# **Global Leaders**

STRATEGY FACT SHEET

### Third Quarter 2024

### WHY INVEST IN BROWN ADVISORY GLOBAL LEADERS?

## We focus on companies that are global leaders that we believe can deliver

**attractive growth.** We define Global Leaders as companies that have competitive advantages with strong management teams, pricing power, above-industry margins and high return on invested capital (ROIC) that is underpinned by long-term, structural growth. High relative ROIC is particularly helpful when analyzing global equities because those companies tend to see profitability persist.

### We believe that the best way to generate attractive risk-adjusted returns over time is through a concentrated, low- turnover

**portfolio.** We scour the global equity universe to identify the most attractive Global Leaders based on bottom-up, fundamental research. By limiting the portfolio to 40 stocks, we can be selective about valuations and choose the most compelling investment opportunities.

Portfolio Manager: Mick Dillon, CFA, Bertie Thomson, CFA Benchmark: MSCI ACWI Net Index

### PERFORMANCE (% AS OF 09/30/2024)

	3 MOS.	YTD	1 YR.	3 YR.	5 YR.	SINCE INCEPTION (05/01/2015)
Global Leaders Composite (Gross of Fees)	5.93	16.55	33.80	8.75	13.14	12.62
Global Leaders Composite (Net of Fees)	5.72	15.87	32.76	7.88	12.25	11.73
MSCI ACWI Index Net (USD)	6.61	18.66	31.76	8.09	12.19	9.35

TOP 10 PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS %		SECTOR BREAKDOWN (%)	REP. ACCT	INDEX
Microsoft Corporation	7.9	Communication Services	6.4	7.8
Deutsche Boerse AG	4.5	Consumer Discretionary	6.9	10.6
London Stock Exchange Group plc	4.5	Consumer Staples	4.4	6.4
Unilever PLC	4.4	Energy		4.0 16.2
Mastercard Incorporated Class A	4.4	Financials	30.3	
Alphabet Inc. Class C	4.1	Health Care	9.9	10.9
		Industrials	17.4	10.6
GE Aerospace	3.8	Information Technology	22.4	24.5
Safran SA	3.4	Materials	2.2	4.1
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., Ltd. Sponsored ADR	3.2	Real Estate		2.2
Zoetis, Inc. Class A	3.1	Utilities		2.7

Source: FactSet® and Brown Advisory calculations. The portfolio information provided is based on a representative Brown Advisory Global Leaders account as of 09/30/2024 and is provided as Supplemental Information. Sector breakdown and portfolio characteristics exclude cash and equivalents; top 10 equity holdings include cash and equivalents which was 0.5% as of 09/30/2024. Geographic composition includes cash and cash equivalents and is subject to change. Sectors are based on the Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS®) classification system. The Composite performance above reflects the Global Leaders composite managed by Brown Advisory Institutional. Brown Advisory Institutional is a GIPS compliant firm and a division of Brown Advisory LLC. Returns greater than one year are annualized. Past performance is not indicative of future results. Numbers may not total 100% due to rounding. Please see the Brown Advisory Global Leaders Composite GIPS Report on the reverse side for additional information and a complete list of terms and definitions. 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 sin such securities have been or will be profitable. To the extent specific securities are mentioned. It should not be assumed that investments in such securities have been or will be profitable. To the extent specific securities are mentioned, they have been selected by the author on an objective basis to illustrate views expressed in the commentary and do not represent all of the securities purchased, sold or recommended for advisory Clients. Sustainable Investing 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 analysis may not be performed for every holding in the strategy.

### STRATEGY PROFILE AS OF 09/30/2024

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BENCHMARK INDEX MSCI ACWI Net Index

STRATEGY ASSETS \$15,203 million

VEHICLES AVAILABLE Separately Managed Account (SMA) Mutual Fund Collective Investment Trust (CIT)

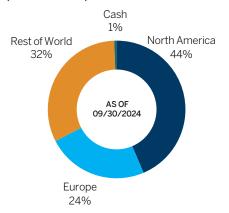
### CHARACTERISTICS AS OF 09/30/2024

	GLOBAL LEADERS REP. ACCT.	MSCI ACWI NET INDEX	
ROIC (LFY ex. financials) Median (%) <sup>1,2</sup>	21.4%	8.7%	
3 YR. growth CAGR Median (%) <sup>2</sup>	8.4%	6.3%	
FCF Yield ex. financials (NTM Median) (%) <sup>1,2</sup>	3.5%	3.8%	
Volatility	15.5%	15.1%	
Sharpe Ratio	0.6	0.5	
Sortino Ratio	1.0	0.7	
Beta	1.0		
Alpha (Net)	2.4%		
Net Debt to EBITDA (ex. Financials) Median <sup>1,2</sup>	0.4	1.2	

1. Ex. Financials excludes banks and insurance companies and outliers excluded from the benchmark.

2.Median Figure as of 06/30/2024

### GEOGRAPHIC COMPOSITION BY COUNTRY OF REVENUE (% OF PORTFOLIO)



Source: Brown Brothers Harriman and Brown Advisory calculations. Region listing by country of revenue as of 09/30/2024 and includes cash and cash equivalents. Numbers may not total due to rounding

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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.

### PORTFOLIO MANAGER PROFILES

#### **MICK DILLON, CFA**

Mick is a portfolio manager within the Global Equity team. He joined Brown Advisory in 2014 to launch and co-manage the Global Focus strategy and Global Leaders strategy. He formerly worked at HSBC Global Asset Management in Hong Kong, where he was the co-head of Asian equities. Mick is originally from Australia and graduated from the University of Melbourne, where he was awarded three Bachelor degrees in six years.

### Brown Advisory Global Leaders Composite

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### **BERTIE THOMSON, CFA**

Bertie is a portfolio manager within the Global Equity team. He joined Brown Advisory in 2015 to launch and co-manage the Global Focus strategy and Global Leaders strategy. Prior to joining Brown Advisory, Bertie spent 13 years at Aberdeen Asset Management where he was most recently a senior investment manager in the pan-European equity team. Bertie achieved his MA (Hons) in Architectural History from Edinburgh University in 2002.

Year									
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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- Private Client division, due to an evolution of the three distinct business lines. The Global Laders 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. Sustainable investment considerations are one of multiple informational inputs into the investment market value required for Composite inclusion is \$1.5 million. Sustainable investment considerations that are material will vary by investment style, sector/industry, market trends and client objectives. The Global Leaders 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 research assessments including the return forceast. The Strategy incorporates data from third parties in its research process build ces not make investment decisions based on third-party data alone. The Composite creation date is August 26. 2015. The Composite inception date is May 1. 2015. 3.
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- 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 inception date. The Advisor determined that MSCI indices are more widely used 6 for global products, and thereby provide more relevant data to shareholders and prospects as well as comparisons to competitors
- 7 Composite dispersion is a negative dispersion 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 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 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 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 returns are calculated by adjusting the gross-of-fee
- 8 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; 0.45% on the next \$50 million; 0.45% on the next \$50 million; 0.40% on the balance over \$150 million. Further information regarding investors (see since 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. Applied on a monthly basis. Certain accounts in the Composite may differ from the current fee schedule. 9
- back to Composite inception. 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. 10
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