# Brown Advisory Small-Cap Fundamental Value Strategy

We believe that our strategy uses a differentiated investment approach that focuses on free cash flow, capital allocation and valuation to produce attractive risk-adjusted returns.

# June 2018 Monthly Report

## Performance Contributors

#### **TOP FIVE CONTRIBUTORS\***

|       |   |                        | AVG.<br>WEIGHT (%) | MONTHLY<br>RETURN (%) | CONTRIBUTION TO<br>RETURN (%) |
|-------|---|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| NXST  | Nexstar Media Group, Inc.<br>Class A    | Consumer Discretionary | 3.92               | 10.71                 | 0.38                          |
| FCE.A | Forest City Realty Trust Inc<br>Class A | Real Estate            | 2.15               | 12.97                 | 0.26                          |
| AIZ   | Assurant, Inc.                          | Financials             | 2.33               | 10.86                 | 0.24                          |
| CTS   | CTS Corporation                         | Information Technology | 2.15               | 10.89                 | 0.23                          |
| MUSA  | Murphy USA, Inc.                        | Consumer Discretionary | 1.63               | 11.28                 | 0.19                          |

#### BOTTOM FIVE CONTRIBUTORS\*

| TICKER |                                       |                        | AVG.<br>WEIGHT (%) | MONTHLY<br>RETURN (%) | CONTRIBUTION TO<br>RETURN (%) |
|--------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| SATS   | EchoStar Corporation Class A          | Information Technology | 3.31               | -5.61                 | -0.18                         |
| LNGG   | Linn Energy, Inc. Class A             | Energy                 | 4.16               | -3.59                 | -0.15                         |
| MGRC   | McGrath RentCorp                      | Industrials            | 3.79               | -2.78                 | -0.10                         |
| RGS    | Regis Corporation                     | Consumer Discretionary | 2.22               | -4.34                 | -0.09                         |
| AIN    | Albany International Corp.<br>Class A | Industrials            | 4.73               | -1.93                 | -0.08                         |

### Top 10 Equity Holdings (%)

| 1. Albany International Corp. CI A | 4.4 | 6. Echostar Corp.                      | 3.1 |
|------------------------------------|-----|--|-----|
| 2. Linn Energy, Inc.               | 4.2 | 7. Virtus Investment Partners, Inc.    | 2.8 |
| 3. Nexstar Media Group, Inc.       | 3.8 | 8. Extended Stay America, Inc.         | 2.7 |
| 4. McGrath RentCorp                | 3.5 | 9. Continental Building Products, Inc. | 2.6 |
| 5. Simpson Manufacturing Co., Inc. | 3.1 | 10. Assurant, Inc.                     | 2.4 |





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| INS | SIDE THE STRATEGY: FACTS & TYPICAL PORTFOLIO FIGURES |
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| Inc | ception: 12/31/2008                                  |
| Bei | nchmark: Russell 2000® Value Index                   |
| Por | rtfolio: 45–60 Holdings                              |
| Pos | sition Size: 0.3%–5.0%                               |

### Portfolio Comments

The Brown Advisory Small-Cap Fundamental Value Strategy rose 1.3% (net of fees) in June, more than its Russell 2000<sup>®</sup> Value Index benchmark, which rose 0.6% during the month.

The portfolio's outperformance for the month was largely driven by stock selection. Our holdings within the consumer discretionary and financial sectors had the largest contribution to return, and holdings within the industrials sector were some of our poorest performers during the month.

Nexstar Media Group, Inc., a consumer discretionary company focused on television broadcasting and digital media, was the portfolio's largest positive contributor. Several factors contributed to the company's performance, including its substantial position size, strong earnings and the positive impact of the potential Sinclair and Tribune merger on the industry. EchoStar Corporation was the portfolio's largest detractor to performance on minimal news. At the end of the quarter, it was announced that the company's initial takeover discussions of a competitor fell through. It was also learned that one of the company's largest shareholders liquidated their investment in EchoStar, as the manager was returning capital to shareholders.

In June the portfolio eliminated four holdings and initiated three new investments – one in each of the following sectors: consumer staples, health care, and financials.

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Cash and equivalents: 3.6%

# Brown Advisory Small-Cap Fundamental Value Composite

| Year | Composite<br>Total Gross<br>Returns<br>(%) | Composite<br>Total Net<br>Returns (%) | Benchmark<br>Returns (%) | Composite<br>3-Yr<br>Annualized<br>Standard<br>Deviation (%) | Benchmark<br>3-Yr<br>Annualized<br>Standard<br>Deviation (%) | Portfolios in<br>Composite at<br>End of Year | Composite<br>Dispersion<br>(%) | Composite<br>Assets<br>(\$USD<br>Millions)* | GIPS<br>Firm<br>Assets<br>(\$USD<br>Millions)* |
|------|--|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|--|--|--|--------------------------------|---|--|
| 2017 | 13.3                                       | 12.4                                  | 7.8                      | 12.2   | 14.0   | 47   | 0.3                            | 1,806                                       | 33,155   |
| 2016 | 23.4                                       | 22.4                                  | 31.7                     | 13.0   | 15.5   | 46   | 0.3                            | 1,660                                       | 30,417   |
| 2015 | -4.6                                       | -5.3                                  | -7.5                     | 12.3   | 13.5   | 45   | 0.2                            | 1,186                                       | 43,746   |
| 2014 | 7.1  | 6.3                                   | 4.2                      | 10.7   | 12.8   | 41   | 0.4                            | 1,002                                       | 44,772   |
| 2013 | 42.0                                       | 41.0                                  | 34.5                     | 14.1   | 15.8   | 32   | 0.3                            | 693   | 40,739   |
| 2012 | 23.0                                       | 21.9                                  | 18.1                     | 17.7   | 19.9   | 13   | 0.1                            | 269   | 26,794   |
| 2011 | 2.9  | 1.9                                   | -5.5                     | 20.6   | 26.1   | 9  | 0.6                            | 190   | 19,962   |
| 2010 | 28.3                                       | 26.7                                  | 24.5                     | NA   | NA   | Five or fewer                                | N/A                            | 61  | 16,859   |
| 2009 | 25.7                                       | 24.0                                  | 20.6                     | NA   | NA   | Five or fewer                                | N/A                            | 30  | 11,058   |

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