

PRESS RELEASE10th December 2024**Heptagon Capital successfully launches Driehaus US SMID Cap Equity Fund**

Heptagon Capital (“Heptagon”), a London-based asset management firm, is pleased to announce the successful launch of the Driehaus US SMID Cap Equity Fund, the latest addition to our distinguished roster of specialist investment managers within its \$7.8bn Irish UCITS Fund umbrella. This SFDR Article 8 equity fund marks the fourth UCITS fund sub-advised by Chicago-based Driehaus Capital Management, LLC (“Driehaus”). The Driehaus US SMID Cap Equity Fund represents a natural progression of the Driehaus growth equities franchise, offering a proven strategy with a strong track record.

The small/mid-cap segment of the market presents unique opportunities due to its dynamic nature and potential for growth. These companies often exhibit strong growth trajectories and innovation yet remain under-researched and undervalued relative to larger capitalisation companies. Driehaus’s commitment to active management allows them to identify and capitalise on these opportunities, providing investors with access to high-conviction investments that may not be captured by passive strategies.

The new fund builds upon the success of our Driehaus US Micro Cap and Driehaus US Small Cap UCITS Funds. Both strategies are managed by Driehaus Portfolio Manager Jeff James and his team in Chicago, employing the same process and philosophy, but with a focus on differing market capitalisations. The team manages \$2.5bn in their US Micro Cap strategy, which has hard closed across all investment vehicles. The US Small Cap strategy has soft closed after reaching a capacity of \$5.3bn, including our \$1.1bn Driehaus US Small Cap Equity UCITS Fund, reflecting Driehaus’s capacity-aware approach to protecting performance.

Commenting on the fund launch, Heptagon’s Managing Partners remarked: “We are delighted to strengthen our partnership with Driehaus Capital Management through the addition of our fourth joint UCITS fund. This expansion underscores our commitment to offering investors access to world-class investment expertise across diverse strategies. Following the success of the Emerging Markets Equities, US Micro Cap, and US Small Cap UCITS funds, the launch of this new fund will enable our clients, as well as the broader UCITS fund investor base to access Jeff James’ multi-award-winning approach to US equities investing.”

About Driehaus Capital Management

Driehaus Capital Management LLC, is a privately-held boutique asset management firm located in Chicago, USA. The firm was founded in 1982 and has US \$20.5bn of assets under management. Driehaus manages global, emerging markets, US growth equity and alternative investment strategies and has a diverse institutional client base.

About Heptagon Capital

Heptagon was founded in 2005 by former Morgan Stanley directors, including Eran Ben-Zour, Tarek Mooro and Fredrik Plyhr; and provides Institutional and Ultra High Net Worth investors creative, class-leading investment opportunities across traditional and alternative asset classes. Heptagon Capital currently actively advises on and manages over US \$14.4bn in assets. Discover our website here www.heptagon-capital.com.

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