

# U.S. Sustainable Growth Fund

# May 2017: Fund Factsheet

Our U.S. Sustainable Growth Fund was launched on 3rd April 2017. Co-Portfolio Managers Karina Funk and David Powell already manage \$868m in assets in this strategy via a U.S. mutual fund and numerous separate account mandates. We are excited to have this strategy available via a UCITS Fund as well. The U.S. Sustainable Growth Fund seeks companies with outstanding business models and sustainability drivers that directly benefit financial performance by specifically driving revenue growth, cost improvements and enhanced franchise value. We believe that the U.S. Sustainable Growth Fund has a distinct competitive advantage in the marketplace with an attractive long-term performance track record.

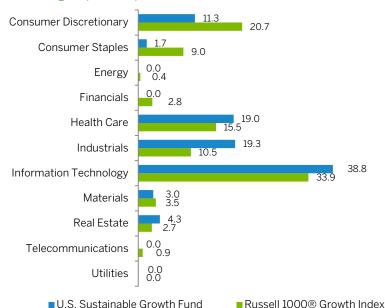
#### Annualised Performance (% net of fees)

As of 31 May 2017

SHARE CLASSES (INCEPTION DATE)	1 MO	ITD
U.S. Sustainable Growth Fund C USD (03-April-2017)	2.3	6.3
Russell 1000® Growth Index Net (USD)	2.6	5.1

Source: Brown Brothers Harriman.

#### Sector Weights (inc. cash)



### Characteristics

Source: Factset

	U.S. SUSTAINABLE GROWTH FUND	RUSSELL 1000® GROWTH INDEX
FY2 P/E Ratio	24.0x	18.9x
P/E-Growth Ratio	1.4x	1.3x
Gross Yield*	0.62%	1.40%
Cash	2.6%	-
Market Cap		
Weighted Average	\$156.6 bn	\$193.9 bn
<\$10 billion	19.0%	9.9%
\$10-100 billion	48.2%	47.3%
>\$100 billion	30.2%	42.8%

<sup>\*</sup> Dividend yield for each share class is lower. Dividend rates are available upon request

#### Portfolio Managers



Karina Funk, CFA Co-Portfolio Manager, Head of Sustainable Investing Investment experience since 2003; joined Brown Advisory in 2009



David Powell, CFA Co-Portfolio Manager Investment experience since 1997; joined Brown Advisory in 2001

# Strategy Profile

Benchmark	Russell 1000® Growth Index
UCITS Fund Inception	April 3, 2017
Strategy Inception	December 31, 2009
Portfolio Holdings	Typically 30 - 40
Position Size	Typically 1%- 5%
Fund Size	USD 1 million
Top 10 Holdings	Typically 35% - 50%
Market Capitalisation	>\$2 billion at time of purchase

## Top 10 Equity Holdings

SECURITY	
Alphabet Inc. Class A & C	5.8
Amazon.com, Inc.	5.6
Visa Inc. Class A	5.1
Adobe Systems Incorporated	4.8
Microsoft Corporation	4.8
Facebook, Inc. Class A	4.6
UnitedHealth Group Incorporated	4.3
American Tower Corporation	4.3
Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc.	4.2
Danaher Corporation	4.0
Total	47.5

## Performance Contributors

TOP 5 CONTRIBUTORS	%
Amazon.com, Inc.	+7.5
Intuit Inc.	+12.3
Mettler-Toledo International Inc.	+13.5
Alphabet Inc. Class A	+6.8
Adobe Systems Incorporated	+6.1
BOTTOM 5 CONTRIBUTORS	
BOTTOM 3 GONTRIBOTORS	
Akamai Technologies, Inc.	-17.7
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Akamai Technologies, Inc. TreeHouse Foods, Inc.	-17.7 -11.9

Total return (%) of equity security is the sum of the return from price movement and the return due to dividend payments or other sources of income.



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#### **ESG Screens**

Our fundamental, bottom-up research process enjoys a large universe of opportunities. Our stock selection is ultimately tested against backend screens to avoid certain controversial business involvement.

The Fund excludes companies that:

- Defy the United Nations Global Compact Principles
- Derive any of their revenues from controversial weapons
- Conduct animal testing for non-medical purposes
- Own fossil fuel reserves; are utilities that generate power from fossil fuels

#### **Fund Facts**

Structure	UCITS (Ireland)
Administrator	Brown Brothers Harriman (Ireland)
Settlement	T+3
Minimum Investment (in relevant currency)	A: 5,000 B: 10,000,000 P: 10
Dealing Cut Off Point	15:00 Irish Time, Daily
Seed Share Class C USD Acc	ISIN: IE00BF1T7322 SEED AMC: 0.50% SEED TER: 0.75% (capped)
Eligibility (UK)	ISA and SIPP

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The Fund imposes limits on the following business activities:

- <3% turnover (by company) from adult entertainment</p>
- <5% turnover (by company) from military equipment</p>
- <5% turnover (by company) from alcohol
- <5% turnover (by company) from tobacco products</p>
- <5% turnover (by company) from gambling</p>

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- Fundamentally driven, investment management firm
- Founded in 1993 as investment management arm of Alex. Brown & Sons
- Independent since 1998, employee-owned
- Over USD 55 billion in client assets<sup>1</sup>

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