

# Sustainable Small-Cap Core

## Why Invest in Brown Advisory Sustainable Small-Cap Core?

The strategy seeks outperformance through a concentrated, low-turnover portfolio of companies that we believe have strong business fundamentals, attractive valuations and Sustainable Drivers that stem from a company's products, services, or operations. Sustainable Drivers are characteristics that we believe have potential to drive tangible positive outcomes, in terms of financial performance and environmental and social outcomes. We believe embedding sustainable investing considerations into our research and investment process helps us identify quality, long-term investment opportunities.

We believe the small-cap asset class presents unique sustainable investment research challenges that our research process is well positioned to navigate. In our view, small-cap companies are often under-rated due to limited sustainable investing disclosures, providing a compelling opportunity for our team to draw on our deep knowledge of the small-cap asset class. Our research process helps us uncover information and construct a portfolio of what we believe to be quality investments to achieve goals of sustainability and performance.

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**Benchmark:** Russell 2000® Index

## Performance % (12/31/2025)

	3 MOS.	1 YR.	3 YR.	5 YR.	ITD (06/30/2017)
Sustainable Small-Cap Core Composite (Gross of Fees)	2.25	10.61	12.41	6.66	11.10
Sustainable Small-Cap Core Composite (Net of Fees)	1.99	9.51	11.31	5.61	10.00
Russell 2000® Index	2.19	12.81	13.73	6.09	8.28

TOP 10 EQUITY HOLDINGS	(%) of	SECTOR BREAKDOWN	REP. ACCT.	Russell 2000® Index
Bancorp Inc	2.4	Communication Services	2.4	2.8
Bristow Group Inc	2.3	Consumer Discretionary	5.9	8.9
Confluent, Inc. Class A	2.2	Consumer Staples	1.4	1.8
Eastern Bankshares, Inc.	2.2	Energy	2.4	4.8
Old National Bancorp	2.0	Financials	19.6	17.7
Guardian Pharmacy Services, Inc. Class A	2.0	Health Care	19.8	18.7
Ingevity Corporation	1.9	Industrials	19.5	17.3
HealthEquity Inc	1.8	Information Technology	16.4	14.7
Talen Energy Corp	1.8	Materials	5.7	4.4
Bruker Corporation	1.8	Real Estate	5.1	5.7
		Utilities	1.8	3.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>20.5</b>	Unassigned	--	0.01

Source: FactSet®. The portfolio information provided is based on a representative Brown Advisory Sustainable Small-Cap Core account as of 12/31/2025 and is provided as Supplemental Information. Sector breakdown and portfolio characteristics exclude cash and equivalents: Top 10 Equity Holdings % of Portfolio weight calculations include cash and equivalents which was 2.6% as of 12/31/2025. Sectors are based on the Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS®) classification system. 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. Returns greater than one year are annualized. Past performance is not indicative of future results. Numbers may not total due to rounding. Sustainable Investing considerations are one of multiple informational inputs into the investment process, alongside data on traditional financial factors, and so are not the sole driver of decision-making. Sustainable Investing analysis may not be performed for every holding in the strategy. The composite performance shown above reflects the Brown Advisory Sustainable Small-Cap Core Composite, managed by Brown Advisory Institutional. Portfolio characteristics are calculated gross of fees unless otherwise noted. Brown Advisory Institutional is a division of Brown Advisory LLC, and Brown Advisory Institutional is a GIPS compliant firm. Please see the end of this Fact Sheet for a GIPS Report and a complete list of terms and definitions.

## STRATEGY PROFILE (12/31/2025)

Benchmark Index	Russell 2000® Index
Strategy Assets	\$369.7 million
Vehicles Available	Separately Managed Accounts (SMA) Mutual Fund

## CHARACTERISTICS (12/31/2025)

	Sustainable Small-Cap Core Rep. Acct.	Russell 2000® Index
Wtd. Avg. Market Cap. (\$B)	\$5.8B	\$4.5B
Price-to-Earnings Ratio (P/E, FY2 Est.) (x)	15.7x	15.2X
Beta	0.9	--
Active Share (%)	95.4%	--
3 Yr. Tracking Error (%)	5.3%	--
Dividend Yield (%)	0.8%	1.2%

## PORTFOLIO MANAGER PROFILES

### Christopher A. Berrier

Christopher Berrier is the Portfolio Manager for the Small-Cap Growth strategy and Co-Portfolio Manager of the Mid-Cap Growth and Sustainable Small-Cap Core strategies.

Prior to joining the firm in 2005, he was a senior equity analyst at T. Rowe Price, covering multiple sectors with a primary focus on small- and mid- capitalization growth companies. Christopher earned his AB degree from Princeton University in 2000.

### Tim Hathaway, CFA

Tim Hathaway, CFA is a Co-Portfolio Manager for the Sustainable Small-Cap Core strategy and CIO of Institutional Business.

During his tenure at Brown Advisory since joining the firm in 1995, he has also served as director of research and institutional investment management, co-portfolio manager of the Small-Cap Growth strategy and a research analyst with the Large-Cap Equity team. Tim earned his BA from Randolph-Macon College in 1993 and his MBA from Loyola University Maryland in 2001.

### Emily MacLellan

Emily MacLellan is a Co-Portfolio Manager for the Sustainable Small-Cap Core strategy.

Previously, she helped to develop, grow, and lead Brown Advisory's sustainable investment research process and team. Prior to joining Brown Advisory in 2014, Emily held positions at Parnassus Investments, Sustainable Analytics, and the United Nations Environmental Programme Finance Initiative. Emily earned her BA from Smith College in 2013.

### J. David Schuster

David Schuster is the Portfolio Manager for the Small-Cap Fundamental Value strategy and Co-Portfolio Manager of the Sustainable Small-Cap Core strategy.

Prior to joining Brown Advisory in 2008, he was a managing director for the financial institutions mergers and acquisition advisory group of Citigroup and a managing director in the M&A practice of Lazard Freres. After graduating from college, David served as an officer in the United States Army. David earned his BSBA degree from Georgetown University in 1992.

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### About Brown Advisory

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We follow a philosophy that low-turnover, concentrated portfolios derived from sound bottom-up fundamental research provide an opportunity for attractive performance results over time. We have a culture and firm equity ownership structure that helps us 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 Sustainable Small-Cap Core Composite

Year	Composite Total Gross Returns (%)	Composite Total Net Returns (%)	Benchmark Returns (%)	Composite 3-Yr Annualized Standard Deviation (%)	Benchmark 3-Yr Annualized Standard Deviation (%)	Portfolios in Composite at End of Year	Composite Dispersion (%)	Composite Assets (\$USD Millions)*	GIPS Firm Assets (\$USD Millions)*
2024	7.9	6.8	11.5	20.1	23.3	24	0.2	115	88,323
2023	18.8	17.6	17.0	19.2	21.1	36	0.2	106	81,325
2022	-19.3	-20.1	-20.4	23.7	26.0	37	0.4	66	58,575
2021	20.7	19.5	14.8	21.7	23.4	42	0.4	62	79,715
2020	25.8	24.6	20.0	23.7	25.3	33	1.2	16	59,683
2019	36.2	34.9	25.5	N/A	N/A	6	0.1	5	42,426
2018	-5.8	-6.7	-11.0	N/A	N/A	Five or fewer	N/A	1	30,529
YTD 2017**	9.8	9.2	9.2	N/A	N/A	Five or fewer	N/A	0	33,155

\*\*Return is for period July 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

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- The Sustainable Small-Cap Core Composite (the Composite) is composed of all discretionary portfolios which invest primarily in the common stocks of U.S. small and medium market capitalization companies that have strong business fundamentals, attractive valuations, and leverage sustainability to create a competitive advantage. The strategy is a concentrated portfolio of high-conviction companies which seeks to outperform the Russell 2000 Index over the long-term.
- Sustainable investment considerations are one of multiple informational inputs into the investment process, alongside data on traditional financial factors, and so are not the sole driver of decision-making. Sustainable investment analysis may not be performed for every holding in the strategy. Sustainable investment considerations that are material will vary by investment style, sector/industry, market trends and client objectives. The Sustainable Small-Cap Core Strategy ("Strategy") seeks to identify companies that it believes may be desirable based on our analysis of sustainable investment related risks and opportunities, but investors may differ in their views. As a result, the Strategy may invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular investor. The Strategy may also invest in companies that would otherwise be excluded from other strategies that focus on sustainable investment risks. Security selection will be impacted by the combined focus on sustainable investment research assessments and fundamental research assessments including the return forecasts. The Strategy incorporates data from third parties in its research process but does not make investment decisions based on third-party data alone.
- Prior to May 31, 2021, the Composite was named U.S. Small-Cap ESG Composite. The strategy remains the same.
- The Composite creation date is August 31, 2017. The Composite inception date is July 1, 2017.
- The benchmark is the Russell 2000® Index. The Russell 2000® Index measures the performance of the small-cap segment of the U.S. equity universe. The Russell 2000® Index is a small-cap stock market index of the bottom 2,000 stocks in the Russell 3000 Index. The Russell 2000® Index and FTSE Russell® are trademarks/service marks of the London Stock Exchange Group companies. 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. The composite dispersion is not applicable (N/A) for periods where there were five or fewer accounts in the Composite for the entire 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-fees performance returns are calculated by adjusting the gross-of-fees performance return by the highest fee for the institutional strategy as outlined in Part 2A of the firm's Form ADV, applied on a monthly basis. Certain accounts in the Composite may pay asset-based custody fees that include commissions. For these accounts, gross returns are also net of custody fees. Other expenses can reduce returns to investors. The standard management fee schedule is as follows: 1.00% on the first \$25 million; 0.90% on the next \$25 million; 0.80% on the next \$50 million; and 0.70% on the balance over \$100 million. Further information regarding investment advisory fees is described in Part 2A of the firm's Form ADV. Actual fees paid by accounts in the Composite may differ from the current fee schedule.
- Effective July 1, 2023, the firm transitioned from using actual account fees in the calculation of net performance returns to applying the highest fee for the institutional strategy as outlined in Part 2A of the firm's Form ADV. The net performance track record was revised back to Composite inception.
- 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. The three-year annualized standard deviation is not presented as of December 31, 2017, December 31, 2018 and December 31, 2019 because 36 month returns for the Composite were not available (N/A).
- Valuations and performance returns are computed and stated in U.S. dollars. All returns reflect the reinvestment of income and other earnings.
- A complete list of composite descriptions and broad distribution and limited distribution pooled funds is available upon request.
- Policies for valuing investments, calculating performance, and preparing GIPS Reports are available upon request.
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