## Brown Advisory SUSTAINABLE CORE COMPOSITE



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)*	Firm Assets (\$USD Millions)*
2020	9.4	8.9	7.5	4.3	3.4	26	0.4	416	59,683
2019	9.5	9.1	8.7	2.9	2.9	14	0.2	265	42,426
2018	0.4	0.1	0.0	2.8	2.8	19	0.3	217	30,529
2017	3.7	3.4	3.5	2.8	2.8	11	0.3	113	33,155
2016	1.0	0.8	2.7	N/A	N/A	9	0.1	91	30,417
2015	1.2	0.8	0.6	N/A	N/A	Five or fewer	N/A	60	43,746
2014**	2.0	1.9	1.8	N/A	N/A	Five or fewer	N/A	5	44,772

## \*\*Return is for period October 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014.

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- 1. \*For the purpose of complying with the GIPS standards, the firm is defined as Brown Advisory Institutional and Balanced Institutional asset management divisions of Brown Advisory. As of July 1, 2016, the firm was redefined to exclude the Brown Advisory Private Client division, due to an evolution of the three distinct business lines.
- 2. The Sustainable Core Composite (the Composite) is comprised of all discretionary accounts with no material investment restrictions, which invest primarily in fixed income securities that have a target duration between 3 and 7 years. At least 80% of the securities in each portfolio in the Composite will have credit quality ratings of A or better at the time of purchase. Accounts included in the Composite are invested primarily in taxable securities. The minimum account market value required for Composite inclusion is \$2 million, and accounts in the Composite will have an average effective duration between 3 and 7 years. The guidelines of accounts specifically indicate a preference for sustainability related investments. Bonds in Composite accounts are evaluated according to a variety of environmental, social and governance factors. These factors are used by the portfolio manager to seek holdings with attractive ESG risk profiles and or bonds whose uses of proceeds meet the standards of the Green Bond Principles. ESG Factors are not used for the purposes of absolute negative screening in Composite accounts.
- 3. ESG considerations that are material will vary by investment style, sector/industry, market trends and client objectives. The strategy seeks to identify issuers and securities that it believes may have desirable ESG outcomes, but investors may differ in their views of what constitutes positive or negative ESG outcomes. As a result, the strategy may invest in securities that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular investor. The strategy may also invest in securities that would otherwise be screened out of other ESG oriented funds. Security selection will be impacted by the combined focus on ESG assessments and forecasts of return and risk. The strategy intends to invest in securities with measurable ESG outcomes, as determined by Brown Advisory, and seeks to screen out particular issuers and industries. Brown Advisory relies on third parties to provide data and screening tools. There is no guarantee that is information will be construction and implementation of the screens (including, but not limited to, software issues and other technological issues). There is no guarantee that Brown Advisory's use of these tools will result in effective investment decisions.
- 4. From July 2016 to September 2019, the minimum account market value required for Composite inclusion was \$1 million, and prior to July 2016 was \$2 million.
- 5. Effective January 1, 2016, a significant cash flow policy was implemented for the Composite. Accounts with a greater than or equal to 14% external cash flow will be removed from the Composite for the entire month that the external cash flow occurred. The account will be added back to the Composite the following month if it meets the Composite inclusion requirements. The external cash flow percentage is calculated using beginning market value.
- 6. The composite creation date is November 1, 2015. The composite inception date is October 1, 2014.
- 7. The benchmark is the Bloomberg Barclays Aggregate Bond Index. The Bloomberg Barclays Aggregate Bond Index is an unmanaged, market-value weighted index comprised of taxable U.S. investment grade, fixed rate bond market securities, including government, government, government agency, corporate, asset-backed, and mortgage-backed securities between one and ten years. Bloomberg Barclays Indices are trademarks of Bloomberg or its licensors, including Barclays Bank PLC. An investor cannot invest directly into an index. Benchmark returns are not covered by the report of the independent verifiers.
- 8. 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. The composite dispersion is not applicable (N/A) for periods where there were five or fewer accounts in the Composite for the entire period.
- 9. 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-fee performance returns reflect the deduction of actual management fees and all trading commissions. Other expenses can reduce returns to investors. The standard management fee schedule is as follows: 0.375% on the first \$10 million; 0.25% on the next \$15 million and 0.20% on the balance over \$25 million. Further information regarding investment advisory fees is described in Part II A of the firm's form ADV. Actual fees paid by accounts in the Composite may differ from the current fee schedule.
- 10. The investment management fee for the Investor Shares of the Brown Advisory Sustainable Bond Fund (the Fund), which is included in the Composite, is 0.30%, 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, 2021) was 0.50%. Further information regarding investment management fees and expenses is described in the fund prospectus and annual report.
- 11. 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, 2014, December 31, 2015 and December 31, 2016 because 36 month returns for the Composite were not available (N/A.)
- 12. Valuations and performance returns are computed and stated in U.S. Dollars. All returns reflect the reinvestment of income and other earnings.
- 13. Duration is a measure of interest rate risk.
- 14. The use of derivatives is integral to the investment process of the strategy mutual fund, which is a constituent of the Composite. Futures and swaps are utilized and comprise roughly 20% of the fund. The fund may employ leverage, but it is not integral to the investment process. Portfolios have and may invest in CMOs and range accrual notes. Shorting is not utilized.
- 15. A complete list of composite descriptions and broad distribution and limited distribution pooled funds is available upon request.
- 16. Policies for valuing investments, calculating performance, and preparing GIPS Reports are available upon request.
- 17. Past performance is not indicative of future results.
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