# Core Fixed Income

STRATEGY FACT SHEET

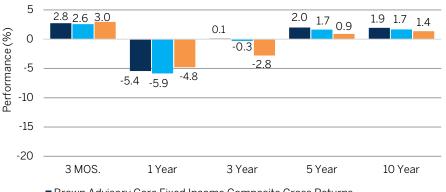
First Quarter 2023

#### **PHILOSOPHY**

The Brown Advisory Core Fixed Income team believes that a portfolio of fixed income securities, identified through fundamental and quantitative analysis and concentrated on our best ideas, has the potential to deliver attractive riskadjusted returns over time.

STRATEGY INCEPTION DATE: 12/31/1992

### PERFORMANCE (AS OF 03/31/2023)1,3



- Brown Advisory Core Fixed Income Composite Gross Returns
- Brown Advisory Core Fixed Income Composite Net Returns
- Bloomberg Aggregate Bond Index

#### STRATEGY CLASSIFICATION

Strategy Type	Separate Account
Asset Class Focus	Intermediate-term, High-grade Core Fixed Income
Geographic Focus	United States
Domicile	United States
Objective	Total Return
Benchmark	Bloomberg Aggregate Bond Index

#### Notes:

- Source: FactSet®. Returns shown are through 03/31/2023 for each period. All returns greater than one year are annualized. Past performance is not indicative of future results.
- Source: FactSet®. The portfolio information on the right is based on a representative Core Fixed Income account and is provided as Supplemental Information. Portfolio level information includes cash and cash equivalents. Fixed income sectors, quality distribution and duration distribution may not total 100% due to rounding.
- The composite performance shown above reflects the Core Fixed Income Composite, managed by Brown Advisory Institutional. Brown Advisory Institutional is a division of Brown Advisory LLC, and Brown Advisory Institutional is a GIPS compliant firm. Please see the Brown Advisory Core Fixed Income Composite performance disclosure on the reverse side for additional information and a complete list of terms and definitions.
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#### PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS<sup>2</sup>

	REP. ACCOUNT	BLOOMBERG AGG. INDEX
Avg. Credit Quality	Aa3	Aa2
Effective Duration (years)	6.2	6.2
Yield to Worst (%)	4.8	4.5
Avg. Life (years)	7.8	8.7

#### SECTOR BREAKDOWN (%)2

	REP. ACCOUNT	BLOOMBERG AGG. INDEX		
Cash & Equivalents	15.2	0.6		
US Government	27.7	42.1		
Non-US Government		2.7		
Corporate	17.4	24.5		
ABS	2.4	0.5		
Mortgage	35.3	27.3		
CMBS	1.5	1.8		
Municipal	0.5	0.6		

#### **QUALITY DISTRIBUTION (%)**<sup>2</sup>

	REP. ACCOUNT	BLOOMBERG AGG. INDEX		
AAA/Aaa	81.3	73.3		
AA/Aa	1.0	2.4		
A	1.6	11.4		
BBB	15.9	12.2		
High Yield	0.3	0.4		
Not Rated		0.3		

#### **DURATION DISTRIBUTION (%)**<sup>2</sup>

	REP. ACCOUNT	BLOOMBERG AGG. INDEX
Less than 1 Year	13.4	1.3
1 to 3 Years	8.3	23.4
3 to 5 Years	8.8	22.5
5 to 7 Years	43.5	21.0
7 to 10 Years	17.0	15.9
Greater than 10 years	9.0	15.9



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We follow a philosophy that fixed income strategies built from a foundation of stability coupled with fundamental credit research can seek to generate alpha and control risk. We have a culture and firm equity ownership structure that attract and retain professionals who share those beliefs, and we follow a repeatable investment process that helps us stay true to our philosophy.

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## Brown Advisory Core Fixed Income

Year	Composite Total Gross Returns (%)	Composite Total Net Returns (%)	Benchmark Returns (%)	Composite 3-Yr Annualized Standard Deviation (%)	Composite 3-Yr Annualized Standard Deviation (%)		Composite Dispersion (%)	Composite Assets (\$USD Millions)	GIPS Firm Assets (\$USD Millions)
2021	-0.2	-0.5	-1.5	5.5	3.4	7	0.4	580	79,715
2020	10.1	9.6	7.5	5.5	3.4	8	0.9	603	59,683
2019	10.7	10.4	8.7	2.9	2.9	8	0.3	458	42.426
2018	0	-0.2	0	2.8	2.8	21	0.2	369	30,529
2017	4.6	4.4	3.5	2.7	2.8	17	0.3	280	33,155
2016	2.5	2.3	2.7	3	3	22	1.1	323	30,417
2015	0.2	-0.1	0.6	2.9	2.9	16	0.5	214	43,746
2014	6.2	6	6	2.7	2.6	9	0.1	118	44,772
2013	-2.2	-2.4	-2	2.8	2.7	8	0.3	49	40,739
2012	5.7	5.4	4.2	2.4	2.4	8	0.2	45	26,794

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- Prior to February 1, 2019, the minimum account market value required for Composite inclusion was \$2 million, and prior to 2012 was \$1 million.
- The Composite creation date is March 1, 2006. The Composite inception date is March 1, 2006.
- Prior to 2012, the Composite was named the Core Fixed Income (SRI) Composite.
- The Composite was redefined to exclude Sustainable Core Composite accounts on July 1, 2017. The change was made due to significant difference in the implementation of both strategies.
- The benchmark is the Bloomberg Aggregate Bond Index. The Bloomberg Aggregate Bond Index is an unmanaged, market-value weighted index comprised of taxable U.S. investment grade, fixed rate bond market securities, including government, government agency, corporate, asset-backed, and mortgage-backed securities between one and ten years. "Bloomberg®" and Bloomberg Aggregate Bond Index are service marks of Bloomberg Finance L.P. and its affiliates, including Bloomberg Index Services Limited ("BISL"), the administrator of the index (collectively, "Bloomberg") and have been licensed for use for certain purposes by Brown Advisory Institutional. Bloomberg is not affiliated with Brown Advisory Institutional, and Bloomberg does not approve, endorse, review, or recommend the Composite. Bloomberg does not guarantee the timeliness, accurateness, or completeness of any data or information relating to the Composite. An investor cannot invest directly into an index. Benchmark returns are not covered by the report of the independent verifiers.
- The composite dispersion presented is an equal-weighted standard deviation of portfolio gross returns calculated for the accounts in the Composite for the entire calendar year period.
- Gross-of-fees performance returns are presented before management fees but after all trading commissions, and gross of foreign withholding taxes (if applicable). Net-of-fee performance returns reflect the deduction of actual management fees and all trading commissions. Other expenses can reduce returns to investors. The standard management fee schedule is as follows: 0.30% on the first \$50 million; 0.25% on the next \$50; million and 0.20% on the balance over \$100 million. Further information regarding investment advisory fees is described in Part II A of the firm's form ADV. Actual fees paid by accounts in the Composite may differ from the current fee schedule.

  The investment management fee for the Investor Shares of the Brown Advisory Total Return Fund (the Fund), which is included in the Composite, is 0.30%, and represents the highest fee charged excluding Advisor Shares. The total
- 10. expense ratio for the Investor Shares of the Fund as of the most recent fiscal year end (June 30, 2021) was 0.47%. Further information regarding investment management fees and expenses is described in the fund prospectus and
- The three-year annualized ex-post standard deviation measures the variability of the Composite (using gross returns) and the benchmark for the 36-month period ended on December 31.11.
- Valuations and performance returns are computed and stated in U.S. Dollars. All returns reflect the reinvestment of income and other earnings 12.
- 14. The use of derivatives is integral to the investment process of the strategy mutual fund, which is a constituent of the Composite. Futures and swaps are utilized and comprise roughly 20% of the fund. The fund may employ leverage, but it is not integral to the investment process. Portfolios have and may invest in CMOs and range accrual notes. Shorting is not utilized.
- 15. A complete list of composite descriptions and broad distribution and limited distribution pooled funds is available upon request.
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