

# U.S. Sustainable Growth Fund

**November 2023: Fund Factsheet** 

FOR MARKETING PURPOSES

## **Fund Objective**

The Fund aims to achieve capital appreciation over the long term.

The U.S. Sustainable Growth Fund seeks to invest in companies with outstanding business models, attractive valuations and sustainability drivers that we believe can directly benefit financial performance by specifically driving revenue growth, cost improvements and enhanced franchise value. We define these as *Sustainable Business Advantages* (SBA).

We believe that sustainable strategies can drive a company's financial performance and long-term equity valuation leading to attractive returns for shareholders as well as benefits for the environment and society globally.

# Portfolio Managers

ISIN: IE00BF1T6S03



### Karina Funk, CFA

- Portfolio Manager, Chair of Sustainable Investing
- Investment experience since 2003
- Joined Brown Advisory in 2009



### David Powell, CFA

- PortfolioManager
- Investment experience since 1997
- Joined Brown Advisory in 2001

### **Fund Performance and Profile**

### Performance (% net of fees)

| As | of 30 | Novem | ber | 2023 |
|----|-------|-------|-----|------|
|    |       |       |     |      |

| ANNUALIZED RETURNS                                 | 1 Month | YTD   |       |       | 3 Year | ITD   |
|--|---------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|
| U.S. Sustainable<br>Growth Fund Class B<br>USD Acc | 12.91   | 32.19 | 24.33 | -4.34 | 6.94   | 16.39 |
| Russell 1000® Growth<br>Net Index (USD)            | 10.86   | 36.28 | 25.82 | -0.85 | 8.64   | 17.05 |

| ROLLING 12 MONTHRETURNS                         | November 2022<br>to November<br>2023 | November 2021<br>to November<br>2022 | November 2020<br>to November<br>2021 | November 2019<br>to November<br>2020 |
|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| U.S. Sustainable Growth<br>Fund Class B USD Acc | 24.33                                | -26.40                               | 33.65                                | 39.17                                |
| Russell 1000® Growth Net<br>Index (USD)         | 25.82                                | -21.86                               | 30.41                                | 35.99                                |

Source: Brown Brothers Harriman. Performance over 1 year is annualized. YTD: Year-to-date  $\mid$  ITD: Inception-to-date

Past performance may not be a reliable guide to future performance and investors may not get back the amount invested.

#### Fund Profile

| FundSize                   | USD 4,750 million                |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Benchmark*                 | Russell 1000° Growth Net Index   |
| Share Class Inception Date | 21 January 2019                  |
| FundInception Date         | 3 April 2017                     |
| StrategyInceptionDate      | 31 December 2009                 |
| PortfolioHoldings          | Typically 30 – 40                |
| PositionSize               | Typically 1% – 5%                |
| Top10 Holdings             | Typically 35% – 50%              |
| Market Capitalization      | >\$2 billion at time of purchase |

\*The Fund uses the Russell 1000 Growth Net Index as a Comparator Benchmark to compare performance. The Fund is actively managed and is not constrained by any benchmark.

# Share Class and Dealing Details

#### Share Class Information

| Share Class Name                 | Class B USD Acc |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| ISIN                             | IE00BF1T6S03    |
| SEDOL                            | BF1T6S0         |
| Bloomberg                        | BASGDBA ID      |
| WKN                              | A2PQ5U          |
| Share Class Currency             | USD             |
| Dividend Policy                  | Accumulating    |
| Ongoing Charges (OCF)            | 0.86%           |
| Management Fee (included in OCF) | 0.75%           |

### **Dealing Information**

| Structure             | UCITS (Ireland)                   |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Administrator         | Brown Brothers Harriman (Ireland) |
| Settlement            | T+2                               |
| Dealing Cut Off Point | 15:00 Irish Time, Daily           |
| NAV Calculation       | Daily                             |
| Fund Base Currency    | USD                               |

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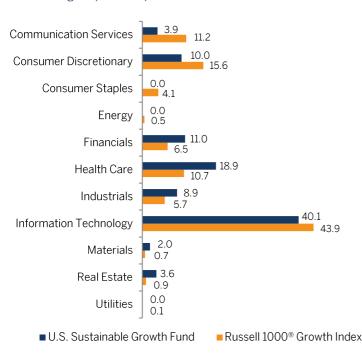
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### **Fund Attributes**

Sector Weights (inc. cash)



### Top 10 Equity Holdings

| SECURITY                        | %    |
|---------------------------------|------|
| Microsoft Corporation           | 6.5  |
| NVIDIA Corporation              | 6.0  |
| Amazon.com, Inc.                | 5.2  |
| Visa Inc. Class A               | 4.6  |
| Intuit Inc.                     | 4.6  |
| UnitedHealth Group Incorporated | 4.3  |
| ServiceNow, Inc.                | 4.0  |
| Alphabet Inc. Class A           | 3.9  |
| American Tower Corporation      | 3.6  |
| Danaher Corporation             | 3.5  |
| Total                           | 46.2 |

As of 30 November 2023

Source: FactSet®. Holdings shown are for informational purposes only and are not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold and security. Sectors are based on the Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS®) classification system.

### **ESG Screens**

The Fund intends to invest in companies with measurable ESG outcomes, as determined by Brown Advisory, and seeks to screen out particular companies and industries. In addition to our proprietary and qualitative ESG analysis, we rely on a third-party provider to apply a rules-based screening process which seeks to identify companies that may have controversial business involvement, as determined by Brown Advisory. For example, the Fund seeks to exclude companies that may defy the United Nations Global Compact Principles. The Fund also seeks to impose investment guidelines on possible controversies including, but not limited to, controversial weapons, conventional weapons, animal testing, fossil fuels, adult entertainment, alcohol, tobacco and gambling.

Note: For further information please contact us. It is important for investors to understand that the data informing this process is derived from third party sources, including companies themselves. Although we believe our process is reasonably designed, such data is inherently subject to interpretation, restatement, delay and omission outside of our control.

# Risk and Reward Profile



The risk and reward indicator is based on historical data and may not be a reliable indication for the future risk profile of the Fund.

- The risk category shown is not guaranteed to remain unchanged and may shift over time.
- The lowest category does not mean your investment is risk-free. The Fund's investments are subject to normal market fluctuations and other risks inherent in equities.
- The Fund is in category 6 as it mostly invests in equities, which typically experience higher levels of price fluctuation than other types of instruments.
- For a more detailed explanation of these and other risk factors, please refer to the section entitled Risk Factors in the prospectus and supplement.

### **REWARDS:**

- U.S. large-cap sustainable as well as U.S. large-cap growth investment solution with exposure to long-term investment opportunities.
- The manager combines proprietary sustainability research with fundamental business analysis in order to seek companies that are providing solutions for some of the greatest sustainability challenges our society faces.

#### RISKS:

- Equities Risk: Equity investments are subject to greater fluctuation in market value than other asset classes as a result of such factors as a company's business performance, investor perceptions, stock market trends and several economic conditions. This may cause the Fund's share price to fluctuate. For this reason, a long-term investment horizon is recommended.
- Geographic Concentration Risk: The Fund's assets are concentrated in the United States market which may lead to greater price fluctuations than if it were invested in securities of a broader geographic base.
- Liquidity Risk: The Fund may invest in securities that may, due to negative market conditions, become difficult to sell or may need to be sold at an unfavorable price. This may affect the overall value of the Fund.
- Currency Risk: Where the share class is denominated in a currency other than the investor's home currency, fluctuations in exchange rates may result in an increase or decrease in investment returns.
- Other Risks: The Fund may also experience operational and counterparty risks.

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Performance data above relates to the Brown Advisory U.S. Sustainable Growth Fund (the "Fund"). The performance is net of management fees and operating expenses. Past performance may not be a reliable guide to future performance and you may not get back the amount invested. Changes in exchange rates may have an adverse effect on the value price or income of the product. The difference at any one time between the sale and repurchase price of units in the Fund means that the investment should be viewed as medium to long term. This factsheet is issued by Brown Advisory Ltd, authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority in the U.K. Any entity responsible for forwarding this material to other parties takes responsibility for ensuring compliance with applicable financial promotion rules. This is not an offer or an invitation to subscribe in the Fund and is by way of information only. Cancellation rights do not apply and U.K. regulatory complaints may not apply. Compensation will not be made available to U.K. retail investors under the U.K. Financial Services Compensation Scheme. This is not intended as investment or financial advice. Investment decisions should not be made on the basis of this factsheet. Investors should carefully consider the investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses of the Fund. This and other important information is contained in the Prospectus of Brown Advisory Funds plc (the "Company"), the Supplement relating to the Fund and the applicable Key Investor Information Document(s) ("KIIDs"). Read these documents carefully before you invest. The Company's Prospectus along with the Fund's Supplement and KIIDs are available by calling +44 (0)20 3301 8130 or visiting www.brownadvisory.com.

The Fund is a sub-fund of the Company, an umbrella fund with segregated liability between sub-funds. The Fund is authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland as a UCITS pursuant to the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations, 2011 as may be amended, supplemented or consolidated from time to time (the "Regulations"). The Company has appointed Brown Advisory (Ireland) Limited as its UCITS management company which is authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland pursuant to the Regulations and the Central Bank (Supervision and Enforcement) Act 2013 (Section 48(1)) (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2019, as amended. The investment manager of the Fund is Brown Advisory LLC. The distributor of the Fund is Brown Advisory LLC.

The Fund is a recognized collective investment scheme for the purposes of section 264 of the UK's Financial Services and Markets Act 2000.

ESG considerations that are material will vary by investment style, sector/industry, market trends and client objectives. The strategy seeks to identify companies 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 companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular investor. The strategy may also invest in companies 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 companies with measurable ESG outcomes, as determined by Brown Advisory, and seeks to screen out particular companies and industries. Brown Advisory relies on third parties to provide data and screening tools. There is no assurance that this information will be accurate or complete or that it will properly exclude all applicable securities. Investments selected using these tools may perform differently than as forecasted due to the factors incorporated into the screening process, changes from historical trends, and issues in the 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.

The Fund uses the Russell 1000® Growth Net Index as a comparator benchmark to compare performance. The Fund is actively managed and is not constrained by any benchmark. 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. It 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.

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