

# 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.

## February 2020 Monthly Report

### Performance Contributors

#### TOP FIVE CONTRIBUTORS\*

TICKER	NAME	SECTOR	AVG. WEIGHT (%)	MONTHLY RETURN (%)	CONTRIBUTION TO RETURN (%)
CBPX	Continental Building Products, Inc.	Industrials	0.06	0.03	0.00
ALRS	Alerus Financial Corporation	Financials	0.26	-3.03	-0.01
SGU	Star Group LP	Utilities	0.74	-1.97	-0.01
NGS	Natural Gas Services Group, Inc.	Energy	0.20	-6.08	-0.01
SMMCU	South Mountain Merger Corp Units Cons of 1 Sh + 1/2 Wt	Financials	0.73	-2.53	-0.02

#### BOTTOM FIVE CONTRIBUTORS\*

TICKER	NAME	SECTOR	AVG. WEIGHT (%)	MONTHLY RETURN (%)	CONTRIBUTION TO RETURN (%)
DLX	Deluxe Corporation	Industrials	1.66	-30.91	-0.54
EPRT	Essential Properties Realty Trust, Inc.	Real Estate	2.92	-17.02	-0.48
CATM	Cardtronics plc Class A	Information Technology	2.19	-19.39	-0.42
EXP	Eagle Materials Inc.	Materials	3.02	-13.43	-0.42
MGLN	Magellan Health, Inc.	Health Care	2.11	-18.06	-0.39

### Top 10 Equity Holdings (%)

Cash and equivalents: 4.4%

1. Nexstar Media Group, Inc.	3.3	6. Virtus Investment Partners, Inc.	2.3
2. Eagle Materials, Inc.	2.9	7. McGrath RentCorp	2.3
3. Essential Properties Realty Trust, Inc.	2.7	8. Assurant, Inc.	2.3
4. GCI Liberty, Inc. CIA	2.5	9. Mueller Water Products, Inc.	2.2
5. Extended Stay America, Inc.	2.3	10. Cabot Microelectronics Corp.	2.1



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#### INSIDE THE STRATEGY: FACTS & TYPICAL PORTFOLIO FIGURES

Inception: 12/31/2008
Benchmark: Russell 2000® Value Index
Portfolio: 45–60 Holdings
Position Size: 0.3%–5.0%

### Portfolio Comments

The Brown Advisory Small-Cap Fundamental Value Composite fell 11.2% (net of fees) during February, underperforming its benchmark, the Russell 2000® Value Index, which fell 9.7%.

There were several names in the portfolio that were flat for the month. These names included Continental Building Products, Star Group LP, and Natural Gas Services Group, Inc.

The portfolio's underperformance during the month was primarily due to our relative underperformance in more growth-oriented sectors, such as health care and information technology. Additionally, February was a heavy earnings month for the portfolio, and there were a handful of investments that reported disappointing results.

In February, we eliminated one holding from the portfolio and added one holding to the portfolio. [B](#)

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# Brown Advisory Small-Cap Fundamental Value Composite

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)*
2018	-12.3	-13.1	-12.9	13.4	15.8	41.0	0.2	1,334	30,529
2017	13.3	12.4	7.8	12.2	14.0	48.0	0.3	1,808	33,155
2016	23.4	22.4	31.7	13.0	15.5	46.0	0.3	1,660	30,417
2015	-4.6	-5.3	-7.5	12.3	13.5	45.0	0.2	1,186	43,746
2014	7.1	6.3	4.2	10.7	12.8	41.0	0.4	1,002	44,772
2013	42.0	41.0	34.5	14.1	15.8	32.0	0.3	693	40,739
2012	23.0	21.9	18.1	17.7	19.9	13.0	0.1	269	26,794
2011	2.9	1.9	-5.5	20.6	26.1	9.0	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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