## Mid-Cap Growth

## STRATEGY OVERVIEW

# Brown ADVISORY Thoughtful Investing.

## Fourth Quarter 2019

The Brown Advisory Mid-Cap Growth strategy seeks outperformance through stock selection and downside protection. We seek out companies that possess our "3G" characteristics—durable **growth**, sound **governance** and scalable **go-to-market** strategies—based on our beliefs that these traits lead to a higher probability of that company compounding earnings at an above-average rate for an extended period of time.

MANAGEMENT TEAM

George Sakellaris, CFA

Portfolio Manager
INVESTMENT EXPERIENCE SINCE 2001;
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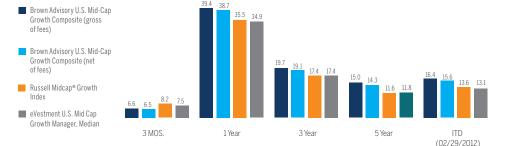
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## TRAILING ANNUALIZED TOTAL RETURN

## Long-Term Outperformance vs. Benchmark

as of 12/31/2019



Source: Factset\* for Brown Advisory Mid-Cap Composite Returns and Russell Midcap\* Index Returns and eVestment for U.S.Mid-Cap Growth Manager, Median. The composite performance shown above reflects the Mid-Cap Growth Composite, managed by Brown Advisory Institutional. Brown Advisory Institutional is a GIPS compliant firm and is a division of Brown Advisory LLC. Please see the Brown Advisory Mid-Cap Growth compliant presentation on the last page of this placemat.

Total Returns (%) as of 12/31/2019					
	3 MOS.	1 YR	3 YR	5 YR	
Brown Advisory U.S. Mid-Cap Growth Composite (gross of fees)	6.55	39.35	19.70	14.96	16.37
Brown Advisory U.S Mid-Cap Growth- Composite (net of fees)	6.46	38.70	19.06	14.26	15.64
Russell Midcap® Growth Index	8.17	35.47	17.36	11.60	13.62
Excess Return vs. Index (gross)	-1.62	+3.88	+2.35	+3.36	+2.75
eVestment U.S. Mid Cap Growth Manager, Median	3 MOS. 7.53	1 YR 34.87	3 YR 17.37	5 YR 11.75	13.11
Brown Advisory MCG Composite Rank	72%	Top 23%	Top 29%	Top 9%	Top 3%
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# of Managers in Universe	95	94	94	90	85
rowth of \$10,000 Investment, Since Ince	eption 02/2	9/2012 - 12/31/20	)19		
		Initial Value	Ending Value	Annu	alized Return
U.S. Mid-Cap Growth Composite, gross of	fees	\$10,000	\$32,793	16.4%	
U.S. Mid-Cap Growth Composite, net of fees		\$10,000	\$31,205		15.6%
Russell Midcap® Growth Index		\$10,000	\$27,184		13.6%

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## Strategy Profile

### **BENCHMARK**

Russell Midcap® Growth Index

#### PRODUCT INCEPTION

02/29/2012

## **PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS**

Typically 50 - 80

### **POSITION SIZE**

Typically 0.5% - 5.0%

### **TOP 10 HOLDINGS**

Typically 20% - 40%

### **MARKET CAPITALIZATION**

At least \$1.5 billion at time of purchase



- Large and growing market
- Market leader and/or share gainer
- Differentiated product offering

## Governance

- Capable management
- Shareholder friendly board
- Aligned incentive system

## ಜ್ಜಿ Go-to-market

- Valuable incremental revenue dollars
- High and/or rising margins & returns
- Capital efficient

PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS	MID-CAP GROWTH REP. ACCOUNT	RUSSELL MIDCAP® GROWTH INDEX
Number of Holdings	65	403
Top 10 Equity Holdings (%)	27.1	12.4
Weighted Avg. Market Cap. (\$B)	19.0	20.2
P/E Ratio (FY2 Est.(x))	27.0	23.3
Earnings Growth (3-5 Year Est.(%))	13.7	16.1
Portfolio Turnover (Trailing 1-Year(%))	28.1	
Active Share (%)	87.9	

## Narrowing The Universe To Our Best Ideas

## Generating "3G" Ideas

We establish our investable universe through market-cap and liquidity screens. From there, we conduct approximately 500 company interviews annually to find businesses that we believe will meet our 3G criteria over the next three to five years. Our global research team vets these companies via rigorous due diligence and draws on existing relationships with companies we have followed from startup through small cap to assemble a portfolio of companies we believe can offer investors attractive returns with below-market risk.

### **Due Diligence**

Informational	Assess SEC filings; conduct multiple manager interviews; financial modeling; industry analysis
Analytical	Interview competitors, customers & suppliers; tap into Brown Advisory firm and private equity relationships
Behavioral	Perform scenario analysis, identify long- and short-term business drivers; develop non-consensus view
Investment Thesis	Construct risk/reward framework; compare idea to alternative opportunities; stress test thesis

## Meaningful Upside Participation and Downside Protection

SOURCE: EVESTMENT, 12/31/2019, MONTHLY, SINCE INCEPTION (02/29/2012)

MARKET CAPTURE					
VS. RUSSELL MIDCAP® GROWTH INDEX	3	YR	5	5 YR	
Performance is based on composite returns gross of fees	Up-Market Capture	Down-Market Capture	Up-Market Capture	Down-Market Capture	
Brown Advisory Mid-Cap Growth Composite	99.71	84.90	97.92	76.28	
PEER COMPARISON: eVestment U.S. Mid Cap Growth Equity Univ	verse				
5th Percentile	120.95	76.62	113.66	78.71	
25th Percentile	106.33	87.33	105.13	89.94	
Median	97.74	94.59	97.74	96.95	
75th Percentile	90.87	104.33	92.46	104.76	
95th Percentile	84.48	112.97	87.04	114.13	
Brown Advisory Mid-Cap Growth Composite Rank	43%	Top 18%	50%	Top 1%	
# of Managers in Universe	94	94	90	90	

Source: eVestment. Composite performance characteristics shown are as of 12/31/2019 and are based on the Brown Advisory Mid-Cap Growth Composite (gross of fees) for its 3- and 5-year periods. Note that a negative down-market capture ratio means that the strategy's returns were positive when the Index returns were negative for that specified period. It is shown as supplemental information to the Brown Advisory Mid-Cap Growth compliant presentation at the end of this presentation. Past performance is not indicative of future results, eVestment U.S. Mid-Cap Growth Equity description available at the end of this presentation.

Example: As of 12/31/2019, Brown Advisory Mid-Cap Growth composite (gross of fees) provided meaningful downside capture ranking in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> percentile of its peer universe for downside capture of its Russell MidCap Growth Index benchmark out of 94 and 90 U.S. mid-cap growth equity managers, according to eVestment for the 3- and 5-year periods, respectively.

## **Performance Characteristics**

SOURCE: FACTSET, 12/31/2019, MONTHLY

MID-CAP GROWTH COMPOSITE PERFORMANCE STATISTICS				
Annualized Alpha (3 Yr)	2.94			
Beta (3 Yr)	0.94			
Up-Market Capture (3 Yr)	99.71			
Down-Market Capture (3 Yr)	84.90			



Source: FactSet\* for Mid-Cap Growth Composite performance shatistics and eVestment for Equity Peer Group Market Cap. All returns greater than one year are annualized. Composite performance characteristics shown are as of 12/31/2019 and are based on the Brown Advisory Mid-Cap Growth Composite (gross of fees) for its 3-year period. The composite performance shown above reflects the Mid-Cap Growth Composite, managed by Brown Advisory Institutional is a GIPS compliant firm and is a division of Brown Advisory LIC. Please see the Brown Advisory Mid-Cap Growth compliant presentation on the last page for additional information and a complete list of terms and definitions. Note that a negative down-market capture ratio means that the strategy's returns were positive when the Index returns were negative for that specified period. It is shown as supplemental information to the Brown Advisory Mid-Cap Growth compliant presentation on the last page of this presentation. Past performance is not indicative of future results. eVestment U.S. Mid-Cap Growth compliant presentation on the last page of this presentation.

## **Excess Active Return with Lower Volatility**

SOURCE: FACTSET® AND EVESTMENT, 12/31/2019, MONTHLY

EFFICIENCY METRICS VS. RUSSELL MIDCAP® GROWTH		3 YR			5 YR	
Performance is based on composite returns gross of fees	Sharpe Ratio	Information Ratio	Annualized Alpha	Sharpe Ratio	Information Ratio	Annualized Alpha
Brown Advisory Mid-Cap Growth Composite	1.31	0.67	2.94	1.08	0.95	3.98
PEER COMPARISON: eVestment U.S. Mid-Cap Growth Equity Universe						
5th Percentile	1.55	1.48	6.25	1.06	0.87	4.07
25th Percentile	1.32	0.67	2.90	0.88	0.38	1.82
Median	1.12	0.01	0.53	0.78	0.04	0.46
75th Percentile	0.97	-0.48	-1.47	0.67	-0.35	-0.79
95th Percentile	0.82	-1.10	-3.70	0.49	-0.75	-3.34
Brown Advisory Mid-Cap Growth Composite Rank	Top 26%	Top 25%	Top 24%	<b>Top 3%</b>	Top 3%	Top 6%
# of Managers in Universe	94	94	94	90	90	90

Source: eVestment. Composite performance characteristics shown are as of 12/31/2019 and are based on the Brown Advisory Mid-Cap Growth Composite (gross of fees) for the past 3- and 5-year trailing periods. They are shown as supplemental information to the Brown Advisory Mid-Cap Growth compliant presentation on page 4. Past performance is not indicative of future results. eVestment U.S. Mid-Cap Growth Education and vision of Brown Advisory Institution o

## **Collaboration Leads to Deeper Analysis**

Brown Advisory has a long history of managing U.S. equity strategies and has been investing in U.S. small-cap equities since its inception in 1993. As part of our affiliation with Alex. Brown & Sons, we have developed strong relationships with many venture capital and private equity firms to help foster our idea generation. This background and the success of our Small-Cap Growth and Small-Cap Value strategies has naturally led to the development of our U.S. Mid-Cap Growth strategy.

A highly collaborative, team-oriented research platform supports portfolio managers George Sakellaris and Chris Berrier. All of the firm's sector-specific equity research analysts and generalists contribute to the strategy, but eight are specifically dedicated to a Mid-Cap Growth working group—an intentional design to extract the best individual and collective thinking of team members.

## Portfolio Management

## **GEORGE SAKELLARIS, CFA**

- PORTFOLIO MANAGER
- Investment experience since 2001Joined Brown Advisory in 2014

## **CHRISTOPHER BERRIER**

- PORTFOLIO MANAGER
- Investment experience since 2000Joined Brown Advisory in 2005

## Mid-Cap Growth Working Group

## **BUSINESS SERVICES**

## ROBERT FURLONG, CFA

Investment experience since 2000

### **CONSUMER**

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Investment experience since 2007

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#### KENNETH COE. CFA

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### MARK KELLY

Investment experience since 2008

### **INDUSTRIALS, BASIC MATERIALS & ENERGY**

#### ADI PADVA

Investment experience since 2005

### **TECHNOLOGY**

### JOHN CANNING, CFA

Investment experience since 2014

### EMILY WACHTMEISTER, CFA

Investment experience since 2011

## Portfolio Holdings, Sector Diversification and Market Capitalization

SOURCE: FACTSET®, DATA AS OF 12/31/2019

Top 10 Equity Positions	% of Portfolio	Inital Purchase Date	Holding Period (yrs)
Waste Connections, Inc.	3.3	Jan. 2012	8
Ball Corporation	3.2	May. 2017	3
Electronic Arts Inc.	2.9	Jul. 2017	2
Genpact Limited	2.9	Jan. 2012	8
Teleflex Incorporated	2.7	Oct. 2018	1
GoDaddy, Inc. Class A	2.6	Nov. 2017	2
Marriott International, Inc. Class A	2.5	Jan. 2012	8
SiteOne Landscape Supply, Inc.	2.4	Oct. 2016	3
SBA Communications Corp. Class A	2.4	Jan. 2012	8
National Vision Holdings, Inc.	2.3	Apr. 2018	2
Top 10 Largest Stock Positions	27.1		
Total # of Holdings (ex. Cash & Equivalents)	65		

Market Capitalization	Brown Advisory Mid-Cap Growth Rep Acct. (%)	Russell Midcap® Growth Index (%)
\$0 - \$5 Billion	12.1	3.0
\$5 - \$20 Billion	48.9	53.3
> \$20 Billion	39.0	43.7
Wtd. Average Market Capitalization (\$B)	19.0	20.2
Wtd. Median Market Capitalization (\$B)	15.4	17.5

GICS® Sectors	Brown Advisory Mid-Cap Growth Rep Acct. (%)	Russell Midcap® Growth Index (%)	
Communication Services	7.2	4.6	
Consumer Discretionary	15.3	15.1	
Consumer Staples	1.2	3.2	
Energy		1.2	
Financials	2.3	4.5	
Health Care	16.6	15.2	
Industrials	21.6	16.9	
Information Technology	27.2	33.8	
Materials	6.3	2.9	
Real Estate	2.4	2.8	
Utilities			

Source: FactSet®. The portfolio information provided is based on a representative Brown Advisory Mid-Cap Growth account as of 12/31/2019 and is provided as supplemental information. Sectors are based on the Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS °) classification system. Sector breakdown excludes cash and equivalents. Top 10 largest positions excludes 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. eVestment U.S. Mid-Cap Growth Equity description available on the last page of this presentation. Please see the last page of this presentation for important disclosures.



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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 help 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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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	-0.7	-1.2	-4.8	11.5	12.8	25	0.2	164	30,529
2017	23.9	23.1	25.3	9.8	10.9	Five or fewer	N/A	48	33,155
2016	9.3	8.6	7.3	11.0	12.2	Five or fewer	N/A	2	30,417
2015	7.1	6.3	-0.2	10.7	11.3	Five or fewer	N/A	1	43,746
2014	8.8	8.0	11.9	N/A	N/A	Five or fewer	N/A	2	44,772
2013	38.3	37.3	35.7	N/A	N/A	Five or fewer	N/A	1	40,739
2012**	8.5	8.0	3.4	N/A	N/A	Five or fewer	N/A	1	26,794

<sup>\*</sup>Return is for period March 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012.

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- The Mid Cap Growth Composite is comprised of all discretionary accounts with no material investment restrictions, which invest primarily in the common stock of U.S. medium market capitalization companies. The strategy seeks capital appreciation by managing a concentrated portfolio of companies that offer long-term growth potential. There is not a minimum account market value required for composite inclusion.
- 3. Effective 1/1/17, a significant cash flow policy was implemented for the Mid Cap Growth composite. Accounts with greater than or equal to 15% external cash flows will be removed from the composite for the entire month that the external cash flow occurred. The accounts will be added back to the composite the following month, if it meets the composite inclusion requirements. The external cash flow percentage is calculated using beginning market value.
- Prior to September 1, 2016 the composite was named Mid Cap Composite, there was no change in investment strategy.
- This composite was created in 2014
- 6. The benchmark is the Russell Mid Cap Growth Total Return Index. The Russell Midcap Growth Total Return Index measures the performance of the mid-cap growth segment of the U.S. equity universe. It includes those Russell Midcap Index companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values. The Russell Midcap Growth Total Return Index is constructed to provide a comprehensive and unbiased barrometer of the mid-cap growth market. The Index is completely reconstituted annually to ensure larger stocks do not distort the performance and characteristics of the true mid-cap growth market. The Russell Mid Cap Growth Total Return Index and 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.
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- 9. 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 3 year annualized standard deviation is not presented as of December 31, 2014, and prior, because 36 month returns for the composite were not available (N/A.)
- 10. Valuations and performance returns are computed and stated in U.S. Dollars. All returns reflect the reinvestment of income and other earnings.
- 11. A complete list of composite descriptions, policies for valuing portfolios, calculating performance, and preparing compliant presentations are available upon request
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