# Sustainable Value Fund

Investor: BISVX Institutional: BASVX

Third Quarter 2023



## SUSTAINABLE VALUE

## WHY INVEST IN BROWN ADVISORY SUSTAINABLE VALUE FUND?

The Fund seeks to achieve competitive risk-adjusted returns over a full market cycle while providing a margin of safety over time by investing in a concentrated portfolio of companies that we believe have proven durable fundamental strengths, exhibit capital discipline, attractive valuation and a Sustainable Cash Flow Advantage (SCFA). Portfolio Manager, Michael Poggi, seeks differentiation through a targeted research-intensive approach that is focused on uncovering what we believe to be attractive investments that meet our strict ESG and "value" criteria.

Our Fund manager and investment team have extensive large-cap, value, sustainable investing backgrounds that support our unique researchintensive approach. We believe integrating fundamental and ESG research adds an informational edge that helps us identify high quality investments with Sustainable Cash Flow Advantages versus their competitors.

Portfolio Managers: Michael Poggi, CFA Benchmark: Russell 1000° Value Index

## PORTFOLIO DIVERSIFICATION (AS OF 09/30/2023)

Sector Composition %	Fund	Index	Weighting Difference	
Communication Services	11.6	5.0	6.6	
Consumer Discretionary	6.1	5.0	1.2	
Consumer Staples	5.8	8.3	-2.5	
Energy	7.3	9.1	-1.8	
Financials	15.4	20.6	-5.2	
Health Care	15.7	15.3	0.4	
Industrials	13.3	13.2	0.2	
Information Technology	12.0	9.1	2.9	
Materials	3.4	4.8	-1.4	
Real Estate	1.5	4.7	-3.2	
Utilities	3.9	4.9	-1.0	

# **TOP 10 PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS %** (AS OF 09/30/2023)

Top 10 Positions	%
Ferguson PLC	4.5
Comcast Corp	4.3
Unilever PLC	4.2
Constellation Energy Corp	3.9
Schlumberger NV	3.8
T-Mobile US Inc	3.8
Fidelity National Information Services Inc	3.5
ChampionX Corp	3.5
Cisco Systems Inc	3.4
CRH PLC	3.4
Total % of Net Assets	38.3%

Source: U.S. Bank. Sector breakdown (excluding cash and equivalents) and Fund holdings (including cash and equivalents which was 4.0% as of 09/30/2023) are subject to change at any time. 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. Sectors are based on the Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS®) classification system.

### CHARACTERISTICS AS OF 09/30/2023

	BISVX	INDEX
Fund Assets (\$MM)	54	
Number of Holdings	41	845
Wtd. Avg. Market Capitalization (\$B)	112.2	138.0
Wtd. Median Market Capitalization (\$B)	46.3	74.7
Earnings Growth 3-5 Yr. Est (%)	6.4	8.7
Price-to-Earnings Ratio (P/E, FY1)	14.7	14.5
Price-to-Earnings Ratio (P/E, FY2)	12.7	13.4
Beta	1.0	

Source: Fund net assets provided by U.S. Bank and are as of the last day of the quarter and include all share classes. Characteristics exclude cash and equivalents and are derived from FactSet® Earnings growth 3-5 year estimate is not a measure of the Fund's future performance. Performance figures and charts include the reinvestment of dividend and capital gain distributions. Returns would have been lower during the specified periods if the payment of certain fees by the Fund had not been waived or expenses reimbursed.

# AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (% AS OF 09/30/2023)

	1 MOS.	3 MOS.	6 MOS.	1 YR	INCEPTION (02/28/2023)	
Brown Advisory Large-Cap Sustainable Value Fund						
Investor Class – BISVX Inception: 02/28/2023	-2.97	1.20	5.41		1.40	
Institutional Class – BASVX Inception: 02/28/2023	-2.96	1.20	5.51		1.50	
Russell 1000® Value Index	-3.86	-3.16	0.78		0.32	
Excess Return vs. Index (Investor)	0.89	4.36	4.62		1.08	

Gross Expense Ratios: 1.51% (Investor), 1.36% (Institutional) Net Expense Ratios: 1.08% (Investor), 0.93% (Institutional)

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.

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#### **EXPERIENCED MANAGEMENT**



#### MICHAEL POGGI. CFA

Mike Poggi is the Portfolio Manager of the Brown Advisory Large-Cap Sustainable Value Fund. Investment experience dating from 2003; joined Brown Advisory 2003;

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- Founded in 1993
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Diversification does not assure a profit, nor does it protect against a loss in a declining market.

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 Fund.

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