

# Strategic European Equity Fund



SUBADVISED BY WELLINGTON MANAGEMENT

Investor: **BIAHX** Institutional: **BAFHX** Advisor: **BAHAX**

Fourth Quarter 2023

## EUROPEAN EQUITY

### WHY INVEST IN BROWN ADVISORY - WMC STRATEGIC EUROPEAN EQUITY FUND?

**We believe that high-quality companies with structural growth exposure can be a significant driver of alpha in European-stock portfolios.** Europe represents one of the most globally exposed regions in the world and portfolio manager Dirk Enderlein, who has over a decade of experience investing in European equities, prefers to invest in companies benefiting from a strong competitive position and that are market leaders globally.

**We believe that a benchmark-agnostic investment approach is critical to building a portfolio around sustainable growth drivers.**

This unconstrained philosophy is important to ensuring that the manager has the flexibility to pursue European-domiciled companies that he believes can generate above-average profitability due to structural growth opportunities and a sustainable competitive edge.

**We believe that the Fund benefits from a first-class global research platform powered by Wellington's investment team located around the world.** Wellington's 50+ global industry analysts, 50+ equity research analysts and more than 150 other investment professionals support the strategy's effort to provide compelling shareholder returns over the long term.

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Portfolio Manager: C. Dirk Enderlein, CFA

Benchmark Index: MSCI Europe Index

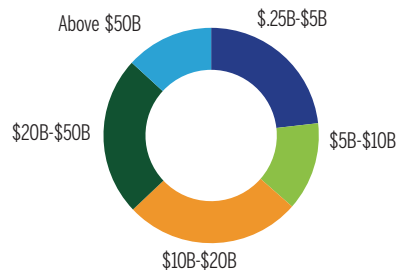
### GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSIFICATION

Country	BIAHX	INDEX
United Kingdom	31.2	22.5
Germany	17.9	13.1
France	12.4	18.4
Switzerland	7.4	15.2
Belgium	6.3	1.5
Spain	5.8	4.1
Sweden	5.4	4.9
Austria	4.2	0.3
Netherlands	3.2	7.1
Ireland	2.3	0.8
Portugal	2.2	0.3
Czech Republic	0.9	--
Denmark	0.7	5.1
Finland	--	1.6
Italy	--	4.0
Norway	--	1.0

Source: Wellington Management. Data as of 12/31/2023 and exclude cash and equivalents.

### MARKET-CAP PROFILE

Market Capitalization Composition<sup>2</sup>  
As of 12/31/2023



	BIAHX	INDEX
\$25B-\$5B	23.2%	0.3%
\$5B-\$10B	13.3%	5.8%
\$10B-\$20B	26.5%	10.4%
\$20B-\$50B	23.9%	25.9%
Above \$50B	13.2%	57.6%

Source: Wellington Management. Numbers may not total 100% due to rounding and exclude cash and equivalents.

### OVERALL MORNINGSTAR RATING™



As of 12/31/2023 for Investor Shares among 85 Europe Stock funds for the period ending 12/31/2023 (derived from a weighted average of the Fund's three-, five- and 10- year risk adjusted return measure).

### CHARACTERISTICS

As of 12/31/2023	BIAHX	INDEX
Morningstar Category	Europe Stock	--
Fund Assets <sup>1</sup> (\$MM)	283.9	--
Number of Holdings	61	413
Avg. Market Capitalization <sup>2</sup> (\$B)	26.1	110.2
Forward P/E Ratio <sup>3</sup>	11.9	12.1
P/E to Growth Ratio <sup>4</sup>	0.9	1.2
R-squared <sup>5</sup>	1.0	--

Source: Fund Net Assets provided by U.S. Bank; portfolio characteristics provided by Wellington Management. Portfolio statistics were calculated using WMC's internal systems, which use the BARRA factor model for certain data. For projected risk statistics, certain assumptions were made within the BARRA factor model with respect to model type, benchmark, security classification and risk assignment, and timing to calculate results. Differing assumptions can cause projected risk statistics to vary and may cause the figures to deviate significantly from those obtained with another risk model. Characteristics exclude cash and equivalents which is 3.3% and provided as supplemental information.

*Performance data quoted represents past performance and is no guarantee of future results. Performance for periods greater than one year is annualized. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than original cost. Performance for other share classes will vary. Shares redeemed or exchanged within 14 days of purchase will be charged a 1.00% fee. Performance data quoted does not reflect the redemption or exchange fee. If reflected, total returns would be reduced. For the most recent month end performance, please call 1-800-540-6807. Short-term performance, in particular, is not a good indication of the Fund's future performance, and an investment should not be made based solely on returns.*

### AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS % (As of 12/31/2023)

	3 MOS.	1 YR.	3 YR.	5 YR.	10 YR.	INCEPTION (10/21/2013)
Brown Advisory - WMC Strategic European Equity Fund						
Investor Class - BIAHX Inception: 10/21/2013	10.41	19.36	6.39	10.61	6.05	6.14
Advisor Class - BAHAX Inception: 10/21/2013	10.36	19.12	6.12	10.33	5.79	5.88
Institutional Class - BAFHX Inception: 10/21/2013	10.48	19.51	6.55	10.77	6.20	6.29
MSCI Europe Net Total Return Index	11.05	19.89	5.80	9.09	4.13	4.43
<b>Excess Return vs. Index (Investor)</b>	<b>-0.64</b>	<b>-0.53</b>	<b>0.59</b>	<b>1.52</b>	<b>1.93</b>	<b>1.71</b>
Morningstar % Rank in Category (Investor)		50	25	19	14	
# of Funds in Europe Stock Category		86	85	84	48	

Gross Expense Ratios: 1.08% (Institutional), 1.23% (Investor), 1.48% (Advisor),  
Net Expense Ratios: 1.08% (Institutional), 1.23% (Investor), 1.48% (Advisor)

Source: U.S. Bank

## PORTFOLIO DIVERSIFICATION % (As of 12/31/2023)

Sector Composition %	BIAHX	MSCI Europe Index	Weighting Difference
Communication Services	5.4	3.1	2.3
Consumer Discretionary	3.5	10.6	-7.1
Consumer Staples	13.3	11.6	1.7
Energy	2.2	5.7	-3.5
Financials	17.2	18.0	-0.8
Health Care	8.9	15.3	-6.4
Industrials	42.0	16.0	26.0
Information Technology	2.5	7.3	-4.8
Materials	4.2	7.2	-3.0
Real Estate	0.8	0.9	-0.1
Utilities	--	4.3	-4.3

## TOP 10 PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS %

(As of 12/31/2023)

Rheinmetall AG	4.4
British American Tobacco PLC	3.8
BAE Systems PLC	3.3
Erste Group Bank AG	3.2
Haleon PLC	3.1
ABB Ltd	2.9
UCB SA	2.8
RS GROUP PLC	2.7
United Internet AG	2.7
Elis SA	2.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>31.3</b>

Source: U.S. Bank. Sector breakdown (excluding cash and equivalents) and Fund holdings (including cash and equivalents which was 3.3% as of 12/31/2023) are subject to change at any time. The information provided in this material is not intended to be and should not be considered to be a recommendation or suggestion to engage in or refrain from a particular course of action or to make or hold a particular investment or pursue a particular investment strategy, including whether or not to buy, sell, or hold any of the securities mentioned. It should not be assumed that investments in such securities have been or will be profitable. Sectors are based on the Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS®) classification system. Numbers may not total due to rounding.

## EXPERIENCED MANAGEMENT



### C. DIRK ENDERLEIN, CFA

*Equity Portfolio Manager, Partner*  
Wellington Management

C. Dirk Enderlein is an equity portfolio manager on Wellington's Europe/EAFE growth team.

- Professional experience dating from 1998

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Brown Advisory WMC Strategic European Equity was rated against the following numbers of U.S. domiciled Europe Stock funds over the following time periods: 85 funds in the last three years, 84 funds in the last five years and 48 funds in the last ten years for the period ending 12/31/2023. With respect to these European Equity funds, Brown Advisory WMC Strategic European Equity Fund received a Morningstar Rating of 4 stars, 4 stars and 5 stars for the three, five and ten-year periods, respectively. Morningstar Rating is for the Investor share class only; other classes may have different performance characteristics

- Total net assets are as of the last day of the quarter and include all share classes.
- Market Capitalization is the value of the fund as determined by the market price of its issued and outstanding stock. The Weighted Average Market Capitalization of a portfolio equals the average of each holding's market cap, weighted by its relative position size in the portfolio (in such a weighting scheme, larger positions have a greater influence on the calculation).
- Forward P/E ratio is determined by dividing the price of the stock by the company's forecasted earnings per share. Figures are derived from Wellington Management as of 12/31/2023.
- P/E to Growth ratio is determined by dividing the forward p/e of the stock by the company's 3-5 year forecasted growth rate. Figures are derived from Wellington Management as of 12/31/2023.
- R-squared is a statistical measure of portfolio risk, which represents the percentage of the Fund's movements that can be explained by movement in a benchmark index.
- Alpha is a risk-adjusted measure of performance. It is equal to the excess return of a portfolio over a risk-free investment, minus that portfolio's expected return given its volatility relative to its benchmark index.

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