# Core Fixed Income

# STRATEGY FACT SHEET

Fourth Quarter 2020

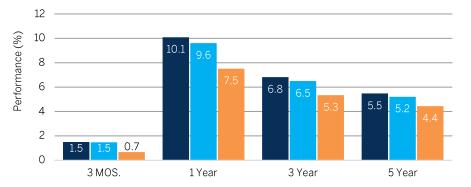
# **B** Brown ADVISORY Thoughtful Investing.

# **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 risk-adjusted returns over time.

STRATEGY INCEPTION DATE: 12/31/1992

# PERFORMANCE (AS OF 12/31/2020)1



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

#### Notes:

- Source: FactSet®. Returns shown are through 12/31/2020 for each period. All returns greater than one year are annualized. Past performance is not indicative of future results.
- Source: FactSet<sup>®</sup>. 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.
- 3. 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.

#### PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS2

|                            | REP.<br>ACCOUNT | BLOOMBERG<br>BARCLAYS AGG.<br>INDEX |
|----------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| Avg. Credit Quality        | Aa3             | Aa2                                 |
| Effective Duration (years) | 5.6             | 6.2                                 |
| Yield to Worst (%)         | 1.6             | 1.1                                 |
| Avg. Life (years)          | 7.7             | 8.1                                 |

### SECTOR BREAKDOWN(%)2

|                    | REP.<br>ACCOUNT | BLOOMBERG<br>BARCLAYS AGG.<br>INDEX |  |
|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| Cash & Equivalents | 0.4             |                                     |  |
| US Government      | 18.4            | 39.1                                |  |
| Non-US Government  |                 | 3.3                                 |  |
| Corporate          | 43.3            | 27.7                                |  |
| ABS                | 6.7             | 0.3                                 |  |
| Mortgage           | 28.4            | 26.7                                |  |
| CMBS               |                 | 2.2                                 |  |
| Municipal          | 1.0             | 0.7                                 |  |
| Unassigned         | 1.8             |                                     |  |
|                    |                 |                                     |  |

# QUALITY DISTRIBUTION(%)2

|            | REP.<br>ACCOUNT | BLOOMBERG<br>BARCLAYS AGG.<br>INDEX |  |  |  |
|------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| AAA/Aaa    | 50.4            | 69.4                                |  |  |  |
| AA/Aa      | 6.2             | 3.5                                 |  |  |  |
| A          | 8.4             | 11.9                                |  |  |  |
| BBB        | 33.6            | 14.3                                |  |  |  |
| High Yield | 1.4             | 0.5                                 |  |  |  |
| Not Rated  |                 | 0.4                                 |  |  |  |
|            |                 |                                     |  |  |  |

#### DURATION DISTRIBUTION(%)2

|                       | REP.<br>ACCOUNT | BLOOMBERG<br>BARCLAYS AGG.<br>INDEX |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| Less than 1 Year      | 2.3             | 6.5                                 |
| 1 to 3 Years          | 41.6            | 32.6                                |
| 3 to 5 Years          | 7.5             | 23.6                                |
| 5 to 7 Years          | 15.4            | 10.9                                |
| 7 to 10 Years         | 27.0            | 7.3                                 |
| Greater than 10 years | 6.2             | 19.0                                |
|                       |                 |                                     |



# About Brown Advisory

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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<br>Returns (%) | Composite Total Net<br>Returns (%) | Benchmark Returns<br>(%) | Composite 3-Yr<br>Annualized Standard<br>Deviation (%) | Composite 3-Yr<br>Annualized Standard<br>Deviation (%) | Portfolios in Composite<br>at End of Year | Composite Dispersion (%) | Composite Assets<br>(\$USD<br>Millions) | GIPS<br>Firm<br>Assets<br>(\$USD Millions) |
|--------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|--|--|---|--------------------------|---|--|
| 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                                     |
| 2011   | 7.1                                  | 6.9                                | 7.8                      | 2.8  | 2.8  | 7   | 0.5                      | 44                                      | 19,962                                     |
| 2010** | 7.3                                  | 7                                  | 6.6                      | 3.8  | 4.2  | 13  | 0.7                      | 49                                      | 16,859                                     |
| 2009   | 6.9                                  | 6.7                                | 5.9                      | 3.7  | 4.1  | 10  | 0.7                      | 41                                      | N/A  |

<sup>\*\*</sup> Returns prior to 2010 were earned at Brown Advisory Cavanaugh, LLC previously named Cavanaugh Capital Management Inc., therefore firm assets are not applicable.

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  The Core Fixed Income Composite (the Composite) is comprised of all discretionary accounts with no material investment restrictions, which invest primarily in fixed income securities that have a target duration between four and 2. seven years. At least 80% of the securities in each portfolio in the Composite will have credit quality ratings of A or better at the time of purchase. The Composite is invested primarily in taxable securities. The minimum account market value required for Composite inclusion is \$2 million through December 31, 2018. Prior to 2012 the minimum was \$1 million. Effective as of February 1, 2019, the Composite minimum has been increased to \$10 million. ESG considerations that are material will vary by investment style, sector/industry, market trends and client objectives. The strategy seeks to identify companies that it believes may have desirable ESG outcomes, but investors
- may differ in their views of what constitutes positive or negative ESG outcomes. 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 screened out of other ESG oriented funds. Security selection will be impacted by the combined focus on ESG assessments and forecasts of return and risk. The strategy intends to invest in companies with measurable ESG outcomes, as determined by Brown Advisory, and seeks to screen out particular companies and industries. Brown Advisory relies on third parties to provide data and screening tools. There is no assurance that this information will be accurate or complete or that it will properly exclude all applicable securities. Investments selected using these tools may perform differently than as forecasted due to the factors incorporated into the screening process, changes from historical trends, and issues in the construction and implementation of the screens (including, but not limited to, software issues and other technological issues). There is no guarantee
- that Brown Advisory's use of these tools will result in effective investment decisions The Composite creation date is March 1, 2006. The Composite inception date is March 1, 2006.
- 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 Barclays Aggregate Bond Index. The Bloomberg Barclays 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. An investor cannot invest directly into an index. Bloomberg Barclays Indices are trademarks of Bloomberg or its licensors, including Barclays Bank PLC. Benchmark returns are not covered by the report of the independent verifiers.
- The composite dispersion presented is an equal-weighted standard deviation of portfolio 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: 0.375% on the first \$10 million; 0.25% on the next \$15 million and 0.20% on the balance over \$25 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 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.
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- Valuations and performance returns are computed and stated in U.S. Dollars. All returns reflect the reinvestment of income and other earnings. Duration is a measure of interest rate risk. 11. 12
- 13. 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.

  A complete list of composite descriptions, policies for valuing portfolios, calculating performance, and preparing compliant presentations are available upon request
- Past performance is not indicative of future results.
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