# Brown Advisory Small-Cap Fundamental Value Strategy

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Portfolio Manager

## November 2020 Monthly Report

### Performance Contributors

#### TOP FIVE CONTRIBUTORS\*

| TICKER |   |                        | AVG.<br>WEIGHT (%) | MONTHLY<br>RETURN (%) | CONTRIBUTION TO<br>RETURN (%) |
|--------|---|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| NXST   | Nexstar Media Group, Inc.<br>Class A    | Communication Services | 3.29               | 28.41                 | 0.83                          |
| CW     | Curtiss-Wright Corporation              | Industrials            | 2.49               | 36.63                 | 0.79                          |
| CATM   | Cardtronics plc Class A                 | Information Technology | 2.07               | 36.33                 | 0.65                          |
| ONTO   | Onto Innovation, Inc.                   | Information Technology | 1.69               | 37.89                 | 0.51                          |
| EPRT   | Essential Properties Realty Trust, Inc. | Real Estate            | 2.15               | 24.33                 | 0.48                          |

#### **BOTTOM FIVE CONTRIBUTORS\***

| TICKER |  |                        | AVG.<br>WEIGHT (%) | MONTHLY<br>RETURN (%) | CONTRIBUTION TO<br>RETURN (%) |
|--------|--|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| OCFC   | OceanFirst Financial Corp.                       | Financials             | 0.02               | 1.88                  | 0.01                          |
| NGHC   | National General Holdings<br>Corp.               | Financials             | 2.05               | 0.10                  | 0.01                          |
| VSTO   | Vista Outdoor Inc                                | Consumer Discretionary | 1.43               | 5.78                  | 0.01                          |
| SOI    | Solaris Oilfield Infrastructure,<br>Inc. Class A | Energy                 | 0.19               | 13.32                 | 0.03                          |
| AMWD   | American Woodmark<br>Corporation                 | Industrials            | 1.28               | 5.85                  | 0.03                          |

#### Top 10 FauityHoldings (%)

Cash and equivalents: 2.5%

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|-------------------------------------|-----|----------------------------------|-----|--|--|
| 1. Nexstar Media Group, Inc.        | 3.4 | 6. Curtiss-Wright Corp.          | 2.6 |  |  |
| 2. GCI Liberty, Inc. CI A           | 3.0 | 7. Core-Mark Holding Co., Inc.   | 2.5 |  |  |
| 3. Magellan Health, Inc.            | 3.0 | 8. CMC Materials Inc.            | 2.5 |  |  |
| 4. UMB Financial Corp.              | 2.9 | 9. Pacific Premier Bancorp, Inc. | 2.5 |  |  |
| 5. Virtus Investment Partners, Inc. | 2.7 | 10. Primerica, Inc.              | 2.4 |  |  |

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

| Inception: 12/31/2008                |  |  |  |  |
|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Benchmark: Russell 2000® Value Index |  |  |  |  |
| Portfolio: 45-60 Holdings            |  |  |  |  |
| Position Size: 0.3%-5.0%             |  |  |  |  |

#### Portfolio Comments

The Brown Advisory Small-Cap Fundamental Value Composite rose 12.4% (net of fees) during November, underperforming its benchmark, the Russell 2000® Value Index, which rose 19.3%

The portfolio's consumer staples and utilities holdings provided the strongest contribution to return for the month, Nexstar Media Group, a communication services company that operates as a television broadcasting and digital media company, was the portfolio's strongest contributor to performance during the month. The company reported strong third quarter results and continues to execute well.

The portfolio's consumer discretionary and industrials holdings were the largest detractors to performance in November. National General Holdings Corp. was a bottom performer during the month. The company announced a sale to Allstate earlier in the year for cash, and as a result, there has been little movement in the stock price since the transaction's announcement.

In November, we added one holding to the portfolio and eliminated three holdings from the portfolio.

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### Brown Advisory Small-Cap Fundamental Value Composite

| Year | Composite<br>Total Gross<br>Returns<br>(%) | Composite<br>Total Net<br>Returns (%) | Benchmark<br>Returns (%) | Composite<br>3-Yr<br>Annualized<br>Standard<br>Deviation (%) | Benchmark<br>3-Yr<br>Annualized<br>Standard<br>Deviation (%) | Portfolios in<br>Composite at<br>End of Year | Composite<br>Dispersion<br>(%) | Composite<br>Assets<br>(\$USD<br>Millions)* | GIPS<br>Firm<br>Assets<br>(\$USD<br>Millions)* |
|------|--|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|--|--|--|--------------------------------|---|--|
| 2019 | 25.3                                       | 24.4                                  | 22.4                     | 13.9   | 15.7   | 38   | 0.3                            | 1,442                                       | 42,426   |
| 2018 | -12.3                                      | -13.1                                 | -12.9                    | 13.4   | 15.8   | 41   | 0.2                            | 1,334                                       | 30,529   |
| 2017 | 13.3                                       | 12.4                                  | 7.8                      | 12.2   | 14.0   | 48   | 0.3                            | 1,808                                       | 33,155   |
| 2016 | 23.4                                       | 22.4                                  | 31.7                     | 13.0   | 15.5   | 46   | 0.3                            | 1,660                                       | 30,417   |
| 2015 | -4.6                                       | -5.3                                  | -7.5                     | 12.3   | 13.5   | 45   | 0.2                            | 1,186                                       | 43,746   |
| 2014 | 7.1  | 6.3                                   | 4.2                      | 10.7   | 12.8   | 41   | 0.4                            | 1,002                                       | 44,772   |
| 2013 | 42.0                                       | 41.0                                  | 34.5                     | 14.1   | 15.8   | 32   | 0.3                            | 693   | 40,739   |
| 2012 | 23.0                                       | 21.9                                  | 18.1                     | 17.7   | 19.9   | 13   | 0.1                            | 269   | 26,794   |
| 2011 | 2.9  | 1.9                                   | -5.5                     | 20.6   | 26.1   | 9  | 0.6                            | 190   | 19,962   |
| 2010 | 28.3                                       | 26.7                                  | 24.5                     | NA   | NA   | Five or fewer                                | N/A                            | 61  | 16,859   |
| 2009 | 25.7                                       | 24.0                                  | 20.6                     | NA   | NA   | Five or fewer                                | N/A                            | 30  | 11,058   |

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