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**Driehaus Emerging Markets Growth Fund**

**Investor Share Class: DREGX**

**Institutional Share Class: DIEMX**

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**Driehaus Emerging Markets Growth Fund**  
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**Investment Objective**

Driehaus Emerging Markets Growth Fund seeks to maximize capital appreciation.

**Fees and Expenses of the Fund**

This table describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund.

	<u>Investor*</u>	<u>Institutional*</u>
<b>Shareholder Fees</b> (fees paid directly from your investment)		
Maximum Sales Charge Imposed on Purchases . . . . .	None	None
Maximum Deferred Sales Charge . . . . .	None	None
Maximum Sales Charge Imposed on Reinvested Dividends . . . . .	None	None
Redemption Fee (as a % of amount redeemed within 60 days of purchase) . . . . .	2.00%	2.00%
Exchange Fee . . . . .	None	None
<b>Annual Fund Operating Expenses</b> (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)		
Management Fee . . . . .	1.05%**	1.05%**
Other Expenses . . . . .	0.40%***	0.15%
Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses . . . . .	<u>0.02%</u>	<u>0.02%</u>
<b>Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses</b> . . . . .	<u><u>1.47%</u></u>	<u><u>1.22%</u></u>

\* A shareholder may be required to pay a commission to their financial intermediary.  
 \*\* The management fee has been restated to reflect the current fee agreement.  
 \*\*\* "Other Expenses" for the Investor Shares have been restated to reflect the addition of a shareholder services fee arrangement.

**Expense Example:** This Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated and then redeem all of your shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund's operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

	<u>1 Year</u>	<u>3 Years</u>	<u>5 Years</u>	<u>10 Years</u>
Investor . . . . .	\$150	\$465	\$803	\$1,757
Institutional . . . . .	\$124	\$387	\$670	\$1,477

**Portfolio Turnover**

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund's performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund's portfolio turnover rate was 232% of the average value of its portfolio.

**Principal Investment Strategy**

The Fund uses a growth style of investment in equity securities, including common and preferred stocks, American Depositary Receipts and Global Depositary Receipts, and under normal market conditions, invests substantially all (no less than 80%) of its net assets (plus the amount of borrowings for investment purposes) in emerging markets companies. Emerging market companies are (i) companies organized under the laws of an emerging market country or having securities which are traded principally on an exchange or over-the-counter in an emerging market country; or (ii) companies which, regardless of where organized or traded, have a significant amount of assets located in and/or

derive a significant amount of their revenues from goods purchased or sold, investments made or services performed in or with emerging market countries. Currently, emerging markets include every country in the world other than the United States, Canada, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong, Singapore, Israel and most Western European countries. There are no specific limitations on the percentage of assets that may be invested in securities of issuers located in any one country at a given time; the Fund may invest significant assets in any single emerging market country. The Fund may invest in companies with limited operating histories. The Fund frequently and actively trades its portfolio securities.

Investment decisions for the Fund's growth style of investing are based on the determination that a company's revenue and earnings growth can materially exceed market expectations and that the security is at an attractive entry point. This decision involves evaluating fundamental factors, including the company's business model, the competitive landscape, upcoming product introductions and recent and projected financial metrics. The decision is also based on the evaluation of technical or market factors, including price and volume trends, relative strength and institutional interest. To a lesser extent, the Fund's investment adviser also utilizes macroeconomic or country-specific analyses to evaluate the sustainability of a company's growth rate. The Fund sells holdings for a variety of reasons, including the deterioration of the earnings profile, the violation of specific technical thresholds, to shift into securities with more compelling risk/reward characteristics or to alter sector or country exposure.

### Principal Risks

All investments, including those in mutual funds, have risks. No investment is suitable for all investors. The Fund is intended for long-term investors who can accept the risks involved in investing in foreign securities. Of course, there can be no assurance that the Fund will achieve its objective. You may lose money by investing in the Fund. Below are the main risks of investing in the Fund:

**Market Risk.** The Fund is subject to market risk, which is the possibility that stock prices overall will decline over short or long periods. Stock markets tend to move in cycles, with periods of rising prices and periods of falling prices. These fluctuations are expected to have a substantial influence on the value of the Fund's shares.

**Growth Stock Risk.** Growth stocks are typically priced higher than other stocks, in relation to earnings and other measures, because investors believe they have more growth potential. This potential may or may not be realized and, if it is not realized, may result in a loss to the Fund. Growth stock prices also tend to be more volatile than the overall market.

**Foreign Securities and Currencies Risk.** The Fund invests in foreign securities. Investing outside the U.S. involves different risks than domestic investments. The following risks may be associated with foreign investments: less liquidity; greater volatility; political instability; restrictions on foreign investment and repatriation of capital; less complete and reliable information about foreign companies; reduced government supervision of some foreign securities markets; lower responsiveness of foreign management to shareholder concerns; economic issues or developments in foreign countries; fluctuation in exchange rates of foreign currencies and risks of devaluation; imposition of foreign withholding and other taxes; dependence of emerging market companies upon commodities which may be subject to economic cycles; and emerging market risk such as limited trading volume, expropriation, devaluation or other adverse political or social developments.

To the extent portfolio securities are issued by foreign issuers or denominated in foreign currencies, the Fund's investment performance is affected by the strength or weakness of the U.S. dollar against these currencies. Generally, an increase in the value of the U.S. dollar against a foreign currency will reduce the value of a security denominated in that foreign currency, thereby decreasing the Fund's overall net asset value. Currency rates in foreign countries may fluctuate significantly over short or long periods of time for a number of reasons, including changes in interest rates, imposition of currency controls and economic or political developments in the U.S. or abroad.

**Emerging Market Risk.** The Fund invests primarily in emerging markets and therefore, the risks described above for foreign securities are typically increased. Investments in securities of issuers located in such countries are speculative and subject to certain special risks. The small size, limited trading volume and relative inexperience of the securities markets in these countries may make the Fund's investments in such countries illiquid and more volatile than investments in more developed countries, and the Fund may be required to establish special custodial or other

arrangements before making investments in these countries. There may be little financial or accounting information available with respect to issuers located in these countries, and it may be difficult as a result to assess the value or prospects of an investment in such issuers.

**Small- and Medium-Sized Company Risk.** The Fund invests in companies that are smaller, less established, with limited operating histories and less liquid markets for their stock, and therefore may be riskier investments. While small- and medium-sized companies generally have the potential for rapid growth, the securities of these companies often involve greater risks than investments in larger, more established companies because small- and medium-sized companies may lack the management experience, financial resources, product diversification and competitive strengths of larger companies. In addition, in many instances the securities of small- and medium-sized companies are traded only over-the-counter or on a regional securities exchange, and the frequency and volume of their trading is substantially less than is typical of larger companies. The value of securities of smaller, less well known issuers can be more volatile than that of larger issuers.

**Allocation Risk.** The Fund’s overall risk level will depend on the countries and market sectors in which the Fund is invested. Because the Fund may have significant weightings in a particular company, country, industry or market sector, the value of Fund shares may be affected by events that adversely affect that company, country, industry or market sector and may fluctuate more than that of a less focused fund.

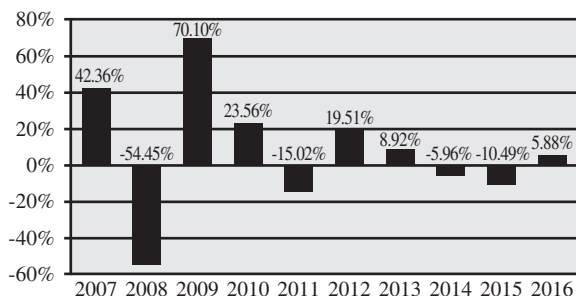
**High Rates of Turnover.** It is anticipated that the Fund will experience high rates of portfolio turnover, which may result in payment by the Fund of above-average transaction costs and could result in the payment by shareholders of taxes on above-average amounts of realized investment gains, including net short-term capital gains, which are taxed as ordinary income for federal income tax purposes.

**Manager Risk.** How the Fund’s investment adviser manages the Fund will impact the Fund’s performance. The Fund may lose money if the investment adviser’s investment strategy does not achieve the Fund’s objective or the investment adviser does not implement the strategy successfully.

**Performance**

The bar chart and table provide some indication of the risks of investing in the Fund. The bar chart shows the volatility — or variability — of the Fund’s Investor shares annual total returns over time, and shows that Fund performance can change from year to year. The table shows the Fund’s Investor shares average annual total returns for certain time periods compared to the returns of two broad-based securities indices. Of course, the Fund’s past performance (before and after taxes) is not necessarily an indication of its future performance. *Updated performance information is available by visiting [www.driehaus.com](http://www.driehaus.com) or by calling 1-800-560-6111.*

**Annual Returns for the years ended December 31**



During the periods shown in the bar chart, the highest return for a quarter was 31.39% (quarter ended 6/30/09) and the lowest return for a quarter was -30.71% (quarter ended 9/30/08).

Average Annual Total Returns as of December 31, 2016	<u>1 Year</u>	<u>5 Years</u>	<u>10 Years</u>
<b>Driehaus Emerging Markets Growth Fund — Investor Shares</b>			
Return Before Taxes . . . . .	5.88%	3.02%	3.00%
Return After Taxes on Distributions . . . . .	5.78%	2.70%	1.53%
Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares . . . . .	3.41%	2.34%	2.19%
<b>MSCI Emerging Markets Index — Net*</b>			
(reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) . . . . .	11.19%	1.28%	1.84%
<b>MSCI Emerging Markets Index — Gross</b>			
(reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) . . . . .	11.60%	1.64%	2.17%
<b>MSCI Emerging Markets Growth Index — Net</b>			
(reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) . . . . .	7.59%	2.73%	1.63%

\* The benchmark has changed from the MSCI Emerging Markets Index-Gross to the MSCI Emerging Markets Index-Net because the net index is more commonly used industry wide and is a more representative comparison versus the Fund because it is presented net of foreign withholding taxes.

The table shows returns on a before-tax and after-tax basis. No returns are included for the Institutional Shares because the inception date for Institutional Shares was after December 31, 2016. After tax returns are shown only for Investor Shares and after-tax returns for Institutional Shares will vary from Investor Shares. After-tax returns are calculated using the highest historic marginal individual federal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Actual after-tax returns depend on an investor’s tax situation and may differ from those shown in the table. After-tax returns shown are not relevant to investors who hold their shares through tax-advantaged arrangements, such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts (“IRAs”).

**Portfolio Management**

**Investment Adviser**

Driehaus Capital Management LLC (“DCM”)

**Portfolio Managers**

Howard Schwab, Portfolio Manager of DCM Lead Portfolio Manager of the Fund since 8/07	Chad Cleaver, Portfolio Manager of DCM Portfolio Manager of the Fund since 5/12 (Assistant Portfolio Manager of the Fund 5/08-4/12)	Richard Thies, Portfolio Manager of DCM Portfolio Manager of the Fund since 5/16 (Assistant Portfolio Manager of the Fund 5/14-4/16)
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**Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares**

	<u>Minimum Initial Investment</u>	<u>Minimum Subsequent Investment</u>	<u>Minimum Initial IRA Investment</u>	<u>Minimum Subsequent IRA Investment</u>	<u>Minimum Automatic Investment Plan (Monthly)</u>	<u>Minimum Automatic Investment Plan (Quarterly)</u>
Investor . . . . .	\$10,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$500	\$100	\$300
Institutional . . .	\$500,000	None	\$500,000	None	N/A	N/A

In general, you can buy or sell shares of the Fund by mail at Driehaus Mutual Funds, P.O. Box 9817, Providence, RI 02940, for regular mail or Driehaus Mutual Funds, 4400 Computer Drive, Westborough, MA 01581-1722, for overnight delivery or by phone at 1-800-560-6111 on any business day. You may also buy and sell shares through a financial professional.

**Tax Information**

The Fund’s distributions may be taxable as ordinary income or capital gains, unless you are investing through a tax-advantaged arrangement, such as a 401(k) or an IRA. If you are investing through a tax-advantaged arrangement, assets held through such arrangement may be taxable upon withdrawal.

**Payments to Broker-Dealers and Other Financial Intermediaries**

If you purchase Investor Shares of the Fund through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the Fund and its related companies may pay the intermediary for the sale of Fund shares and related services. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's web site for more information.

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## Additional Information About the Fund

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### Goal of the Fund

Driehaus Emerging Markets Growth Fund (the “Fund”) strives to increase the value of your investment (capital appreciation). In other words, the Fund tries to buy equity securities with a potential to appreciate in price. Because stock markets in general, and the individual securities purchased by the Fund, go down in price as well as up, you may lose money by investing in the Fund. The Fund is a specialized investment vehicle and should be used as part of your overall investment strategy to diversify your holdings. The Fund is a series of the Driehaus Mutual Funds (the “Trust”), an open-end management investment company. Please review all the disclosure information carefully.

### Who May Want to Invest in the Fund

The Fund may be an appropriate investment if you:

- Are not looking for current income
- Are prepared to receive taxable capital gains
- Are willing to accept higher risk in exchange for potentially higher returns
- Can tolerate the increased price volatility, currency fluctuations and other risks associated with growth style investing and investing in non-U.S. securities
- Are investing with long-term goals in mind (such as retirement or funding a child’s education, which may be many years in the future) and, therefore, are willing to hold this investment long term

### Investment Adviser

The Fund is managed by Driehaus Capital Management LLC (the “Adviser”), a registered investment adviser founded in 1982. As of June 30, 2017, the Adviser managed approximately \$8.8 billion in assets.

### Investment Philosophy

The Adviser employs an active, growth equity investment philosophy that focuses on identifying company-specific growth inflection points and exploiting how stocks trade during subsequent periods. The Adviser believes markets tend to misprice stocks of companies following positive growth inflections and that these inefficiencies often follow predictable and exploitable patterns. Specifically, following a positive trend change in a company’s potential or expected earnings growth trajectory, the Adviser believes investors often underestimate the future magnitude, acceleration and/or duration of earnings growth as they anchor their views to past information. Additionally, the Adviser believes investors may underestimate the multiple expansions that follow growth inflections. The Adviser looks to exploit these inefficiencies by using fundamental and macro research to capitalize on the behavioral dynamics of the market. The Adviser will sell a holding based on a number of factors including to take profits, changes to the fundamental investment thesis, changes in the risk/reward assessment of the holding, an assessment that the holding is efficiently priced, to make room for more attractive ideas or for other portfolio or risk management considerations. This investment philosophy results in high portfolio turnover. High portfolio turnover in any year may result in payment by the Fund of above-average amounts of transaction costs and could result in the payment by shareholders of above-average amounts of taxes on realized investment gains.

### Fund Distributions

The Fund intends to pay dividends, if any, at least annually. Such distributions can consist of both ordinary income and any realized capital gains. Unless you are purchasing Fund shares through a tax-advantaged account (such as an IRA), buying Fund shares at a time when the Fund has substantial undistributed income or gains can cost you money in taxes. Contact the Fund for information concerning when distributions will be paid. On a continuing basis, due to high portfolio turnover of the Fund, a greater percentage of capital gains may be paid each year by the Fund with a significant percentage of those capital gains constituting short-term capital gains, which are taxed at ordinary income tax rates for federal income tax purposes. You should consult your tax advisor regarding your tax situation.



## Investment Objectives and Principal Investment Strategies

The investment objective of the Driehaus Emerging Markets Growth Fund is to maximize capital appreciation. This investment objective is fundamental and cannot be changed without the approval of shareholders. The Fund pursues its objective by investing primarily in the equity securities of emerging market companies. Emerging market companies are (i) companies organized under the laws of an emerging market country or having securities which are traded principally on an exchange or over-the-counter in an emerging market country; or (ii) companies which, regardless of where organized or traded, have a significant amount of assets located in and/or derive a significant amount of their revenues from goods purchased or sold, investments made or services performed in or with emerging market countries. Currently, emerging markets include every country in the world other than the United States, Canada, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong, Singapore, Israel and most Western European countries. Under normal market conditions, at least 80% of the Fund's net assets (plus the amount of borrowings for investment purposes) will be invested in the equity securities of emerging markets companies. The Fund will provide shareholders 60 days' prior written notice of a change in the Fund's non-fundamental policy of investing at least 80% of its net assets in emerging markets companies. There are also no specific limitations on the percentage of assets that may be invested in securities of issuers located in any one country at a given time; the Fund may invest significant assets in any single emerging market country. Current dividend income is not an investment consideration and dividend income is incidental to the Fund's overall investment objective. The Fund may also invest in securities of issuers that have limited operating histories.

Equity securities include common and preferred stocks, bearer and registered shares, warrants or rights or options that are convertible into common stock, debt securities that are convertible into common stock, depositary receipts for those securities, and other classes of stock that may exist. The Fund may purchase foreign securities in the form of sponsored or unsponsored depositary receipts or other securities representing underlying shares of foreign issuers. The Fund may purchase depositary receipts, rather than invest directly in the underlying shares of a foreign issuer, for liquidity, timing or transaction cost reasons. The Fund may also invest in domestic and foreign investment companies which, in turn, invest primarily in securities which the Fund could hold directly.

The Adviser generally intends to remain fully invested. However, the Fund may, from time to time, take temporary defensive positions that are inconsistent with the Fund's principal investment strategy in attempting to respond to adverse market, economic, political or other conditions. As a temporary defensive measure, the Fund may hold some or all of its assets in cash or cash equivalents in domestic and foreign currencies, invest in domestic and foreign money market securities (including repurchase agreements), purchase short-term debt securities of U.S. or foreign government or corporate issuers, or invest in money market funds which purchase one or more of the foregoing. The Fund may also purchase such securities if the Adviser believes they may be necessary to meet the Fund's liquidity needs. During periods of time when the Fund is not fully invested, the Fund may not achieve its investment objective.

## Principal Risks

This section contains greater detail on the risks an investor would face as a shareholder in the Fund based on the Fund's investment objectives and strategies.

**Market Risk.** The Fund is subject to market risk, which is the possibility that stock prices overall will decline over short or long periods. Stock markets tend to move in cycles, with periods of rising prices and periods of falling prices. These fluctuations are expected to have a substantial influence on the value of the Fund's shares.

**Growth Stock Risk.** Growth stocks are typically priced higher than other stocks, in relation to earnings and other measures, because investors believe they have more growth potential. This potential may or may not be realized and, if it is not realized, may result in a loss to the Fund. Growth stock prices also tend to be more volatile than the overall market.

**Foreign Securities and Currencies Risk.** The Fund may invest in foreign securities. Investing outside the U.S. involves different risks than domestic investments. The Adviser believes that it may be possible to obtain significant returns from the Fund's portfolio of foreign investments and to achieve increased diversification in comparison to a personal investment portfolio invested solely in U.S. securities. An investor may gain increased diversification by adding securities from various foreign countries (i) which offer different investment opportunities, (ii) that generally

are affected by different economic trends, and (iii) whose stock markets do not generally move in a manner parallel to U.S. markets. At the same time, these opportunities and trends involve risks that may not be encountered in U.S. investments.

Investors should understand and consider carefully the greater risks involved in foreign investing. Investing in foreign securities — positions which are generally denominated in foreign currencies — and utilization of forward foreign currency exchange contracts involve certain considerations comprising both risks and opportunities not typically associated with investing in U.S. securities. These considerations include: fluctuations in exchange rates of foreign currencies; possible imposition of exchange control regulations or currency restrictions that would prevent cash from being brought back to the U.S.; less public information with respect to issuers of securities; less government supervision of stock exchanges, securities brokers, and issuers of securities; lack of uniform accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards; lack of uniform settlement periods and trading practices; less liquidity and frequently greater price volatility in foreign markets than in the U.S.; possible imposition of foreign taxes; possible investment in the securities of companies in developing as well as developed countries; the possibility of expropriation or confiscatory taxation, seizure or nationalization of foreign bank deposits or other assets, establishment of exchange controls, the adoption of foreign government restrictions and other adverse political, social or diplomatic developments that could affect investment in these nations; sometimes less advantageous legal, operational and financial protections applicable to foreign subcustodial arrangements; and the historical lower level of responsiveness of foreign management to shareholder concerns (such as dividends and return on investment).

To the extent portfolio securities are issued by foreign issuers or denominated in foreign currencies, the Fund's investment performance is affected by the strength or weakness of the U.S. dollar against these currencies. Generally, an increase in the value of the U.S. dollar against a foreign currency will reduce the value of a security denominated in that foreign currency, thereby decreasing the Fund's overall net asset value. Currency rates in foreign countries may fluctuate significantly over short or long periods of time for a number of reasons, including changes in interest rates, imposition of currency controls and economic or political developments in the U.S. or abroad.

***Emerging Market Risks.*** The Fund invests primarily in emerging markets. The risks described above for foreign securities, including the risks of nationalization and expropriation of assets, are typically increased to the extent that the Fund invests in issuers located in less developed and developing nations. These securities markets are sometimes referred to as "emerging markets." Investments in securities of issuers located in such countries are speculative and subject to certain special risks. The political and economic structures in many of these countries may be in their infancy and developing rapidly, and such countries may lack the social, political and economic characteristics of more developed countries. Certain of these countries have in the past failed to recognize private property rights and have at times nationalized and expropriated the assets of private companies. Some countries have inhibited the conversion of their currency to another. The currencies of certain emerging market countries have experienced devaluation relative to the U.S. dollar, and future devaluations may adversely affect the value of the Fund's assets denominated in such currencies. There is some risk of currency contagion; the devaluation of one currency leading to the devaluation of another. As one country's currency experiences "stress," there is concern that the "stress" may spread to another currency. Many emerging markets have experienced substantial, and in some periods extremely high, rates of inflation for many years. Continued inflation may adversely affect the economies and securities markets of such countries. In addition, unanticipated political or social developments may affect the value of the Fund's investments in these countries and the availability to the Fund of additional investments in these countries. The small size, limited trading volume and relative inexperience of the securities markets in these countries may make the Fund's investments in such countries illiquid and more volatile than investments in more developed countries, and the Fund may be required to establish special custodial or other arrangements before making investments in these countries. There may be little financial or accounting information available with respect to issuers located in these countries, and it may be difficult as a result to assess the value or prospects of an investment in such issuers. Based upon the apparent correlation between commodity cycles and a country's securities markets, additional risk may exist.

***Small- and Medium-Sized Company Risk.*** The Fund invests in companies that are smaller, less established, with limited operating histories and less liquid markets for their stock, and therefore may be riskier investments. While small- and medium-sized companies generally have the potential for rapid growth, the securities of these companies often involve greater risks than investments in larger, more established companies because small- and medium-sized companies may lack the management experience, financial resources, product diversification and competitive strengths

of larger companies. In addition, in many instances the securities of small- and medium-sized companies are traded only over-the-counter or on a regional securities exchange, and the frequency and volume of their trading is substantially less than is typical of larger companies. The value of securities of smaller, less well known issuers can be more volatile than that of larger issuers.

**Allocation Risk.** The Fund's overall risk level will depend on the countries and market sectors in which the Fund is invested. Because the Fund may have significant weightings in a particular company, country, industry or market sector, the value of Fund shares may be affected by events that adversely affect that company, country, industry or market sector and may fluctuate more than that of a less focused fund.

**High Rates of Turnover.** The Fund's annual turnover rate indicates changes in its portfolio investments. The Adviser will not consider portfolio turnover rate a limiting factor in making investment decisions consistent with the Fund's investment objective and policies. It is anticipated that the Fund will experience high rates of portfolio turnover. High portfolio turnover in any year will result in payment by the Fund of above-average amounts of transaction costs and could result in the payment by shareholders of taxes on above-average amounts of realized investment gains, including net short-term capital gains, which are taxed as ordinary income for federal income tax purposes. Under normal market conditions, only securities that increase in value shortly after purchase and that generally continue to increase in value (although they may experience temporary stagnant or declining periods) will be retained by the Fund. Securities sold by the Fund may be purchased again at a later date if the Adviser perceives that the securities are again "timely." In addition, portfolio adjustments will be made when conditions affecting relevant markets, particular industries or individual issues warrant such action. In light of these factors and the historical volatility of foreign and domestic growth stocks, the Fund is likely to experience high portfolio turnover rates, but portfolio turnover rates may vary significantly from year to year as noted in the Fund's Financial Highlights. Portfolio turnover may also be affected by sales of portfolio securities necessary to meet cash requirements for redemptions of shares.

**Manager Risk.** How the Adviser manages the Fund will impact the Fund's performance. The Fund may lose money if the Adviser's investment strategy does not achieve the Fund's objective or the Adviser does not implement the strategy successfully.

#### **Other Investment Strategies and Risks**

All investments, including those in mutual funds, have risks. No investment is suitable for all investors. The Fund is intended for long-term investors. Of course, there can be no assurance that the Fund will achieve its investment objective. There are specific restrictions on the Fund's investments. Such restrictions are detailed in the Statement of Additional Information ("SAI"). In addition to the principal risks discussed in the Fund Summary, the Fund's investments involve additional potential risks which are summarized below. The SAI also contains more detailed or additional information about certain of these practices, the potential risks and/or the limitations adopted by the Fund to help manage such risks. The Fund may not use all of these techniques or strategies or might only use them from time-to-time.

**Recent Market Events Risk.** The domestic and foreign equity and debt capital markets have experienced unprecedented volatility in the past several years. This financial crisis has caused a significant decline in the value and liquidity of many securities and may create a higher degree of volatility in the net asset values of many mutual funds, including the Fund. Because these events are unprecedented, it is difficult to predict their magnitude or duration. Changes in market conditions will not have the same impact on all types of securities. In response to the crisis, the U.S. government, the Federal Reserve and certain foreign banks have taken steps to support financial markets, including by keeping interest rates at historically low levels. More recently, the Federal Reserve has reduced its market support activities. Further reduction or withdrawal of this support could negatively impact financial markets generally as well as result in higher interest rates, increased market volatility and reduce the value and liquidity of certain securities.

**Impact of Certain Investments.** The Fund may invest in a variety of securities, including those sold in initial public offerings and derivatives. Such investments may have a magnified performance impact on the Fund depending on the Fund's size. The Fund may not experience similar performance as its assets grow or its investments change.

**Depository Receipts.** The Fund may invest in foreign securities in the form of depository receipts and/or securities traded directly on U.S. exchanges. Depository receipts represent ownership of securities in foreign companies and are held in banks and trust companies. They include American Depository Receipts (“ADRs”), which are traded on U.S. exchanges and are U.S. dollar-denominated.

Although ADRs do not eliminate the risks inherent in investing in the securities of foreign issuers, which include market, political, currency and regulatory risk, by investing in ADRs rather than directly in securities of foreign issuers, the Fund may avoid currency risks during the settlement period for purchases or sales. In general, there is a large, liquid market in the United States for many ADRs. The information available for ADRs is subject to the accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards of the domestic market exchange on which they are traded, in which standards are more uniform and more exacting than those to which many foreign issuers may be subject. The Fund may invest in ADRs sponsored or unsponsored by the issuer of the underlying security. In the case of an unsponsored ADR, the Fund may bear higher expenses and encounter greater difficulty in receiving shareholder communications than they would have with a sponsored ADR.

The Fund may invest in other forms of depository receipts including European Depository Receipts and Global Depository Receipts, which may be issued in bearer form and denominated in other currencies and are generally designed for use in securities markets outside the U.S. The underlying shares are held in trust by a custodian bank or similar financial institution in the issuer’s home country. The depository bank may not have physical custody of the underlying securities at all times and may charge fees for various services, including forwarding dividends and interest and corporate actions.

**Currency Hedging.** To the extent the Fund invests in foreign securities, the value of the Fund in U.S. dollars is subject to fluctuations in the exchange rate between foreign currencies and the U.S. dollar. When, in the opinion of the Adviser, it is desirable to limit or reduce exposure in a foreign currency, the Fund may enter into a forward currency exchange contract to sell such foreign currency (or another foreign currency that acts as a proxy for that currency) (“forward currency contract”). Through the contract, the U.S. dollar value of certain underlying foreign portfolio securities can be approximately matched by an equivalent U.S. dollar liability. This technique is known as “currency hedging.” By locking in a rate of exchange, currency hedging is intended to moderate or reduce the risk of change in the U.S. dollar value of the Fund during the period of the forward contract. A default on a contract would deprive the Fund of unrealized profits or force the Fund to cover its commitments for purchase or sale of currency, if any, at the current market price.

The use of forward currency contracts (for transaction or portfolio hedging) will not eliminate fluctuations in the prices of portfolio securities or prevent loss if the price of such securities should decline. In addition, such forward currency contracts will diminish the benefit of the appreciation in the U.S. dollar value of that foreign currency.

**Settlement Transactions.** If the Fund trades a foreign security, it is usually required to settle the purchase transaction in the relevant foreign currency or receive the proceeds of the sale in that currency. At or near the time of the transaction, the Fund may wish to lock in the U.S. dollar value at the exchange rate or rates then prevailing between the U.S. dollar and the currency in which the security is denominated. Transaction hedging may be accomplished on a forward basis, whereby the Fund purchases or sells a specific amount of foreign currency, at a price set at the time of the contract, for receipt or delivery at either a specified date or at any time within a specified time period. Transaction hedging also may be accomplished by purchasing or selling such foreign currencies on a “spot,” or cash, basis. In so doing, the Fund will attempt to insulate itself against possible losses and gains resulting from a change in the relationship between the U.S. dollar and the foreign currency during the period between the date the security is purchased or sold and the date on which payment is made or received and the transaction settled. Similar transactions may be entered into by using other currencies. The Fund may also settle certain trades in U.S. dollars. The use of currency transactions can result in the Fund incurring losses as a result of a number of factors, including the imposition of exchange controls, suspension of settlements or the inability to deliver or receive a specified currency.

**Derivatives.** In seeking to achieve its desired investment objective, provide additional revenue or hedge against changes in security prices, interest rates or currency fluctuations, the Fund may: (1) purchase and write both call options and put options on securities, indices and foreign currencies; (2) enter into interest rate, index and foreign currency futures contracts; (3) write options on such futures contracts; (4) purchase other types of forward or investment contracts linked to individual securities, indices or other benchmarks; and (5) enter into various equity or

interest rate transactions, participation notes, swaps, caps, floors or collars, and may enter into various currency transactions such as deliverable and non-deliverable foreign currency forward contracts, currency futures contracts, currency swaps or options on currencies (“derivatives”). For these purposes, forward currency contracts are not considered “derivatives.” The Fund may write a call or put option only if the option is covered. As the writer of a covered call option, the Fund forgoes, during the option’s life, the opportunity to profit from increases in market value of the security covering the call option above the sum of the premium and the exercise price of the call. There can be no assurance that a liquid market will exist when the Fund seeks to close out a position. In addition, because futures positions may require low margin deposits, the use of futures contracts involves a high degree of leverage and may result in losses in excess of the amount of the margin deposit.

The successful use of derivatives depends on the Adviser’s ability to correctly predict changes in the levels and directions of movements in currency exchange rates, security prices, interest rates and other market factors affecting the derivative itself or the value of the underlying asset or benchmark. In addition, correlations in the performance of an underlying asset to a derivative may not be well established. Finally, privately negotiated and over-the-counter derivatives may not be as well regulated, may be less marketable than exchange-traded derivatives and may be subject to greater risks such as counterparty risks (e.g., counterparty is unable or unwilling to honor the contract).

With respect to equity index futures contracts entered into by the Fund, there are significant differences between the securities and futures markets that could result in an imperfect correlation between the markets, causing a given transaction not to achieve its objectives. The degree of imperfection of correlation depends on circumstances such as variations in speculative market demand for futures, futures options and the related securities, including technical influences in futures and futures options trading and differences between the securities markets and the securities underlying the standard contracts available for trading. For example, the composition of the index, including the issuers and the weighting of each issue, may differ from the composition of the Fund’s portfolio.

Swap agreements typically involve a small investment of cash relative to the magnitude of risks assumed. As a result, they can be highly volatile and may have a considerable impact on the Fund’s performance. The Fund bears the risk of loss of the amount expected to be received under a swap agreement in the event of the default or bankruptcy of a counterparty. In addition, if the counterparty’s creditworthiness declines, the value of a swap will likely decline, potentially resulting in losses for the Fund. The Fund may also suffer losses if it is unable to terminate outstanding swaps (either by assignment or other disposition). It is possible that developments in the swaps market, including additional government regulation, could adversely affect the Fund’s ability to terminate existing swap agreements or to realize amounts to be received under such agreements.

In addition to the risks applicable to derivatives generally, credit default swaps involve special risks because they are difficult to value, are highly susceptible to liquidity and credit risk, and generally pay a return to the party that has paid the premium only in the event of an actual default by the issuers of the underlying obligation (as opposed to a credit downgrade or other indication of financial difficulty). If the Fund is a buyer of a credit default swap agreement, the Fund segregates the value of the remaining premium due to cover its future obligation to the counterparty. If the Fund is a seller of a credit default swap agreement, the Fund segregates the full notional value of the credit default swap agreement to cover its potential obligation to the counterparty.

***Illiquid Securities.*** The Fund may invest up to 15% of its net assets in illiquid securities. Not readily marketable, illiquid securities include restricted securities and repurchase obligations maturing in more than seven days. Certain restricted securities that may be resold to institutional investors under Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 4(2) commercial paper may be deemed liquid under guidelines adopted by the Board of Trustees. The absence of a trading market can make it difficult to ascertain a market value for illiquid or restricted securities. Disposing of illiquid or restricted securities may involve time-consuming negotiations and legal expenses, and it may be difficult or impossible for a Fund to sell them promptly at an acceptable price.

The Fund’s Board has adopted liquidity determination procedures (“Liquidity Procedures”) for the Fund that delegate the responsibility for determining the liquidity status of all securities and other instruments held by the Fund to the Fund’s investment adviser consistent with applicable guidance. The Liquidity Procedures provide for active monitoring of portfolio liquidity by the Fund’s investment adviser with quarterly reporting to the Board.



**P-Notes.** The Fund may utilize participatory notes (commonly known as “P-Notes”) in circumstances where the Fund cannot obtain direct access to a foreign stock market. If the Fund buys such derivative instruments, it is subject to the risk of the inability or refusal to perform of the counterparty to the transaction. As the purchaser of a P-Note, the Fund is relying on the creditworthiness of the counterparty issuing the P-Note and does not have the same rights under a P-Note as it would as a shareholder of the underlying issuer. Therefore, if a counterparty becomes insolvent, the Fund could lose the total value of its investment in the P-Note. In addition, there is no assurance that there will be a trading market for a P-Note.

**Convertible Securities.** While convertible securities purchased by the Fund are frequently rated investment grade, the Fund also may purchase unrated convertible securities or convertible securities rated below investment grade if the securities meet the Adviser’s other investment criteria. The Fund does not currently intend to invest more than 5% of its total assets in below investment grade convertible securities. Convertible securities rated below investment grade (a) tend to be more sensitive to interest rate and economic changes, (b) may be obligations of issuers who are less creditworthy than issuers of higher quality convertible securities, and (c) may be more thinly traded due to such securities being less well known to investors than either common stock or conventional debt securities. As a result, the Adviser’s own investment research and analysis tends to be more important in the purchase of such securities than other factors.

**Debt Securities Risks.** The Fund may invest up to 20% of its total assets in nonconvertible debt securities. Investments in such debt securities are limited to those that are rated within the four highest grades (generally referred to as “investment grade”) assigned by a nationally or internationally recognized statistical rating organization. Investments in unrated debt securities are limited to those deemed to be of comparable quality as analyzed by the Adviser under its own procedures. Securities in the fourth-highest grade may possess speculative characteristics. If the rating of a security held by the Fund is lost or reduced below investment grade, the Fund is not required to dispose of the security. The Adviser will, however, consider that fact in determining whether the Fund should continue to hold the security. The risks inherent in a debt security depend primarily on its term and quality, as well as on market conditions. A decline in the prevailing levels of interest rates generally increases the value of debt securities. Conversely, an increase in rates usually reduces the value of debt securities.

Debt securities may be subject to credit risk, interest rate risk, prepayment and extension risk as well as call risk. Credit risk is the failure of an issuer or borrower to make timely interest or principal payments, or a decline or perception of a decline in the credit quality of a bond or creditworthiness of a borrower, which can cause the security’s price to fall, potentially lowering the Fund’s share price. Prices of bonds tend to move inversely with changes in interest rates. Typically, a rise in rates will adversely affect bond prices and, accordingly, the Fund’s share price. The longer a debt security’s effective maturity and duration, the more its price is likely to react to interest rates. Interest rate changes normally have different effects on variable or floating rate securities than they do on securities with fixed interest rates. When interest rates fall, debt securities may be repaid more quickly than expected and the Fund may be required to reinvest the proceeds at a lower interest rate. This is referred to as “prepayment risk.” When interest rates rise, debt securities may be repaid more slowly than expected and the value of the Fund’s holdings may fall sharply. This is referred to as “extension risk.” If an issuer “calls” its bond before its maturity date during a time of declining interest rates, the Fund might have to reinvest the proceeds in an investment offering a lower yield.

**Investment Companies.** The Fund may invest in domestic investment companies and foreign investment companies. Some countries may not permit direct investment by outside investors. Investments in such countries may only be permitted through foreign government-approved or government-authorized investment vehicles, which may include other investment companies. In addition, it may be less expensive and more expedient for the Fund to invest in a foreign investment company in a country that permits direct foreign investment; similarly, the Fund may invest in a money market fund in order to receive a higher rate of return or to be more productively invested than would be possible through direct investment in money market instruments. Investing through such vehicles may involve layered fees or expenses. The Fund does not intend to invest in such investment companies unless, in the judgment of the Adviser, the potential benefits of such investments justify the payment of any associated fees or expenses.

**Repurchase Agreements.** The Fund may invest in repurchase agreements, provided that it will not invest more than 15% of its net assets in repurchase agreements maturing in more than seven days and any other illiquid securities. A repurchase agreement involves the sale of securities to the Fund, with the concurrent agreement of the seller to

repurchase the securities at the same price plus an amount representing interest at an agreed-upon interest rate within a specified period of time, usually less than one week, but, on occasion, at a later time. Repurchase agreements entered into by the Fund will be fully collateralized and will be marked-to-market daily. In the event of a bankruptcy or other default of a seller of a repurchase agreement, the Fund could experience both delays in liquidating the underlying securities and losses, including: (a) possible decline in the value of the collateral during the period while the Fund seeks to enforce its rights thereto; (b) possible subnormal levels of income and lack of access to income during this period; and (c) expenses of enforcing its rights.

***When-Issued and Delayed-Delivery Securities; Reverse Repurchase Agreements.*** The Fund may purchase or sell securities on a when-issued or delayed-delivery basis. Although the payment and interest terms of these securities are established at the time the Fund enters into the commitment, the securities may be delivered and paid for a month or more after the date of purchase, when their value may have changed. The Fund makes such purchase commitments only with the intention of actually acquiring the securities, but may sell the securities before the settlement date if the Adviser deems it advisable for investment reasons. The Fund may utilize spot and forward foreign currency exchange transactions to reduce the risk inherent in fluctuations in the exchange rate between one currency and another when securities are purchased or sold on a when-issued or delayed-delivery basis.

The Fund may enter into reverse repurchase agreements with banks and securities dealers. A reverse repurchase agreement is a repurchase agreement in which the Fund is the seller of, rather than the investor in, securities and agrees to repurchase them at an agreed-upon time and price. Use of a reverse repurchase agreement may be preferable to a regular sale and later repurchase of securities because it avoids certain market risks and transaction costs.

At the time the Fund enters into a binding obligation to purchase securities on a when-issued basis or enters into a reverse repurchase agreement, liquid assets (cash, U.S. government securities or other “high-grade” debt obligations) of the Fund having a value at least as great as the purchase price of the securities to be purchased will be earmarked or segregated on the books of the Fund and held by the custodian throughout the period of the obligation. The use of these investment strategies, as well as borrowing under a line of credit, may increase net asset value fluctuation.

***Lending Portfolio Securities.*** The Fund may lend its portfolio securities to broker-dealers and banks, provided that it may not lend securities if, as a result, the aggregate value of all securities loaned would exceed 33 1/3% of its total assets. Any such loan must be continuously secured by collateral (cash or U.S. government securities). In the event of bankruptcy or other default of the borrower, the Fund could experience delays in both liquidating the loan collateral and recovering the loaned securities and losses.

***Disclosure of Portfolio Holdings.*** A description of the Fund’s policies and procedures with respect to the disclosure of the Fund’s portfolio securities is available in the SAI. The Fund’s portfolio holdings information is available at [www.driehaus.com](http://www.driehaus.com).

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**Management of the Fund**

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**Trustees and Adviser.** The Board of Trustees of the Trust has overall management responsibility. See the SAI for the names of and additional information about the Trustees and officers. The Adviser, Driehaus Capital Management LLC, 25 East Erie Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611, is responsible for providing investment advisory and management services to the Fund, subject to the direction of the Board of Trustees. The Adviser is registered as an investment adviser under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended. The Adviser was organized in 1982 and as of June 30, 2017, managed approximately \$8.8 billion in assets.

The Fund paid the Adviser an annual investment management fee on a monthly basis as follows for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016.

<u>Fund</u>	<u>As a percentage of average daily net assets</u>
Driehaus Emerging Markets Growth Fund . . . . .	1.50% <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Effective July 17, 2017, the Driehaus Emerging Markets Growth Fund pays the Adviser an annual management fee on a monthly basis as follows: 1.05% of average daily net assets up to \$1.5 billion and 0.75% of average daily net assets in excess of \$1.5 billion.

Disclosure relating to the material factors and the conclusions with respect to those factors that formed the basis for the Board of Trustees’ continuation of the investment advisory agreement for the Fund may be reviewed in the Fund’s annual report to shareholders for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016. Shareholder reports may be obtained by calling 1-800-560-6111, or by visiting [www.driehaus.com](http://www.driehaus.com) or the SEC’s web site at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

The Fund enters into contractual arrangements with various parties, including, among others, the Fund’s investment adviser, who provide services to the Fund. Shareholders are not parties to, or intended (or “third-party”) beneficiaries of those contractual arrangements.

The Prospectus and the SAI provide information concerning the Fund that you should consider in determining whether to purchase shares of the Fund. The Fund may make changes to this information from time to time. Neither this Prospectus nor the SAI is intended to give rise to any contract rights in any shareholder, other than any rights conferred explicitly by federal or state securities laws that may not be waived.

***Driehaus Emerging Markets Growth Fund***

**Lead Portfolio Manager.** Howard Schwab has been a portfolio manager of the Driehaus Emerging Markets Growth Fund since August 2007 and became the lead portfolio manager on May 1, 2012. Mr. Schwab has responsibility for making investment decisions on behalf of the Fund.

Mr. Schwab joined the Adviser in 2001 upon completion of his B.A. degree in Economics from Denison University. Mr. Schwab is also a portfolio manager for the Driehaus Emerging Markets Small Cap Growth Fund and Driehaus Multi-Asset Growth Economies Fund. Prior to assuming portfolio manager responsibilities for certain of the Adviser’s international strategies, Mr. Schwab was an international equity analyst for the Adviser.

**Portfolio Manager.** Chad Cleaver has been a portfolio manager of the Driehaus Emerging Markets Growth Fund since May 1, 2012. Mr. Cleaver served as the assistant portfolio manager of the Fund from May 1, 2008 to May 1, 2012. Mr. Cleaver has responsibility for making investment decisions on behalf of the Fund.

Mr. Cleaver is also a portfolio manager for the Driehaus Emerging Markets Small Cap Growth Fund, Driehaus Frontier Emerging Markets Fund and Driehaus Multi-Asset Growth Economies Fund. Mr. Cleaver received his A.B. in Economics in 2000 from Wabash College. He earned his M.B.A. degree in 2004 from the Kenan-Flagler Business School at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Mr. Cleaver is a CFA® charterholder. He began his career with the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. He joined the Adviser in 2004 as an investment analyst to the Fund prior to assuming assistant portfolio management responsibilities on May 1, 2008.

**Portfolio Manager.** Richard Thies has been a portfolio manager of the Driehaus Emerging Markets Growth Fund since May 1, 2016. Mr. Thies served as an assistant portfolio manager of the Fund from May 1, 2014 to April 30, 2016. He has responsibility for making investment decisions on behalf of the Fund.



Mr. Thies is also a portfolio manager of Driehaus Emerging Markets Small Cap Growth Fund, Driehaus Frontier Emerging Markets Fund and Driehaus Multi-Asset Growth Economies Fund. Mr. Thies received his B.A. in international studies from Emory University and his M.A. focused in international political economy from the University of Chicago Booth School of Business. Mr. Thies began his career at the International Finance Corporation of the World Bank Group in 2005. In 2008, Mr. Thies worked for Opportunity International as a proposal writer. He then worked as an associate international economist for The Northern Trust in 2009. Mr. Thies joined the Adviser as a macro analyst in 2011. He was also an assistant portfolio manager of the Driehaus Frontier Emerging Markets Fund from May 4, 2015 to April 30, 2016.

The SAI provides additional information about the portfolio managers' compensation, other accounts managed, and ownership of securities in the Funds.

**Distributor.** Driehaus Securities LLC ("DS LLC"), an affiliate of the Adviser, acts as the distributor of the Trust's shares pursuant to a Distribution Agreement, without any sales concessions or charges to the Fund or to its shareholders.

**Administrator.** BNY Mellon Investment Servicing (US) Inc. ("BNY Mellon") is the administrator for the Fund. In such capacity, BNY Mellon assists the Fund in aspects of its administration and operation, including certain accounting services.

**Transfer Agent.** BNY Mellon is the agent of the Fund for the transfer of shares, disbursement of dividends and maintenance of shareholder account records.

**Custodian.** The Northern Trust Company (the "Custodian") is the custodian for the Fund. Foreign securities are maintained in the custody of foreign banks and trust companies that are members of the Custodian's global custody network or foreign depositories used by such members.

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## Shareholder Information

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### Net Asset Value

The Fund's net asset value is determined as of the close of the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") (normally 3:00 p.m., Central time) on each day the NYSE is open for trading. Purchases and redemptions are made at the Fund's net asset value per share next calculated after receipt of your purchase or redemption order in good form. Net asset value per share of each class is determined by dividing the value of the Fund's assets attributable to that class, less its liabilities attributable to that class, by the number of outstanding shares of that class of the Fund. The Fund's holdings are typically valued using readily available market quotations and portfolio currency positions are based on exchange rates provided by an independent pricing service. Securities and foreign currencies may be valued by the Adviser's Pricing Committee or an independent pricing service as described below, using methods approved by the Board of Trustees when: (i) securities cannot be priced through a readily available market quotation provided by a pricing service and no broker-dealer quotations are available or are determined not to be reasonable, or (ii) an event occurs that affects the value of a portfolio security between the time its price is determined in its local market or exchange and the close of the NYSE where the event would materially affect net asset value.

The Fund uses an independent pricing service to provide fair value estimates for relevant foreign equity securities on days when the U.S. market movement exceeds a certain threshold. This pricing service uses correlations between the movement of prices of foreign equity securities and indices of U.S. traded securities and other indicators, such as closing prices of American Depositary Receipts and futures contracts, to determine the fair value of relevant foreign equity securities. In such cases, the Fund's value for a security is likely to be different from the last quoted market price. In addition, due to the subjective and variable nature of fair value pricing, it is possible that the value determined for a particular security may be materially different from the value realized upon the security's sale. Because foreign securities markets may operate on days that are not business days in the U.S., the value of the Fund's holdings may change on days when you will not be able to purchase or redeem the Fund's shares.

### Available Share Classes

#### *Investor Shares*

The Investor class:

- is designed for individuals, trusts, estates, corporations, endowments, foundations and other investors who purchase shares directly from the Fund or through a financial intermediary.
- does not impose sales charges and does not make any 12b-1 fee payments to financial intermediaries.
- may make shareholder services fee payments at an annual rate of up to 0.25% of the Fund's Investor class average daily net assets.
- generally requires a \$10,000 initial minimum investment, although the minimum may be waived at the discretion of DS LLC.

#### *Institutional Shares*

The Institutional class:

- is designed to be sold to corporations, endowments and foundations, charitable trusts, retirement plans, wrap fee plans and other programs charging asset based fees, brokers, registered investment advisors, banks and bank trust programs, investment companies and other pooled investment vehicles and certain individuals meeting the investment minimum or other specific criteria.
- may be purchased directly from the Fund or through a financial intermediary.
- does not impose sales charges and does not make any shareholder services fee payments or 12b-1 fee payments to financial intermediaries.
- generally requires a \$500,000 initial minimum investment, although the minimum may be waived at the discretion of DS LLC.

**Opening an Account**

- 1) Read this Prospectus carefully.
- 2) The Fund has the following minimum investments, which may be waived at the discretion of DS LLC:

	<u>Minimum Initial Investment</u>	<u>Minimum Subsequent Investment</u>	<u>Minimum Initial IRA Investment</u>	<u>Minimum Subsequent IRA Investment</u>	<u>Minimum Automatic Investment Plan (Monthly)</u>	<u>Minimum Automatic Investment Plan (Quarterly)</u>
Investor . . . . .	\$10,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$500	\$100	\$300
Institutional . . .	\$500,000	None	\$500,000	None	N/A	N/A

- 3) Complete the appropriate sections of the New Account Application, carefully following the instructions. If you have questions, please contact Shareholder Services at 1-800-560-6111. Complete the appropriate sections of the application which apply to account privileges. You will automatically have telephonic redemption and exchange privileges unless you indicate on the application that you do not want these privileges. By confirming your privileges on the New Account Application, you can avoid the delay of having to submit an additional application to change your privileges.

The Fund seeks to obtain identification information for new accounts so that the identity of Fund investors can be verified consistent with regulatory requirements. The Fund may limit account activity until investor identification information can be verified. If the Fund is unable to obtain sufficient investor identification information such that the Fund may form a reasonable belief as to the true identity of an investor, the Fund may take further action including closing the account.

- 4) Include your purchase check or call Shareholder Services at 1-800-560-6111 to initiate a wire purchase.
- 5) To open an Individual Retirement Account (IRA), complete the appropriate Traditional or Roth IRA Application which may be obtained by visiting [www.driehaus.com](http://www.driehaus.com) or by calling Shareholder Services at 1-800-560-6111. IRA investors should also read the IRA Disclosure Statement and Custodial Account Agreement for further details on eligibility, service fees, and federal tax considerations. For IRA accounts, the procedures for purchasing and redeeming shares of the Fund, and the account features, policies and fees may differ from those discussed in this Prospectus. Please contact Shareholder Services at 1-800-560-6111 for additional information.

**How to Purchase Shares**

- 1) **By Mail.** Make your check payable to Driehaus Mutual Funds. The Fund accepts:
  - Your personal check, preprinted with your name and address
  - Certified personal checks

for Fund share purchases under \$100,000. For purchases of \$100,000 or more, the Fund accepts *only* wire transfers.

Driehaus Mutual Funds will *not* accept the following forms of payment for Fund shares:

- Cash
- Credit cards
- Cashier's/Official checks
- Bank drafts
- Third party checks
- "Starter" checks that do not have a printed name and address on them
- Travelers checks
- Credit card checks
- Money orders

Any expense incurred as a result of a returned check will be borne by the shareholder. The Fund will charge a \$20 fee against your account, in addition to any loss sustained by the Fund, for any check returned for insufficient funds. If

you are adding to your existing account, fill out the detachable investment slip from an account statement or indicate your Fund account number and the name(s) in which the account is registered directly on the check. Send to:

**Regular Mail:**  
**Driehaus Mutual Funds**  
P.O. Box 9817  
Providence, RI 02940

**Overnight Delivery:**  
**Driehaus Mutual Funds**  
4400 Computer Drive  
Westborough, MA 01581-1722

- 2) **By Wire Transfer.** Call Shareholder Services at 1-800-560-6111 to initiate your purchase and obtain your account number. Wire instructions can be obtained from Shareholder Services by calling 1-800-560-6111, from the account application or at the Fund's web site at [www.driehaus.com](http://www.driehaus.com).
- 3) **Through Automatic Investment Plan.** Additional investments in Investor shares of the Fund may be made automatically by authorizing the Transfer Agent to withdraw funds via Automated Clearing House Network Transfer ("ACH") from your pre-designated bank account through the Automatic Investment Plan. This plan is not available for Institutional shares.
- 4) **Through ACH.** Additional investments in shares of the Fund may also be made at any time by authorizing the Transfer Agent to withdraw funds via ACH from your pre-designated bank account. The Fund does not accept initial investments through ACH. Instructions to purchase shares of the Fund by ACH which are received prior to close of the NYSE receive the net asset value calculated on the next business day. Instructions to purchase shares of the Fund by ACH received after the close of the NYSE receive the net asset value calculated on the second business day after receipt.
- 5) **Through Financial Institutions.** Investors may purchase (or redeem) shares through investment dealers or other financial institutions. The institutions may charge for their services or place limitations on the extent to which investors may use the services offered by the Fund. There are no charges or limitations imposed by the Fund, other than those described in this Prospectus, if shares are purchased (or redeemed) directly from the Fund or DS LLC. However, unless waived, the Fund will deduct 2.00% from the redemption amount if you sell your shares within 60 days after purchase.

New investors who would like to participate in the Automatic Investment Plan (Investor share class only) or make additional investments in shares of the Fund by ACH should complete the appropriate section of the account application and mail it to Driehaus Mutual Funds at the address included in the "By Mail" section above. Current investors should complete the Optional Account Services Form to add either or both privileges to their account(s). To obtain either form, call Shareholder Services at 1-800-560-6111 or visit [www.driehaus.com](http://www.driehaus.com).

#### **Financial Intermediaries and Shareholder Servicing**

Financial institutions that enter into a sales agreement with DS LLC or the Trust ("Intermediaries") may accept purchase and redemption orders on behalf of the Fund. If communicated in accordance with the terms of the sales agreement, a purchase or redemption order will be deemed to have been received by the Fund when the Intermediary accepts the order. In certain instances, an Intermediary may designate other third-party financial institutions ("Sub-Designees") to receive orders from their customers on the Fund's behalf. The Intermediary is liable to the Fund for its compliance with the terms of the sales agreement and the compliance of each Sub-Designee. All orders will be priced at the Fund's net asset value next computed after they are accepted by the Intermediary or Sub-Designee, provided that such orders are communicated in accordance with the terms of the applicable sales agreement.

Certain Intermediaries may enter purchase orders on behalf of their customers by telephone, with payments to follow within several days as specified in their sales agreement. Such purchase orders will be effected at the net asset value next determined after receipt of the telephone purchase order. It is the responsibility of the Intermediary to place the order on a timely basis. If payment is not received within the time specified in the agreement, the Intermediary could be held liable for any fees or losses resulting from the cancellation of the order.

An investor transacting in Fund shares may be required to pay their Intermediary a commission for executing such transactions.

Some Intermediaries charge a fee for shareholder administrative and/or sub-transfer agency services that they provide to Fund shareholders on the Fund's behalf. These services may include recordkeeping, transaction processing for shareholders' accounts and other services. This fee may be based on the number of accounts or may be a percentage, currently up to 0.40% annually for Investor shares, of the average value of accounts for which the Intermediary provides services. The Investor shares of the Fund pays all or a portion of this fee at an annual rate of up to 0.25% of the Investor class average daily net assets, which is intended to compensate the Intermediary for its provision of services of the type that would be provided by the Funds' transfer agent or other service providers if the shares were registered on the books of the Fund. These shareholder services fees are reflected in the "Other Expenses" line that appears in the Fund's fee table in the Fund Summary section.

DS LLC makes payments, and the Adviser reimburses DS LLC for such payments, out of its own resources to Intermediaries for providing shareholder servicing or distribution related activities. The Fund's Investor shares may reimburse DS LLC for payments it makes to Intermediaries for shareholder services at a rate not to exceed 0.25% of the Fund's Investor class average daily net assets. No payments are made by the Fund for distribution related activities of the Fund.

The Fund's Institutional shares do not pay fees to Intermediaries or reimburse DS LLC for payments it makes to Intermediaries in connection with shareholder administrative and/or sub-transfer agency services or any other services that an Intermediary may provide to its clients.

### General Purchase Information

Shares of the Fund are offered only to residents of states and other jurisdictions in which the shares are available for purchase. The Fund does not generally sell shares to persons or entities, including foreign financial institutions, foreign shell banks and private banking accounts, residing outside the U.S., its territories and possessions, even if they are U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents, except to persons with U.S. military APO or FPO addresses. However, under limited circumstances, the Fund reserves the right to sell shares to such persons or entities residing outside of the U.S., its territories and possessions. The Fund reserves the right not to accept any purchase order. The Fund also reserves the right to change its investment minimums without notice. For all purchases, confirmations are sent to the investor in writing except purchases made by reinvestment of dividends, which will be confirmed quarterly.

**"Buying a Dividend."** Unless you are purchasing Fund shares through a tax-advantaged account (such as an IRA), buying Fund shares at a time when a Fund has substantial undistributed income or gains can cost you money in taxes. See **"Distributions and Taxes — Buying a Distribution"** below. Contact the Fund for information concerning when distributions will be paid.

**Shares Purchased by Check or ACH.** Shares purchased by check are subject to a 10 business day escrow period to ensure payment to the Fund. Shares purchased by ACH are subject to a 5 business day escrow period to ensure payment to the Fund. The proceeds of shares redeemed during the escrow period will be released after expiration of the escrow period.

### How to Redeem Shares

- 1) **By Mail.** Shareholders may sell shares by writing the Fund at the following address:

<b>Regular Mail:</b>	<b>Overnight Delivery:</b>
Driehaus Mutual Funds	Driehaus Mutual Funds
P.O. Box 9817	4400 Computer Drive
Providence, RI 02940	Westborough, MA 15181-1722

Certain requests for redemption must be signed by the shareholder with a signature guarantee. See **"Shareholder Services and Policies — Medallion Signature Guarantees."** Redemption proceeds will be net of any applicable redemption fees.

- 2) **By Telephone.** You will automatically have the telephone redemption by check privileges when you open your account unless you indicate on the application that you do not want this privilege. You may also have redemption proceeds sent directly to your bank account by wire or ACH if you mark the appropriate box(es) and

provide your bank information on your application. If you are a current shareholder, you should complete the Optional Account Services Form to add these additional redemption options to your account. You may make a telephone redemption request for up to \$100,000 by calling Shareholder Services at 1-800-560-6111 and providing your account number, the exact name of your account and your social security or taxpayer identification number. See “**General Redemption Information**” below for specific information on payment of redemption proceeds under each payment option. The Fund reserves the right to suspend or terminate the telephone redemption privilege at any time.

**Telephone Transactions.** For your protection, telephone requests may be recorded in order to verify their accuracy. Also for your protection, telephone transactions are not permitted on accounts whose address has changed within the past 30 days. Proceeds from telephone transactions can only be mailed to the address of record or wired or electronically transferred to a bank account previously designated by you in writing.

- 3) **By Wire Transfer.** If you have chosen the wire redemption privilege, you may request the Fund to transmit your proceeds by Federal Funds wire to a bank account previously designated by you in writing and not changed within the past 30 days. See “**General Redemption Information — Execution of Requests**” below.
- 4) **Through ACH.** Your redemption proceeds less any applicable redemption fee, can be electronically transferred to your pre-designated bank account on or about the date of your redemption. There is no fee associated with this redemption payment method.
- 5) **Through Financial Institutions.** If you bought your shares through a financial institution and these shares are held in the name of the financial institution, you must redeem your shares through the financial institution. Please contact the financial institution for this service.

**General Redemption Information**

***Institutional and Fiduciary Account Holders.*** Institutional and fiduciary account holders, such as corporations, custodians, executors, administrators, trustees or guardians, must submit, with each request, a completed certificate of authorization in a form of resolution acceptable to the Funds. The request must include other supporting legal documents as required from organizations, executors, administrators, trustees or others acting on accounts not registered in their names. For more information, please contact Shareholder Services at 1-800-560-6111.

***Cancellation.*** A shareholder may not cancel or revoke a redemption order once instructions have been received and accepted. The Funds cannot accept a redemption request that specifies a particular date or price for redemption or any special conditions.

***Redemptions by the Fund.*** The Fund reserves the right to redeem shares in any account and send the proceeds to the owner if, immediately after a redemption, the shares in the account do not have the Minimum Account Value as shown below:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Minimum Account Value</u>	<u>Minimum IRA Account Value</u>
Investor . . . . .	\$ 5,000	\$ 1,500
Institutional . . . . .	\$250,000	\$250,000

A shareholder would be notified that the account is below the minimum and would have 30 days to increase the account before the account is redeemed. For Institutional Shares purchased directly from the Fund, the Fund reserves the right to automatically convert Institutional Shares in your account to Investor Shares rather than redeem those shares if your account falls below \$250,000. The Fund would notify you if it intends to convert your shares and you would have 30 days to increase the account before the shares are converted. If your shares are converted, the conversion will have no effect on the value of your investment in Institutional Shares of the Fund at the time of conversion. However, the number of shares you own after the conversion may be greater or lower than the number of shares you owned before the conversion, depending on the net asset value of the Investor share class compared to the Institutional share class.

***In-Kind Redemptions.*** The Fund generally intends to pay all redemptions in cash. However, the Fund may elect to pay you for shares you sell by “redeeming in kind,” that is, by giving you marketable securities, if your requests over a



90-day period total more than \$250,000 or 1% of the net assets of the Fund, whichever is less, during normal and stressed market conditions. An in-kind redemption is taxable for federal income tax purposes in the same manner as a redemption for cash.

**Execution of Requests.** If an order is placed prior to the close of regular trading on the NYSE (normally 3:00 p.m., Central time) on any business day, the purchase of shares is executed at the net asset value determined as of the closing time that day. If the order is placed after that time, it will be effected on the next business day.

A redemption order will be executed at the price which is the net asset value determined after proper redemption instructions are received, minus the redemption fee, if applicable. The redemption price received depends upon the Fund's net asset value per share at the time of redemption and any applicable redemption fee. Therefore, it may be more or less than the price originally paid for the shares and may result in a realized capital gain or loss for federal income tax purposes.

The Fund will deduct a redemption fee of 2.00% from the redemption amount for shareholders who sell their shares within 60 days of purchase. This fee is paid to the Fund and is designed to offset the commission costs, market impact costs, tax consequences to the Fund, and other costs associated with fluctuations in Fund asset levels and cash flow caused by short-term shareholder trading. Redemption fees may be waived in certain circumstances (see "Policies and Procedures Regarding Frequent Purchases and Redemptions" below).

For shareholders who purchased shares on different days, the shares held the longest will be redeemed first for purposes of determining whether the redemption fee applies. The redemption fee does not apply to shares that were acquired through reinvestment of distributions.

The Funds typically expects to pay redemption proceeds, less any applicable fees (including redemption fees), as follows:

- 1) **PAYMENT BY CHECK** — Normally mailed within seven days of redemption to the address of record.
- 2) **PAYMENT BY WIRE** — Normally sent via the Federal Wire System on the next business day after redemption (\$15 wire fee applies) to your pre-designated bank account.
- 3) **PAYMENT BY ACH** — Normally sent by ACH on or about the date of your redemption to your pre-designated bank account. Please consult your financial institution for additional information.

If it is in the best interest of the Fund to do so, the Fund may take up to seven days to pay proceeds from shares redeemed. The redemption price will be determined as of the time proper redemption instructions are received, in the manner described above, even if the Fund delays payment of the proceeds. For payments sent by wire or ACH, the Fund is not responsible for the efficiency of the federal wire or ACH systems or the shareholder's financial services firm or bank. The shareholder is responsible for any charges imposed by the shareholder's financial services firm or bank. Payment for shares redeemed within 10 business days after purchase by personal check or 5 business days after purchase by ACH will be delayed until the applicable escrow period has expired. Shares purchased by certified check or wire are not subject to the escrow period.

The Fund typically expects to effect sales of portfolio assets and use cash or cash equivalents to meet its redemption requests. In normal and stressed market conditions, the Fund may also access amounts available to it under its line of credit to meet redemption requests, if necessary, and the Fund may effect an "in-kind redemption" under the circumstances described above. The Fund may use redemption fees to help mitigate dilution and address transaction costs associated with shareholder activity.

### **Policies and Procedures Regarding Frequent Purchases and Redemptions**

Frequent and short-term trading in shares of the Fund, known as "market timing," can harm long-term Fund shareholders. Such short-term trading activity can result in increased costs to the Fund for buying and selling portfolio securities and also can disrupt portfolio management strategies when the Fund needs to maintain cash or liquidate portfolio holdings to meet redemptions. The Fund may be particularly susceptible to risks of short-term trading because it invests in foreign securities. Time zone differences among international stock markets may motivate

investors to attempt to exploit the use of prices based on closing prices of foreign securities exchanges (“time zone arbitrage”). The Fund’s valuation procedures seek to minimize investors’ ability to engage in time zone arbitrage in the Fund. See “Net Asset Value” above.

The Trust’s Board of Trustees has adopted policies and procedures in an effort to discourage and prevent market timing, which do not accommodate frequent purchases and redemptions of shares. The Trust imposes a 2% redemption fee on redemptions (including exchanges) of Fund shares made within 60 days of their purchase. This redemption fee was imposed to reduce the impact of costs resulting from short-term trading and to deter market timing activity. The Fund waives the redemption fee in certain circumstances, including for certain retirement plan investors, for certain omnibus accounts when the Intermediary collects the fee at the sub-account level and remits it to the Fund, for investors in certain wrap programs and otherwise, at the Fund’s discretion. The Fund reserves the right to modify or terminate these waivers at any time.

The Fund’s Adviser receives trading activity information from the Transfer Agent and monitors Fund inflows and outflows for suspected market timing activity using certain activity thresholds. The Adviser monitors the trading activity of direct shareholders and trading activity through Intermediaries, as well as instances in which the Fund receives a redemption fee from a direct shareholder or Intermediary account. This monitoring may result in the Fund’s rejection or cancellation of future purchase or exchange transactions in that shareholder’s account(s) without prior notice to the shareholder. Under current procedures, such rejection or cancellation would occur within one business day after the Adviser identifies the suspected market timing activity. The Fund also may limit the number of exchanges a shareholder can make between the Fund and other series of the Trust.

Shares of the Fund may be purchased directly from the Fund (through the Transfer Agent) or through omnibus arrangements with broker-dealers or other Intermediaries that aggregate shareholder transactions. The Fund does not know the identity of the beneficial owners of many of the accounts opened through Intermediaries and consequently rely on the Intermediaries to comply with the Fund’s policies and procedures on frequent purchases and redemptions. In some instances, the Fund allows an Intermediary to impose frequent trading restrictions that differ from those of the Fund. Investors who purchase shares through an Intermediary should review any disclosures provided by the Intermediary with which they have an account to determine what frequent trading restrictions may apply to their account. The Fund may direct any Intermediary to block any shareholder account from future trading in the Fund if market timing is suspected or discovered.

Shareholders seeking to engage in market timing activities may use a variety of strategies to avoid detection and, despite the efforts of the Fund to prevent such trading, there is no guarantee that the Fund or Intermediaries will be able to identify these shareholders or curtail their market timing activity.

### Shareholder Services and Policies

***Exchanging Shares.*** Any shares of the Fund that you have held for the applicable escrow period may be exchanged for shares of any other Driehaus Mutual Fund in an identically registered account, provided the Fund(s) has (have) the same transfer agent, is (are) available for purchase, the Fund(s) to be acquired is (are) registered for sale in your state of residence and you have met the minimum initial investment requirements. Procedures applicable to the purchase and redemption of the Fund’s shares are also applicable to exchanging shares, including the prices that you receive and pay for the shares you exchange. You will automatically have the ability to exchange shares of any Driehaus Mutual Fund, subject to the qualifications noted above, by telephone unless you indicate on your application that you do not want this privilege. The Fund reserves the right to limit the number of exchanges between Funds and to reject any exchange order. The Fund reserves the right to modify or discontinue the exchange privilege at any time upon 60 days’ written notice. For federal income tax purposes, an exchange is treated the same as a sale and you may recognize a capital gain or loss upon an exchange, depending upon the cost or other basis of the shares exchanged. The 2.00% redemption fee also applies to shareholders who exchange their shares for any other Driehaus Mutual Fund shares within 60 days of purchase.

You may also exchange shares of the Fund for a different class of shares offered by the Fund, provided that you meet the eligibility requirements for that class, including the minimum investment requirements. For federal income tax purposes, an exchange of shares of the Fund directly for shares of a different class of the Fund generally will not result in recognition of a gain or loss by the exchanging shareholder.



***Medallion Signature Guarantees.*** A medallion signature guarantee assures that a signature is genuine and protects shareholders from unauthorized account activity. In addition to certain signature requirements, a medallion signature guarantee is required in any of the following circumstances:

- A redemption request is over \$100,000.
- A redemption check is to be made payable to anyone other than the shareholder(s) of record or the name has been changed within 30 days of the request.
- A redemption check is to be mailed to an address other than the address of record or the address has been changed within 30 days of the request.
- A redemption amount is to be wired to a bank other than one previously authorized.
- To add or change bank information for wire or ACH transactions on an existing account.

At the Fund's discretion, medallion signature guarantees also may be required for other transactions or changes to your account. A medallion signature guarantee may be obtained from a domestic bank or trust company, broker, dealer, clearing agency or savings association who is a participant in a medallion program recognized by the Securities Transfer Association. The three recognized medallion programs are the Securities Transfer Agents Medallion Program (STAMP), the Stock Exchanges Medallion Program (SEMP), and the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. Medallion Signature Program (MSP). Signature guarantees which are not part of these programs will not be accepted.

***Telephone Transactions.*** Shareholders will automatically have telephone redemption by check and exchange privileges unless they indicate on their account application that they do not want these privileges. Shareholders may initially purchase shares by telephone via bank wire. Shareholders engaging in telephone transactions should be aware of the risks associated with these types of transactions as compared to written requests. Although the Fund employs reasonable procedures to confirm that instructions received by telephone are genuine, a shareholder authorizing a transaction by telephone bears the risk of any resulting losses, unless the Fund or its service providers fail to employ these measures. In such cases, the Fund or its service providers may be liable for losses arising from unauthorized or fraudulent instructions. In addition, the Fund reserves the right to record all telephone conversations. Confirmation statements for telephone transactions should be reviewed for accuracy immediately upon receipt by the shareholder.

***Delivery of Written Requests.*** Neither the U.S. Postal Service nor other independent delivery services are agents of the Fund. Therefore, deposits in the mail or with such services or receipt at the Fund's post office box of purchase orders and redemption requests do not constitute receipt by the Transfer Agent.

***Unusual Circumstances.*** During times of unusual economic or market changes, telephone redemption and exchange privileges may be difficult to implement. In addition, in unusual circumstances, the Fund may temporarily suspend the processing of redemption requests, or may postpone payment of proceeds for up to seven days or longer as allowed by federal securities laws. In the event that you are unable to reach the Fund by telephone, requests may be mailed to the Fund at the address listed in "How to Redeem Shares."

***A Note on Mailing Procedures.*** In order to provide greater convenience to our shareholders and cost savings to the Fund by reducing the number of duplicate shareholder mailings, only one copy of most proxy statements, financial reports and prospectuses will be mailed to households, even if more than one person in a household holds shares of the Fund. Separate shareholder statements will continue to be mailed for each Fund account. If you want additional copies or do not want your mailings to be "householded," please call Shareholder Services at 1-800-560-6111 or write to Driehaus Mutual Funds, P.O. Box 9817, Providence, RI 02940.

## **Dividend Policies**

***Reinvestment of Distributions.*** Dividends and distributions payable by the Fund are automatically reinvested in additional shares of the Fund unless the investor indicates otherwise on the application or subsequently notifies the Fund, in writing, of the desire to not have dividends automatically reinvested. Reinvested dividends and distributions are treated the same for federal income tax purposes as dividends and distributions received in cash. If the U.S. Postal Service cannot deliver your check or if your check remains uncashed for six months, the Fund reserves the right to

reinvest your distribution check in your account at the net asset value on the day of the reinvestment and to reinvest all subsequent distributions in shares of the Fund. Interest will not accrue on amounts represented by uncashed distribution or redemption checks.

**Distributions and Taxes**

**Payment of Dividends and Other Distributions.** The Fund pays its shareholders dividends from its investment company taxable income (determined without regard to the deduction for dividends paid), and distributions from any realized net capital gains (i.e., the excess of net long-term capital gains over the sum of net short-term capital losses and capital loss carryforwards available from prior years). Dividends and distributions are generally paid once a year. The Fund intends to distribute at least 98% of any ordinary income for the calendar year (not taking into account any capital gains or losses), plus 98.2% of capital gain net income realized during the 12-month period ended October 31 in that year, if any. The Fund intends to distribute any undistributed ordinary income and capital gain net income in the following year.

**Federal Income Tax Status of Dividends and Other Distributions.** Distributions by the Fund of investment company taxable income (determined without regard to the deduction for dividends paid) are generally subject to federal income tax at ordinary income tax rates. However, a portion of such distributions that were derived from certain corporate dividends may qualify for either the 70% dividends received deduction available to corporate shareholders under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), or the reduced rates of federal income taxation for “qualified dividend income” currently available to individual and other noncorporate shareholders under the Code, provided certain holding period and other requirements are satisfied. However, dividends received by the Fund from foreign corporations are not expected to qualify for the dividends received deduction and dividends received from certain foreign corporations may not qualify for treatment as qualified dividend income. Distributions of net capital gains, if any, are generally taxable as long-term capital gains for federal income tax purposes regardless of how long a shareholder has held shares of the Fund. The U.S. federal income tax status of all distributions will be designated by the Fund and reported to its shareholders annually. Distributions are taxable in the year they are paid, whether they are taken in cash or reinvested in additional shares, except that certain distributions declared to shareholders of record in the last three months of the calendar year and paid in the following January are taxable as if paid on December 31 of the year declared.

**Taxability of Distributions to Individuals and Other Noncorporate Shareholders  
(taxable years beginning in 2017)**

<u>Type of Distribution</u>	<u>Federal Income Tax Rate</u>		
	<u>Federal Income Tax Rate for 15% Bracket or lower</u>	<u>for 25%, 28%, 33% and 35% Bracket</u>	<u>Federal Income Tax Rate for 39.6% Bracket</u>
Income Dividends . . . . .	ordinary income rate	ordinary income rate	ordinary income rate
Short-term Capital Gains . . . .	ordinary income rate	ordinary income rate	ordinary income rate
Long-term Capital Gains . . . .	0%	15%	20%
Qualified Dividend Income . .	0%	15%	20%

In addition, an additional 3.8% Medicare tax is imposed on certain net investment income (including dividends and capital gain distributions received from the Fund and net gains from redemptions or other taxable dispositions of Fund shares) of U.S. individuals, estates and trusts to the extent that such person’s “modified adjusted gross income” (in the case of an individual) or “adjusted gross income” (in the case of an estate or trust) exceeds a threshold amount.

Investment income received by the Fund from sources within foreign countries may be subject to foreign income taxes withheld at the source. The U.S. has entered into tax treaties with many foreign countries that generally entitle the Fund to a reduced rate of tax or exemption from tax on such income. It is impossible to determine the effective rate of foreign tax in advance since the amount of the Fund’s assets to be invested within various countries will fluctuate and the extent to which tax refunds will be recovered is uncertain. The Fund intends to operate so as to qualify for treaty-reduced tax rates where applicable.

To the extent that the Fund is liable for foreign income taxes, the Fund may make an election under the Code to “pass through” to the Fund’s shareholders foreign income taxes paid, but there can be no assurance that the Fund will qualify to make such election. If this election is made, shareholders will generally be able to claim a credit or deduction (subject to certain limitations) on their federal income tax returns for, and will be required to treat as part of the amounts distributed to them, their pro rata portion of the income taxes paid by the Fund to foreign countries (which taxes relate primarily to investment income). Under the Code, no deduction for foreign taxes may be claimed by individual shareholders who do not elect to itemize deductions on their federal income tax returns, although such a shareholder may be able to claim a credit for foreign taxes paid and in any event will be treated as having taxable income in the amount of the shareholder’s pro rata share of foreign taxes paid by the Fund. If the Fund does not make such an election, the foreign taxes paid by the Fund will reduce the Fund’s net investment income. In such a case, shareholders will not be able to claim either a credit or a deduction for their pro rata portion of such taxes paid by the Fund, nor will shareholders be required to treat as part of the amounts distributed to them their pro rata portion of such taxes paid.

***Buying a Distribution.*** If you buy shares before the Fund deducts a distribution from its net asset value, you will pay the full price for the shares and then receive a portion of the price back in the form of a distribution, which may be subject to federal income tax as described above. In addition, the Fund’s share price may, at any time, reflect undistributed capital gains or income and unrealized appreciation, which may result in future taxable distributions. Such distributions can occur even in a year when the Fund has a negative return.

***Redemption of Fund Shares.*** Unless a shareholder is a tax-exempt investor or investing through a tax-advantaged account, a redemption or exchange of fund shares is generally considered a taxable event for federal income tax purposes. Depending on the purchase price and the sale price of the shares redeemed or exchanged, the shareholder may have a gain or loss on the transaction. The gain or loss will generally be treated as a long-term capital gain or loss if the shareholder held the shares for more than one year. If the shareholder held the shares for one year or less, the gain or loss will generally be treated as a short-term capital gain or loss. Short-term capital gain is taxable at ordinary income tax rates for federal income tax purposes. Shareholders may be limited in their ability to utilize capital losses. Any loss realized on sales or exchanges of Fund shares held six months or less will be treated as a long-term capital loss to the extent of any long-term capital gain distributions received by the shareholder with respect to such shares. For federal income tax purposes, an exchange of shares of the Fund directly for shares of a different class of the Fund generally will not result in recognition of a gain or loss by the exchanging shareholder.

***Backup Withholding.*** The Fund may be required to withhold federal income tax (“backup withholding”) at a 28% rate from dividends, distributions and redemption proceeds paid to certain shareholders. Backup withholding may be required if:

- An investor fails to furnish the Fund with the investor’s properly certified social security or other taxpayer identification number;
- An investor fails to properly certify that the investor’s taxpayer identification number is correct or that the investor is not subject to backup withholding due to the underreporting of certain income; or
- The Internal Revenue Service (“IRS”) informs the Fund that the investor’s taxpayer identification number is incorrect or that the investor is subject to backup withholding.

***Cost Basis Reporting.*** The Fund is required to report to the IRS, and to furnish to Fund shareholders, detailed cost basis and holding period information for Fund shares acquired on or after January 1, 2012 (“covered shares”), that are redeemed on or after that date. These requirements do not apply to investments through a tax-advantaged arrangement, such as a 401(k) or an IRA. If you redeem covered shares during any year, the Fund will report the following information to the IRS and to you on Form 1099-B: (i) the cost basis of such shares, (ii) the gross proceeds you received on the redemption, and (iii) the holding period for the redeemed shares. The Fund’s default method for calculating the cost basis of covered shares is the average cost basis. You should contact your tax or other advisor about the application of the cost basis reporting rules to you, particularly whether you should elect a cost basis calculation method other than the default average cost basis. If you wish to change your cost basis methodology, please see the Cost Basis Election Form at [www.driehaus.com](http://www.driehaus.com) or call 1-800-560-6111. If you hold your Fund shares through a financial intermediary, please contact your representative regarding the reporting of cost basis and available elections for your account.

*Taxation of Non-U.S. Shareholders.* Non-U.S. shareholders, including shareholders who, with respect to the U.S., are nonresident aliens, may be subject to U.S. withholding tax on certain distributions at a rate of 30% or such lower rates as may be prescribed by an applicable treaty.

Certifications of federal income tax status are contained in the account application that should be completed and returned when opening an account. The Fund must promptly pay to the IRS all amounts withheld. Therefore, it is usually not possible for the Fund to reimburse a shareholder for amounts withheld. A shareholder may, however, claim the amount withheld as a credit on the shareholder's federal income tax return, provided certain information is provided to the IRS.

**The foregoing discussion of U.S. federal income taxation is only a general summary as of July 17, 2017. It is not intended to be a full discussion of all federal income tax laws and their effect on shareholders. Shareholders should consult their tax advisors as to the federal, state, local or foreign tax consequences of ownership of any Fund shares before making an investment in the Fund.**

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**Financial Highlights — Driehaus Emerging Markets Growth Fund — Investor Shares**

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The financial highlights table is intended to help you understand the Fund's financial performance for the past five years. Certain information reflects financial results for a single Fund share. The total returns in the table represent the rate that an investor would have earned (or lost) on an investment in the Fund (assuming reinvestment of all dividends and distributions). The information below has been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, whose report, along with the Fund's financial statements, is included in the annual report, which is available, without charge, upon request. Because Institutional Shares of Driehaus Emerging Markets Growth Fund were not offered during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016, financial highlights of the Institutional Shares are not included in this prospectus.

	For the Year Ended December 31,				
	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Net asset value, beginning of period . . . . .	\$ 26.52	\$ 29.63	\$ 32.53	\$ 30.61	\$ 25.72
<b>INCOME (LOSS) FROM INVESTMENT OPERATIONS:</b>					
Net investment income (loss) . . . . .	0.03	0.06	0.04	0.10	0.13
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments and foreign currency transactions . . .	1.54	(3.17)	(1.99)	2.62	4.88
Total income (loss) from investment operations . . . . .	1.57	(3.11)	(1.95)	2.72	5.01
<b>LESS DISTRIBUTIONS:</b>					
Dividends from net investment income . . . . .	(0.11)	—	—	—	(0.12)
Distributions from capital gains . . . . .	—	—	(0.95)	(0.80)	—
Total distributions . . . . .	(0.11)	—	(0.95)	(0.80)	(0.12)
Redemption fees added to paid-in capital . . . . .	0.00~	0.00~	0.00~	0.00~	0.00~
Net asset value, end of period . . . . .	\$ 27.98	\$ 26.52	\$ 29.63	\$ 32.53	\$ 30.61
Total Return . . . . .	5.88%	(10.49)%	(5.96)%	8.92%	19.51%
<b>RATIOS/SUPPLEMENTAL DATA</b>					
Net assets, end of period (in 000's) . . . . .	\$1,335,873	\$1,362,421	\$1,701,219	\$1,634,866	\$989,258
Ratio of expenses before reimbursements, waivers and fees paid indirectly to average net assets . . . .	1.65%	1.65%	1.65%	1.66%	1.68%
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets . . . . .	1.63%#	1.64%#	1.63%#	1.64%#	1.66%#
Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets . . . . .	0.11%#	0.22%#	0.11%#	0.33%#	0.48%#
Portfolio turnover . . . . .	232%	257%	289%	264%	278%

~ Amount represents less than \$0.01 per share.

# Such ratios are net of fees paid indirectly through a commission recapture program.

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**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

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More information on these Fund is available without charge, upon request, including the following:

**Annual/Semi-Annual Reports**

Additional information about the Fund's investments is available in the Fund's annual and semi-annual reports to shareholders. In the Fund's annual report, you will find a letter from the Adviser discussing recent market conditions, economic trends and Fund strategies that significantly affected the Fund's performance during the Fund's last fiscal year.

**Statement of Additional Information (SAI)**

The SAI provides more details about the Fund and its policies. A current SAI is on file with the SEC and is incorporated by reference.

**To Obtain Information:**

**By Telephone**

Call 1-800-560-6111

**By Mail**

Write to:

Driehaus Mutual Funds  
P.O. Box 9817  
Providence, RI 02940

**On the Internet**

Text-only versions of Fund documents, including the SAI, annual and semi-annual reports can be viewed online or downloaded without charge from:

[www.driehaus.com](http://www.driehaus.com)

or the SEC at <http://www.sec.gov>.

You can also obtain copies by visiting the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC (1-202-551-8090) or by sending your request by email to [publicinfo@sec.gov](mailto:publicinfo@sec.gov) or to the SEC's Public Reference Section, Washington, DC 20549-1520 (a duplicating fee is charged).