

# Small-Cap Growth

## STRATEGY FACT SHEET

Fourth Quarter 2023

### WHY INVEST IN BROWN ADVISORY SMALL-CAP GROWTH?

The strategy seeks to exploit the inefficiencies associated with smaller companies, which can be informational, analytical or behavioral. The managers looks for durable, scalable business models led by capable management teams where a clear investment thesis can be articulated. Extensive analysis can establish differentiated views on the size and growth potential of each addressable market opportunity, a company's possible sustainable competitive advantages and its ability to attempt to drive superior results at scale.

Managers Chris Berrier and George Sakellaris takes a long-term approach in constructing a focused portfolio with high active share. Supported by a deep, experienced equity research team and the firm's robust private investment network, they invest like business owners for the long term. They attempt to take advantage of the volatility inherent to the small-cap growth equity universe and have the confidence to be different than the benchmark index and the strategy's peer universe.

Portfolio Manager/Associate Portfolio Manager: Chris Berrier; George Sakellaris, CFA  
Benchmark: Russell 2000® Growth Index

### PERFORMANCE (% AS OF 12/31/2023)

	3 MOS.	1 YR.	3 YR.	5 YR.	10 YR.
Small-Cap Growth Composite (Gross of Fees)	9.77	13.64	-0.21	12.46	9.78
Small-Cap Growth Composite (Net of Fees)	9.50	12.52	-1.20	11.35	8.70
Russell 2000® Growth Index	12.75	18.66	-3.50	9.22	7.16

### TOP 10 PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS (%)

Waste Connections Inc	3.6
Bright Horizons Family Solution, Inc.	3.0
Prosperity Bancshares, Inc.	2.4
Casey's General Stores, Inc.	2.3
Pinterest, Inc. - Cl A	2.2
NeoGenomics, Inc.	2.2
Neurocrine Biosciences, Inc.	2.1
SPDR S&P Biotech ETF	2.1
ChampionX Corp.	1.9
H.B. Fuller Co.	1.9

### SECTOR BREAKDOWN (%) REP. ACCT INDEX

Communication Services	4.9	2.2
Consumer Discretionary	9.1	11.1
Consumer Staples	3.7	4.5
Energy	3.2	4.5
Financials	5.1	6.4
Health Care	23.8	22.4
Industrials	21.5	20.0
Information Technology	20.2	21.7
Materials	4.0	4.2
Real Estate	2.3	1.7
Utilities	--	1.5
Unassigned	2.3	--

### STRATEGY PROFILE AS OF 12/31/2023

#### BENCHMARK

Russell 2000® Growth Index

#### STRATEGY ASSETS

\$6.7 billion

#### VEHICLES AVAILABLE

Separately Managed Account (SMA)  
Mutual Fund  
Model Only  
UCITS  
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### CHARACTERISTICS AS OF 12/31/2023

	SMALL-CAP GROWTH REP. ACCT.	RUSSELL 2000® GROWTH INDEX
P/E Ratio (FY2 Est.)	25.2x	18.4x
Earnings Growth (3-5 Yr. Est.)	10.1%	18.2%
Wtd. Avg. Market Cap.	\$8.4B	\$3.8B
Weighted Median Market Cap.	\$6.3B	\$3.3B
Portfolio Turnover (3 YR Avg.)	30.1%	--

### PORTFOLIO MANAGER PROFILE

#### CHRISTOPHER A. BERRIER

Christopher Berrier is the portfolio manager of the Small-Cap Growth strategy and a portfolio manager of the Mid-Cap Growth Strategy. Prior to joining the firm in September 2005, he was a senior equity analyst at T. Rowe Price, covering multiple sectors with a primary focus on small- and mid-capitalization growth companies. Chris earned his AB degree from Princeton University in 2000.

#### GEORGE SAKELLARIS, CFA

George Sakellaris, CFA, is the associate portfolio manager of the Small-Cap Growth and a portfolio manager of the Mid-Cap Growth Strategy. Prior to joining the firm, he started and managed a small-cap growth strategy at Credo Capital Management and served as director of research and an analyst for GARP Research & Securities.

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# Brown Advisory Small-Cap Growth Equity

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)*
2022	-19.6	-20.4	-26.4	23.7	26.2	44	0.3	4,004	58,575
2021	8.8	7.7	2.8	22.5	23.1	57	0.3	5,120	79,715
2020	33.5	32.2	34.6	23.7	25.1	54	0.5	4,905	59,683
2019	35.6	34.3	28.5	14.7	16.4	34	0.3	3,456	42,426
2018	-3.3	-4.3	-9.3	13.5	16.5	29	0.3	2,204	30,529
2017	18.8	17.7	22.2	12.2	14.6	33	0.2	2,301	33,155
2016	11.4	10.3	11.3	14.0	16.7	30	0.3	1,797	30,417
2015	8.9	7.8	-1.4	13.1	15.0	32	0.4	1,311	43,746
2014	1.4	0.4	5.6	11.8	13.8	32	0.3	1,597	44,772
2013	42.6	41.2	43.3	15.4	17.3	44	0.7	1,830	40,739

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- The Small-Cap Growth Equity Composite (the Composite) includes all discretionary portfolios invested in U.S. equities with strong earnings growth characteristics and small market capitalizations. The minimum account market value required for Composite inclusion is \$1.5 million.
- The Composite was created in 1997. The Composite inception date is March 1, 1993.
- The benchmark is the Russell 2000® Growth Index. The Russell 2000® Growth Index measures the performance of the small-cap growth segment of the U.S. equity universe. It includes those Russell 2000® Index companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values. The Russell 2000® Growth Index is constructed to provide a comprehensive and unbiased barometer for the small-cap growth segment. The Index is completely reconstituted annually to ensure new and growing equities are included and that the represented companies continue to reflect growth characteristics. The Russell 2000® Growth 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.
- The composite dispersion presented is an equal-weighted standard deviation of portfolio gross 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-fees performance returns are calculated by adjusting the gross-of-fees performance return by the highest fee for the institutional strategy as outlined in Part 2A of the firm's Form ADV, applied on a monthly basis. Certain accounts in the Composite may pay asset-based custody fees that include commissions. For these accounts, gross returns are also net of custody fees. Other expenses can reduce returns to investors. The standard management fee schedule is as follows: 1.00% on the first \$25 million; 0.90% on the next \$25 million; 0.80% on the next \$50 million; and 0.70% on the balance over \$100 million. Further information regarding investment advisory fees is described in Part 2A of the firm's Form ADV. Actual fees paid by accounts in the Composite may differ from the current fee schedule.
- Effective July 1, 2023, the firm transitioned from using actual account fees in the calculation of net performance returns to applying the highest fee for the institutional strategy as outlined in Part 2A of the firm's Form ADV. The net performance track record was revised back to Composite inception.
- The investment management fee for the Investor Shares of the Brown Advisory Small-Cap Growth Fund (the Fund), which is included in the Composite, is 0.85%, and represents the highest fee charged excluding Advisor Shares. The total expense ratio for the Investor Shares of the Fund as of the most recent fiscal year end (June 30, 2022) was 1.10%. Further information regarding investment management fees and expenses is described in the fund prospectus and annual report.
- The investment management fee for the Dollar Class B Acc Shares of the Brown Advisory US Small Cap Blend Fund, which is included in the Composite, is 1.00%. The total expense ratio for the Dollar Class B Acc Shares of the US Small Cap Blend Fund as of the most recent fiscal year end (October 31, 2022) was 1.21%. Further information regarding investment management fees and expenses is described in the fund prospectus and annual report.
- The investment management fee for the Dollar Class B Acc Shares of the Brown Advisory US Smaller Companies Fund, which is included in the Composite, is 0.75%. The total expense ratio for the Dollar Class B Acc Shares of the US Smaller Companies Fund as of the most recent fiscal year end (October 31, 2022) was 0.87%. Further information regarding investment management fees and expenses is described in the fund prospectus and annual report.
- 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.
- Valuations and performance returns are computed and stated in U.S. Dollars. All returns reflect the reinvestment of income and other earnings.
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