# Intermediate Fixed Income

STRATEGY FACT SHEET

Fourth Quarter 2017

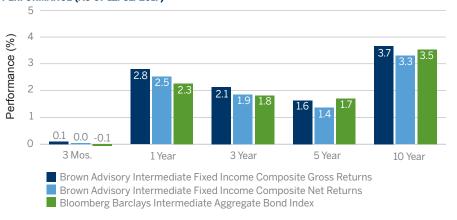
# **Brown** ADVISORY Thoughtful Investing.

# **PHILOSOPHY**

The Brown Advisory Intermediate Fixed Income team believes that a portfolio of intermediate-term investment-grade fixed income securities, identified through fundamental analysis and concentrated on our best ideas, has the potential to deliver attractive risk-adjusted returns over time.

STRATEGY INCEPTION DATE: 03/31/1993

### PERFORMANCE (AS OF 12/31/2017)1



#### STRATEGY CLASSIFICATION

Strategy Type	Separate Account
Asset Class Focus	Intermediate-term, Investment-grade Core Fixed Income
Geographic Focus	United States
Domicile	United States
Objective	Total Return
Benchmark	Bloomberg Barclays Intermediate Aggregate Bond Index

#### Notes:

- Source: FactSet®. Returns shown are through 12/31/2017 for each period. All returns greater than one year are annualized. Past performance is not indicative of future results.
- Source: FactSet<sup>®</sup>. The portfolio information on the right is based on a representative Institutional Intermediate Fixed Income account and is provided as supplemental information. Portfolio level information includes cash and cash equivalents. Fixed income sectors, quality distribution and duration distribution may not total 100% due to rounding.
- 3. The composite performance shown above reflects the Institutional Intermediate Fixed 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. Please see the reverse side for a GIPS compliant presentation and complete list of terms and definitions.

### PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS<sup>2</sup>

	REP. ACCOUNT	BLOOMBERG BARCLAYS INT. AGG. INDEX		
Avg. Credit Quality	Aa3	AA1/AA2		
Effective Duration (years)	3.9	4.2		
Yield to Worst (%)	2.8	2.6		
Avg. Life (years)	6.0	5.2		

#### SECTOR BREAKDOWN (%)2

	REP. ACCOUNT	BLOOMBERG BARCLAYS INT. AGG. INDEX		
Cash & Equivalents	1.7			
Treasuries	15.5	36.5		
Agencies	6.3			
Securitized	44.1	36.4		
Corporates	28.3	20.8		
Municipal – Revenue	1.0			
Municipal – GO				
Municipal – Taxable	6.7			
Municipal – VRDN				
Municipal - ARS	2.7			
Other				

#### QUALITY DISTRIBUTION (%)2

	REP. ACCOUNT	BLOOMBERG BARCLAYS INT. AGG. INDEX	
AAA/Aaa	35.5	76.6	
AA/Aa	33.7	3.5	
A	7.1	9.3	
BBB/Baa	23.7	10.6	
Other			

## DURATION DISTRIBUTION (%)2

	REP. ACCOUNT	BLOMOBERG BARCLAYS INT. AGG. INDEX
Less than 1 Year	20.7	0.1
1 to 3 Years	8.1	27.2
3 to 5 Years	47.0	43.5
5 to 7 Years	15.0	21.3
7 to 10 Years	8.2	7.9
Greater than 10 years	1.0	



# **About Brown Advisory**

Brown Advisory is a leading independent investment firm that offers a wide range of solutions to institutions, corporations, nonprofits, families and individuals. Our mission is to make a material and positive difference in the lives of our clients by providing them first-rate investment performance, customized strategic advice and the highest level of personalized service.

We follow a philosophy that fixed income strategies built from a foundation of stability coupled with fundamental credit research can seek to generate alpha and control risk. We have a culture and firm equity ownership structure that attract and retain professionals who share those beliefs, and we follow a repeatable investment process that helps us stay true to our philosophy.

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# Brown Advisory Institutional Intermediate Fixed 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	2.5	2.2	2.0	2.0	2.1	19	0.2	274	30,417
2015	1.1	0.8	1.2	2.1	2.1	21	0.1	305	43,746
2014	4.0	3.7	4.1	2.1	2.0	23	0.2	316	44,772
2013	-2.1	-2.4	-1.0	2.2	2.0	19	0.3	353	40,739
2012	4.4	4.0	3.6	2.0	1.9	19	0.2	472	26,794
2011	6.7	6.2	6.0	2.4	2.3	16	0.3	448	19,962
2010	6.1	5.8	6.1	3.6	3.4	12	0.4	426	16,859
2009	6.8	6.2	6.5	3.6	3.3	8	0.8	372	11,058
2008	4.8	4.4	4.9	3.3	3.2	7	1.0	228	8,547
2007	7.6	7.0	7.0	2.0	2.3	7	0.3	213	7,385

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- 2. The Institutional Intermediate Fixed Income Composite includes all discretionary institutional accounts that invest in fixed income securities that primarily have an intermediate maturity, between one and ten years or an average duration between two and five years. This composite has been examined for the periods from January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2009. The examination reports are available upon request. The minimum account market value required for composite inclusion is \$2 million. Prior to 2012 the minimum was \$2.5 million.
- 3. This composite was created in 2002.
- 4. The benchmark is the Bloomberg Barclays Intermediate Aggregate Bond Index. This index is an unmanaged index that consists of 1-10 year governments, 1-10 year corporates, all mortgages, and all asset-backed securities within the Aggregate Index. An investor cannot invest directly into an index. Bloomberg Barclays Indices are trademarks of Bloomberg or its licensors, including Barclays Bank PLC. Benchmark returns are not covered by the report of the independent verifiers.
- 5. The dispersion of annual returns is measured by the equal weighted standard deviation of portfolio returns.
- 6. 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.
- 7. 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.
- 3. Valuations and performance returns are computed and stated in U.S. Dollars. All returns reflect the reinvestment of income and other earnings
- 9. A complete list of composite descriptions, policies for valuing portfolios, calculating performance, and preparing compliant presentations are available upon request.
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