

# Large-Cap Sustainable Growth

## STRATEGY FACTSHEET

First Quarter 2024

### WHY INVEST IN BROWN ADVISORY SUSTAINABLE GROWTH?

#### Sustainable business strategies can be a compelling source of long-term growth.

Managers Karina Funk and David Powell have years of experience uncovering large-cap companies that are building strong successful business models by growing revenue, trimming costs and increasing enterprise values thanks to their sustainable business advantages (SBA).

**A sustainable process.** Due diligence focuses on both fundamental and sustainable business drivers. All portfolio decisions are guided by a detailed and constantly updated risk/reward analysis model. The portfolio will typically hold 30-40 securities; self-imposed "one in, one out" discipline is used to consistently test portfolio holdings against new ideas. Risk is managed through intensive research into business quality, as well as disciplined portfolio adjustment based on valuation considerations.

Portfolio Managers: Karina Funk, CFA; David Powell, CFA

Benchmark: Russell 1000® Growth Index

### PERFORMANCE (% AS OF 03/31/2024)

	3 MOS.	1 YR.	3 YR.	5 YR.	10 YR.
Large-Cap Sustainable Growth Composite (Gross of Fees)	11.08	35.51	11.94	17.85	16.94
Large-Cap Sustainable Growth Composite (Net of Fees)	10.86	34.45	11.05	16.92	16.02
Russell 1000® Growth Index	11.41	39.00	12.50	18.52	15.98

### TOP 10 PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS (%)

NVIDIA Corp.	8.5
Microsoft Corp.	6.4
Amazon.com, Inc.	5.6
Intuit, Inc.	4.5
Visa, Inc.	4.3
ServiceNow, Inc.	3.9
Alphabet, Inc. Cl A	3.5
Danaher Corp.	3.4
Uber Technologies, Inc.	3.0
Edwards Lifesciences Corp.	3.0

### SECTOR BREAKDOWN (%)

REP. ACCT	INDEX
Communication Services	12.1
Consumer Discretionary	15.0
Consumer Staples	4.1
Energy	0.5
Financials	6.4
Health Care	10.6
Industrials	5.8
Information Technology	44.0
Materials	0.7
Real Estate	0.8
Utilities	0.1

### STRATEGY PROFILE AS OF 03/31/2024

#### BENCHMARK

Russell 1000® Growth Index

#### STRATEGY ASSETS

\$22.8 billion

#### VEHICLES AVAILABLE

Separately Managed Account (SMA)

Model Only

Mutual Fund

Collective Investment Trust (CIT)

UCITS

### CHARACTERISTICS AS OF 03/31/2024

	LARGE-CAP SUSTAINABLE GROWTH REP. ACCT.	RUSSELL 1000 GROWTH INDEX
Wtd. Avg. Market Cap.	\$664.0B	\$1215.4B
EV/FCF (FY2 Est.)	44.2x	32.0x
Dividend Yield	0.4%	0.7%
Portfolio Turnover (3-Yr. Average)	20.8%	--

### PORTFOLIO MANAGER PROFILES

#### KARINA FUNK, CFA

Karina Funk is a portfolio manager of the Brown Advisory Large-Cap Sustainable Growth strategy. Karina joined Brown Advisory in 2009 and has extensive environmentally-oriented investment experience spanning early-stage ventures to debt and public equities. She was previously an equity research analyst for Winslow Management Company, a principal at Charles River Ventures, and an investment manager at the Massachusetts Renewable Energy Trust. Karina earned her post-graduate diploma from École Polytechnique in France.

#### DAVID POWELL, CFA

David Powell is a portfolio manager of the Large-Cap Sustainable Growth strategy. He joined Brown Advisory in 1999 as an equity research analyst with responsibility for identifying and recommending investment opportunities in the industrials and energy sectors. Prior to joining the firm, David held a position in investor relations at T. Rowe Price. David earned his BA degree from Bowdoin College in 1997.

Source: FactSet®. Numbers may not total due to rounding. The portfolio information provided is based on a representative Brown Advisory Large-Cap Sustainable Growth account as of 03/31/2024 and is provided as Supplemental Information. Sector breakdown and portfolio characteristics exclude cash and cash equivalents; top 10 portfolio holdings include cash and cash equivalents which was 2.2% as of 03/31/2024 and is provided as Supplemental Information. 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. Composite performance is based on the Brown Advisory Large-Cap Sustainable Growth Composite. Returns greater than one year are annualized. Past performance is not indicative of future results. The Brown Advisory Large-Cap Sustainable Growth Composite is managed by Brown Advisory Institutional. Brown Advisory Institutional is a division of Brown Advisory LLC and Brown Advisory Institutional is a GIPS compliant division of BALLC. Please see the Brown Advisory Large-Cap Sustainable Growth Composite GIPS Report on the reverse side for additional information. Sustainable 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. Sustainable Investing analysis may not be performed for every holding in the strategy.

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We follow a philosophy that low-turnover, concentrated portfolios derived from sound bottom-up fundamental research provide an opportunity for attractive performance results over time. We have a culture and firm equity ownership structure that help us attract and retain professionals who share those beliefs, and we follow a repeatable investment process that helps us stay true to our philosophy.

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## Brown Advisory Large-Cap Sustainable Growth

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	39.8	38.7	42.7	22.4	20.5	146	0.4	14,352	81,325
2022	-30.6	-31.2	-29.1	23.4	23.5	96	0.3	9,229	58,575
2021	30.9	29.8	27.6	17	18.2	158	0.3	13,556	79,715
2020	40.2	39.1	38.5	17.5	19.6	114	0.7	8,086	59,683
2019	36.2	35.1	36.4	12.4	13.1	53	0.3	2,379	42,426
2018	5.4	4.5	-1.5	11.6	12.1	41	0.2	1,049	30,529
2017	29.1	28	30.2	10.6	10.5	32	0.2	762	33,155
2016	6.6	5.7	7.1	11.5	11.2	32	0.1	503	30,417
2015	13.7	12.8	5.7	11.1	10.7	23	0.3	405	43,746
2014	7.1	6.2	13.1	9.9	9.6	25	0.1	303	44,772

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- The Large-Cap Sustainable Growth Composite (the Composite) includes all discretionary portfolios invested in the Sustainable Large Cap Strategy. The strategy invests primarily in large market capitalization companies with financially and environmentally sustainable business models. The minimum account market value required for Composite inclusion is \$1.5 million.
- Sustainable investment 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. Sustainable investment analysis may not be performed for every holding in the strategy. Sustainable investment considerations that are material will vary by investment style, sector/industry, market trends and client objectives. The Large-Cap Sustainable Growth Strategy ("Strategy") seeks to identify companies that it believes may be desirable based on our analysis of sustainable investment related risks and opportunities, but investors may differ in their views. 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 excluded from other strategies that focus on sustainable investment risks. Security selection will be impacted by the combined focus on sustainable investment research assessments and fundamental research assessments including the return forecasts. The Strategy incorporates data from third parties in its research process but does not make investment decisions based on third-party data alone.
- The Composite was created in 2010. The Composite inception date is January 1, 2010.
- The benchmark is the Russell 1000® Growth Index. The Russell 1000® Growth Index measures the performance of the large-cap growth segment of the U.S. equity universe. It includes those Russell 1000® Index companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values. The Russell 1000® Growth Index is constructed to provide a comprehensive and unbiased barometer for the large-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 1000® 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.
- 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.
- 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 \$10 million; 0.60% on the next \$15 million; 0.50% on the next \$25 million; and 0.40% on the balance over \$50 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 Sustainable Growth Fund (the Fund), which is included in the Composite, is 0.53%, 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 0.79%. 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 US Sustainable Growth 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 0.84%. 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.
- Valuations and performance returns are computed and stated in U.S. Dollars. All returns reflect the reinvestment of income and other earnings.
- A complete list of composite descriptions and broad distribution and limited distribution pooled funds is available upon request.
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