

# Maryland Bond Fund

Investor: **BIAMX**

First Quarter 2021

## U.S. MUNI SINGLE-STATE INTERMEDIATE

### WHY INVEST IN BROWN ADVISORY MARYLAND BOND FUND?

**The Fund seeks to invest primarily in high quality Maryland municipal bonds, which can offer Maryland taxpayers the opportunity for triple-tax-free income.** The Fund focuses on securities that have provided a high level of income exempt from federal and Maryland state and local income taxes. We seek to maximize potential total return by actively managing the portfolio to changing market conditions and interest-rate environments based on an understanding of an array of market probabilities.

**Our investment process seeks to add alpha and control risk.** We have a time-tested process that incorporates bottom-up, fundamental research, which drives security selection and emphasizes risk mitigation. We look for opportunities for price appreciation potential, not just current yield, and focus attention to actively managing average maturity to fall between five to 10 years.

**We believe the Fund benefits from the philosophy, process and people at Brown Advisory.** We follow a philosophy that fixed income strategies built from a foundation of stability coupled with fundamental research can seek to generate alpha and control risk. Portfolios are concentrated based on security selection, but diversified across sectors. 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.

Portfolio Managers: Stephen M. Shutz, CFA & Joshua Perry, CFA, CAIA, FRM

Benchmark Index: Bloomberg Barclays Municipal Bond 1-10 YR Blend Index

### OBJECTIVE & STRATEGY

The Brown Advisory Maryland Bond Fund seeks to provide a high level of current income exempt from both Federal and Maryland state income taxes.

The manager seeks to maintain diversification and liquidity, while seeking to enhance income and reduce capital gains. Our strategy for the Fund is to maintain an average maturity between five and 10 years. Should other non-Maryland securities offer a higher tax-adjusted return, we have the ability to purchase up to 20% of the portfolio in these entities.

### FUND PROFILE & CHARACTERISTICS

As of 03/31/2021	BIAMX
Effective Duration (years)	4.8
Average life (yrs)	5.6
Yield to Worst (%)	1.4
# of Holdings	86
30-Day SEC Yield Unsubsidized (%)	0.94
Dividend Frequency	Monthly
Gross Expense Ratio	0.49%
Minimum Investment	\$5,000

Source: FactSet®. Characteristics include cash and equivalents.

### SECTOR DIVERSIFICATION (%)

As of 03/31/2021	BIAMX	INDEX
Cash & Equivalents	2.2	--
Revenue	70.7	56.8
General Obligation	22.6	31.8
Pre-Refunded	4.5	11.5
Unassigned	--	--

Source: FactSet® and Advent Portfolio Exchange®. Sector diversification includes cash and equivalents. 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. Figures may not total 100% due to rounding.

### AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS % (As of 03/31/2021)

	3 MOS.	1 YR	3 YR	5 YR.	10 YR.	SINCE INCEPTION
Brown Advisory Maryland Bond Fund						
Investor Class – BIAMX Inception: 12/21/2000	-0.24	4.09	3.46	2.50	2.61	3.19
Bloomberg Barclays 1-10 Year Municipal Bond (1-12)	-0.26	4.54	3.97	2.65	3.16	3.87
<b>Excess Return vs. Index</b>	<b>0.02</b>	<b>-0.45</b>	<b>-0.51</b>	<b>-0.15</b>	<b>-0.55</b>	<b>-0.69</b>
Morningstar % Rank in Category (Investor)		15	64	36	91	--
# of Funds in Muni Single-State Intermediate		145	140	124	109	--

#### Gross Expense Ratios: 0.49% (Investor)

Morningstar Rankings represent a fund's total-return percentile rank relative to all funds that have the same Morningstar Category. The highest percentile rank is 1 and the lowest is 100. It is based on Morningstar total return, which includes both income and capital gains or losses and is not adjusted for sales charges or redemption fees. Past performance does not guarantee future results.

Source: U.S. Bank 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. 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.

## CREDIT QUALITY COMPOSITION (%)

As of 03/31/2021	BIAMX	INDEX
AAA/Aaa	24.6	17.2
AA/Aa	29.1	53.8
A	19.1	20.9
BBB	11.3	6.7
High Yield	7.2	0.1
Not Rated	8.6	1.3

Source: FactSet® Credit quality is calculated using ratings assigned by Moody's. If Moody's does not rate a holding then Standard & Poor's is used. If Moody's and Standard & Poor's do not rate a holding then Fitch is used. A bond is considered investment grade if its credit rating is BBB- or higher according to Standard & Poor's; more specifically, a rating of "AAA" represents the highest credit quality with minimal risk of default and a rating of "BB" or below represents speculative financial security. High Yield, if noted, includes holdings that are rated BB+ or lower according to Moody's. Not Rated category, if noted, includes holdings that are not rated by any rating agencies. All ratings are as of 03/31/2021.

## DURATION DISTRIBUTION (%)

As of 03/31/2021	BIAMX	INDEX
Less than 1 Year	14.1	5.6
1 to 3 Years	9.0	34.6
3 to 5 Years	28.4	34.2
5 to 7 Years	26.8	18.6
7 to 10 Years	20.7	6.6
Greater than 10 years	1.2	0.4

Source: FactSet® Quality and duration distribution allocations as well as fund holdings (including cash and equivalents) are subject to change at any time and should not be considered recommendations 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. Figures may not total 100% due to rounding.

## TOP 10 HOLDINGS (As of 03/31/2021)

	SECURITY	% PORTFOLIO		SECURITY	% PORTFOLIO
1	County of Baltimore MD, 5.00% Due 03/01/2032	4.1	6	County of Montgomery MD, 5.00% Due 11/01/2023	3.0
2	First American Government Obligations Fund, 0.03%	4.1	7	Maryland State Transportation Authority, 5.00% Due 07/01/2028	2.9
3	County of Baltimore MD, 4.00% Due 03/01/2036	3.2	8	Maryland Economic Development Corp, 5.00% Due 06/01/2026	2.7
4	County of Prince George's MD, 4.00% Due 07/15/2037	3.1	9	Maryland State Transportation Authority, 4.00% Due 06/01/2035	2.6
5	County of Frederick MD, 5.00% Due 09/01/2032	3.0	10	Maryland Health & Higher Educational Facilities Authority, 5.00% Due 07/01/2045	2.6

Source: U.S. Bank. Portfolio holdings include cash and equivalents. Fund holdings are subject to change and should not be considered a recommendation 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.

## EXPERIENCED MANAGEMENT



### STEPHEN M. SHUTZ, CFA

Steve Shutz is a portfolio manager of the Brown Advisory Maryland Bond Fund and a member of the Fixed Income Investment Team.

Investment experience dating from 1996; joined Brown Advisory 2003; portfolio manager since 2014.



### JOSHUA PERRY, CFA, CAIA, FRM

Josh Perry is a portfolio manager of the Brown Advisory Maryland Bond Fund and a member of the Fixed Income Investment Team.

Investment experience dating from 2006; joined Brown Advisory 2012; portfolio manager since 2019.

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Investments in debt securities typically decrease in value when interest rates rise. This risk is usually greater for longer-term debt securities. The Fund is non diversified which means it may invest a large percentage of its assets in the securities of fewer issuers. Adverse economic or political factors in Maryland will affect the Fund's NAV more than if the Fund invested in more geographically diverse investments. Adverse economic or political factors in the municipal bond market, including changes in the tax law, could impact the Fund in a negative manner. Income from tax-exempt funds may be subject to state and local taxes and a portion of income may be subject to the federal alternative minimum tax for certain investors. A non-diversified fund may concentrate its assets in fewer individual holdings than a diversified fund. Therefore, a non-diversified Fund is more exposed to individual stock volatility than a diversified fund. In addition, the fund is susceptible to risks from investments in derivatives and changes in interest rates.

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**Diversification does not assure a profit nor protect against loss in a declining market.**

Prior to October 19, 2012, Investor Shares were known as Institutional Shares. The Fund is the successor to the investment performance of the Predecessor Fund as a result of the reorganization of the Predecessor Fund into the Fund on October 19, 2012. Accordingly, the performance information shown is for periods prior to October 19, 2012 is that of the Predecessor Fund.

The **Bloomberg Barclays Municipal Bond 1-10 Year Blend Index** consists of a broad selection of investment-grade general obligation bonds, revenue bonds, insured bonds (including all insured bonds with a Aaa/AAA rating), and pre-refunded bonds with maturities of at least 1 year and less than 12 years. It is an unmanaged index representative of the tax-exempt bond market. Bloomberg Barclays Indices are trademarks of Bloomberg or its licensors, including Barclays Bank PLC.

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**Effective Duration** is a time measure of a bond's interest-rate sensitivity, based on the weighted average of the time periods over which a bond's cash flows accrue to the bondholder. **Average Life** is the average period of time for all principal dollars to be returned to investors. **Yield to worst** is calculated by making worst-case scenario assumptions on the issue by calculating the returns that would be received if provisions, including prepayment, call or sinking fund, are used by the issuer.

**SEC Yield (Unsubsidized)** is computed under an SEC standardized formula based on income net income earned over the past 30 days excluding expense reimbursements. **Alpha** is a measure of performance on a risk-adjusted basis. Alpha takes the volatility (price risk) of a mutual fund and compares its risk-adjusted performance to a benchmark index. The excess return of the fund relative to the return of the benchmark index is a fund's alpha.

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