

# U.S. Sustainable Growth Fund

## October 2017: Fund Factsheet

Our U.S. Sustainable Growth Fund was launched on 3rd April 2017. Portfolio Managers Karina Funk and David Powell already manage \$921m 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.

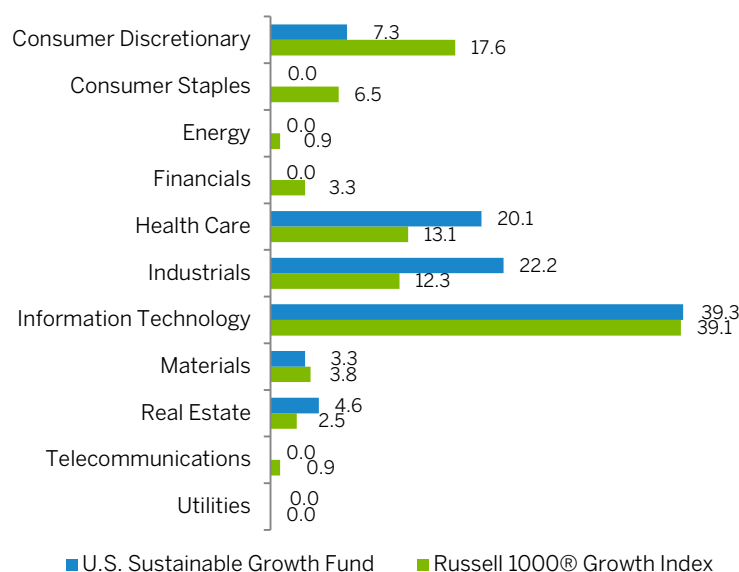
### Annualised Performance (% net of fees)

As of 31 October 2017

SHARE CLASSES (INCEPTION DATE)	1 MO	3 MO	1TD	NAV
U.S. Sustainable Growth Fund C USD (03-April-2017)	4.9	8.2	16.1	11.61
Russell 1000® Growth Index Net (USD)	3.9	7.2	15.3	--

Source: Brown Brothers Harriman.

### Sector Weights (inc. cash)



### Characteristics

Source: Factset

	U.S. SUSTAINABLE GROWTH FUND	RUSSELL 1000® GROWTH INDEX
FY2 P/E Ratio	25.6x	20.5x
P/E-Growth Ratio	1.6x	1.4x
Gross Yield*	0.61%	1.29%
Cash	3.3%	-
Market Cap		
Weighted Average	\$164.2 bn	\$225.6 bn
<\$10 billion	17.9%	7.4%
\$10-100 billion	50.6%	45.8%
>\$100 billion	28.1%	46.8%

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

### Portfolio Managers



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



**David Powell, CFA**  
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 62 million*
Top 10 Holdings	Typically 35% - 50%
Market Capitalisation	>\$2 billion at time of purchase

\*Fund Size as of 2 November 2017

### Top 10 Equity Holdings

SECURITY	%
Microsoft Corporation	5.3
Alphabet Inc. Class A & C	5.1
Visa Inc. Class A	4.8
Adobe Systems Incorporated	4.7
UnitedHealth Group Incorporated	4.7
Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc.	4.6
American Tower Corporation	4.6
Danaher Corporation	4.5
Facebook, Inc. Class A	4.3
Amazon.com, Inc.	3.9
Total	46.5

### Performance Contributors

TOP 5 CONTRIBUTORS	%
Adobe Systems Incorporated	+17.4
Microsoft Corporation	+11.7
Amazon.com, Inc.	+15.0
UnitedHealth Group Incorporated	+7.3
Danaher Corporation	+7.6
BOTTOM 5 CONTRIBUTORS	%
Middleby Corporation	-9.6
Edwards Lifesciences Corporation	-6.5
J.B. Hunt Transport Services, Inc.	-4.2
TJX Companies Inc.	-5.3
Healthcare Services Group, Inc.	-2.0

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 back-end 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

The Fund imposes limits on the following business activities:

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

### 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

### Brown Advisory

- Fundamentally driven, investment management firm
- Founded in 1993 as investment management arm of Alex. Brown & Sons
- Independent since 1998, employee-owned
- Over USD 57 billion in client assets<sup>1</sup>

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The Russell 1000® Growth Index measures the performance of the large-cap growth segment of the U.S. equity universe. It includes those Russell 1000® Index companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values. It is constructed to provide a comprehensive and unbiased barometer for the large-cap growth segment. The Index is completely reconstituted annually to ensure new and growing equities are included and that the represented companies continue to reflect growth characteristics. The Russell 1000® Growth 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.

<sup>1</sup> As of 30 September 2017, Brown Advisory had more than USD 57 billion in client assets.