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# DRIEHAUS EMERGING MARKETS SUSTAINABLE EQUITY FUND\*

\*A sub-fund of Heptagon Fund ICAV

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For the same reason, although the following presentation makes extensive reference to the performance of Driehaus’ Emerging Markets Sustainable Equity Strategy, the data for the Emerging Markets Sustainable Equity Strategy is provided purely for indicative purposes to demonstrate how Driehaus has performed historically in its role as investment advisor to this specific strategy. The performance for the Emerging Markets Sustainable Equity Strategy is not the performance of the Fund and is not an indication of how the Fund would have performed in the past or will perform in the future. This material should not be viewed as a solicitation or offer of services by Driehaus. It is provided for informational purposes only. The information contained herein does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to purchase any U.S. registered security or U.S. investment product.

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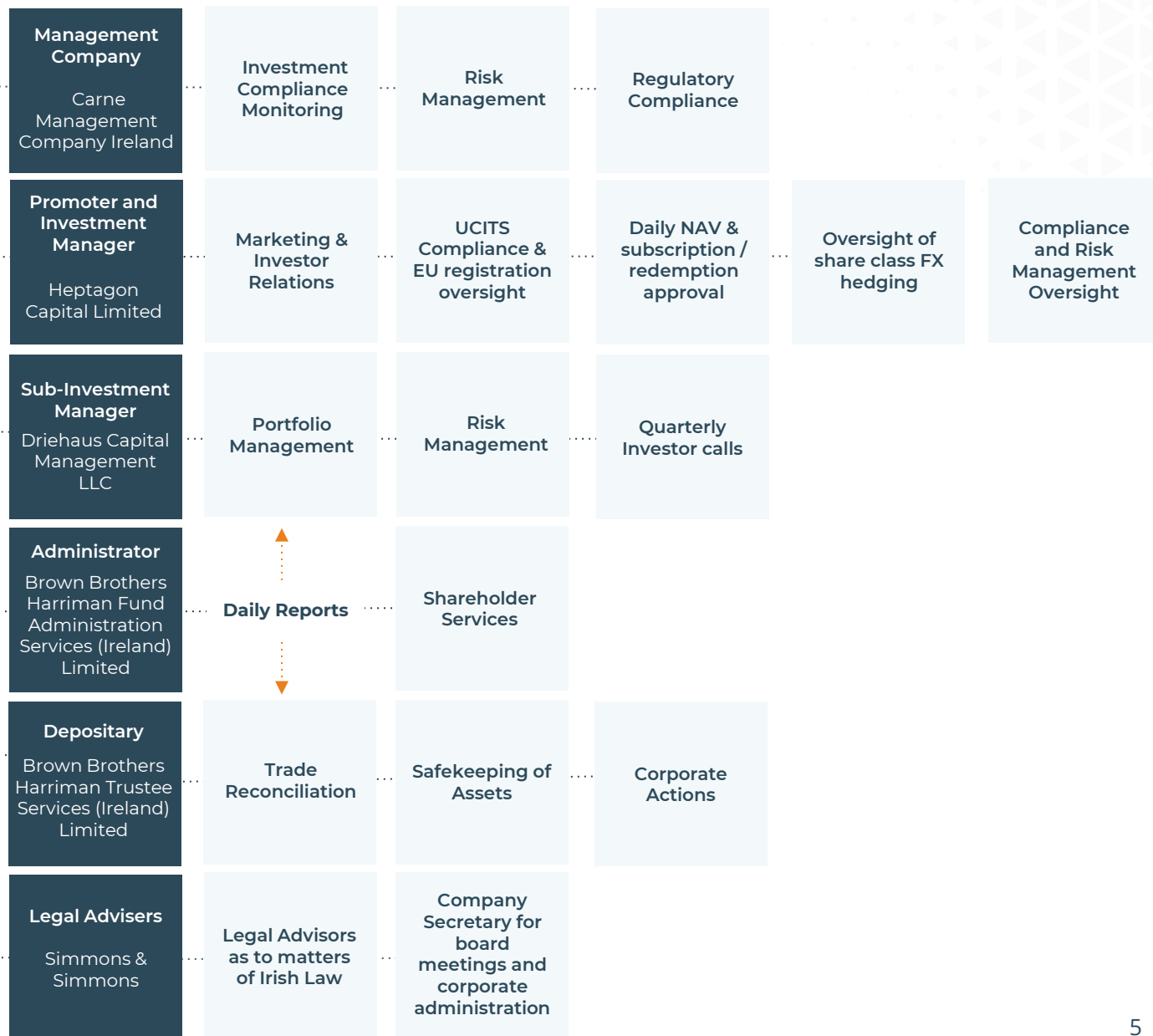
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# THE INVESTMENT MANAGER & SUB-INVESTMENT MANAGER

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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

**\$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

ESG factors integrated into investment process

## Strengths:

- Firm with 35+ 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



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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>

***Past performance is no guide to future performance and the value of investments and income from them can fall as well as rise.***

<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.



# INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY & PROCESS

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# 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.

# 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.

## Dedicated Emerging Markets Expertise

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

### Portfolio Management

**Richard Thies**  
Portfolio Manager  
ESG Lead/Macro/Financials  
Tenure began: 2011

**Chad Cleaver, CFA**  
Portfolio Manager  
Materials/Energy/Industrials  
Tenure began: 2004

**Howard Schwab**  
Portfolio Manager  
Information Technology/Consumer  
Tenure began: 2001

### Assistant Portfolio Management / Analyst Coverage

**Mihaela Zahariuc<sup>1,2</sup>**  
Assistant Portfolio Manager  
ESG/Consumer  
Tenure began: 2018

**Andrew Srichandra, CFA<sup>2</sup>**  
Senior Analyst  
Materials/Energy/Industrials  
Tenure began: 2007

**Thomas Ansen-Wilson, CFA<sup>2</sup>**  
Senior Analyst  
ESG/ Information Technology  
Tenure began: 2014

**Jonathon Mershimer**  
Senior Analyst  
Financials/Macro  
Tenure began: 2020

**Jason Shao**  
Analyst  
Healthcare/Information Technology/China  
Tenure began: 2020

### Risk Coverage

**Maximilian Heitner<sup>1</sup>**  
Director of Research and Risk Management  
Tenure began: 2010

**Michael So<sup>1</sup>**  
Senior Risk Analyst  
Tenure began: 2015

**Abby Schlehuber<sup>1</sup>**  
Environmental, Social and  
Governance Analyst  
Tenure began: 2024

### Traders

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

**Jeffrey Funk**  
Senior Trader  
Tenure began: 2005

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

**Kimberly Nagy**  
Senior Trader  
Tenure began: 2001

**Samuel Borrelli, CMT**  
Senior Trader  
Tenure began: 2011

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

<sup>1</sup> Also serves on the Firm's ESG Committee.

<sup>2</sup> Also has assistant portfolio manager responsibilities within the firm's research structure.

# 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>• 15+ 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>• 16+ 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 Strategy 1: \$345m</li> <li>• Total Emerging Markets Strategy Assets<sup>2</sup>: \$6,172m</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> Emerging Markets Sustainable Equity Strategy assets include those accounts that meet the composite objectives and eligibility requirements. As of 31/12/2024.

<sup>2</sup> Total strategy assets include all assets managed in the strategy style. As of 31/12/2024.  
The Fund does not have a sustainable designated reference benchmark.

## 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

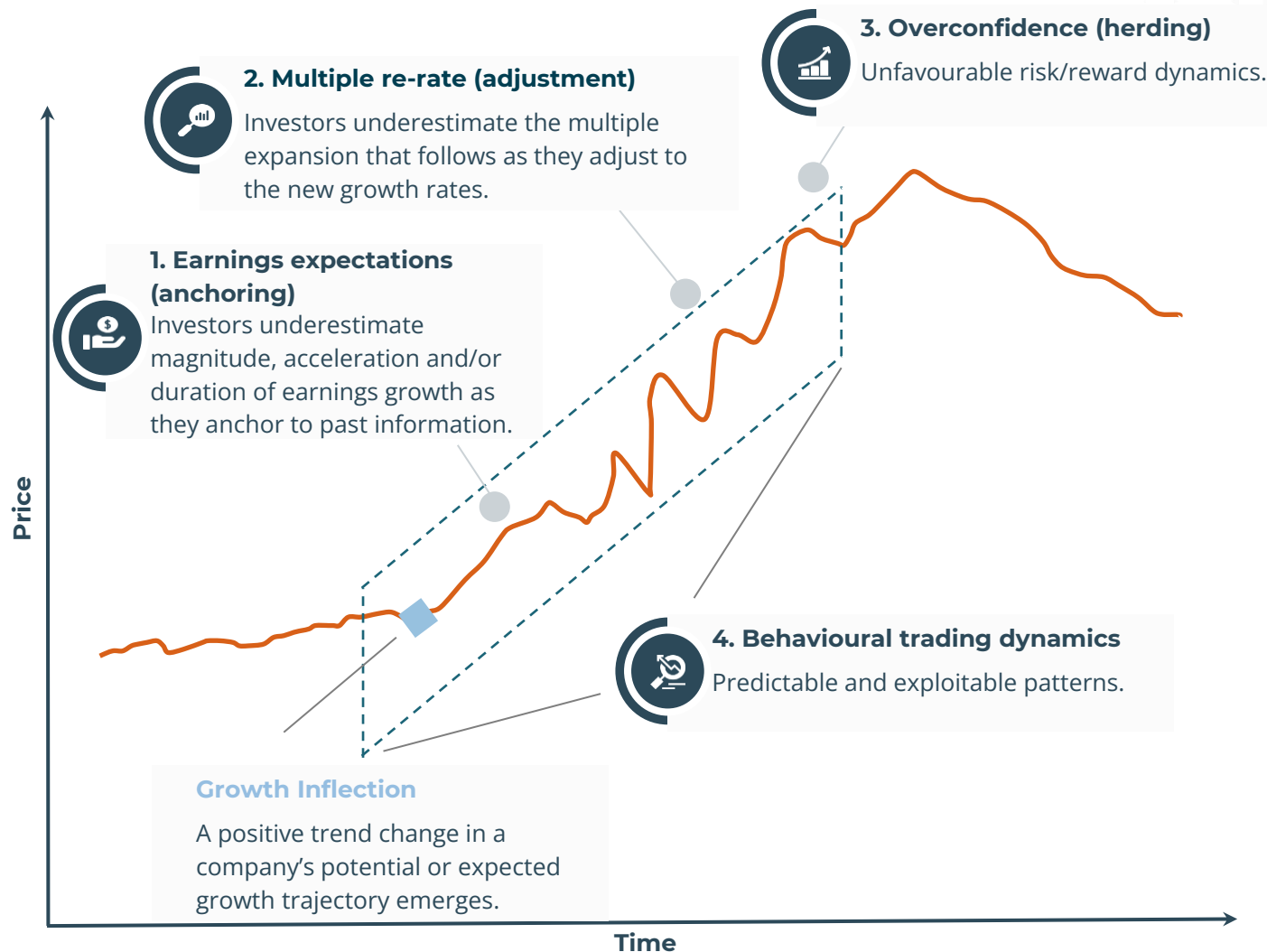


### **Markets tend to misprice companies undergoing positive growth inflections**

- 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.

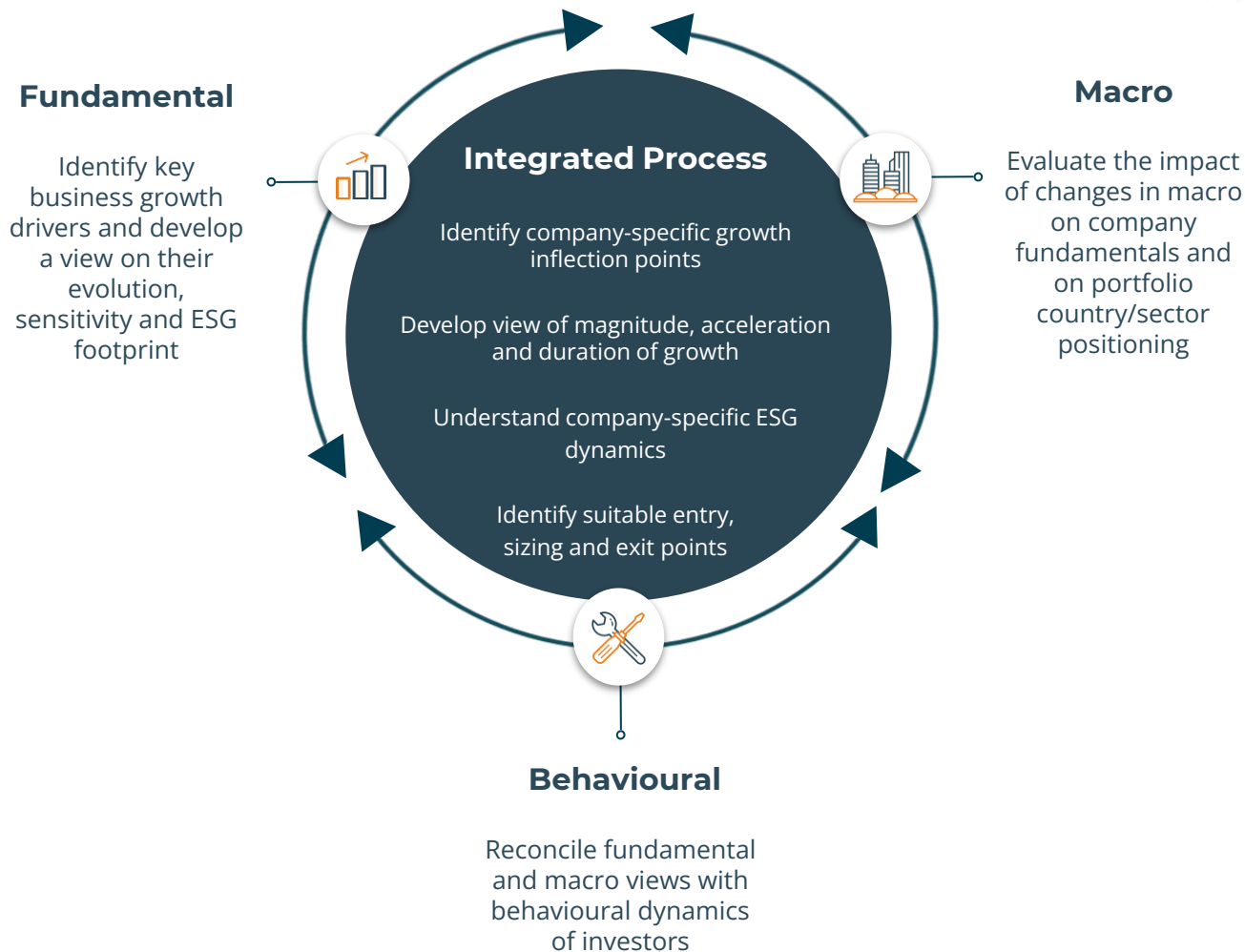
# INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY

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



..... Inefficiencies follow predictable and investable patterns

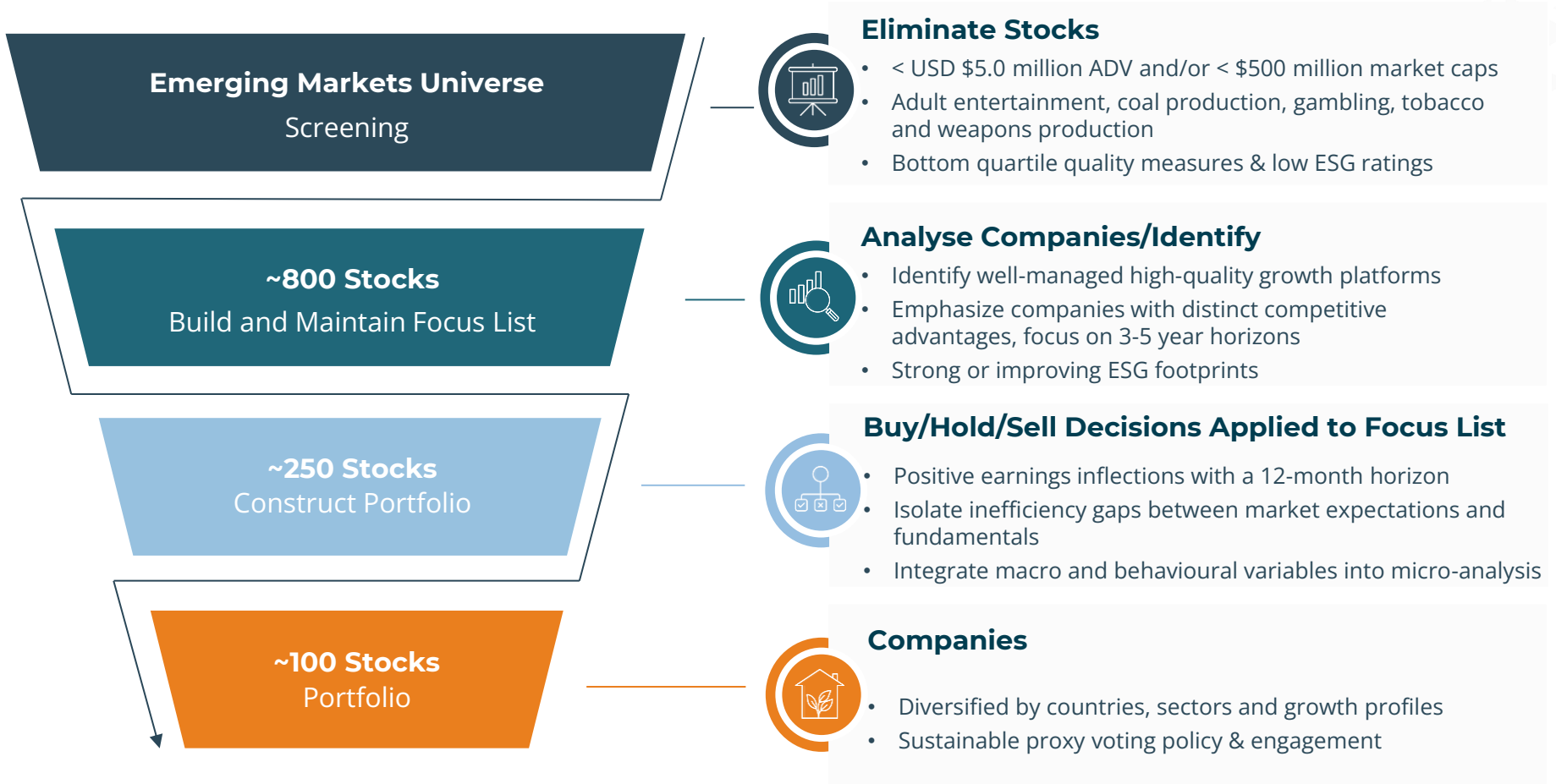
## I The interplay of fundamental, macro and behavioural analysis.....



..... Provides a definable and repeatable edge

# INVESTMENT PROCESS OVERVIEW

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





## | Provides the building blocks for portfolio construction.

### | 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)

# FUNDAMENTAL ANALYSIS

**I 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

- 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

- 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

- 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

- 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**

| 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

# PORTFOLIO CONSTRUCTION

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

- 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
<b>Cash</b>	Fully invested	Market timing conflicts with investment objective
<b>Position size</b>	Maximum 5% pts > index	Express conviction while minimising concentration risks
<b>Number of holdings</b>	~ 100	Sufficiently robust universe
<b>Country / Sector</b>	Maximum 15% pts > index	Express conviction while limiting country / sector risks
<b>Market capitalisation</b>	All capitalisation	Optimises universe
<b>Off benchmark holdings</b>	No limit	Optimises universe
<b>Growth Profiles</b>	Maintain exposure to Dynamic/Cyclical/Recovery Consistent	Enhances end market and risk factor diversification without sacrificing conviction
<b>Volatility</b>	No tracking error restrictions	Avoid closet indexing
<b>Key Risk Management Considerations</b>	Decompose expected tracking error Understand exposures/sensitivities Technical overlay	Accentuate idiosyncratic investments Avoid surprises Avoid biases

# SUSTAINABILITY OVERVIEW

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



## Sustainability

- 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.



## Guidelines & Analysis

- 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 TruValue Labs; and
  - Expected improvement in ESG practices, factors and ratings



## Engagement

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

# ESG RATINGS

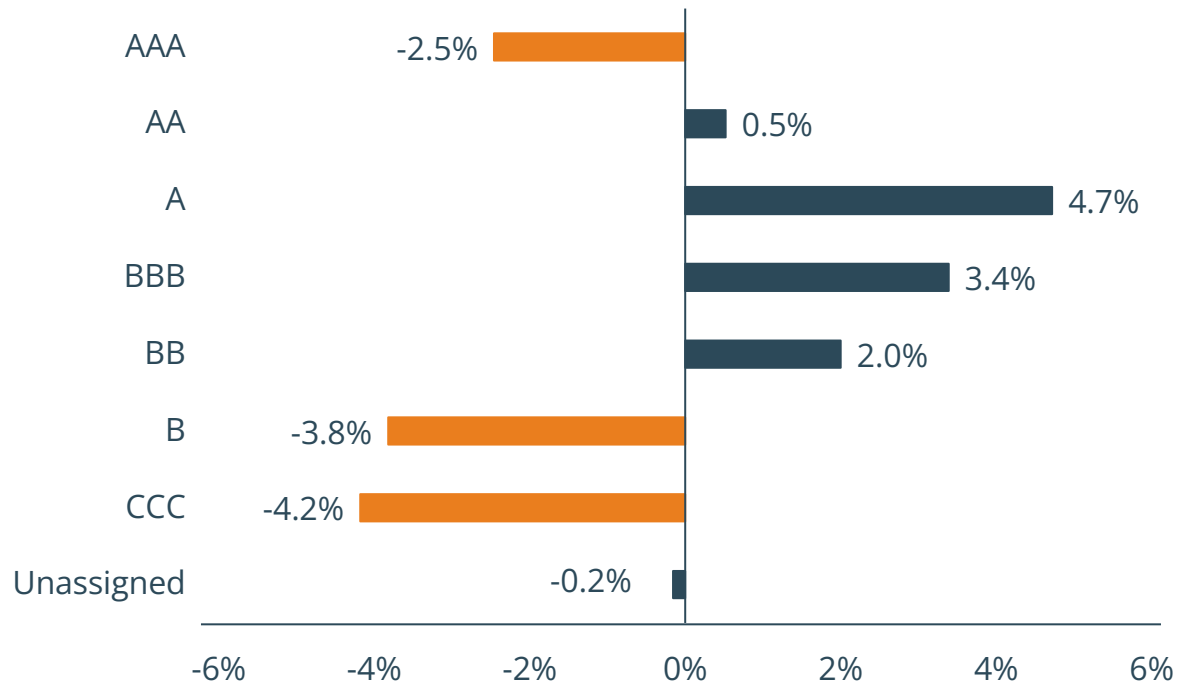
## Relative Portfolio Weight vs. MSCI Emerging Markets Index (%pts)

Higher ESG Quality



Lower ESG Quality

### Emphasize ESG Leaders and Improvers Over Laggards

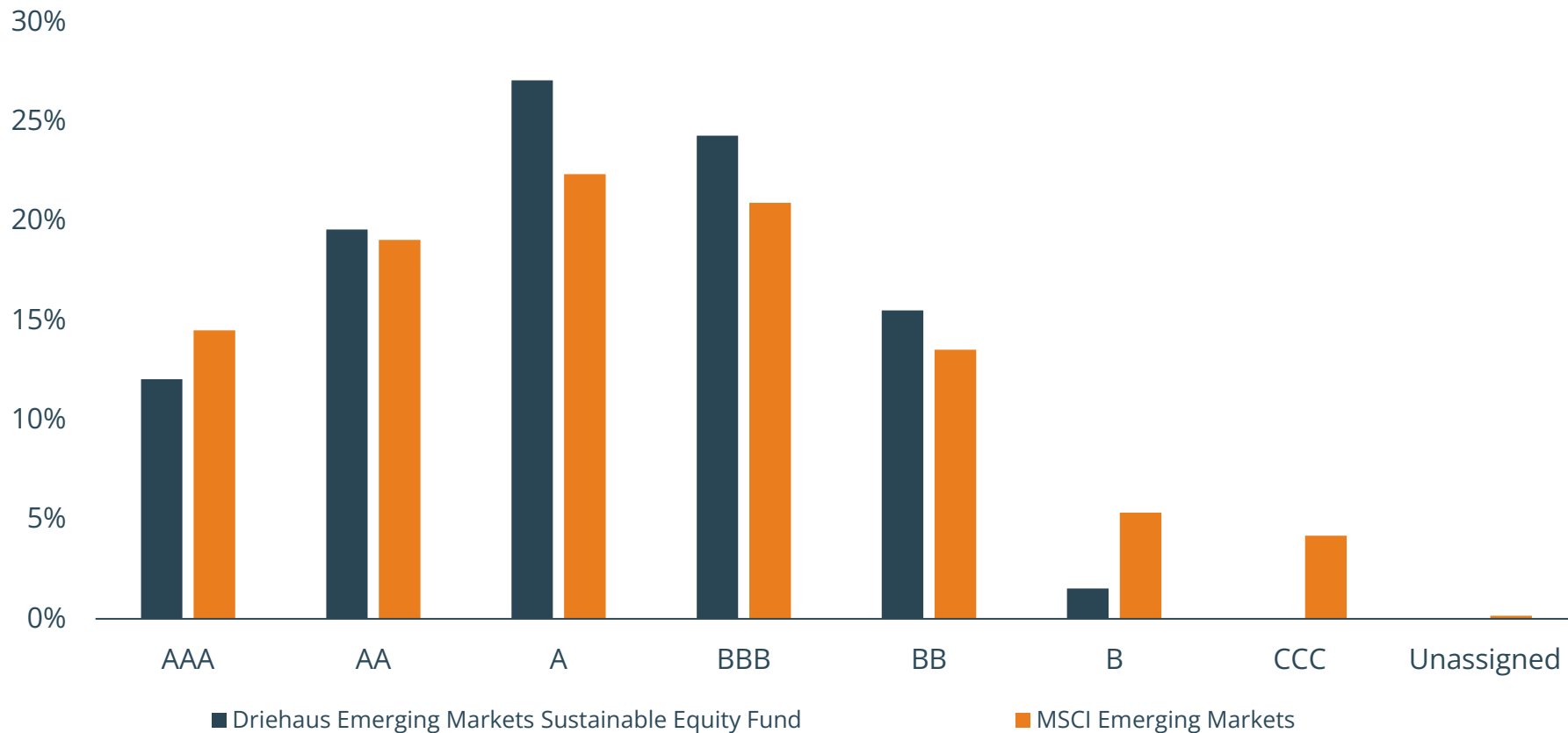


Source FactSet Research Systems LLC, MSCI Inc. ESG Ratings, and Driehaus Capital Management LLC  
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Cash is excluded.  
Companies without an assigned ESG rating by MSCI Inc. have been manually assigned a rating by Driehaus Capital Management LLC.

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# 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

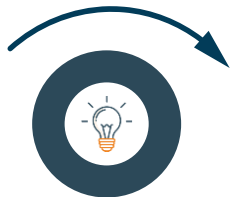
### Conduct / Analyse:

- 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**



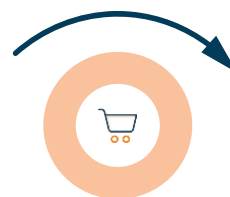
**Idea Generation**  
Ensure liquidity



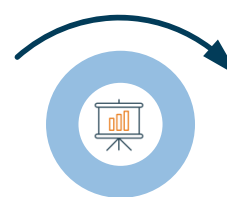
**Analysis**  
Validate investment theses



**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



## I Gross Performance and Volatility Analysis, Rolling 1-Year Periods

Representative Portfolio vs. "Buy & Hold" Portfolio<sup>1</sup>

31/10/2019<sup>2</sup> – 31/10/2024

	Representative Portfolio
Relative Performance: Average	+1.37% pts
Relative Standard Deviation: Average	-1.04% pts
Total Rolling Periods	1,827
Positive Periods	1,258 (69% of periods)
Negative Periods	569 (31% of periods)

## I Calendar Year Periods

One trailing 12-month period for each calendar year (and a 10-month period for 2024).

	Relative Performance	Relative Standard Deviation
2019	+1.70% pts	-0.89% pts
2020	+6.04% pts	-2.30% pts
2021	-2.63% pts	+0.26% pts
2022	+3.94% pts	-7.03% pts
2023	+0.66% pts	+0.51% pts
2024 through 31/10/2024	+1.05% pts	-1.43% pts

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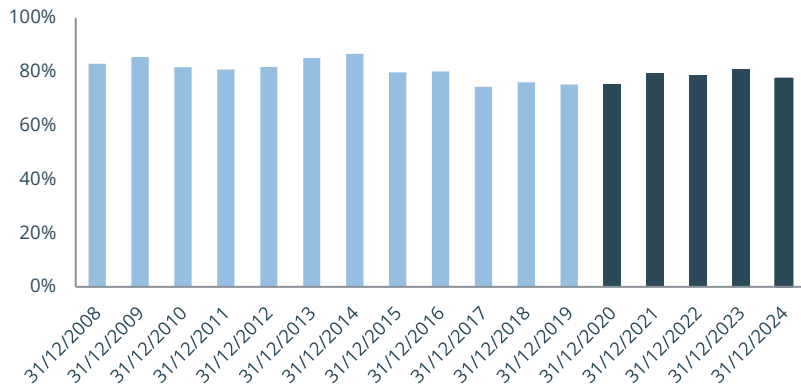
The tables above provide insight into the value added from the turnover within the Heptagon Driehaus Emerging Markets Sustainable Equity Fund's account managed by Driehaus Capital Management LLC as measured over one-year periods. To quantify the benefit of trading in the account, the account's actual performance is compared to a hypothetical portfolio where no trading takes place, which is called the "Buy & Hold Portfolio". The table provides outcomes for 1,827 rolling one-year periods. For these calculations, the periods are rolled each day (e.g. the first one-year period started 1 November 2018 and ended 31 October 2019. The next one-year period started 2 November 2018 and ended 1 November 2019, etc.). 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 actual performance of the account, net of all trading costs, for the same period. The difference between the actual account performance and the Buy & Hold Portfolio performance reflects the added value of trading.

### Construction Methodology of Buy & Hold Periods

Account performance is gross of fees and net of transaction costs. Performance is estimated and has not been reconciled for the referenced periods. The buy and hold portfolio is gross of fees and has no transaction costs as it had no transactions. The representative portfolio performance and volatility figures are generated by Driehaus Capital Management and represent the performance and volatility of the Driehaus Emerging Markets Sustainable Equity Fund's account managed by Driehaus Capital Management LLC. The "buy & hold" portfolio performance and volatility are generated by FactSet Research Systems LLC and represent the performance of a static (untraded) Driehaus Emerging Markets Sustainable Equity Fund portfolio over one-year periods.

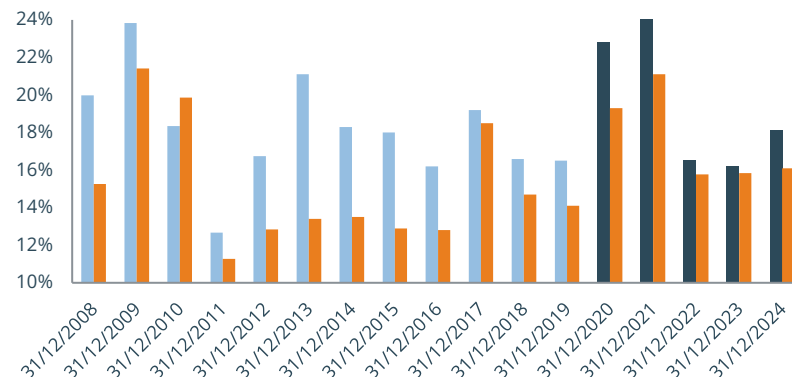
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## Active Share



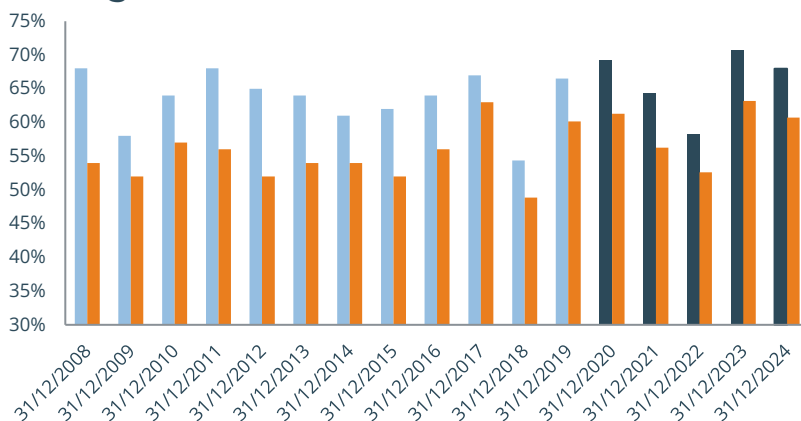
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## 3-5 Year Earnings-per-Share Growth Rates



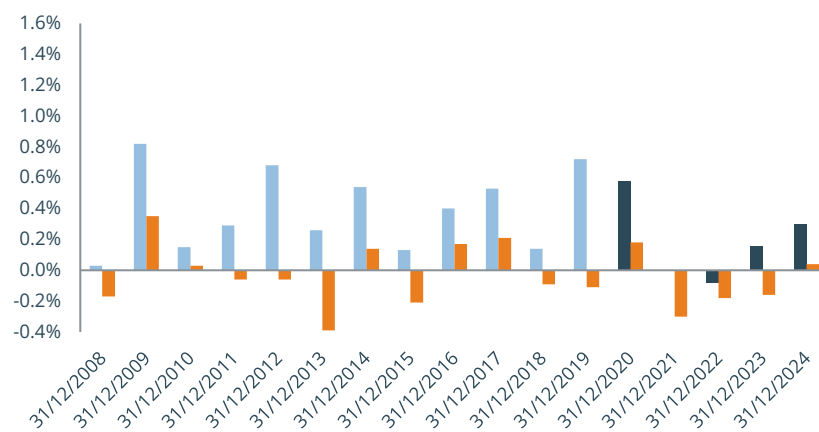
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## Earnings Revisions



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

as of 31/12/2024

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.

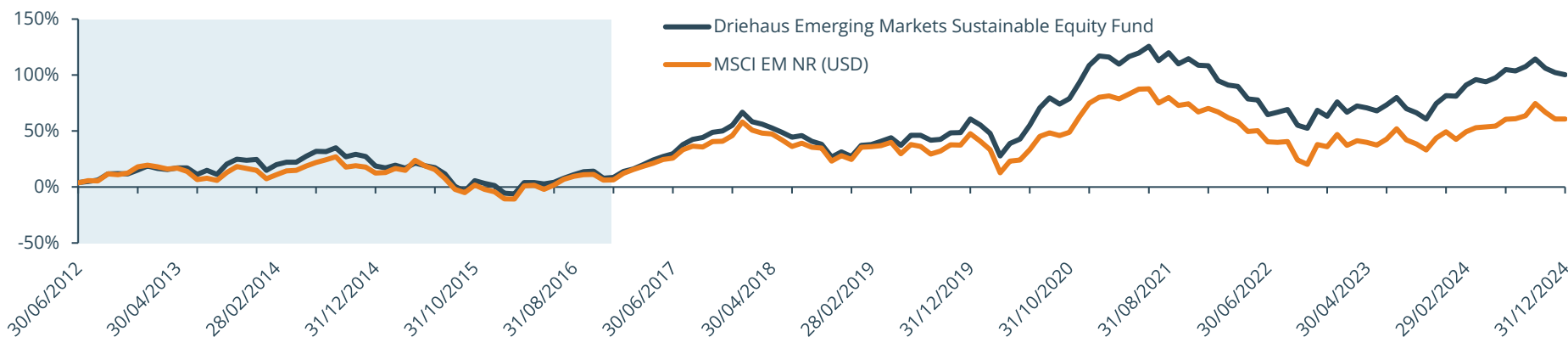
## Monthly Returns: Class I - Net of fees

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	MSCI	Excess Return
<b>2012</b>						3.9%*	1.0%	1.1%	5.3%	0.2%	0.0%	3.0%	<b>15.2%*</b>	18.0%*	<b>-2.8%</b>
<b>2013</b>	3.2%	-1.8%	-0.9%	1.2%	-0.1%	-5.0%	3.3%	-3.1%	8.2%	3.8%	-0.9%	0.6%	<b>8.1%</b>	-2.6%	<b>10.7%</b>
<b>2014</b>	-7.7%	4.4%	1.8%	-0.1%	4.4%	3.4%	-0.1%	2.6%	-6.0%	1.7%	-1.4%	-6.8%	<b>-4.7%</b>	-2.2%	<b>-2.5%</b>
<b>2015</b>	-1.3%	2.0%	-2.2%	3.8%	-2.0%	-1.4%	-4.7%	-10.0%	-4.3%	9.8%	-2.4%	-1.8%	<b>-14.6%</b>	-14.9%	<b>0.3%</b>
<b>2016</b>	-6.7%	-0.8%	10.8%	0.1%	-1.1%	1.2%	3.6%	2.9%	2.4%	0.4%	-5.5%	0.8%	<b>7.3%</b>	11.2%	<b>-3.9%</b>
<b>2017</b>	4.8%	1.8%	3.5%	3.4%	2.5%	2.0%	6.3%	3.3%	1.2%	3.2%	0.9%	3.3%	<b>42.7%</b>	37.3%	<b>5.4%</b>
<b>2018</b>	7.6%	-5.1%	-1.3%	-2.2%	-2.5%	-2.9%	1.0%	-3.6%	-1.7%	-8.2%	3.6%	-3.1%	<b>-17.9%</b>	-14.6%	<b>-3.3%</b>
<b>2019</b>	7.7%	0.5%	2.1%	2.4%	-4.8%	6.5%	0.0%	-3.0%	0.5%	4.1%	0.2%	8.2%	<b>26.3%</b>	18.4%	<b>7.9%</b>
<b>2020</b>	-3.4%	-4.7%	-13.7%	8.9%	2.7%	8.6%	10.0%	5.4%	-3.2%	2.9%	7.9%	7.9%	<b>29.7%</b>	18.3%	<b>11.4%</b>
<b>2021</b>	4.1%	-0.5%	-2.9%	3.3%	1.4%	2.8%	-5.5%	3.2%	-4.7%	2.3%	-2.8%	-0.3%	<b>-0.2%</b>	-2.5%	<b>2.4%</b>
<b>2022</b>	-6.3%	-2.0%	-0.7%	-5.9%	-0.5%	-7.4%	1.4%	1.4%	-8.4%	-1.6%	10.5%	-3.2%	<b>-21.6%</b>	-20.1%	<b>-1.5%</b>
<b>2023</b>	7.9%	-5.2%	3.3%	-0.9%	-1.6%	3.1%	3.9%	-5.3%	-2.5%	-3.3%	8.7%	4.0%	<b>11.3%</b>	9.8%	<b>1.5%</b>
<b>2024</b>	-0.3%	5.5%	2.5%	-0.9%	1.8%	3.7%	-0.6%	1.9%	3.4%	-3.9%	-1.8%	-1.0%	<b>10.3%</b>	7.5%	<b>2.8%</b>

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

## Cumulative Performance Since Inception

UCITS Fund AUM in USD Millions: USD 345m as of 31/12/2024

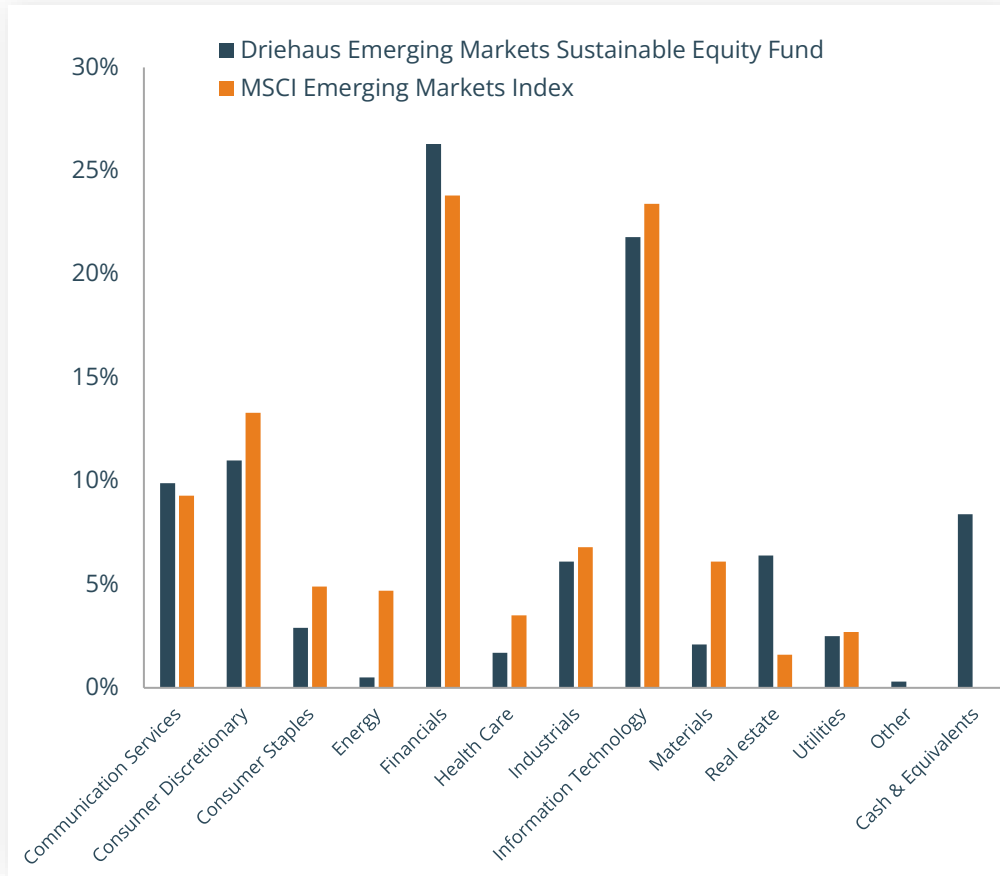


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## Portfolio Sector Weights



## Top Ten Holdings

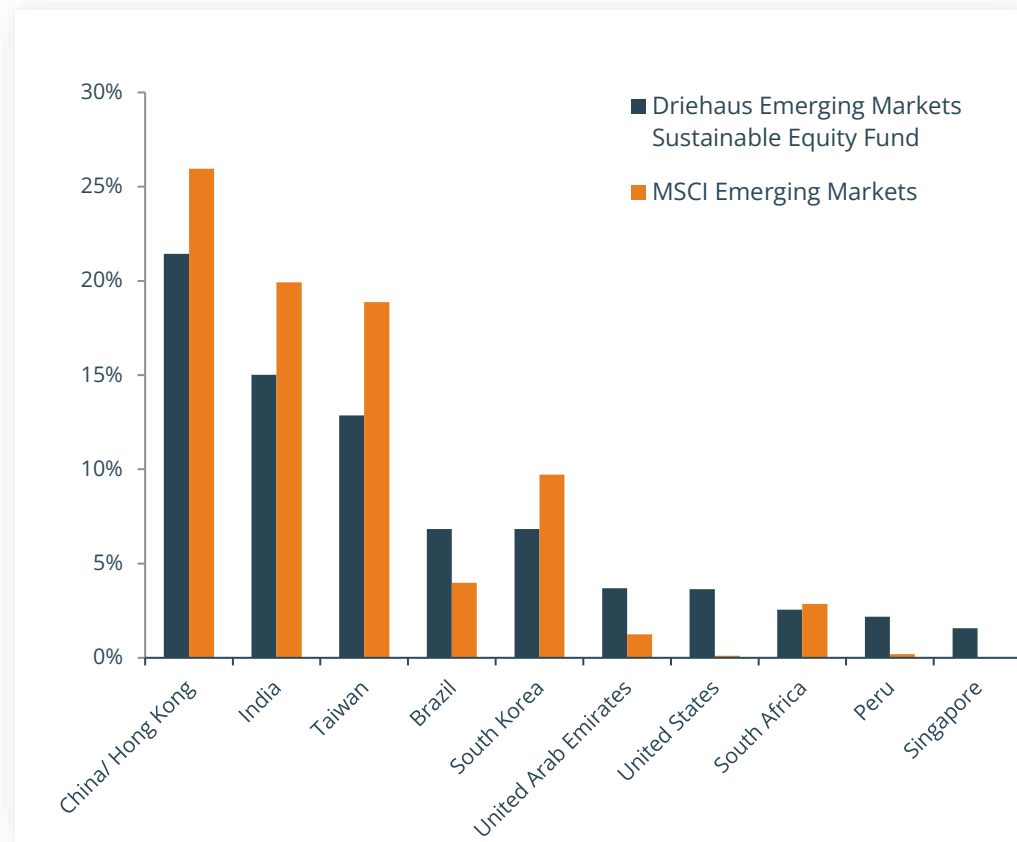
	% Holding
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company Limited	9.2%
Tencent Holdings Limited	6.3%
ICICI Bank Limited	2.3%
Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.	1.9%
Credicorp Ltd.	1.7%
Meituan	1.6%
OTP Bank Nyrt.	1.5%
Itau Unibanco Holding S.A.	1.4%
Zomato Limited	1.3%
Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited	1.3%
<b>Total of Top 10 Holdings</b>	<b>28.5%</b>

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## Top 10 Country Weights



## Portfolio Characteristics

	DrieHaus	MSCI
<b>Number of holdings</b>	100	1252
<b>Weighted Avg. Market Cap (M)</b>	\$176,755	\$169,543
<b>Median Market Cap (M)</b>	\$18,989	\$8,240
<b>Est. 3-5 Year EPS Growth</b>	17.6%	15.9%
<b>Active Share<sup>1</sup></b>	77.23	N/A

## Market Cap Breakdown

	DrieHaus	MSCI
<b>&lt;\$5bn</b>	11.1%	5.7%
<b>\$5-\$15bn</b>	20.2%	25.7%
<b>&gt;15bn</b>	68.7%	68.6%

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

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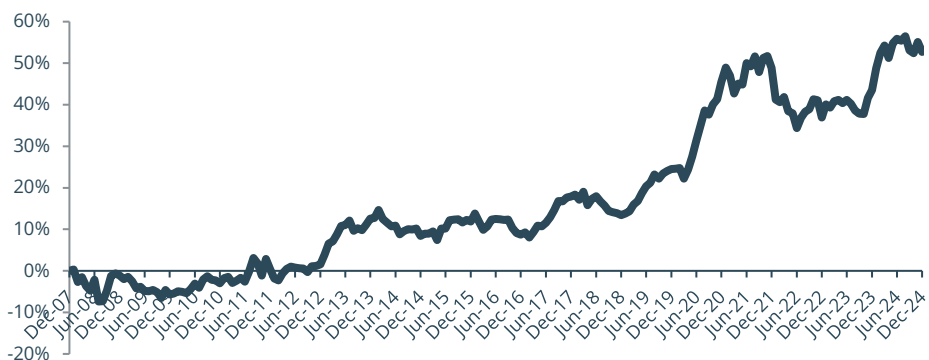
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Since December 31, 2007 Driehaus Emerging Markets Sustainable Equity Strategy has achieved a cumulative net return of **82.7%** vs. **30.0%** of the MSCI Emerging Markets Index (net) during the same period of time. Fund performance prior to 01.10.2020 relates to the Driehaus Emerging Markets Growth Composite, net of fees, thereafter, it relates to the Driehaus Emerging Markets Sustainable Equity Strategy, net of fees.

## Monthly Returns

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	MSCI	Excess Return
2008	-12.1%	3.9%	-4.2%	5.8%	0.8%	-7.7%	-10.0%	-8.6%	-15.7%	-23.6%	-6.5%	6.7%	<b>-54.5%</b>	-53.3%	-1.2%
2009	-8.5%	-4.6%	12.2%	13.9%	19.3%	-3.1%	12.1%	0.0%	8.9%	-1.7%	7.4%	2.8%	<b>70.5%</b>	78.5%	-8.0%
2010	-5.7%	1.1%	8.5%	0.9%	-8.2%	1.1%	7.3%	0.5%	12.3%	2.0%	-2.8%	6.6%	<b>23.7%</b>	18.9%	4.8%
2011	-1.6%	-0.6%	4.4%	3.7%	-2.0%	-2.5%	1.9%	-5.6%	-15.5%	9.2%	-2.1%	-4.0%	<b>-15.5%</b>	-18.4%	2.9%
2012	8.5%	5.7%	-1.6%	-0.1%	-10.6%	3.5%	1.7%	-0.4%	5.0%	1.0%	1.3%	5.3%	<b>19.6%</b>	18.2%	1.4%
2013	3.7%	1.5%	-1.1%	2.3%	-0.4%	-5.5%	2.1%	-4.0%	6.5%	3.9%	-0.1%	0.1%	<b>8.7%</b>	-2.6%	11.3%
2014	-5.5%	4.8%	0.5%	-0.5%	2.3%	2.5%	-0.2%	2.8%	-6.4%	1.0%	-0.8%	-5.8%	<b>-5.8%</b>	-2.2%	-3.6%
2015	1.1%	2.8%	-0.8%	5.0%	-1.1%	-2.4%	-4.3%	-7.8%	-2.5%	5.3%	-2.8%	-2.4%	<b>-10.2%</b>	-14.9%	4.7%
2016	-3.4%	-2.5%	9.0%	1.5%	-1.6%	3.6%	4.4%	2.0%	1.2%	-1.8%	-5.4%	-0.2%	<b>6.2%</b>	11.2%	-5.0%
2017	5.6%	1.5%	3.6%	3.4%	2.6%	1.7%	6.5%	3.5%	1.4%	3.0%	0.9%	3.3%	<b>43.5%</b>	37.3%	6.2%
2018	7.6%	-4.9%	-0.2%	-2.7%	-2.0%	-3.1%	1.0%	-3.2%	-1.5%	-7.9%	3.4%	-2.7%	<b>-15.9%</b>	-14.6%	-1.3%
2019	8.1%	0.6%	2.1%	2.5%	-4.8%	6.6%	-0.4%	-2.5%	0.7%	4.4%	0.4%	6.5%	<b>26.0%</b>	18.4%	7.6%
2020	-3.8%	-4.2%	-14.5%	9.3%	3.2%	8.8%	9.6%	4.1%	-1.9%	3.2%	7.8%	8.0%	<b>29.8%</b>	18.3%	11.5%
2021	4.2%	-0.4%	-3.3%	3.2%	1.6%	2.8%	-5.5%	3.2%	-4.9%	2.5%	-2.8%	-0.2%	<b>-0.1%</b>	-2.5%	2.4%
2022	-5.5%	-2.6%	-1.0%	-6.2%	0.0%	-7.3%	1.5%	1.3%	-8.4%	-0.5%	10.3%	-3.8%	<b>-21.3%</b>	-20.1%	-1.2%
2023	8.1%	-5.3%	3.3%	-0.6%	-1.7%	3.3%	4.0%	-5.7%	-2.5%	-2.9%	8.6%	4.1%	<b>11.9%</b>	9.8%	2.1%
2024	-0.2%	5.6%	2.7%	-1.4%	2.4%	3.4%	-0.1%	1.7%	2.9%	-3.6%	-1.2%	-1.4%	<b>11.1%</b>	7.5%	3.6%

## Cumulative Outperformance above MSCI EM Index



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### Statistics – 31/12/2007- 31/12/2024

	Driehaus	MSCI
Annualised return	3.6%	1.6%
Annualised volatility	19.1%	20.8%
Information Ratio	0.36	--
Annual Sharpe Ratio (Rf = LIBOR USD3M)	0.13	0.02
Max drawdown	-60.3%	-58.8%
Downside Capture	0.99	1.00
R-Squared	0.93	1.00
Beta to MSCI	0.88	1.00

Sources: Driehaus Capital Management, Bloomberg, Heptagon Capital.

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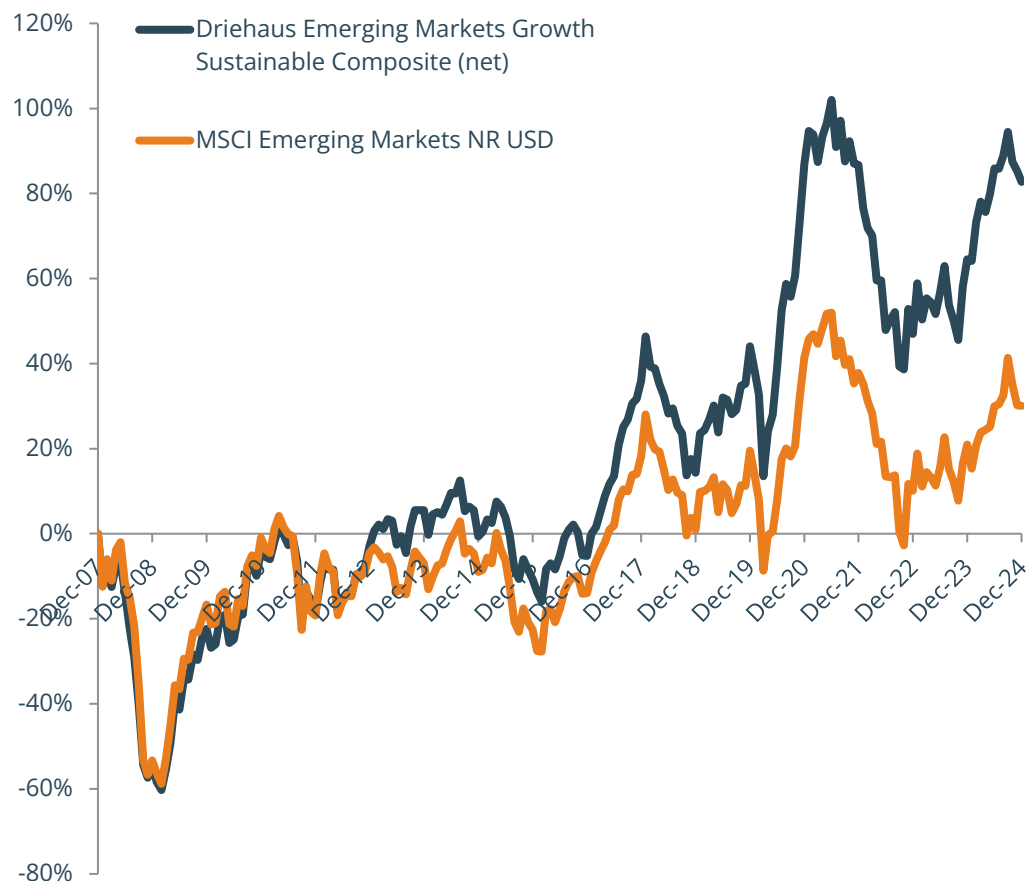


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## Historical Cumulative Returns

Investment growth in the **Driehaus Emerging Markets Sustainable Equity Strategy** since December 31, 2007 vs. **MSCI Emerging Markets Index**



	Annualised Returns				
	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	10 Yrs
<b>Driehaus</b>	11.1%	11.1%	-0.7%	4.9%	6.3%
<b>MSCI</b>	7.5%	7.5%	-1.9%	1.7%	3.6%
<b>+/-</b>	+3.6%	+3.6%	+1.2%	+3.2%	+2.7%

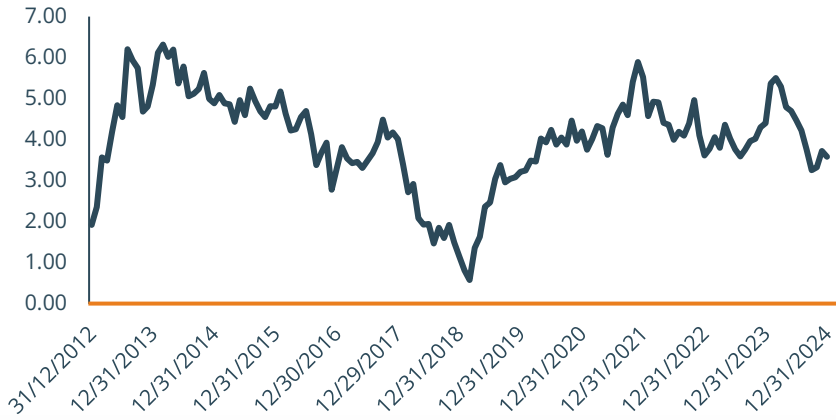
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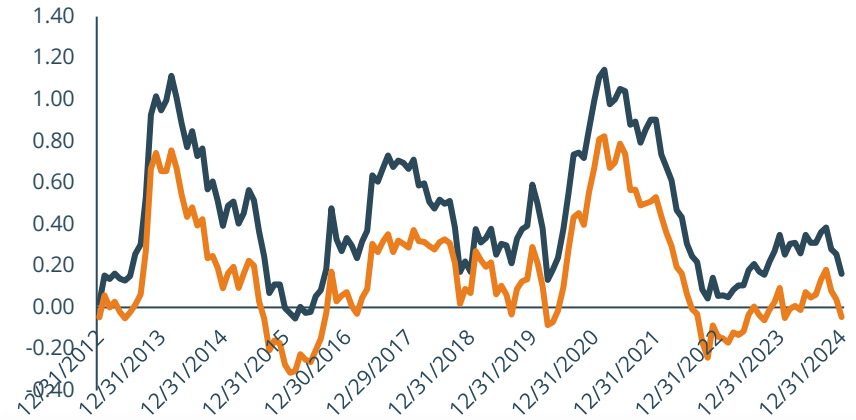
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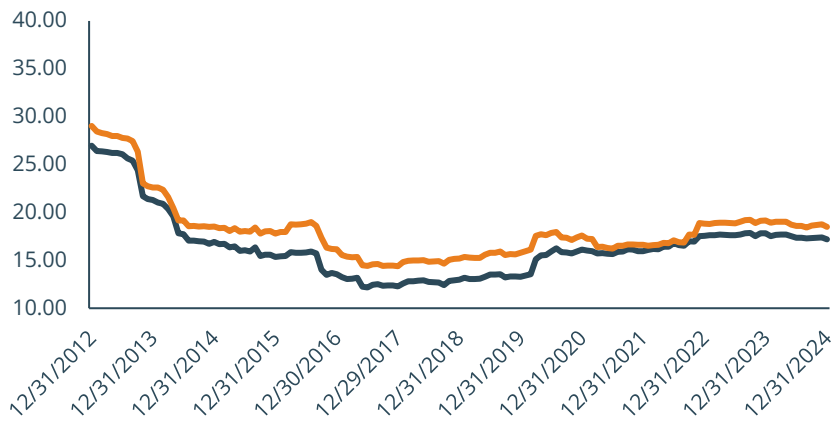
## Rolling 5-Year Excess Returns



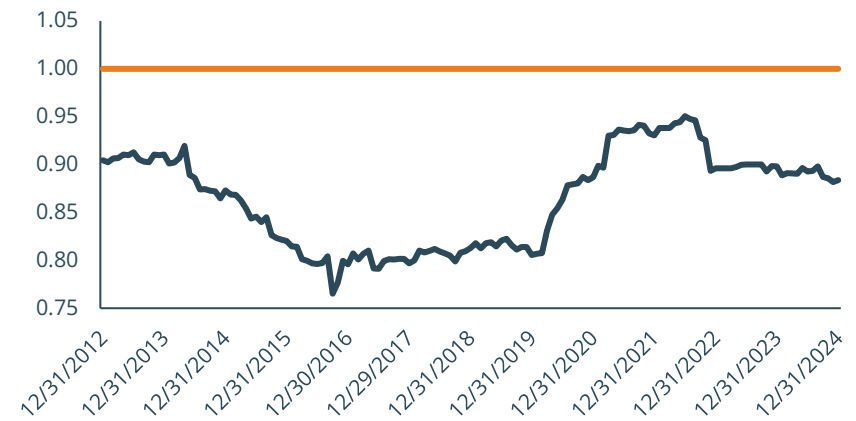
## Rolling 5-Year Sharpe Ratio



## Rolling 5-Year Standard Deviation



## Rolling 5-Year Beta



Source: Driehaus Capital Management.

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## 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 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**

Assistant Portfolio Manager

Michaela is an Assistant Portfolio Manager 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**

Assistant Portfolio Manager/Senior Analyst

## **Drew Srichandra, CFA**

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.

**Thomas Ansen-Wilson, CFA**  
Assistant Portfolio Manager

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.

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**Michael So, CPA**  
Senior 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.

Abby is an Environmental, Social, and Governance 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. 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 the University of Notre Dame.

**Abby Schlehuber**  
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.

Jim Pelletier 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. Pelletier joined the firm in 2022. Prior to joining Driehaus Capital Management, Mr. Pelletier began his career at Columbia Wanger Asset Management. Where he held positions of increasing responsibility including trading assistant, junior equity trader, domestic equity trader, senior domestic equity trader and senior global equity trader. Mr. Pelletier received his B.S. in Finance from DePaul University, in 2002.

## **Jim Pelletier**

Senior 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
S	IE00BHCQKV56	HEPDEMS ID

## 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

## 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

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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.

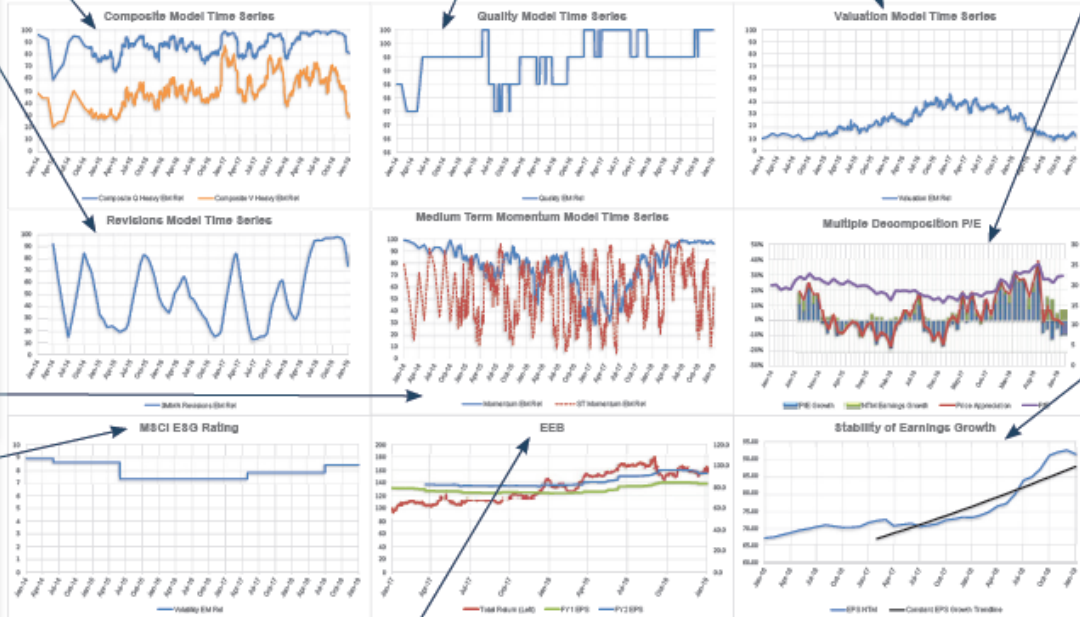
**QUALITY** – The quality score combines metrics such as profitability, cash conversion and leverage. This chart is helpful for not only showing where a company's quality stands relative to the universe, but more importantly how that quality is evolving. Deteriorating quality may be a sign of underlying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

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Market Cap	\$103,292.94	Market Cap (USD)	56	CP Assets (in Percent)	35	Dividends (1M + Short Date)	57	MA20 (1M + 20 Day, 1 + 20 Day)	00	Momentum (1M + Strong)	36	MSCI ESG Rating	8.4
Country	India	Quality (100 = High-Cash)	100	Altman Z (in Percent)	97	Volatility (1M + 10 Day)	14	Ratio (1M + 10 Day)	7	Momentum (1M + Short)	05	Short Interest	0.0
1M Total Return	3.27%	Risk	55	Default Probability	82	FCF Yield (in Percent)	35	1M SPY FCF Rank	0	1M Momentum	15	Short	0.0
Composite Quality (Year)	79	ROE 2Y Avg	56	Credit Quality	92	Dividend Yield	40	1M SPY FCF Rank	0	6M Momentum	05	Sharebase	6.3
Composite Valuation (Year)	28	Operating Risk (in Percent)	99	Credit MTD (in Percent)	70	Bayesian Yield (1M)	25	1M SPY FCF Rank	0	12M Momentum	06	ESG Score (EM Norm Scale)	52
Composite Risk (in Percent)	81	ROA 2Y Avg (in Percent)	99	1st Capital Ratio (in Only)	99	Proj Yield % 2Y Avg	12	3M SPY FCF Rank	14	3M Momentum	14	ESG Factor	77
Composite Risk (Y Month)	29	ROA (in Percent Only)	99	Tangible Equity Assets (in Only)	99	Yield (in Percent)	15	3M SPY FCF Rank	13	6M Lettary Factor	70	Short	0.0
Composite Risk (3 Month)	100	RSA 2Y Avg (in Percent Only)	99	Risk Adjusted (in Only)	99	Yield (in Percent)	14	3M SPY FCF Rank	04	9M Lettary Factor	70	Short	0.0
Composite Risk (6 Month)	12	CP Risk (in Percent)	96	Non-Performing Loans (in Only)	96	SPY (in Percent)	21	SPY FCF Rank	19	9M Momentum	03	Short	0.0
Composite Risk (9 Month)	6	CP Risk (in Percent)	96	Cost Income (in Only)	96	Price/Book Ratio	13	SPY FCF Rank	03	9M Momentum	07	Short	0.0
Composite Risk (12 Month)	17	ES Assets (in Percent)	77	Loan Loss (in Only)	77	Price/Book Ratio	5	12M Momentum	03	12M Momentum	06	Short	0.0



**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).

**EEB** – Using Best consensus estimates, it shows the trend in analyst earnings revisions.

Source: Driehaus Capital Management, Merrill Lynch Investment Research  
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# SUMMARY OF PROXY VOTING – Q4 2024

## Total Meetings & Proxy Votes

**Meetings**

25

**Proposals**

137

**Against Management**

7

**For Management**

125

**Votes Abstained**

0

**Votes Withheld**

0

**Unvoted Meetings**

3

## Proxy Votes Against Management – Summary Available upon Request

*Proxy voting in certain countries requires 'share blocking'. That is, shareholders wishing to vote their proxies must deposit their shares shortly before the date of the meeting (usually one-week) with a designated depository. During this blocking period, shares that will be voted at the meeting cannot be sold until the meeting has taken place and the shares are returned to the shareholders' custodian banks.*

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*Luxembourg is not a share blocking market, however, many securities are traded on the Belgian stock exchange where share blocking generally occurs*

*Source: Driehaus Capital Management LLC and Institutional Shareholder Services, Inc.*

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## 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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