## Third Quarter 2024 **SUSTAINABLE CORE REVIEW**

The Brown Advisory Sustainable Core strategy seeks to take a sustainable and dynamic approach to fixed income. We believe that a sustainable and flexible approach to fixed income can offer investors access to a more attractive stream of income and risk-adjusted returns, while simultaneously generating a positive impact on global sustainability issues.

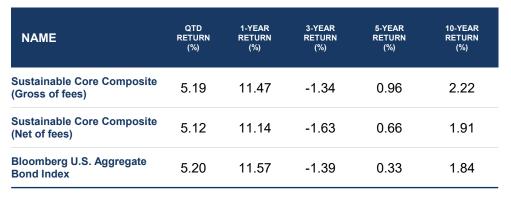
#### **Economic & Market Review**

Economic data has been mixed this quarter. Higher-yielding and longerduration sectors led the market as confidence grew in the Fed's ability to support the U.S. economy while controlling inflation. Inflation has generally been on a downtrend, while growth shows signs of slowing. A consistent theme has been the softening of labor markets, with a 0.2 percentage point uptick in unemployment rates, mostly due to slowing job gains rather than job losses. Additionally, there are signs of slowing consumption, with increased price sensitivity among consumers and rising delinquencies on credit cards and auto loans. In response, the Federal Reserve officially began its easing cycle with a 50 basis points (bps) cut during the September Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) meeting. The magnitude of the cut underscored the less-discussed part of the Fed's mandate, promoting maximum employment. This move marks the start of the Fed's first easing cycle since the onset of the pandemic in March 2020.

During the quarter, interest rates were volatile in response to bond market expectations around the number of cuts to come: less than 2 cuts in 2024 to begin the quarter, 5 cuts following the July nonfarm payroll (NFP) report and ending on 3 by quarter end. 10-Year Treasury yields fell by 66 bps to close at 3.31%. The Bloomberg Aggregate Bond Index (the "Index") returns were-2.34%, +1.44%, and 1.34% respectively for each month through the third quarter ending the quarter with a 5.20% return, enough of an improvement over the previous 6 months for positive return year to date.

In our view, the real economy continues to show signs of weakening– slowly rising delinquency rates in subprime auto loans, more destocking in industrial goods, rising auto inventories and anemic new and existing home sales as consumers' affordability problems mount.

Nonetheless, the advent of interest rate cuts spurred another quarter of strong refinancing activity, which was received well by a yield-hungry market. Investment grade corporate credit spreads tightened 4 bps to 89 bps over Treasuries. However, yields have fallen to 4.72% as broader yields rally.



The torrid pace of high yield and leveraged loan refinancings continued in quarter three as borrowers, especially those at the lower end of the quality spectrum, took advantage of an accommodative market to push out maturities and lower debt burdens on the back of rate cuts. These moves have helped derisk speculative-grade credit heading into uncertain economic conditions, and as such the asset class remains a source of attractive risk-adjusted carry. High yield tightened 15 bps to 295 bps over Treasuries.

We believe the interest rate environment was the driving force behind mortgage performance in the third quarter. Sharply lower rates brought the Mortgage Bankers Association's (MBA) average 30-year mortgage rate 89 bps lower to 6.32%, and along with it a surge in activity in the long dormant refinancing market. At the end of August, the MBA's refinancing index had risen 95% from the end of the third quarter 2023, and this shot up to 185% by the end of September. This was a boon to the vast majority of the outstanding mortgage universe that sits at very low coupon rates with large discounts, producing a record excess return of 77 bps over this period for the Bloomberg US MBS Index. Performance for more recently originated higher coupon mortgages as well as more easily refinance-able Ginnie Mae originations struggled, however, as prepayment risk rises.

In securitized credit, longer duration asset classes such as CMBS outperformed, tightening 4 bps and producing excess returns of 35 bps over the quarter. ABS, with its generally shorter duration profile, was impacted by the bull steepening of the yield curve, widening by 7 bps in spread, despite the average yield falling by 96 bps and producing an excess return of 15 bps. New issue activity additionally

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continues to contribute to a weaker technical environment in the ABS space as \$277 billion was originated year to date, an increase of 25% year-over-year.

Consumer fundamentals remain supported by a strong job market, and recent data continues to provide evidence of this. With that said, we are mindful of the pressure that higher prices and borrowing costs are putting on many households, particularly those who were unable to benefit from the rise in stock markets and housing equity. Without the benefit of pandemic assistance programs, many segments of consumer credit have deteriorated beyond 2019 levels. The shift toward easing monetary policy and a more accommodative Fed will likely provide some relief to consumers, but it is too early to tell whether inflation can be put in the rearview. We remain watchful of trends in performance and cognizant of the impact that any weakness in labor markets would have on consumers.

#### **Portfolio Performance**

The strategy mildly underperformed during the third quarter. We extended duration approximately 20 bps relative to our benchmark during the quarter. This position positively contributed to performance during the quarter, however; this was offset by our yield curve positioning. We had strong performance from agency MBS during the quarter, both our overweight and security selection positively contributed to performance. We ended the quarter with a mild overweight in corporate credit and agency MBS. Corporate bonds, which have been trading at historic tights started to show some weakness, although IG credit spreads did tighten modestly during the period. Fundamentals remain strong but with persistent inflows and tightening spreads, credit has become a bit overvalued which has led to a subsequent sell-off. We do have comfort in investing in select credits that offer attractive risk-adjusted income opportunities as spread volatility likely remains benign for the foreseeable future.

Our rigorous, bottom-up research process enables us to continue to identify investment opportunities that offer attractive income generation. We believe that recent shifts we've made will enable the strategy to perform in a range of market outcomes. Given our late cycle view, we continue to focus on liquidity and quality.

#### Outlook

It has been a challenging year for both the equity and fixed income markets. However; the negative correlation between bonds and equities re-emerged. As we enter the fourth quarter facing higher-than-usual levels of uncertainty, continued elevated market volatility should be expected, with mounting geopolitical events and the US election around the corner, as well as variable economic data as global growth slows. History shows that market volatility increases in the months preceding and following presidential elections. This is not surprising given the impact that fiscal and other policy positions can have on the economy, corporate profits, and investor behavior. We don't expect this cycle to be any different.

We continue to be excited for the remainder of the year ahead given the elevated yields in fixed income and the potential for capital appreciation if interest rates eventually decline. Core fixed income can serve as a ballast should economic and/or market conditions deteriorate. The strategy will continue to focus on generating strong risk-adjusted returns for our clients maintaining a focus on quality.

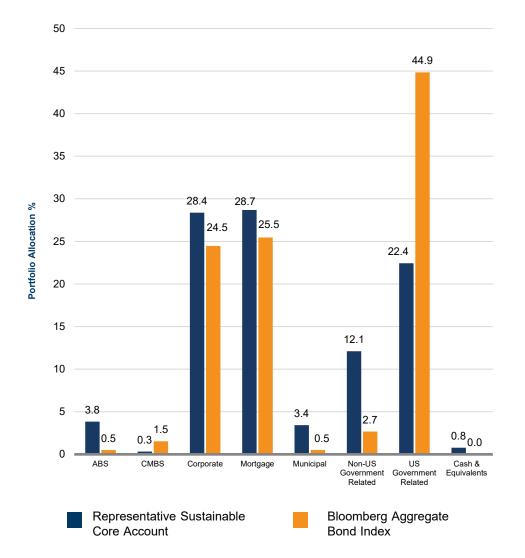
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## Third Quarter 2024 PORTFOLIO ATTRIBUTES

Sustainable Core Representative Account as of 09/30/2024





#### **Portfolio Characteristics**

	REP. ACCOUNT	BENCHMARK
Avg. Credit Quality	Aa3	Aa2
Effective Duration (years)	6.3	6.1
Yield to Worst (%)	4.3	4.2
Avg. Life (years)	7.5	8.5

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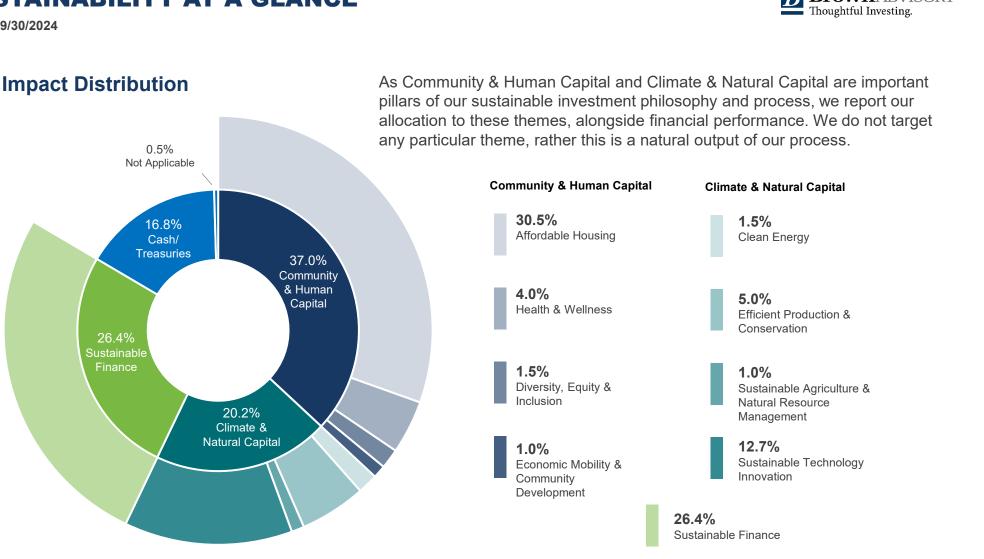
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0.5%

Cash/

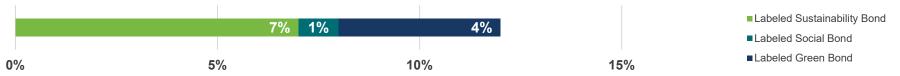
26.4% Sustainable Finance

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#### Percentage of Portfolio in Labeled Bonds

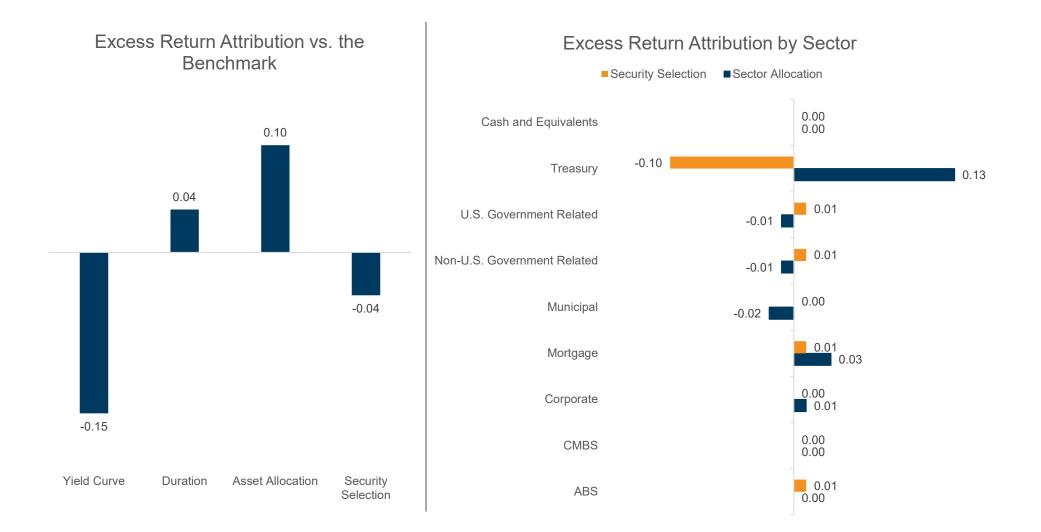


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Portfolio Level Details	
Yield Curve (Twist)	-0.15
Duration (Shift)	0.04
Asset Allocation	0.09
Security Selection	-0.03
Total	-0.05

	REPRESENTATIVE SUSTAINABLE CORE ACCOUNT	BLOOMBERG AGGREGATE BOND INDEX	ATTRIBUTION FACTORS				
SECTOR	SECTOR WEIGHT	SECTOR WEIGHT	SHIFT EFFECT	TWIST EFFECT	ALLOCATION EFFECT	SELECTION EFFECT	TOTAL EFFECT (LOCAL)
ABS	4.29	0.46	0.03	0.01	0.00	-0.02	0.01
CMBS	0.35	1.55	-0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.05
Corporate	27.41	24.44	-0.38	0.17	0.01	0.00	-0.20
Mortgage	29.03	25.55	0.27	-0.02	0.02	0.05	0.32
Municipal	3.46	0.52	0.04	0.04	-0.02	0.00	0.06
Non-U.S. Government Related	12.25	2.68	0.23	0.01	-0.01	0.01	0.24
U.S. Government Related	7.04	1.39	0.20	-0.02	-0.01	0.01	0.19
Treasury	14.78	43.40	-0.30	-0.33	0.13	-0.10	-0.61
Cash and Equivalents	1.39	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	100.00	100.00	0.04	-0.15	0.09	-0.03	-0.05

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#### SAMPLE HOLDINGS

Sustainable Core

#### **BROADCOM INC.**



#### Portfolio Holding: Broadcom Inc. (AVGO)

Broadcom is a global technology company that develops semiconductors and infrastructure software

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#### **Fundamental Drivers**

- Highly cash-generative, dominant incumbent in data infrastructure technology that is rapidly expanding w/ the advent of AI
- Acquisition of VMW diversifies a hardware-centered portfolio with mission-critical database and enterprise management software
- M&A and shareholder-friendly capital allocation balanced by delevering plan following VMW acquisition, industry-leading cost management and margin preservation

#### **Sustainable Drivers**

- Broadcom supports data center operators in reducing their power consumption through several high-performance and cost-effective applications.
- VMW's technology optimizes data center infrastructure, lowering its energy consumption and carbon emissions.
- Beyond data centers, Broadcom also offers a variety of solutions for wind and solar power applications, EV's charging systems, and other technologies that enable the energy transition.

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#### **REGAL REXNORD CORPORATION**



#### Portfolio Holding: Regal Rexnord Corporation (RRX)

Regal Rexnord is a manufacturer of electric motors and power transmission components

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#### **Fundamental Drivers**

- Leading scale in factory automation and HVAC component supply
- 20%+ EBITDA margins and a history of price maintenance despite volume cyclicality
- Secular tailwinds driving growth/terminal value visibility
- Significant FCF of \$500mm/yr+, pre-payable debt carves path to delivering following major acquisition

#### **Sustainable Drivers**

- Prioritizes driving energy efficiency across its products, and should benefit from tailwinds including increasing regulation, electrification, automation and digitalization.
- Provides inputs to HVAC and data center cooling systems, powertrains for electric or hybrid systems on construction and farm equipment, and content for wind turbines.

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

The **Selection Effect** is measured by using the remainder once income, treasury and spread effects are subtracted from the total return.

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**Effective Duration** is a time measure of a bond's interest rate sensitivity, based on the weighted average of the time periods over which a bond's cash flows accrue to the bondholder.

Yield to Worst is calculated by making worst-case scenario assumptions on the issue by calculating the returns that would be received if provisions, including prepayment, call or sinking fund, are used by the issuer.

Average Life is the average period of time for all principal dollars to be returned to investors.

Yield curve is a line that plots the yields or interest rates of bonds that have equal credit quality but different maturity dates.

### 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)*
2023	4.4	4.1	5.5	6.5	7.1	44	0.7	965	81,325
2022	-12.8	-12.3	-13.0	5.9	5.8	34	0.2	583	58,575
2021	-0.4	-0.8	-1.5	4.6	3.6	31	0.3	502	79,715
2020	9.4	9.4	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	3.3	3.5	2.8	2.8	11	0.3	113	33,155
2016	1.0	0.7	2.7	N/A	N/A	9	0.1	91	30,417
2015	1.2	0.9	0.6	N/A	N/A	Five or fewer	N/A	60	43,746
2014**	2.0	N/A	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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- 6. The composite creation date is November 1, 2015. The composite inception date is October 1, 2014.
- 7. The benchmark is the Bloomberg Aggregate Bond Index. The Bloomberg 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 agency, corporate, asset-backed, and mortgage-backed securities between one and ten years. "Bloomberg®" and Bloomberg Aggregate Bond Index are service marks of Bloomberg Finance L.P. and its affiliates, including Bloomberg Index Services Limited ("BISL"), the administrator of the index (collectively, "Bloomberg") and have been licensed for use for certain purposes by Brown Advisory Institutional. Bloomberg is not affiliated with Brown Advisory Institutional, and Bloomberg does not approve, endorse, review, or recommend the Composite. Bloomberg does not guarantee the timeliness, accurateness, or completeness of any data or information relating to the Composite. An investor cannot invest directly into an index. Benchmark returns are not covered by the report of the independent verifiers.
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- 10. 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.
- 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.)
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