# Mid-Cap Growth

STRATEGY FACT SHEET

#### First Quarter 2018

#### WHY INVEST IN BROWN ADVISORY MID-CAP GROWTH?

The strategy seeks to outperform through stock selection and downside protection.

The managers look for durable, scalable business models led by capable management teams where a clear investment thesis can be articulated. Extensive analysis can establish differentiated views on the (1) size and growth potential of each addressable market opportunity, (2) a company's possible sustainable competitive advantages and (3) its ability to attempt to achieve attractive results at scale. Managers Chris Berrier and George Sakellaris take a long-term approach in constructing a focused portfolio with high active share. Supported by a deep, experienced equity research team and the firm's robust private investment network, they invests like a business owner for the long-term. They build on the stengths of the Small-Cap Growth Strategy to capture the compounded return beyond the small-cap range.

Portfolio Manager: Christopher Berrier & George Sakellaris, CFA Benchmark: Russell Midcap®Growth Index

#### PERFORMANCE (% AS OF 03/31/2018)

	3 MOS.	1 YR.	3 YR.	5 YR.
Mid-Cap Growth Composite (Gross of Fees)	4.75	19.51	12.82	15.41
Mid-Cap Growth Composite (Net of Fees)	4.61	18.77	12.05	14.61
Russell Midcap® Growth Index	2.17	19.74	9.17	13.31

**TOP 10 PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS %** 

Waste Connections Inc	3.9
Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc.	2.6
Edwards Lifesciences Corp.	2.6
Marriott International, Inc.	2.6
Catalent, Inc.	2.6
Cotiviti Holdings, Inc.	2.6
Ball Corp.	2.5
Ecolab, Inc.	2.5
Cogent Communications Group, Inc.	2.3
TransUnion	2.3

SECTOR BREAKDOWN (%)	REP. ACCT	INDEX
Consumer Discretionary	11.8	16.8
Consumer Staples	5.0	4.2
Energy		2.3
Financials	3.5	7.5
Health Care	17.3	13.3
Industrials	21.4	17.2
Information Technology	30.2	29.5
Materials	5.1	5.8
Real Estate	2.0	3.1
Telecommunication Services	3.7	0.2
Utilities		0.1

#### STRATEGY PROFILE AS OF 03/31/2018

BENCHMARK Russell Midcap®GrowthIndex

**STRATEGY ASSETS** \$105 million

#### VEHICLES AVAILABLE

Separately Managed Account (SMA) Model Only

#### CHARACTERISTICS AS OF 03/31/2018

	MID-CAP GROWTH REP. ACCT.	RUSSELL MIDCAP GROWTH INDEX
Weighted Avg. Market Cap.	\$14.2 B	\$16.4 B
Weighted Median Market Cap.	\$10.4 B	\$14.1 B
Earnings Growth (3-5 Yr. Est.)	15.6%	16.5%
P/E Ratio (FY2 Est.)	21.5x	18.1x

### PORTFOLIO MANAGER PROFILE

#### CHRISTOPHER A. BERRIER

Christopher Berrier is the portfolio manager of the Small-Cap Growth and Mid-Cap Growth strategies. Prior to joining the firm in September 2005, he was a senior equity analyst at T. Rowe Price, covering multiple sectors with a primary focus on small- and mid-capitalization growth companies. Chris earned his AB degree from Princeton University in 2000.

#### GEORGE SAKELLARIS, CFA

George Sakellaris, CFA, is a portfolio manager of the Mid-Cap Growth strategy and an equity research analyst dedicated to the Small-Cap Growth strategy. Prior to joining the firm, he started and managed a small-cap growth strategy at Credo Capital Management and served as director of research and an analyst for GARP Research & Securities.

Source: FactSet®. The portfolio information provided is based on a representative Brown Advisory Mid-Cap Growth account as of 03/31/2018 and is provided as supplemental information. Sectors are based on the Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS®) classification system. Sector breakdown and portfolio characteristics exclude cash and equivalents; top 10 portfolio 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. The composite performance shown above reflects the Mid-Cap Growth Equity Composite, managed by Brown Advisory Institutional is a division of Brown Advisory LC. Brown Advisory ILC. Brown Advisory LLC. Returns greater than one year are annualized. Past performance disclosure on the reverse side for additional information and a complete list of terms and definitions.

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### Brown Advisory Mid-Cap Growth Equity

Year									GIPS Firm Assets (\$USDMillions)
2017	23.9	23.1	25.3	9.8	10.9	Five or fewer	N/A	48	33,155
2016	9.3	8.6	7.3	11.0	12.2	Five or fewer	N/A	2	30,417
2015	7.1	6.3	-0.2	10.7	11.3	Five or fewer	N/A	1	43,746
2014	8.8	8	11.9	N/A	N/A	Five or fewer	N/A	2	44,772
2013	38.3	37.3	35.7	N/A	N/A	Five or fewer	N/A	1	40,739
2012*	8.5	8	3.4	N/A	N/A	Five or fewer	N/A	1	26,794

\*Return is for period March 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012.

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- 1. \*For the purpose of complying with the GIPS standards, the firm is defined as Brown Advisory Institutional, the Institutional and Balanced Institutional asset management divisions of Brown Advisory. As of July 1, 2016, the firm was redefined to exclude the Brown Advisory Private Client division, due to an evolution of the three distinct business lines.
- The Mid Cap Growth Composite is comprised of all discretionary accounts with no material investment restrictions, which invest primarily in the common stock of U.S. medium market capitalization companies. The strategy seeks capital appreciation by managing a concentrated portfolio of companies that offer long-term growth potential. There is not a minimum account market value required for composite inclusion.
- Effective 1/1/17, a significant cash flow policy was implemented for the Mid Cap Growth composite. Accounts with greater than or equal to 15% external cash flows will be removed from the composite for the entire month that the external cash flow occurred. The account will be added back to the composite the following month, if it meets the composite inclusion requirements. The external cash flow percentage is calculated using beginning market value.
  Prior to September 1 2016 the composite was named Mid Cap Composite, there was no change in investment strategy.
- This composite was created in 2014.

The benchmark is the Russell Mid Cap Growth – Total Return Index. The Russell Midcap Growth – Total Return Index measures the performance of the mid-cap growth segment of the U.S. equity universe. It includes those Russell Midcap Index companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values. The Russell Midcap Growth – Total Return Index is constructed to provide a comprehensive and unbiased barometer of the mid-cap growth market. The Index is completely reconstituted annually to ensure larger stocks do not distort the performance and characteristics of the true mid-cap growth market. The Russell Mid Cap Growth – Total Return 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.
 The dispersion of annual returns is measured by the equal weighted standard deviation of portfolio returns. The composite dispersion is not applicable (N/A) for periods where there were five or fewer accounts in the composite for

the entire period.

- 8. 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: 0.90% on the first \$25 million; 0.80% on the next \$25 million; 0.80% on the next \$25 million; 0.70% on the next standard management 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.
- 9. 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, and prior, because 36 month returns for the composite were not available (NA.)
- 10. Valuations and performance returns are computed and stated in U.S. Dollars. All returns reflect the reinvestment of income and other earnings.
- 11. A complete list of composite descriptions, policies for valuing portfolios, calculating performance, and preparing compliant presentations are available upon request.
- 12. Past performance does not indicate future results.
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#### Terms and Definitions for Representative Account Calculations

All financial statistics and ratios are calculated using information from Factset as of the report date unless otherwise noted. **Market Capitalization** refers to the aggregate value of a company's publicly-traded stock. **Weighted Average Market Capitalization**: equals the average of each holding's market cap, weighted by its relative position size in the portfolio (in such a weighting scheme, larger positions have a greater influence on the calculation). **Weighted Median**: the value at which half the portfolio's market capitalization weight falls above and half falls below. **Earnings Growth 3-5 Year Estimate** is the average predicted annual earnings growth over the next three to five years based on estimates provided to FactSet by various outside brokers, calculated according to each broker's methodology. **Price-Earnings Ratio** (**P/E Ratio**) is the ratio of the share of a company's stock compared to its per-share earnings. P/E calculations presented use FY2 earnings estimates; FY1 estimates refer to the next unreported fiscal year, and FY2 estimates refer to the fiscal year following FY1. **. . P/E / Growth Ratio**, or **PEG Ratio**, is the ratio of a portfolio's aggregate purchases or sales during a given period, divided by the average value of the portfolio fumover is the ratio of a non-type rowided for a one-year trailing period. FactSet (b) is a registered trademark of FactSet Pystems, Inc. The Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS) was developed by and is the exclusive property of MSCI and Standard & Poor's. "Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS), "GICS" and "GICS Direct" are service marks of Standard & Poor's and MSCI. "GICS" is a trademark of MSCI and Standard & Poor's.