

# Sustainable Small-Cap Core Fund

Investor: **BIAYX** Institutional: **BAFYX**

First Quarter 2024

## SUSTAINABLE SMALL-CAP CORE

### WHY INVEST IN BROWN ADVISORY SUSTAINABLE SMALL-CAP CORE FUND?

**The Sustainable Small-Cap Core Fund seeks outperformance versus its benchmark, the Russell 2000® Index, through a concentrated, low-turnover portfolio of companies with strong business fundamentals, attractive valuations and Sustainable Drivers that stem from a company's products, services, or operations.** Sustainable Drivers are characteristics that we believe have potential to drive tangible positive outcomes, in terms of financial performance and environmental and social impact. We believe that our integration of fundamental and sustainable investment research adds an informational edge to our investment process that helps us identify quality investments.

**We believe the small-cap asset class presents unique research challenges that our research process is well positioned to navigate.** We believe small-cap companies are often mis-rated due to limited sustainability-related disclosures. We believe this provides a compelling opportunity for our team to draw on our deep knowledge of the small-cap asset class. Our sustainable investment research process helps us uncover information and construct a portfolio of what we believe to be quality investments to achieve goals of sustainable investing and investment performance.

**A shared culture of thoughtful investing.** Brown Advisory's investment team is made up of independent thinkers who share a common philosophy. We invest for the long-term in companies with established or improving Sustainable Drivers, strong business fundamentals and attractive valuations that we believe will drive excess returns while limiting downside risk and generate long-term outperformance relative to our benchmark.

Portfolio Managers: Timothy Hathaway, CFA; Emily Dwyer; J. David Schuster; Christopher Berrier

Benchmark: Russell 2000® Index

### PORTFOLIO DIVERSIFICATION (AS OF 03/31/2024)

Sector Composition %	Fund	Index	Weighting Difference
Communication Services	3.3	2.1	1.1
Consumer Discretionary	9.1	10.9	-1.8
Consumer Staples	1.7	3.3	-1.6
Energy	1.7	7.3	-5.6
Financials	20.4	15.9	4.5
Health Care	16.8	15.3	1.5
Industrials	23.0	17.5	5.5
Information Technology	14.9	14.9	-0.1
Materials	3.6	4.5	-1.0
Real Estate	5.5	5.6	-0.1
Utilities	--	2.5	-2.5

### TOP 10 PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS % (AS OF 03/31/2024)

Top 10 Positions	% of
SPX Technologies Inc	3.5
Onto Innovation Inc	2.9
TopBuild Corp	2.7
Bright Horizons Family Solutions Inc	2.6
AZEK Co Inc/The	2.5
MGIC Investment Corp	2.5
Mueller Water Products Inc	2.3
Assured Guaranty Ltd	2.2
Kadant Inc	2.2
Tennant Co	2.2
Total % of Net Assets	25.4%

Source: U.S. Bank. Sector breakdown (excluding cash and equivalents) and Fund holdings (including cash and equivalents which was 4.8% as of 03/31/2024) 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 03/31/2024)

	BIAYX	INDEX
Fund Assets (\$MM)	75	--
Number of Holdings	67	1,945
Wtd. Avg. Market Capitalization (\$B)	5.4	4.7
Wtd. Median Market Capitalization (\$B)	4.9	3.1
Earnings Growth 3-5 Yr. Est (%)	5.9	13.1
Price-to-Earnings Ratio (P/E, FY1)	18.3	16.0
Price-to-Earnings Ratio (P/E, FY2)	16.3	14.0
Beta	0.8	--

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 03/31/2024)

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Brown Advisory Sustainable Small-Cap Core Fund			
Investor Class – BIAYX Inception: 09/30/2021	5.63	21.33	0.52
Institutional Class – BAFYX Inception: 09/30/2021	5.62	21.46	0.66
Russell 2000® Index	5.18	19.71	-0.02
<b>Excess Return vs. Index (Investor)</b>	<b>0.45</b>	<b>1.62</b>	<b>0.54</b>

**Gross Expense Ratios: 1.32% (Investor), 1.17% (Institutional)**

**Net Expense Ratios: 1.09% (Investor), 0.94% (Institutional)**

Brown Advisory LLC (the "Adviser") has contractually agreed to waive its fees and/or reimburse certain expenses through October 31, 2024.

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

## EXPERIENCED MANAGEMENT



### TIMOTHY HATHAWAY, CFA

Tim Hathaway is a Portfolio Manager of the Brown Advisory Sustainable Small-Cap Core Fund. Investment experience dating from 1993; joined Brown Advisory 1995; co-Portfolio Manager of the Fund



### EMILY DWYER

Emily Dwyer is a Portfolio Manager of the Brown Advisory Sustainable Small-Cap Core Fund. Investment experience dating from 2014; joined Brown Advisory 2014; co-Portfolio Manager



### J. DAVID SCHUSTER

David Schuster is a Portfolio Manager of the Brown Advisory Sustainable Small-Cap Core Fund. Investment experience dating from 1995; joined Brown Advisory 2008; co-Portfolio Manager of the Fund



### CHRISTOPHER BERRIER

Chris Berrier is a Portfolio Manager of the Brown Advisory Sustainable Small-Cap Core Fund. Investment experience dating from 2000; joined Brown Advisory 2005; co-Portfolio Manager of the Fund

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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. that Brown Advisory's use of these tools will result in effective investment decisions.

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 Fund 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 Fund may invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular investor. The Fund may also invest in companies that would otherwise be excluded from other funds 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 Fund incorporates data from third parties in its research process but does not make investment decisions based on third-party data alone.

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. 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.

Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

## Terms and Definitions

**Active Share** is a measure of the percentage of stock holdings in a manager's portfolio that differ from the benchmark index. **Market Capitalization** is the value of the fund as determined by the market price of its issued and outstanding stock. The **Weighted Average Market Capitalization** of a portfolio equals the average of each holding's market cap, weighted by its relative position size in the portfolio (in such a weighting scheme, larger positions have a greater influence on the calculation). The **Weighted Median Market Capitalization** is the median market capitalization of a fund's equity portfolio gives you a measure of the size of the companies in which an equity fund invests. It is the trimmed mean of the market capitalizations of the stocks in the fund's portfolio. **Earnings growth rate** is the amount of increase that a specific variable has gained within a specific period and context and is based on consensus estimates derived from FactSet as of 03/31/2024 for the 3-5 year period, and is not a measure of the Fund's future performance. **Price-Earnings Ratio (P/E Ratio)** is the ratio of the share of a company's stock compared to its per-share earnings. The Fund's Investor Class is used to calculate **beta**, a measure of the magnitude of a fund's past share price fluctuations in relation to the fluctuations in the stock market (as represented by the fund's benchmark). While not predictive of the future, funds with a beta greater than 1 have in the past been more volatile than the benchmark. The Brown Advisory Funds are distributed by ALPS Distributors, Inc., which is not affiliated with Brown Advisory LLC.

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*Note: A fund's performance for very short time periods may not be indicative of future results.*