

# GLOBAL LEADERS SUSTAINABLE FUND REVIEW AND OUTLOOK

## First Quarter 2024

The Brown Advisory Global Leaders Sustainable Fund launched under our Dublin UCITS umbrella on November 1st, 2019. Managed by Mick Dillon and Bertie Thomson, the Global Leaders Sustainable Fund follows the same philosophy and process that the team has employed since May 2015, when the Global Leaders strategy was launched.

The Global Leaders Sustainable Fund expands on the proprietary and qualitative ESG analysis that is built into our bottom-up research approach by using a third-party provider to apply a rules-based screening process,\* which seeks to identify companies that may have controversial business involvement, as determined by Brown Advisory. The Global Leaders Sustainable Fund is focused on delivering attractive, long-term performance by investing in a concentrated portfolio of companies that can uniquely solve problems for their customers and generate attractive economics for shareholders. Given its concentrated nature, the performance of the Global Leaders Sustainable Fund is primarily an output of the stocks we pick.

The fund underperformed its benchmark, the MSCI All Country World Index, in the first quarter of 2024. Its performance was primarily driven by the industrial companies held in the portfolio, followed by technology. Financials detract from relative performance, particularly in emerging markets investments. The fund's exposure to financials—the largest of which is via companies with strong, structural growth trends, predominantly through financial market infrastructure companies and differentiated financials in emerging markets, as well as large payment providers. Aerospace pure play General Electric (GE) was the best performer in the quarter.

We initiated our investment in their JV partner General Electric in June 2023 as management's plan to split the GE conglomerate into 3 simpler more focused businesses (GE Healthcare, GE Vernova and GE Aerospace) was approaching its final stages. As of April 2nd 2024 the breakup of GE will be complete. With the final spin-off of GE Vernova on April 2nd GE will have transformed into a pureplay aero engine manufacturer with c.70% of revenues from after market servicing and spare parts thus uncovering highly predictable free cash flow for

the remaining company, something hidden within the conglomerate structure. In our minds GE Aerospace was always the crown jewel within GE.

The team attended both capital market days – GE Aerospace and GE Vernova – in New York in March which confirmed that there is underlying strength in free-cash-flow generation at GE Aerospace as well as significant opportunity for improvement in GE Vernova. The aero engine business requires limited investment requirements through this decade before R&D ramps up on new engine programmes. The CFM International JV is entering the peak aftermarket period for the highly profitable CFM56 engine platform.

During the quarter, we conducted a drawdown review on global consumer staples company Unilever. We originally invested in Unilever in 2015, when launching the strategy. Over the last few years, we have, however, been increasingly disappointed by the company's inability to deliver on our expectations. Our investment process has two distinct parts: investment selection and capital allocation. Within investment selection, we seek companies that meet our business model quality thresholds at a valuation that can deliver double-digit annualized base case returns over a minimum five-year investment horizon. These are very high hurdles, hence our concentrated approach—the bar is deliberately set very high. Unilever, while delivering positive returns, has not been able to outperform our benchmark over three or five years. We, therefore, drew on our drawdown review framework to re-underwrite the investment in early 2024. We use the drawdown review process to force a capital allocation decision: either add more or exit the investment.

The aim of our capital allocation process, is to put significant capital weight behind our best ideas in order to maximise returns whilst minimising contribution drag from investments that underperform the benchmark. Across the strategy, since inception, we have been able to deliver on the investment selection part of the process with an annual hit rate of 55% since inception (see our most recent investment letter "[Darwinian Investing](#)"). The work with our behavioral coach

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also shows that our largest positions have driven performance outcomes. With this as context Unilever, a large holding over time that had not delivered, was an investment we had to re-underwrite.

Over our holding period, Unilever has had a turnaround from a classical compounder to having a new management team under leadership from outsider CEO Hein Schumacher that has to focus on re-accelerating organic growth. Market share matters in consumer staples, and we are closely watching developments at Unilever, since it has lost ground to rivals recently. The new streamlined strategy steps make sense and, if successful, can refocus the company on its leading consumer brands and unparalleled distribution in key emerging markets. We welcome the first meaningful strategic decision to separate the ice cream business and can imagine further shareholder value creating simplification here. We added to Unilever following the drawdown review this quarter and are closely monitoring progress to assess probabilities and potential outcomes.

Technology is our second biggest sector allocation in the Global Leaders strategy and is the biggest contributor to outperformance over five years. Within technology, we own several technology infrastructure companies, such as Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing (TSM), ASML and Marvell Technology, as well as a diversified number of software leaders, such as Intuit, Adobe and Autodesk, with Microsoft positioning itself as a leader in both enterprise software and infrastructure. Share prices for the entire sector have benefited from the promise of generative AI (GenAI), most tangibly for developer tools and media generation. While we share the excitement of what could be possible with the compute power of new GPUs, which our team witnessed firsthand at this year's Nvidia GTC conference in San Jose, we remain conservative in our assumptions about monetization in our five-year base cases. Microsoft is already benefiting from reaccelerating growth in its cloud business driven by GenAI, as are revenues for our semiconductor investments. Where we saw an opportunity, we trimmed positions, as the share prices had increased faster than our base case assumption, which compressed IRRs, as in the case of ASML. We also had an

opportunity to add to our investment in Adobe this quarter when investors were disappointed with near-term revenue forecasts on the monetization of GenAI. We see Adobe as the leader in digital content creation, management and delivery. Across its three divisions, Creative Cloud, Document Cloud and Digital Experience, Adobe is able to provide the most comprehensive solution for customers migrating online. Following the recent share price correction, we see a double-digit IRR in our five-year base case for Adobe, and we added to our position in March.

Since the inception of the Global Leaders strategy, we have looked for high-quality companies with superior customer outcomes that we believe are able to pass on prices and generate high levels of recurring revenue while requiring low leverage. This approach is helping us focus on the long term and capital preservation. Our process continues to guide us successfully to invest in quality companies whose economics compound over long periods to generate attractive returns for our investors. It is this time-based arbitrage paired with a thoughtful, repeatable process that we see as the core driver of value generation within the Global Leaders strategy.

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# SECTOR DIVERSIFICATION

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- Global Leaders is a concentrated global equity strategy that focuses on investing in a small number of franchises that we believe can deliver exceptional outcomes for their customers and outstanding economics for shareholders. Accordingly, sector and country diversification is an output of stock picking, with the team more focused on business models and end-market economics than the sector in which a company is classified.
- At the same time, the strategy seeks differentiated exposures but should not compromise philosophically. The portfolio managers are happy to have no exposure in certain areas, such as energy, real estate or utilities, that do not satisfy their investment criteria.
- The strategy's exposure to financials – its largest exposure is via companies with strong, structural growth trends and predominantly through financial market infrastructure companies and differentiated financials in emerging markets as well as large payment providers.
- The strategy's overweight position in financials and information technology is a function of several attractive, high-quality franchises, such as Microsoft, Visa and London Stock Exchange Group, being positioned in these sectors.
- The strategy's underweight position in health care is the result of many attractive companies currently not passing the strategy's valuation test.

| SECTOR                 | BROWN ADVISORY GLOBAL LEADERS SUSTAINABLE FUND (%) | MSCI ACWI INDEX (%) | DIFFERENCE (%) | BROWN ADVISORY GLOBAL LEADERS SUSTAINABLE FUND (%) |        |
|------------------------|--|---------------------|----------------|--|--------|
|                        | Q1 '24   | Q1 '24              | Q1 '24         | Q4 '23   | Q1 '23 |
| Communication Services | 7.27   | 7.56                | -0.29          | 6.78   | 8.24   |
| Consumer Discretionary | 4.45   | 10.90               | -6.45          | 4.51   | 4.74   |
| Consumer Staples       | 6.07   | 6.43                | -0.36          | 5.64   | 7.28   |
| Energy                 | --   | 4.55                | -4.55          | --   | --     |
| Financials             | 29.50  | 16.06               | 13.44          | 31.63  | 33.88  |
| Health Care            | 8.07   | 11.15               | -3.08          | 8.01   | 6.81   |
| Industrials            | 14.67  | 10.80               | 3.87           | 13.51  | 9.51   |
| Information Technology | 25.10  | 23.66               | 1.44           | 24.81  | 26.50  |
| Materials              | 2.28   | 4.23                | -1.94          | 2.19   | 2.23   |
| Real Estate            | --   | 2.20                | -2.20          | --   | --     |
| Utilities              | --   | 2.46                | -2.46          | --   | --     |

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# QUARTER-TO-DATE ATTRIBUTION DETAIL BY SECTOR

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| SECTOR                 | BROWN ADVISORY GLOBAL LEADERS SUSTAINABLE FUND |             | MSCI ACWI INDEX    |             | ATTRIBUTION ANALYSIS  |                                    |                  |
|------------------------|--|-------------|--------------------|-------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|
|                        | AVERAGE WEIGHT (%)                             | RETURN (%)  | AVERAGE WEIGHT (%) | RETURN (%)  | ALLOCATION EFFECT (%) | SELECTION & INTERACTION EFFECT (%) | TOTAL EFFECT (%) |
| Communication Services | 6.84   | 14.73       | 7.55               | 11.39       | -0.02                 | 0.23                               | 0.21             |
| Consumer Discretionary | 4.48   | 5.42        | 10.91              | 5.87        | 0.15                  | -0.03                              | 0.13             |
| Consumer Staples       | 5.68   | 4.91        | 6.61               | 2.61        | 0.06                  | 0.12                               | 0.18             |
| Energy                 | --   | --          | 4.45               | 9.37        | -0.06                 | --                                 | -0.06            |
| Financials             | 30.16  | -1.31       | 15.88              | 9.24        | 0.14                  | -3.32                              | -3.17            |
| Health Care            | 8.02   | 9.59        | 11.36              | 7.05        | 0.04                  | 0.21                               | 0.25             |
| Industrials            | 13.90  | 16.72       | 10.63              | 9.04        | 0.04                  | 1.02                               | 1.06             |
| Information Technology | 25.44  | 12.49       | 23.66              | 11.91       | 0.12                  | 0.17                               | 0.28             |
| Materials              | 2.17   | 11.61       | 4.22               | 1.83        | 0.15                  | 0.21                               | 0.36             |
| Real Estate            | --   | --          | 2.25               | -1.00       | 0.22                  | --                                 | 0.22             |
| Utilities              | --   | --          | 2.49               | 1.43        | 0.18                  | --                                 | 0.18             |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>100.00</b>                                  | <b>7.53</b> | <b>100.00</b>      | <b>8.14</b> | <b>0.79</b>           | <b>-1.39</b>                       | <b>-0.61</b>     |

- The strategy underperformed the benchmark during the quarter. Industrials was the largest positive contributor, while financials was the main detractor.
- Aerospace leader General Electric was the largest positive contributor within industrials. Within financials, the strategy's exposure to emerging market financials HDFC Bank, B3 and AIA Group were the main drivers of negative contribution.
- Technology, the second biggest exposure in the strategy, contributed positively. The largest contribution came from technology infrastructure companies, such as TSMC, ASML and Marvell Technology, as well as the leading technology and communication companies Microsoft and Alphabet (Alphabet been categorized in communication services), which are leaders in the global cloud infrastructure build-out through Microsoft's Azure and Alphabet's Google Cloud.

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# QUARTER-TO-DATE TOP FIVE CONTRIBUTORS TO RETURN

## First Quarter 2024 Global Leaders Sustainable Fund Top Five Contributors

|        | NAME   | DESCRIPTION  | AVERAGE WEIGHT (%) | RETURN (%) | CONTRIBUTION TO RETURN (%) |
|--------|--|--|--------------------|------------|----------------------------|
| GE     | General Electric Company                                   | Develops and manufactures products for the generation, transmission, distribution, control and utilization of electricity; manufactures aircraft engines and medical equipment | 4.44               | 37.53      | 1.49                       |
| MSFT   | Microsoft Corporation                                      | Develops, manufactures and distributes software products   | 9.34               | 12.09      | 1.12                       |
| TSM    | Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., Ltd. Sponsored ADR | Manufactures, distributes and tests integrated circuits, silicon wafers, diodes and related semiconductor components   | 3.78               | 31.24      | 1.07                       |
| B929F4 | ASML Holding NV  | Engages in the development, production, marketing, selling and servicing of semiconductor equipment systems  | 1.86               | 28.18      | 0.64                       |
| EW     | Edwards Lifesciences Corporation                           | Designs, develops, manufactures and markets products to treat late-stage cardiovascular disease  | 2.61               | 25.32      | 0.62                       |

- General Electric (GE) is approaching the end of its transformation into a pureplay aero engine manufacturer. The underlying strength in free-cash-flow generation is apparent in its performance as the aero engine business requires limited investment requirements through this decade and the company is entering the peak aftermarket period for the highly profitable CFM56 engine platform. The spin-off of GE Vernova on April 2nd will leave GE Aerospace as independent company.
- Microsoft's (MSFT) core business is strengthening with Azure taking market share in cloud. We are seeing real growth and cashflow from GenAI at Microsoft. This growth and the leadership of its generative AI enabled cloud business does have a cost reflected in elevated capex levels. Investments that we expect to be highly strategic in the long-term.
- Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing (TSM) continues to deliver solid revenue growth and guided for 2024 revenue growth well above expectations. This is supported by a strong outlook for high performance computing (HPC) and AI infrastructure build out where TSM benefits from its leadership in leading node manufacturing allowing it to take market share. A quicker slowdown of capex requirements to the low-to-mid-30s capex/revenue target is having additional positive impact on FCF generation.
- ASML is benefitting from the industry infrastructure build out across mature as well as leading nodes. The industry is moving out of a down cycle with recovery in memory and investment in capacity with a faster than expected adoption of its low NA EUV lithography machines and the first shipment of a high NA tool.
- Edwards Lifesciences Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement (TAVR) segment continues to grow with several opportunities across risk categories in patient population, geographic expansion and applications to varying degrees of aortic stenosis severity. Outside TAVR the company has seen positive developments for Mitral and Tricuspid therapies most recently with FDAs, ahead of time, approval of its Evoque replacement valve for severe Tricuspid Regurgitation, the first approval in the market. This ahead of time approval as well as delays with a competitive product for TAVR drove performance in the quarter.

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# QUARTER-TO-DATE BOTTOM FIVE CONTRIBUTORS TO RETURN

## First Quarter 2024 Global Leaders Sustainable Fund Bottom Five Contributors

|        | NAME                                   | DESCRIPTION  | AVERAGE WEIGHT (%) | RETURN (%) | CONTRIBUTION TO RETURN (%) |
|--------|--|--|--------------------|------------|----------------------------|
| HDB    | HDFC Bank Limited Sponsored ADR        | Provides national banking services   | 3.05               | -16.60     | -0.67                      |
| B4TX8S | AIA Group Limited                      | Provides life and health insurance services  | 2.41               | -22.95     | -0.64                      |
| BG36ZK | B3 SA - Brasil, Bolsa, Balcao          | Provides exchange trading, clearing and other trade services   | 1.68               | -18.79     | -0.38                      |
| ADBE   | Adobe Inc.                             | Develops digital media software  | 2.27               | -15.42     | -0.34                      |
| 711038 | Roche Holding Ltd Dividend Right Cert. | Operates as a research-focused healthcare company with combined focus in pharmaceuticals and diagnostics | 2.93               | -8.59      | -0.29                      |

- HDFC Bank (HDB) merged with HDFC Ltd last year. We believe that HDFC is in a very attractive position within the Indian economy to benefit from an increasing demand in financial products and services and, therefore, take share in a growing deposit market. We expect profitability, impacted due to temporary merger accounting, to recover as margins improve, loan growth picks up and loan mix shifts from wholesale toward retail.
- AIA Group's (AAIGF) share price has been impacted by market concern around demand from China and Hong Kong, the main drivers of growth for AIA. We see the combination of AIA's excellence in underwriting skills, distribution via a high-quality tied agent network and its exposure to long-term structural growth as driving the company's competitive advantage and its ability to grow and scale.
- B3 SA (BOLSF) is managing through a volatile business and macro environment in Brazil. It is the sole financial markets infrastructure provider in Brazil and, thus, well positioned to benefit from secular growth drivers.
- Adobe (ADBE) is a leader in GenAI for media content, with rapid uptake of its FireFly GenAI tools. However, there is significant disruption and, therefore, volatility due to innovation in this sector. We believe that Adobe is well positioned to benefit from its leadership position in AI, its competitive advantage in content editing and its mitigation of legal risks associated with using AI-generated content. We see GenAI driving seat growth and revenue per user across its core three divisions.
- Roche (RHHVF) continues to perform well with a core R&D engine that is one of the strongest in the industry, which we see undervalued by a market focused on big narrative-driving growth assets. Roche shows solid contributions from pipeline drugs, and its diagnostics segment is performing well. Roche is actively prioritizing R&D by focusing on internal efforts as well as external partnerships, which we believe can further drive pipeline growth and success.

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# QUARTER-TO-DATE ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

## First Quarter 2024 Representative Global Leaders Account Portfolio Activity

- None

| SYMBOL | ADDITIONS | SECTOR |
|--------|-----------|--------|
|        | None      |        |

| SYMBOL | DELETION | SECTOR |
|--------|----------|--------|
|        | None     |        |

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# PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

First Quarter 2024 as of 03/31/2024

|   | GLOBAL LEADERS SUSTAINABLE FUND | MSCI ACWI NET INDEX |
|---|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| ROIC (LFY ex. financials) Median (%)        | 21.4                            | 9.0                 |
| Sales Growth (% , 3 Year Median)            | 13.9                            | 12.1                |
| FCF ex. financials (NTM Median) (%)         | 3.2                             | 3.9                 |
| Volatility                                  | 15.8                            | 15.4                |
| Alpha (Net of fees)                         | 2.1                             | --                  |
| Net Debt to EBITDA ex. Financials* (Median) | 0.4                             | 1.3                 |

\*Medium figure as of 12/31/2023

Source: FactSet. Past performance is not indicative of future results. Performance statistics are gross of fees since inception of the Global Leaders strategy on May 1, 2015. Performance statistics are simulated to account for the exclusion of Brown-Forman Corporation and Safran S.A.. Brown Forman was a 0.0% position and Safran was a 4.0% position in the Global Leaders Strategy as of 03/31/2024. The portfolio information provided is based on the Brown Advisory Global Leaders Sustainable Fund. Portfolio characteristics include cash and cash equivalents. Calculations for ROIC, FCF Yield and Net Debt to EBITDA exclude Banks and Insurance Companies. Please see disclosure statements at the end of this presentation for additional information and for a complete list of terms and definitions.



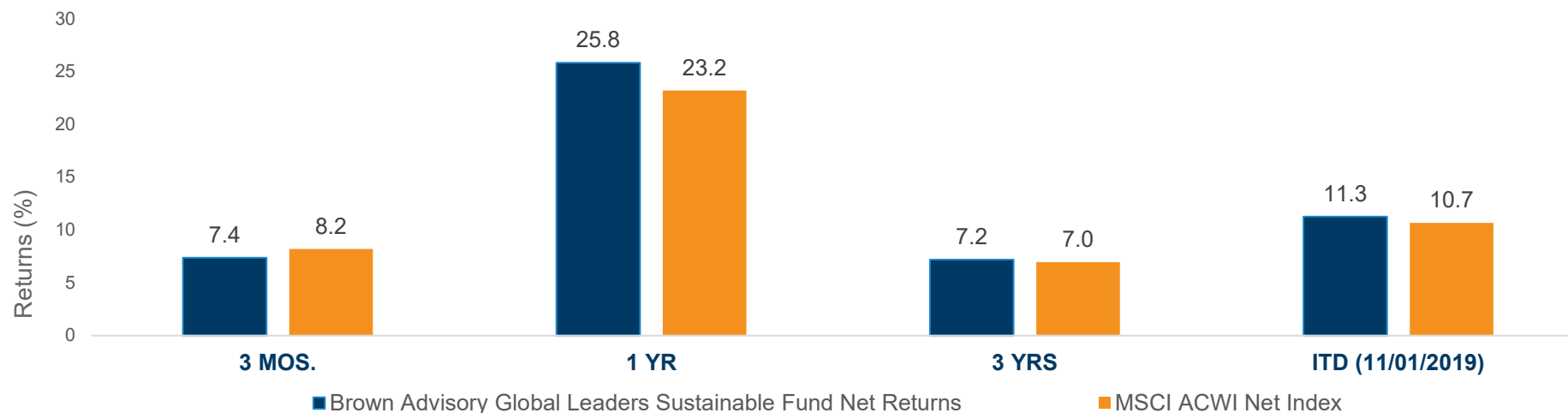
# UCITS FUND PERFORMANCE SINCE INCEPTION

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| Calendar Year Returns (% net of fees)                    | 2023 | 2022  | 2021 | 2020 |
|--|------|-------|------|------|
| Global Leaders Sustainable Fund C USD (01-November-2019) | 25.2 | -20.2 | 18.6 | 20.7 |
| MSCI ACWI Net (USD)                                      | 22.2 | -18.4 | 18.5 | 16.3 |

This performance is additional to, and should be read in conjunction with, the calendar year performance data above.



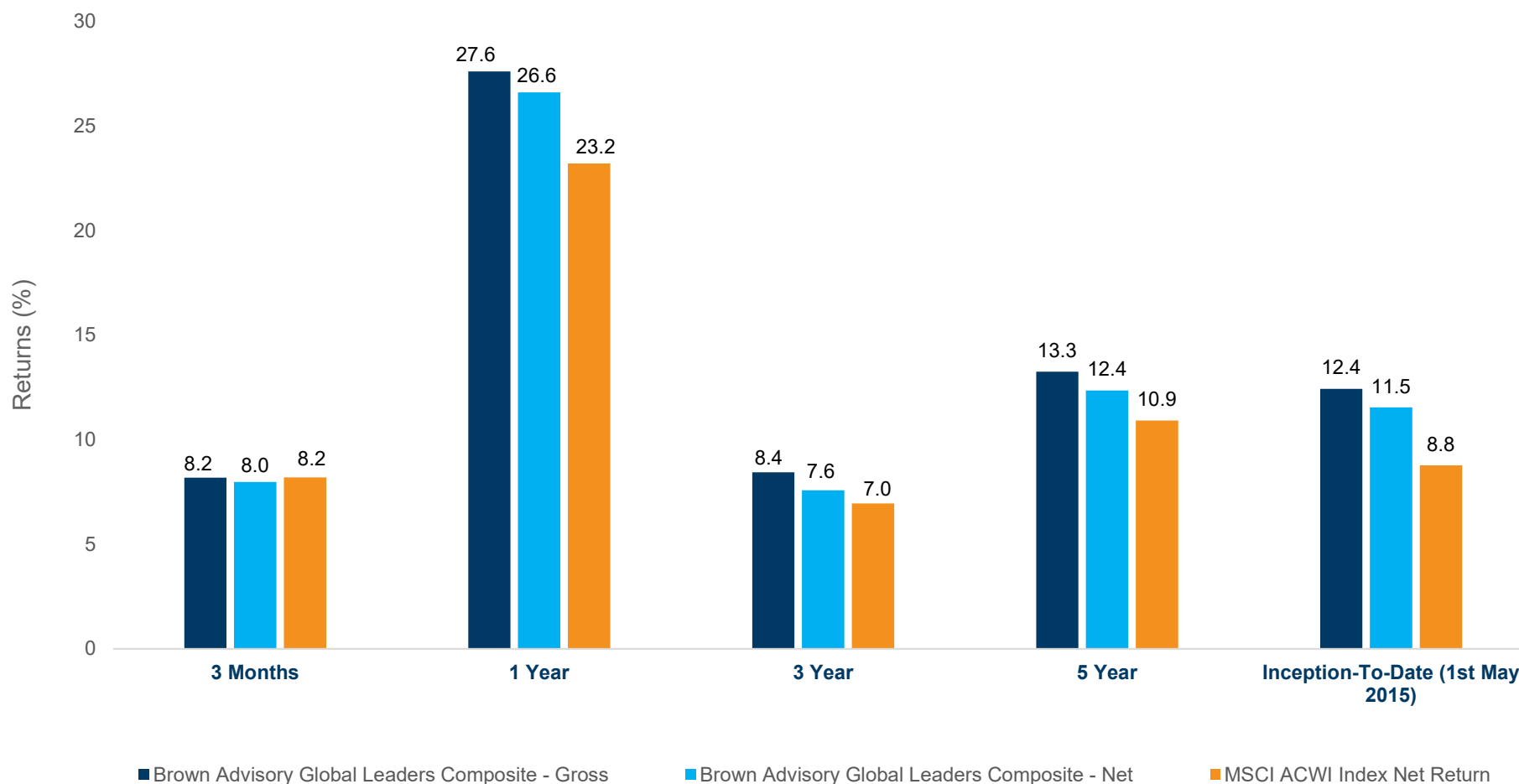
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# LONG-TERM GLOBAL LEADERS COMPOSITE PERFORMANCE

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# TOP 10 PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS

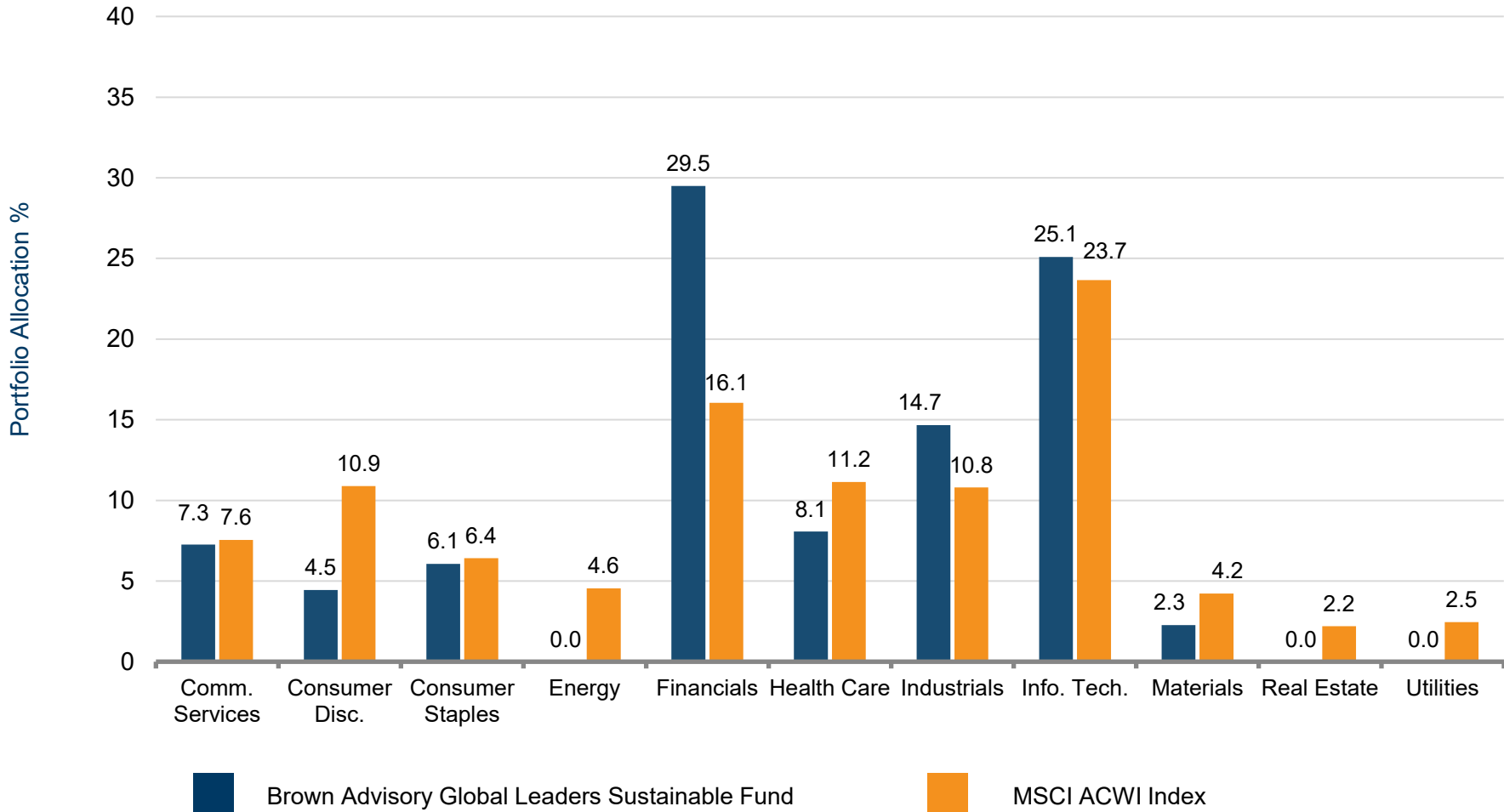
Global Leaders Sustainable Fund as of 03/31/2024

| TOP 10 HOLDINGS  | % OF PORTFOLIO |
|--|----------------|
| Microsoft Corporation                                      | 9.4            |
| General Electric Company                                   | 5.1            |
| Alphabet Inc. Class C                                      | 4.6            |
| Mastercard Incorporated Class A                            | 4.5            |
| London Stock Exchange Group plc                            | 4.1            |
| Deutsche Boerse AG   | 4.1            |
| Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., Ltd. Sponsored ADR | 4.0            |
| Unilever PLC   | 3.5            |
| Visa Inc. Class A  | 3.1            |
| Intuit Inc.  | 2.9            |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>45.4</b>    |

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First Quarter 2024 Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS) as of 03/31/2024



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- companies that defy the Norges Bank exclusion list
- companies that directly manufacture controversial weapons (defined as cluster munitions, land mines, depleted uranium)
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- companies whose primary business activities are directly tied to conventional exploration, extraction, production, manufacturing or refining coal, oil or gas; companies whose primary business activities are directly tied to producing electricity derived from fossil fuels; companies with significant assets directly invested in conventional fossil fuel reserves.

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- more than 5% of its revenue derived directly from alcohol products
- more than 5% of its revenue derived directly from tobacco products
- more than 5% of its revenue derived directly from adult entertainment
- more than 5% of its revenue derived directly from gambling
- more than 5% revenue derived directly from nuclear power-related activities



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**Alpha** is a measure of performance on a risk-adjusted, net of fees basis. Alpha takes the volatility (price risk) of a portfolio and compares its risk-adjusted performance to a benchmark.

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.

**Allocation Effect** measures the impact of the decision to allocate assets differently than those in the benchmark.

**Selection and Interaction Effect** reflects the combination of selection effect and interaction effect. Selection effect measures the effect of choosing securities that may or may not outperform those of the benchmark. Interaction effect measures the effect of allocation and selection decisions (i.e., did we overweight the sectors in which we underperformed).

**Total Effect** reflects the combination of allocation, selection and interaction effects. Totals may not equal due to rounding.

**RoIC** is a measure of determining a company's financial performance.  $ROIC = NOPAT / IC$ .  $NOPAT = EBIT + \text{Amortization of acquired intangibles} - \text{Cash tax paid}$ .  $IC = \text{Total Debt} + \text{Total Equity} + \text{Total unfunded pension liabilities} - \text{Excess Cash}$ . ROIC ex financials excludes Banks and Insurance companies, and outliers excluded from the benchmark.

**Sales growth rate** is based on reported company revenue for the past three years at the end of the current quarter, provided as a historical average.

**Volatility** is a statistical measure of the dispersion of returns for a given security or market index. Volatility can either be measured by using the standard deviation or variance between returns from that same security or market index.

**Net debt-to-EBITDA** (earnings before interest depreciation and amortization) ratio is a measurement of leverage, calculated as a company's interest-bearing liabilities minus cash or cash equivalents, divided by its EBITDA. The calculation presented excludes Banks and Insurance companies, and outliers excluded from the benchmark.

**Free Cash Flow (FCF)** is a measure of financial performance calculated as operating cash flow minus capital expenditures. Free cash flow (FCF) represents the cash that a company is able to generate after laying out the money required to maintain or expand its asset base. Free cash flow is important because it allows a company to pursue opportunities that enhance shareholder value. Without cash, it's tough to develop new products, make acquisitions, pay dividends and reduce debt.

**Free Cash Flow (FCF) yield** is a measure of financial performance calculated as operating cash flow minus capital expenditures divided by enterprise value. FCF yield ex. financials calculations presented use the median NTM (Next Twelve Months) and excludes Banks and Insurance companies, and outliers excluded from the benchmark.

**Internal rate of return (IRR)** is a metric used in financial analysis to estimate the profitability of potential investments.

| 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)* |
|--------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|--|--|--|--------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 2023   | 27.0                              | 26.0                            | 22.2                  | 17.7   | 16.3   | Five or fewer                          | N/A                      | 4,730                              | 81,325                             |
| 2022   | -19.0                             | -19.7                           | -18.4                 | 20.6   | 19.9   | Five or fewer                          | N/A                      | 3,680                              | 57,575                             |
| 2021   | 17.6                              | 16.7                            | 18.5                  | 17.2   | 16.8   | Five or fewer                          | N/A                      | 4,368                              | 79,715                             |
| 2020   | 21.0                              | 20.0                            | 16.3                  | 18.1   | 18.1   | Five or fewer                          | N/A                      | 2,428                              | 59,683                             |
| 2019   | 35.1                              | 34.0                            | 26.6                  | 11.6   | 11.2   | Five or fewer                          | N/A                      | 731                                | 42,426                             |
| 2018   | -2.2                              | -2.8                            | -9.4                  | 11.0   | 10.5   | Five or fewer                          | N/A                      | 303                                | 30,529                             |
| 2017   | 35.1                              | 34.0                            | 24.0                  | N/A  | N/A  | Five or fewer                          | N/A                      | 77                                 | 33,155                             |
| 2016   | -0.6                              | -1.4                            | 7.9                   | N/A  | N/A  | Five or fewer                          | N/A                      | 38                                 | 30,417                             |
| 2015** | 1.2                               | 0.7                             | -7.3                  | N/A  | N/A  | Five or fewer                          | N/A                      | 24                                 | 43,746                             |

\*\*Return is for period May 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015

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- The Global Leaders Composite (the Composite) aims to achieve capital appreciation by investing primarily in global equities. The strategy will invest in equity securities of companies that the portfolio manager believes are leaders within their industry or country, as demonstrated by an ability to deliver high relative return on invested capital over time. The minimum account market value required for Composite inclusion is \$1.5 million.
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- The Composite creation date is August 26, 2015. The Composite inception date is May 1, 2015.
- The benchmark is the MSCI ACWI Net Index. The MSCI ACWI Net Index captures large and mid cap representation across Developed Markets (DM) and Emerging Markets (EM) countries. The Index covers approximately 85% of the global investable equity opportunity set. All MSCI indexes and products are trademarks and service marks of MSCI or its subsidiaries. An investor cannot invest directly into an index. Benchmark returns are not covered by the report of the independent verifiers.
- As of September 1, 2022, the Composite benchmark was changed from the FTSE All-World Net Index to the MSCI ACWI Net Index. The change was applied retroactively from the Composite inception date. The Advisor determined that MSCI indices are more widely used for global products, and thereby provide more relevant data to shareholders and prospects as well as comparisons to competitors.
- Composite dispersion 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.
- 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: 0.80% on the first \$50 million; 0.55% on the next \$50 million; 0.45% on the next \$50 million; and 0.40% on the balance over \$150 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 Global Leaders Fund (the Fund), which is included in the Composite, is 0.65%, 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, 2023) was 0.92%. 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 Global Leaders Fund (the UCITS), which is included in the composite, is 0.75%. The total expense ratio for the Dollar Class B Acc Shares of the UCITS as of the most recent fiscal year end (October 31, 2023) was 0.85%. 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. The 3 year annualized standard deviation is not presented as of December 31, 2015, December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2017 because the 36 month returns were not available for the Composite (N/A).
- 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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