

# Tax-Exempt Sustainable Bond Fund

Investor: **BITEX**

Fourth Quarter 2019

## WHY INVEST IN THE BROWN ADVISORY TAX-EXEMPT SUSTAINABLE BOND FUND?

**Our proprietary ESG research methodology integrates third-party data with our own internal analysis.** This methodology aims to provide additional dimensions to our understanding of opportunities and the risks embedded in the bonds and borrowers we evaluate.

**We have built strong relationships with many of the municipal market's leading green-bond issuers and underwriters, which helps us gain access to new-issue inventory.** Our team's best ideas comprise portfolios that seek to provide alpha and manage within duration bands.

**Brown Advisory's philosophy, process and people.** We believe we can generate alpha and control risk through a repeatable process that combines stability and fundamental credit research. We concentrate portfolios based on credit, but diversify across sectors. Our experienced fixed income team has a long history of managing portfolios in all market environments.

Portfolio Managers: Stephen M. Shutz, CFA & Amy Hauter, CFA

Benchmark Index: Bloomberg Barclays 1-10 YR Municipal Bond Blend Index

### IMPACT FACTORS

**Affordable Housing:** Aiding low-and moderate- income families

**Clean Energy:** Investing in projects that develop, build or provide renewable energy

**Clean Water & Sanitation:** Solving critical water quality and sanitation problems

**Diversity, Inclusion & Equality:** Driving racial and gender equality and improving minority populations

**Economic Mobility & Community Development:** Supporting community economic development and improving quality of life

**Education:** Supporting schools, especially those in underserved areas that eliminate barriers to education

**Efficient Production and Conservation:** Enhancing company operations through resource efficiency, renewable energy use, recycling and smart logistics

**Food, Water & Sustainable Agriculture:** Healthier, safer and more responsible farming and food production

**Health & Wellness:** Promoting health and well-being and providing access to health care services

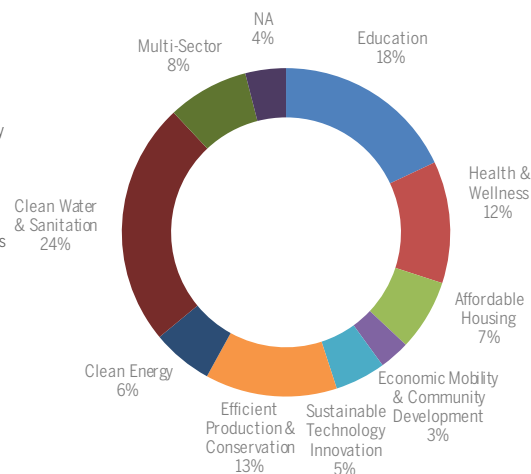
**Innovative Technologies & Climate Awareness:** Support eco-friendly technologies

**Multi Sector:** Bonds that finance a range of projects across one or more themes

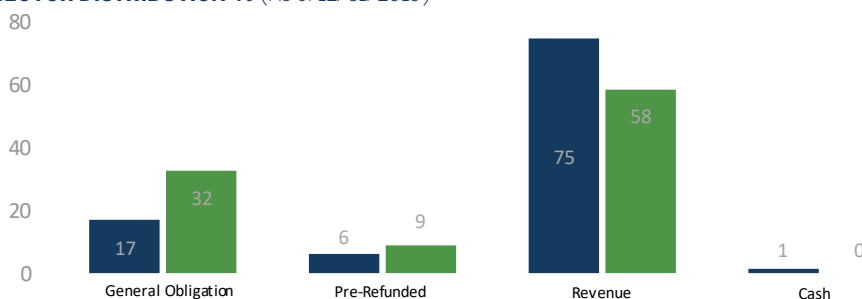
**Sustainable Agriculture & Natural Resource Management:** Engaging in sustainable farming and natural resource management, ensuring long-term ecosystem productivity

**Sustainable Technology Innovation:** Producing innovative products and services that help solve critical sustainability needs

### IMPACT ANALYSIS % (As of 12/31/2019)



### SECTOR DISTRIBUTION % (As of 12/31/2019)



■ Brown Advisory Tax-Exempt Sustainable Bond Fund ■ Bloomberg Barclays US1-10 Yr Municipal Index

Source: Advent Portfolio Exchange® for Fund data, FactSet® for benchmark data. Sector breakdown includes cash and equivalents, are subject to change at any time and should not be considered a suggestion or recommendation 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. Figures may not total 100 due to rounding.

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### FUND PROFILE & CHARACTERISTICS

As of 12/31/2019	BITEX	INDEX
Fund Assets (\$MM)	62.3	--
Avg. Credit Quality	A2	Aa2
Effective Duration (years)	6.0	5.8
Yield to Worst (%)	3.0	2.3
Avg. Life (years)	9.5	7.9
30-Day SEC Yield Unsubsidized (%)	2.65	--

Source: Fund net assets provided by U.S. Bank; portfolio characteristics from FactSet® and include cash and equivalents. Total net assets are as of the last day of the quarter and include all share classes.

### TOP 10 PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS (As of 12/31/2019)

Shown as a % of total net assets	
First American Government Obligations Fund, 1.48%	5.3
State of Illinois, 5.00% Due 11/01/2026	4.4
Delaware Valley Regional Finance Authority, 2.14% Due 09/01/2048	3.9
New York State Housing Finance Agency, 1.60% Due 11/01/2024	3.9
City & County of Denver CO Airport System Revenue, 5.00% Due 12/01/2034	3.8
Metropolitan Pier & Exposition Authority, 4.00% Due 06/15/2050	3.2
California Statewide Communities Development Authority, 2.63% Due 11/01/2033	3.2
Minnesota Municipal Power Agency, 5.25% Due 10/01/2035	3.2
New York State Environmental Facilities Corp, 1.45% Due 05/01/2030	3.2
New York City Housing Development Corp, 2.60% Due 11/01/2034	3.1
Total	37.2

Source: U.S. Bank. Portfolio holdings include cash and equivalents. Fund holdings are subject to change and should not be considered a suggestion or recommendation 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.

## AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS % (As of 12/31/2019 )

INCEPTION 12/02/2019	
Brown Advisory Tax-Exempt Sustainable Bond Fund	
Investor Class – BITEX Inception: 12/02/2019	0.19
Bloomberg Barclays 1-10 Year Municipal Bond (1:12)	0.37
Excess Return vs. Index (Investor)	-0.17

## Net Expense Ratios: 0.58% (Investor)

Source: U.S. Bank. Performance data quoted represents past performance and is no guarantee of future results. Performance for periods greater than one year is annualized. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than original cost. Performance for other share classes will vary. Shares redeemed or exchanged within 14 days of purchase will be charged a 1.00% fee. Performance data quoted does not reflect the redemption or exchange fee. If reflected, total returns would be reduced. For the most recent month-end performance, please call 1-800-540-6807.

## CREDIT QUALITY COMPOSITION

As of 12/31/2019	BITEX	INDEX
AAA/Aaa	15.4	17.1
AA/Aa	53.5	52.8
A	16.8	20.9
BBB	12.3	7.1
High Yield	--	0.1
Not Rated	2.1	2.0

Credit quality is calculated using ratings assigned by Moody's. If Moody's does not rate a holding then Standard & Poor's is used. If Moody's and Standard & Poor's do not rate a holding then Fitch is used. A bond is considered investment grade if its credit rating is BBB- or higher according to Standard & Poor's; more specifically, a rating of "AAA" represents the highest credit quality with minimal risk of default and a rating of "BB" or below represents speculative financial security. High Yield, if noted, includes holdings that are rated BB+ or lower according to Moody's. Not Rated category, if noted, includes holdings that are not rated by any rating agencies. All ratings are as of 12/31/2019.

## DURATION DISTRIBUTION %

As of 12/31/2019	BITEX	INDEX
> 10 Years	2.1	0.4
7 to 10 Years	19.1	6.5
5 to 7 Years	21.3	22.9
3 to 5 Years	26.7	31.6
1 to 3 Years	24.8	33.2
< 1 Year	5.9	5.4

Source: FactSet®. Duration distribution includes cash and equivalents. Distribution is subject to change and should not be considered a suggestion or a recommendation 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 these securities mentioned. It should not be assumed that investments in such securities have been or will be profitable.

## EXPERIENCED MANAGEMENT



### Stephen M. Shutz, CFA

Steve Shutz is the Portfolio Manager of the Brown Advisory Tax-Exempt Sustainable Bond Fund and a member of the Fixed Income Investment Team. Investment experience dating from 1996; joined Brown Advisory 2003; portfolio manager since inception.



### Amy Hauter, CFA

Amy Hauter is a portfolio manager of the Brown Advisory Tax-Exempt Sustainable Bond Fund. Investment experience dating from 2011; joined Brown Advisory 2012; portfolio manager since inception.

## BROWN ADVISORY: AN INDEPENDENT INVESTMENT FIRM

that offers a wide range of solutions to institutions, corporations, nonprofits, families and individuals. Our mission is to make a material and positive difference in the lives of our clients by providing them first-rate investment performance, customized strategic advice and the highest level of personalized service.

- Founded in 1993
- Independent since 1998
- 100% of colleagues collectively own approximately 70% of the firm's equity

Must be preceded or accompanied by a prospectus.

Mutual fund investing involves risk. Principal loss is possible.

Investments in debt securities typically decrease in value when interest rates rise. This risk is usually greater for longer-term debt securities. Investments in Asset-Backed and Mortgage-Backed securities include additional risks that investor should be aware of including credit risk, prepayment risk, possible illiquidity and default, as well as increased susceptibility to adverse economic developments. In addition, the fund is susceptible to risks from investments in derivatives, U.S. Government securities, municipal securities and its investments in other investment companies.

The Bloomberg Barclays 1-10 Year Municipal Bond Blend Index consists of a broad selection of investment-grade general obligation bonds, revenue bonds, insured bonds (including all insured bonds with a Aaa/AAA rating), and prerefunded bonds with maturities of at least 1 year and less than 12 years. It is an unmanaged index representative of the tax-exempt bond market. Bloomberg Barclays Indices are trademarks of Bloomberg or its licensors, including Barclays Bank PLC. An investor cannot invest directly into an index.

The Fund's environmental, social and governance policy could cause it to make or avoid investments that could result in the portfolio underperforming similar funds that do not have an ESG policy.

Diversification does not assure a profit, nor does it protect against a loss in a declining market.

## General Terms & Definitions

Alpha is a measure of performance on a risk-adjusted basis. Alpha takes the volatility (price risk) of a mutual fund and compares its risk-adjusted performance to a benchmark index.

Total net assets are as of the last day of the quarter and include all share classes.

Average Maturity is the average period of time for all principal dollars to be returned to investors.

Effective Duration is a time measure of a bond's interest-rate sensitivity, based on the weighted average of the time periods over which a bond's cash flows accrue to the bondholder.

Yield to Worst is calculated by making worst-case scenario assumptions on the issue by calculating the returns that would be received if provisions, including prepayment, call or sinking fund, are used by the issuer.

SEC Yield (Unsubsidized) is computed under an SEC-standardized formula based on net income earned over the past 30 days excluding expense reimbursements.

SEC Yield (Subsidized) is computed under an SEC-standardized formula based on net income earned over the past 30 days.

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