# U.S. Sustainable Growth Fund



# August 2020: Fund Factsheet

## Annualised Performance (% net of fees)

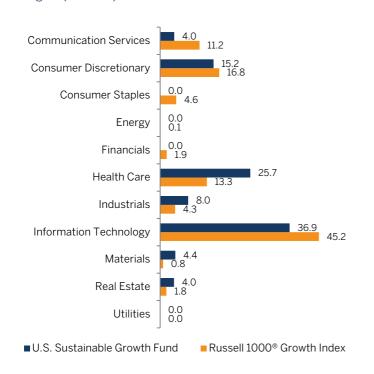
As of 31 August 2020

SHARE CLASSES (INCEPTION DATE)	1 MO	3 MO	YTD	1 YR	3 YR	ITD
U.S. Sustainable Growth Fund C USD (03-April-2017)	4.8	14.6	28.1	36.1	25.7	25.4
Russell 1000® Growth Index Net (USD)	10.3	23.9	30.2	43.9	23.7	23.8

ROLLING 12 MONTH RETURNS:	08.19	08.18	08.17
	08.20	08.19	08.18
U.S. Sustainable Growth Fund C USD (03-April-2017)	36.1	11.8	30.6
Russell 1000® Growth Index Net (USD)	43.9	3.9	26.7

Source: Brown Brothers Harriman.

# Sector Weights (inc. cash)



# Characteristics

Source: Factset

	U.S. SUSTAINABLE GROWTH FUND	RUSSELL 1000® GROWTH INDEX
FY2 P/E Ratio	35.1x	30.0x
P/E-Growth Ratio	2.2x	1.7x
Gross Yield*	0.57%	0.76%
Cash	1.9%	-
Market Cap		
Weighted Average	\$315.0bn	\$754.8bn
<\$10 Billion	0.0%	2.8%
\$10-100 Billion	53.2%	26.7%
>\$100 Billion	44.9%	70.6%

<sup>\*</sup> 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 1999

# Strategy Profile

Benchmark	Russell 1000 Growth Net Index
UCITS Fund Inception	3 April, 2017
Strategy Inception	31 December, 2009
PortfolioHoldings	Typically 30 - 40
PositionSize	Typically 1% - 5%
Fund Size	USD 1,625 million
Top 10 Holdings	Typically 35% - 50%
Market Capitalisation	>\$2 billion at time of purchase

<sup>\*</sup>The Fund uses the Russell 1000 Growth Net Index as a Comparator Benchmark to compare performance. The Fund is actively managed and is not constrained by any benchmark.

# Top 10 Equity Holdings

TOP TO Equity Holdings	
SECURITY	
Amazon.com, Inc.	5.0
Microsoft Corporation	4.9
Danaher Corporation	4.6
Visa Inc. Class A	4.3
Intuit Inc.	4.1
Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc.	4.0
Alphabet Inc. Class A	4.0
American Tower Corporation	4.0
Adobe Inc.	3.6
UnitedHealth Group Incorporated	3.6
Total	42.1

Source: Factset. Top 10 holdings and sector breakdown includes cash and cash equivalents. Numbers may not total 100% due to rounding. Holdings shown are for informational purposes only and are not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold any

#### Performance Contributors

TOP 5 CONTRIBUTORS	%
Adobe Inc.	+15.5
Microsoft Corporation	+10.0
Intuit Inc.	+12.7
Visa Inc. Class A	+11.3
Amazon.com, Inc.	+9.0
BOTTOM 5 CONTRIBUTORS	
American Tower Corporation	-4.7
Illumina, Inc.	-6.5
Bio-Rad Laboratories, Inc. Class A	-3.1
Tyler Technologies, Inc.	-3.3
Nordson Corporation	-3.7

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Additional Performance (% net of fees)



Source: Brown Brothers Harriman, Performance over 1 year is annualised.

SHARE CLASSES (INCEPTION DATE)	YTD	1 YR	3 YR	ITD	NAV
U.S. Sustainable Growth Fund C USD (03-April-2017)	28.1	36.1	25.7	25.4	21.66
U.S. Sustainable Growth Fund A USD (31-October-2017)	27.2	34.8	-	23.4	18.13
U.S. Sustainable Growth Fund B GBP (03-August-2017)	26.6	23.6	23.8	24.7	19.72
U.S. Sustainable Growth Fund B USD (31-October-2017)	27.9	35.8	-	24.3	18.52
U.S. Sustainable Growth Fund B Euro Hedged (17-May-2018)	25.9	32.5	-	21.4	15.59
U.S. Sustainable Growth Fund B Euro (25-May-2018)	20.0	25.1	-	23.1	16.01
Russell 1000® Growth Index Net (USD) (03-April-2017)	30.2	43.9	23.7	23.8	-

#### **ESG Screens**

The Fund intends to invest in companies with measurable ESG outcomes, as determined by Brown Advisory, and seeks to screen out particular companies and industries. In addition to our proprietary and qualitative ESG analysis, we rely on a third-party provider to apply a rules-based screening process which seeks to identify companies that may have controversial business involvement, as determined by Brown Advisory. For example, the Fund seeks to exclude companies that may defy the United Nations Global Compact Principles. The Fund also seeks to impose investment guidelines on possible controversies including, but not limited to, controversial weapons, conventional weapons, animal testing, fossil fuels, adult entertainment, alcohol, tobacco and gambling.

Note: For further information please contact us. It is important for investors to understand that the data informing this process is derived from third party sources, including companies themselves. Although we believe our process is reasonably designed, such data is inherently subject to interpretation, restatement, delay and omission outside of our control.

## **Fund Facts**

Structure	UCITS (Ireland)
Administrator	Brown Brothers Harriman (Ireland)
Settlement	T+2
Minimum Investment (in relevant currency)	A: 5,000 B: 10,000,000 C: 5,000,000
Dealing Cut Off Point	15:00 Irish Time, Daily
Registered for Sale <sup>1</sup>	AUT, BEL, CHE, DNK, DEU, FIN, GBR, IRL, ITA, LUX, NOR, SGP <sup>2</sup> , SWE, NLD, ESP, FRA
Eligibility (UK)	ISA and SIPP

## **Brown Advisory**

- Founded in 1993 as investment management arm of Alex. Brown & Sons
- Independent since 1998, employee-owned
- Fundamentally driven, investment management firm
- Over USD 95 billion in client assets<sup>3</sup>

## **Share Classes**

	ISIN	TICKER	OCF*	AMC
Dollar C Class Acc.	IE00BF1T7322	BASGCUA	0.63%	seed
Dollar C Class Dist.	IE00BF1T7439	BASGCUD	0.63%	seed
Dollar A Class Dist.	IE00BF1T6M41	BASGAUD	1.63%	1.50%
Dollar B Class Dist.	IEOOBF1T6T10	BASGBUD	0.88%	0.75%
Sterling B Class Dist.	IE00BF1T6X55	BASGSBD	0.88%	0.75%
Euro B Class Acc.	IE00BF1T6Z79	BF1T6Z7	0.88%	0.75%
Hedged Euro B Class Acc.	IE00BF1T7090	BF1T709	0.93%	0.75%

Dollar C Share Classes are closed to new investors. Additional share classes may be available

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The Fund uses the Russell 1000® Growth Net Index as a comparator benchmark to compare performance. The Fund is actively managed and is not constrained by any benchmark. 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 Russelle 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 Brown Advisory is the marketing name for Brown Advisory, LLC, Brown Investment Advisory & Trust Company, Brown Advisory Securities, LLC, Brown Advisory Ltd., Brown Advisory Trust Company of Delaware LLC, Brown Advisory Investment Solutions Group LLC, Meritage Capital LLC, NextGen Venture Partners, LLC and Signature Financial Management, Inc.

\*OCFs are the actual OCFs as of 31 August, 2020. The maximum OCF of A share classes is 1.75%, B share classes is 1.00%, and C share classes is 0.75%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The Fund will be available for subscription only in jurisdictions where they have been registered for distribution or may otherwise be lawfully privately placed. Only certain share classes may be registered or privately placed in some jurisdictions, please contact Brown Advisory for more information.

<sup>2</sup> Singapore - restricted scheme, please contact Brown Advisory for more information.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> As of 31 August 2020, Brown Advisory had more than USD 95 billion in client assets.