

# Brown Advisory Small-Cap Growth Strategy

We believe that our strategy can produce excess risk-adjusted returns through a portfolio of diversified companies with above-average earnings growth purchased at attractive valuations. We systematically seek to exploit an inefficient market by investing in companies with durable growth, sound governance and scalable go-to-market strategies.

## February 2021 Monthly Report

### Performance Contributors

#### TOP FIVE CONTRIBUTORS\*

TICKER	NAME	SECTOR	AVG. WEIGHT (%)	MONTHLY RETURN (%)	CONTRIBUTION TO RETURN (%)
ESTA	Establishment Labs Holdings, Inc.	Health Care	1.39	36.40	0.40
ZNGA	Zynga Inc. Class A	Communication Services	3.27	12.51	0.37
CRL	Charles River Laboratories International, Inc.	Health Care	3.39	10.46	0.33
LSCC	Lattice Semiconductor Corporation	Information Technology	1.55	19.97	0.28
JBT	John Bean Technologies Corporation	Industrials	1.12	27.35	0.27

#### BOTTOM FIVE CONTRIBUTORS\*

TICKER	NAME	SECTOR	AVG. WEIGHT (%)	MONTHLY RETURN (%)	CONTRIBUTION TO RETURN (%)
ENV	Investnet, Inc.	Information Technology	1.42	-16.68	-0.26
SFIX	Stitch Fix, Inc. Class A	Consumer Discretionary	0.55	-20.04	-0.14
MANT	ManTech International Corporation Class A	Information Technology	0.98	-12.94	-0.13
ACCD	Accolade, Inc.	Information Technology	0.85	-12.57	-0.10
TMX	Terminix Global Holdings Inc	Consumer Discretionary	0.41	-7.12	-0.09

### Top 10 Equity Holdings (%)

1. Charles River Laboratories International, Inc.	3.4	6. Hain Celestial Group, Inc.	2.4
2. Zynga, Inc.	3.2	7. Catalent, Inc.	2.3
3. Workiva, Inc.	3.2	8. NeoGenomics, Inc.	2.3
4. Genpact Ltd.	2.8	9. Bright Horizons Family Solution, Inc.	2.2
5. IAA, Inc.	2.7	10. Waste Connections Inc	2.2

Cash and equivalents: 3.7%



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

Strategy Inception: 02/28/1993	Benchmark: Russell 2000® Growth Index
Portfolio Manager: Christopher Berrier	Manager Tenure: PM since 2006
Portfolio: 50–80 Holdings	Position Size: 0.5%–5.0%
Top 10 Weight: 20%–40%	Cash Position: 0%–10%

### Portfolio Comments

The Brown Advisory Small-Cap Growth composite was up 4.5% during the month of February, outperforming its benchmark, the Russell 2000® Growth Index, which returned 3.3%.

Collectively, health care was the strongest sector for the month, supported by strong stock selection within the category. Establishment Labs Holdings, a global high-tech medical device and aesthetics company, led the way after reporting encouraging organic growth trends and hosting a positive customer/analyst event. Charles River Laboratories International was another positive contributor. The company is largely a pre-clinical contract research organization serving biotechnology clients that has continued to climb higher on solid fourth quarter results and a positive outlook for 2021. Other top performers on the month included Zynga and Lattice Semiconductor.

Investnet, a leading data aggregator and data analytics platform for financial advisors, was the largest detractor from performance on the month. Although the company reported a positive fourth quarter, a surprisingly large amount of incremental expense growth to accelerate the management team's long-term vision weighed on expected 2021 cash flow growth. Investors reacted negatively to the news as the company could likely have provided more clarity ahead of time with respect to their future plans. It remains to be seen whether this heightened spending produces the desired result of accelerating revenue growth over time. In addition, ManTech International Corporation, a cyber defense contracting firm, trailed during the month.

Over the course of the month, we eliminated two positions and added four. **B**

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# Brown Advisory Small-Cap 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 Firms Assets (\$USD Millions)*
2019	35.6	34.8	28.5	14.7	16.4	34	0.3	3,456	42,426
2018	-3.3	-4.0	-9.3	13.5	16.5	29	0.3	2,204	30,529
2017	18.8	18.1	22.2	12.2	14.6	33	0.2	2,301	33,155
2016	11.4	10.7	11.3	14.0	16.7	30	0.3	1,797	30,417
2015	8.9	8.2	-1.4	13.1	15.0	32	0.4	1,311	43,746
2014	1.4	0.8	5.6	11.8	13.8	32	0.3	1,597	44,772
2013	42.6	41.8	43.3	15.4	17.3	44	0.7	1,830	40,739
2012	16.0	15.4	14.6	18.3	20.7	32	0.6	1,178	26,794
2011	-1.7	-2.4	-2.9	20.6	24.3	29	0.5	1,023	19,962
2010	30.8	29.8	29.1	27.1	27.7	25	0.1	993	16,859
2009	43.1	41.9	34.5	25.2	24.9	16	1.0	481	11,058

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2. 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.

3. The Composite was created in 1997. The Composite inception date is March 1, 1993.

4. 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.

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