

# Brown Advisory Large-Cap Sustainable Growth Strategy

We seek competitive risk-adjusted returns over a full market cycle through a concentrated portfolio of companies that we believe offer durable fundamental strengths, sustainable competitive advantages and compelling valuations.



## May 2020 Monthly Report

### Performance Contributors

#### TOP FIVE CONTRIBUTORS\*

TICKER	NAME	SECTOR	AVG. WEIGHT (%)	MONTHLY RETURN (%)	CONTRIBUTION TO RETURN (%)
MRVL	Marvell Technology Group Ltd.	Information Technology	2.72	21.99	0.58
TYL	Tyler Technologies, Inc.	Information Technology	2.99	17.04	0.51
VRSK	Verisk Analytics Inc	Industrials	3.70	12.99	0.47
WST	West Pharmaceutical Services, Inc.	Health Care	3.29	14.24	0.46
NDSN	Nordson Corporation	Industrials	2.65	17.05	0.44

#### BOTTOM FIVE CONTRIBUTORS\*

TICKER	NAME	SECTOR	AVG. WEIGHT (%)	MONTHLY RETURN (%)	CONTRIBUTION TO RETURN (%)
FTV	Fortive Corp.	Industrials	2.14	-4.72	-0.13
AMZN	Amazon.com, Inc.	Consumer Discretionary	5.40	-1.28	-0.10
AZPN	Aspen Technology, Inc.	Information Technology	1.35	2.99	0.02
SBUX	Starbucks Corporation	Consumer Discretionary	1.95	2.18	0.04
EW	Edwards Lifesciences Corporation	Health Care	2.02	3.32	0.06

### Monthly Portfolio Activity

#### NEW INVESTMENTS

TICKER	NAME	REASON FOR DECISION
	None	

#### DELETION

TICKER	NAME	REASON FOR DECISION
	None	

### Top 10 Equity Holdings (%)

Cash and equivalents: 1.1%

1. Amazon.com, Inc.	5.1	6. Alphabet, Inc. Class A	4.1
2. Microsoft Corp.	4.8	7. UnitedHealth Group, Inc.	4.0
3. American Tower Corp.	4.7	8. Intuit, Inc.	3.9
4. Visa, Inc.	4.6	9. Thermo Fisher Scientific, Inc.	3.8
5. Danaher Corp.	4.4	10. Verisk Analytics, Inc.	3.8



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#### INSIDE THE STRATEGY: FACTS & TYPICAL PORTFOLIO FIGURES

Inception: 12/31/2009	Top 10 Weight: 35%–50%
Benchmark: Russell 1000® Growth Index	Position Size: 1%–5%
Portfolio: 30–40 Holdings	Cash Position: 2%–5%

### Portfolio Comments

The Brown Advisory Large-Cap Sustainable Growth Composite rose 7.9% (net of fees) during May, outperforming its benchmark, the Russell 1000® Growth Index, which gained 6.7%. As we frequently see, the value-add was driven by stock selection, which was positive across almost all sectors.

A measure of optimism returned to the market in May with some positive news about COVID-19 and the economy outweighing the continued stream of negative news. The market was led by small-cap stocks, but large-cap stocks performed strongly as well.

Marvell, up approximately 22%, was the biggest stock contributor on a relative and absolute basis. Marvell is a global semiconductor provider of analog, mixed-signal, digital signal processing and embedded microprocessor integrated circuits. The chipmaker reported better-than-expected results in the fiscal first quarter. Management is executing well throughout COVID-19 and has several key growth drivers, from legacy businesses to its acquisition of Cavium Networks in 2018. The strategy has an approximately 2.7% weighting in Marvell, which is not held in the Index.

On the other side of the ledger, Fortive detracted from performance this month, as the industrial conglomerate company saw its stock price decline approximately 4.7%. Our belief is that Fortive is a quality company with highly profitable, diverse businesses, a track record of value creation through M&A and a valuation at a discount to peers. Since being spun off from Danaher in 2016, management has been actively reshaping the company into more software and services, reducing cyclicality. We believe the risk-reward is balanced and are happy to continue owning the stock.

There were no new names added or eliminated from the portfolio, but there were several adjustments in position size, and our pipeline of potential new holdings remains active. **B**

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## Brown Advisory Large-Cap Sustainable Growth 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)*
2018	5.4	4.8	-1.5	11.6	12.1	41	0.2	1,049	30,529
2017	29.1	28.4	30.2	10.6	10.5	32	0.2	762	33,155
2016	6.6	6.0	7.1	11.5	11.2	32	0.1	503	30,417
2015	13.7	13.1	5.7	11.1	10.7	23	0.3	405	43,746
2014	7.1	6.5	13.1	9.9	9.6	25	0.1	303	44,772
2013	34.5	33.7	33.5	12.1	15.5	24	0.2	288	40,739
2012	16.5	15.9	15.3	15.7	15.7	22	0.3	211	26,794
2011	5.4	5.0	2.6	NA	NA	21	0.3	37	19,962
2010	23.5	23.1	16.7	NA	NA	18	N/A	13	16,859

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