there has been no change to the structural growth case (something Driehaus assesses when conducting fundamental analysis).



## Macroeconomic and industry analysis

1. Analyze country and sector trends
2. Look for shifts that have implications for the underlying companies



Growth inflections can be externally-driven. Examples include regulatory changes, elections, and credit cycles.

## Growth Inflections Identified

# INVESTOR BIASES

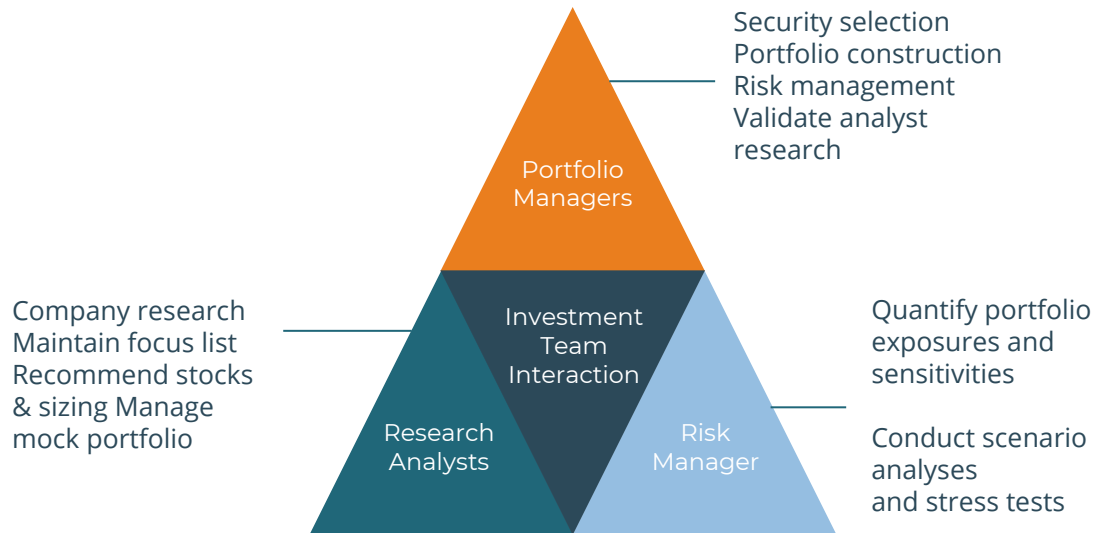
Bias	Description	Effect
<b>COGNITIVE BIASES</b>		
Anchoring and/or Conservatism bias	Giving more weight to prior information and underweighting new evidence	Underreact to new information, which may actually be more essential than prior information
Confirmation bias	Searching for or noticing information that only agrees with one's preconceptions	Make faulty decision if certain information is ignored and lack flexibility of thought
Representativeness bias	Using heuristics to classify information into pre-existing categories	Overemphasise the ability to categorise new information and not expanding views accordingly
Control bias (illusion of control)	Overestimating one's ability to control events	Trade excessively or inadequately diversify the portfolio
Hindsight bias	Seeing past events as being predictable at the time those events happened	Overestimate the accuracy of forecasts made in the past, and as a result, take unanticipated risk in the future
<b>EMOTIONAL BIASES</b>		
Overconfidence bias (illusion of knowledge)	Having excessive confidence in one's abilities or information	Trade excessively or inadequately diversify the portfolio
Self-control bias	Focusing more on short-term goals instead of long-term ones	Focus on inappropriate short-term asset allocation or assume higher risk for short-term reward
Status quo bias	Tending to keep things the way they are	Miss out on profitable opportunities through unwillingness to change
Endowment bias	Placing more value on what one already owns due to the fact that it is owned	Stick with assets due to familiarity and comfort
Regret aversion bias	Avoiding to make a decision due to fear that the outcome will not be favourable	Maintain herd mentality as a form of safety and remain too conservative in decision making

Source: Driehaus Capital Management, Merrill Lynch Investment Research



# INVESTMENT TEAM INTERACTION

**The team implements the investment process through a set of clearly defined roles, a structured set of interactions, and a broad set of integrated tools.**



## Team Interaction

- Regular team meeting
- Bi-weekly risk management meetings
- Regular portfolio manager meeting with each analyst
- Central database of analyst research

## Tools and Resources Supporting Team Interaction

### Internal Research Notes (IRN)

- Centralised repository of all proprietary equity research integrated into FactSet
- Publish and access internal research through different mediums (FactSet, Microsoft Office, iOS, Android and applications)
- Cross team and cross firm (compliance) information sharing
- Leverage data within other applications

### FactSet Research Systems Inc.

- Research, portfolio analysis and attribution tool integrated with Compass and Axioma

### Axioma, Inc.

- Risk management analysis integrated with FactSet

### MSCI, Sustainalytics and Truevalue Labs

- Provides insights into ESG risks and opportunities and flags corporate involvement in major ESG controversies

### Additional Tools

- Bloomberg
- Compass

# SUMMARY OF PROXY VOTING – Q3 2021

## Total Meetings & Proxy Votes

<b>Meetings<sup>1</sup></b>	24
<b>Proposals<sup>1</sup></b>	142
<b>Against Management</b>	31
<b>For Management</b>	111
<b>Votes in Line with Sustainability Proxy Voting Guidelines</b>	There are no votes against policy

## Proxy Votes Against Management – Summary Available upon Request

Source: Driehaus Capital Management LLC and Institutional Shareholder Services, Inc. <sup>1</sup>Excludes 1 meeting on 28-Sep-21 related to Orizon Valorizacao de Residuos SA. Votes were rejected due to no Power of Attorney on file for Brazil.

## SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT MANAGEMENT ENGAGEMENTS – Q3 2021

Driehaus engaged with Locaweb Servicos de Internet regarding talent attraction and retention goals throughout the company. As a front-end web developer, they believe this is a critical issue for the company's future success. The company shared its aim which is to not get immersed into an endless cycle of salary hikes and it plans to address it by offering robust equity compensation plans, regular performance assessments and detailed succession planning in order to provide clear goals for its employees, as well as development programs that provide free training for anyone who wants to be a developer. The company aims to identify more talent and promote diversity in IT through these programs and training. The company focuses its ESG efforts as part of its core business focus, helping small merchants digitalize and sell goods online.

The team met with the Head of ESG at BTG Pactual to discuss its ratings, practices and long-term view for the bank. The bank provided information regarding its process to include environmental impact on its lending business, how ESG standards are adopted by management and the company and its goal to increase engagement with ESG Rating Companies to ensure transparency on reporting of ESG actions. On the Environmental perspective, BTG Pactual is focusing its efforts in helping its clients transition to sustainable practices through ESG training and setting environmental and DEI metrics. The bank shared it has a strong Know Your Client process which uses automation to screen clients and raise flags in case further analysis needs to be done before a final decision. The bank failed to provide additional information regarding some Governance issues raised in the call. Driehaus believes the bank is moving in the right direction regarding environmental practices but Driehaus will continue to engage regarding further Governance transparency and policies.

Driehaus participated in a call with Apollo Hospitals to discuss its environmental practices and ESG goals. The company shared it has acquired green power for 40% of their hospitals, mostly coming from solar sources. Its next big goal to reduce its plastic and water usage, however the company is currently focusing on continually increasing the percentage of power acquired from renewable sources. Driehaus touched on additional governance issues regarding lack of Board independence and share pledges. The company did not give additional information on that matter and stated it is currently doing the right thing. We believe the company is on the right track regarding environmental practices, but Driehaus would like to see additional efforts being made in Governance relevant issues.

## SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT MANAGEMENT ENGAGEMENTS – Q3 2021

For Globant SA a key success factor as a business is to hire and retain good talent. Its key focus is to offer its employees additional forms of compensation. Specifically, the company has aimed to improve its hiring infrastructure as well as a balanced work environment for its employees through a flat organizational structure, Work from Home flexibility and ensuring its “good corporate citizen” practices to retain employees. The company currently holds targets to ensure good corporate citizenship through the “Be Kind” initiative, however Driehaus believe these targets should be included into management compensation in order to ensure long-term success. Driehaus will continue to look at the company to see how and when these practices are embedded in its overall strategy.

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## COMPOSITE OBJECTIVES AND ACCOUNTS ELIGIBLE FOR THE EMERGING MARKETS GROWTH COMPOSITE

The Emerging Markets Growth Composite (the Composite) presented includes all unleveraged “emerging markets growth accounts” over which the Company exercises discretionary investment authority of both cash and equities using the same investment objective and philosophy. The Composite was created in January 1997. An account is considered to be an emerging markets growth account if it seeks capital appreciation by investing primarily in equity securities of rapidly growing companies in emerging markets countries around the world. This strategy may invest substantially all (no less than 65%) of its assets in emerging markets companies. 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

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 while the gross of fee returns do not. Both 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 emerging markets growth accounts, valuations and returns are computed and stated in U.S. dollars. Since returns are stated in U.S. dollars, exchange rates were used in the conversion. The Company is not aware of any significant inconsistencies between exchange rates used in the Composite and those used in the benchmark indices. 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. Returns are presented on a pretax basis and are net of any actual foreign taxes withheld on dividends and interest. Leverage is not a part of the Company's investment strategy for this Composite. Securities are valued in the foreign currency in which they are denominated and then translated into U.S. dollars at the spot rate. Forward contracts are generally purchased to hedge the risk of the currency fluctuation between the trade date and the settlement date of the underlying securities transactions.

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## INDICES

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