

Equity Income

STRATEGY FACT SHEET

Fourth Quarter 2017

WHY INVEST IN BROWN ADVISORY EQUITY INCOME?

Above-average dividend yield and growth potential can add stability to a core portfolio. The manager seeks to produce a dividend yield higher than the S&P 500® Index, and initiate positions only in stocks that yield at least as much as the Index. We emphasize firms that are likely to raise dividends in the future and companies with growth that have the potential to compound over time. This combination of above-average yield and growth can help to potentially lower a portfolio's overall volatility over a full market cycle.

Our process. The strategy uses a bottom-up approach to security selection. Initial screens filter for the following traits: dividend yield, payout ratio and growth, earnings growth, stock valuation, capital structure and return on equity (ROE). Then, the manager performs fundamental analysis and assesses management. The portfolio typically holds 35-45 securities and strives for low turnover.

Portfolio Manager: Brian Graney, CFA

Benchmark: S&P500® Index

STRATEGY PROFILE AS OF 12/31/2017

BENCHMARK INDEX

S&P 500 Index

STRATEGY ASSETS

\$475 million

VEHICLES AVAILABLE

Separately Managed Account (SMA)

Model Only

Mutual Fund

PERFORMANCE (% AS OF 12/31/2017)

	3 MOS.	1 YR.	3 YR.	5 YR.	ITD (12/31/2009)
Equity Income Composite (Gross of Fees)	6.80	21.45	8.66	13.04	13.31
Equity Income Composite (Net of Fees)	6.66	20.78	8.05	12.39	12.66
S&P 500® Index	6.64	21.83	11.41	15.79	14.86

TOP 10 PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS %

Microsoft Corp.	4.9
Altria Group, Inc.	4.8
Cash & Equivalents	4.6
Apple, Inc.	3.9
McDonald's Corp.	3.5
AbbVie, Inc.	3.5
JPMorgan Chase & Co.	3.3
Philip Morris International, Inc.	3.3
Cisco Systems, Inc.	3.3
Automatic Data Processing, Inc.	3.0

SECTOR BREAKDOWN (%)

	REP. ACCT	INDEX
Consumer Discretionary	12.3	12.1
Consumer Staples	13.8	8.2
Energy	5.2	6.1
Financials	17.7	14.8
Health Care	12.6	13.8
Industrials	9.4	10.3
Information Technology	20.2	23.8
Materials	2.0	3.0
Real Estate	6.9	2.9
Telecommunication Services	--	2.1
Utilities	--	2.9

CHARACTERISTICS AS OF 12/31/2017

	EQUITY INCOME REP. ACCT.	S&P 500 INDEX
Weighted Avg. Market Cap.	\$178.2B	\$196.7B
P/E Ratio (FY2 Est.)	19.1x	18.1x
Active Share	77.7%	--
Dividend Yield	2.5%	1.8%
Portfolio Beta (Since Inception)	0.76	--
Return on Equity (ROE)	19.6%	19.3%

PORTFOLIO MANAGER PROFILE

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Brian Graney is an equity research analyst and portfolio manager for the Equity Income strategy. Prior to joining Brown Advisory in 2008, he was a portfolio manager for Alex. Brown Investment Management as well as a writer/analyst at *The Motley Fool*. Brian earned his BA degree from George Washington University.

Source: FactSet®. The composite performance shown above reflects the Brown Advisory Equity Income Composite, managed by Brown Advisory Institutional. Brown Advisory Institutional is a division of Brown Advisory LLC, and Brown Advisory Institutional is a GIPS® compliant firm. The portfolio information provided is based on a representative Brown Advisory Equity Income account as of 12/31/2017 and is provided as supplemental information. Sector breakdown and portfolio characteristics exclude cash and equivalents; top 10 holdings include cash and equivalents. 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. Composite performance is based on the Brown Advisory Equity Income Composite and was obtained through FactSet. Returns greater than one year are annualized. Past performance is not indicative of future results. Numbers may not total due to rounding. The composite performance shown above reflects the Equity Income, managed by Brown Advisory Institutional. Brown Advisory Institutional is a division of Brown Advisory LLC, and Brown Advisory Institutional is a GIPS® compliant firm. Please see the final page for a GIPS compliant presentation. Please see the Brown Advisory Equity Income Composite performance disclosure on the reverse side for additional information and a complete list of terms and definitions.

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Brown Advisory Equity Income

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)	GIPS Firm Assets (\$USD Millions)
2016	10.5	9.9	12	9.7	10.6	43	0.2	249	30,417
2015	-4.4	-5	1.4	10.1	10.5	53	0.2	331	43,746
2014	11.3	10.7	13.7	8.3	9	72	0.3	446	44,772
2013	29.2	28.5	32.4	8.6	11.9	84	0.3	450	40,739
2012	12.8	12	16	NA	NA	67	0.2	350	26,794
2011	11.6	11	2.1	NA	NA	43	0.2	120	19,962
2010*	6.5	6.5	10.8	NA	NA	8	N/A	22	16,859

*Return is for period October 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010.

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