# Brown Advisory Sustainable Small-Cap Core Strategy

0.94

1.87

1.15

0.27

1.20

43.40

13.60

21.87

95.82

14.04

0.31

0.24

0.20

0.14

0.13

Thoughtful Investing.

We believe that our strategy seeks to produce competitive risk-adjusted returns through a concentrated portfolio of highconviction investments that reflect both attractive fundamental characteristics as well as compelling ESG profiles.







TIMOTHY HATHAWAY, CFA

**EMILY DWYER** Portfolio Manager

KENNETH COE. CFA Associate Portfolio Manager

Portfolio Manager

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

Inception: 06/30/2017
Benchmark: Russell 2000° Index
Portfolio: 60-80 Holdings

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

**Performance Contributors** 

**TOP FIVE CONTRIBUTORS\*** 

врмс

EVOP

August 2022 Monthly Report

Blueprint Medicines Corp.

EVO Payments, Inc. Class A

Karuna Therapeutics, Inc.

National Vision Holdings, Inc.

HealthEquity Inc

	NAME	SECTOR	AVG. WEIGHT (%)			
BFAM	Bright Horizons Family Solutions, Inc.	Consumer Discretionary	1.81	-27.19	-0.57	
ONTO	Onto Innovation, Inc.	Information Technology	3.27	-14.73	-0.49	
DBRG	DigitalBridge Group, Inc. Class A	Real Estate	1.95	-18.79	-0.38	
ОМІ	Owens & Minor, Inc.	Health Care	1.90	-16.66	-0.33	
MWA	Mueller Water Products, Inc. Class A	Industrials	2.17	-12.94	-0.30	

Information Technology

Consumer Discretionary

Health Care

Health Care

Health Care

#### Monthly Portfolio Activity

#### **NEW INVESTMENT**

TICKER N						
N	None					

#### **DELETION**

None	

### Top 10 Equity Holdings (%)

Cash and equivalents: 6.6%

1.	Eastern Bankshares, Inc.	3.0	6 .	Federal Signal Corp.	2.4
2.	Comfort Systems USA, Inc.	2.9	7.	Ingevity Corp.	2.4
3.	Onto Innovation, Inc.	2.8	8.	MGIC Investment Corp.	2.2
4.	Nexstar Media Group, Inc.	2.6	9 .	IAA, Inc.	2.1
5.	UMB Financial Corp.	2.5	10.	Sprouts Farmers Market, Inc.	2.0

#### **Portfolio Comments**

The Brown Advisory Sustainable Small-Cap Core Composite fell 2.8% (net of fees) during August, trailing the Russell 2000® Index, which fell 2.1% during the same period.

The portfolio's financials and information technology holdings were the largest contributors to positive performance relative to the benchmark in August. Among the top five selection contributors were biotech company Blueprint Medicines (BPMC) and financial technology and business services company HealthEquity Inc. (HQY). Shares of BPMC reacted positively to 2Q22 results as the company signaled optimism around trial progress for its Avapritinib drug. Later in August, the company received trial data confirming additional progress.

Shares of HQY benefitted from a rising short-term interest rate environment in August as well as positive read-throughs from peer results.

The portfolio's consumer discretionary and industrials holdings were the largest detractors from performance in August. The largest selection detractors from performance were early childhood education company Bright Horizons Family Solutions (BFAM) and semiconductor company Onto Innovation Inc. (ONTO). BFAM cut its earnings outlook for the year due to the ongoing labor shortage that is forcing the company's centers to run below long-term capacity levels. The COVID-19 impact on labor and enrollment are taking longer than expected to resolve.

Continued strong execution by ONTO is being overshadowed by overall industry capital expenditure concerns after negative preannouncements from semiconductor companies, Micron and Nvidia. Multiples have contracted, while our estimates remain intact.

In August, we did not add or eliminate any holdings to the portfolio.



<sup>\*</sup>Source: FactSet\*. 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. References to specific securities are for illustrative purposes only and do not represent all of the securities purchased, sold or recommended for advisory clients. Sectors are based on the Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS®) classification system. The security returns listed represent the period of when the security was held during the month. Top five and bottom five contributors exclude cash and cash equivalents. Contribution to return is calculated by multiplying a security's beginning weight in the portfolio by the security's return on a daily basis, and geometrically linking the return for the reporting period. The top 10 equity holdings includes cash and equivalents. The portfolio information provided is based on a representative Sustainable Small-Cap Core account and is provided as supplemental information. This representative account may differ from specific client portfolios. The composite performance shown above reflects the Sustainable Small-Cap Core 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 Sustainable Small-Cap disclosure statement at the end of this presentation for a GIPS compliant presentation

## Brown Advisory Sustainable Small-Cap Core 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 Firm Assets (\$USD Millions)*
2021	20.7	20.2	14.8	21.7	23.4	42	0.4	62	79,715
2020	25.8	25.3	20.0	23.7	25.3	33	1.2	16	59,683
2019	36.2	35.6	25.5	N/A	N/A	6	N/A	5	42,426
2018	-5.8	-6.3	-11.0	N/A	N/A	Five or fewer	N/A	1	30,529
YTD 2017	9.8	9.6	9.2	N/A	N/A	Five or fewer	N/A	0.1	33,155

Brown Advisory Institutional claims compliance with the Global Investment Performance Standards (GIPS®) and has prepared and presented this report in compliance with the GIPS standards. Brown Advisory Institutional has been independently verified for the periods from January 1, 1993 through December 31, 2021. The Verification reports are available upon request. A firm that claims compliance with the GIPS standards must establish policies and procedures for complying with all the applicable requirements of the GIPS standards. Verification provides assurance on whether the firm's policies and procedures related to composite and pooled fund maintenance, as well as the calculation, presentation, and distribution of performance, have been designed in compliance with the GIPS standards and have been implemented on a firm-wide basis. Verification does not provide assurance on the accuracy of any specific performance report. GIPS® is a registered trademark of CFA Institute. CFA Institute does not endorse or promote this organization, nor does it warrant the accuracy or quality of the content contained herein.

- \*For the purpose of complying with the GIPS standards, the firm is defined as Brown Advisory Institutional, the Institutional and Balanced Institutional asset management divisions of Brown Advisory. As of July 1, 2016, the firm was redefined to exclude the Brown Advisory Private Client division, due to an evolution of the three distinct business lines.
- The U.S. Small-Cap ESG Composite (the Composite) is composed of all discretionary portfolios which invest primarily in the common stocks of U.S. small and medium market capitalization companies. Using both fundamental research & proprietary ESG analysis, the strategy takes a tax-sensitive approach to managing a concentrated portfolio of high-conviction companies while seeking to outperform the Russell 2000 Index over the long term.
- 3. ESG considerations that are material will vary by investment style, sector/industry, market trends and client objectives. The strategy seeks to identify companies that it believes may have desirable ESG outcomes, but investors may differ in their views of what constitutes positive or negative ESG outcomes. As a result, the strategy may invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular investor. The strategy may also invest in companies that would otherwise be screened out of other ESG oriented funds. Security selection will be impacted by the combined focus on ESG assessments and forecasts of return and risk. The strategy intends to invest in companies with measurable ESG outcomes, as determined by Brown Advisory, and seeks to screen out particular companies and industries. Brown Advisory relies on third parties to provide data and screening tools. There is no assurance that this information will be accurate or complete or that it will properly exclude all applicable securities. Investments selected using these tools may perform differently than as forecasted due to the factors incorporated into the screening process, changes from historical trends, and issues in the construction and implementation of the screens (including, but not limited to, software issues and other technological issues). There is no guarantee that Brown Advisory's use of these tools will result in effective investment derisions.
- 4. The Composite creation date is August 31, 2017. The Composite inception date is July 1, 2017.

- 5. The benchmark is the Russell 2000® Index. The Russell 2000® Index measures the performance of the small-cap segment of the U.S. equity universe. The Russell 2000® Index is a small-cap stock market index of the bottom 2,000 stocks in the Russell 3000 Index. The Russell 2000® Index and FTSE 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.
- 6. 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. The composite dispersion is not applicable (N/A) for periods where there were five or fewer accounts in the Composite for the entire period.
- 7. Gross-of-fees performance returns are presented before management fees but after all trading commissions. Net-of-fee performance returns reflect the deduction of actual management fees and all trading commissions. Certain accounts in the Composite pay asset-based custody fees that include commissions. For these accounts, gross and net returns are also net of custody fees. Other expenses can reduce returns to investors. The standard management fee schedule is as follows: 0.85% on all assets with a minimum account size of \$250,000. Further information regarding investment advisory fees is described in Part II A of the firm's form ADV. Actual fees paid by accounts in the Composite may differ from the current fee schedule.
- 8. The investment management fee for the Investor Shares of the Brown Advisory Sustainable Small-Cap Core (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, 2021) is not available as the Fund commenced operations on September 30, 2021. Further information regarding investment management fees and expenses is described in the fund prospectus and annual report.
- 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 three-year annualized standard deviation is not presented as of December 31, 2017, December 31, 2018 and December 31, 2019 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 and broad distribution and limited distribution pooled funds is available upon request.
- 12. Policies for valuing investments, calculating performance, and preparing GIPS Reports are available upon request.
- 13. Past performance is not indicative of future results.
- 14. This is not an offer to sell securities. That may only be accomplished by the issuance of a private offering memorandum/subscription documents.
- 15. This piece is provided for informational purposes only and should not be construed as a research report, 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, including any mutual fund managed by Brown Advisory.

### **Disclosures**

The views expressed are those of the author and Brown Advisory as of the date referenced and are subject to change at any time based on market or other conditions. These views are not intended to be and should not be relied upon as investment advisory as of the date referenced and are not intended to be a forecast of future events or a guarantee of future results. Past performance is not a guarantee of future performance is not a guarantee of future performance and you may not get back the amount invested. 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 or an objective basis to illustrate views expressed in the commentary and do not represent all of the securities purchased, sold or recommended for advisory clients. The information contained herein has been prepared from sources believed reliable but is not guaranteed by us as to its timeliness or accuracy, and is not individually tailored for or directed to any particular client or prospective clients, is for informational purposes only, and is not individually tailored for or directed to any particular client or prospective clients. Please see composite disclosure statements for additional information.

ESG considerations are one of multiple informational inputs into the investment process, alongside data on traditional financial factors, and so are not the sole driver of decision-making. ESG analysis may not be performed for every holding in the strategy.

All investments involve risk. The value of the investment and the income from it will vary. There is no guarantee that the initial investment will be returned. ESG considerations that are material will vary by investment style, sector/industry, market trends and client objectives. The strategy seeks to identify companies that it believes may have desirable ESG outcomes, but investors may differ in their views of what constitutes positive or negative ESG outcomes. As a result, the strategy may invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular investor. The strategy may also invest in companies that would otherwise be screened out of other ESG oriented funds. Security selection will be impacted by the combined focus on ESG assessments and forecasts of return and risk. The strategy intends to invest in companies with measurable ESG outcomes, as determined by Brown Advisory, and seeks to screen out particular companies and industries. Brown Advisory effect on third parties to provide data and screening tools. There is no assurance that this information will be accurate or complete or that it will properly exclude all applicable securities. Investments selected using these tools may perform differently than as forecasted due to the factors incorporated into the screening process, changes from historical trends, and issues in the construction and implementation of the screens (including, but not limited to, software issues and other technological issues). There is no guarantee that Brown Advisory's use of these tools will result in effective investment decisions.

The Russell 2000\* Index measures the performance of the small-cap segment of the U.S. equity universe. The Russell 2000 is a subset of the Russell 3000\* Index representing approximately 10% of the total market capitalization of that index. It includes approximately 2000 of the smallest securities based on a combination of their market cap and current index membership. The Russell 2000 Index is constructed to provide a comprehensive and unbiased small-cap barometer and is completely reconstituted annually to ensure larger stocks do not distort the performance and characteristics of the true small-cap opportunity set. An investor cannot invest directly into an index. FactSet\* is a registered trademark of FactSet Research Systems, Inc. GICS\* is a registered trademark of MSCI and Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC

#### Terms and Definitions for Representative Account Calculations

The **Average Weight** of a position or sector refers to the daily average for the period covered in this report of a stock's value as a percentage of the portfolio. **Free Cash Flow** represents the cash a company generates after accounting for cash outflows to support operations and maintain its capital assets. The **Total Return** of an equity security is the sum of the return from price movement and the return due to dividend payments or other sources of income. Standard benchmark-, sector- and portfolio-level returns are the sums of the weights of each security multiplied by its return, summed and calculated daily and summed over the period covered by the report or by an otherwise- noted period. **Contribution ToReturn** is calculated by multiplying a security's beginning portfolio weight by its daily return and geometrically linking the security's daily contribution to return over the entire reporting period.