Brown Advisory US Smaller Companies PLC

DECEMBER 2023: FUND FACTSHEET

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The Company's objective is to achieve long-term capital growth by investing in a diversified portfolio primarily of quoted US smaller and medium-sized companies.

MANAGER PHILOSOPHY

Our investment philosophy is disciplined and grounded in a careful analysis of the fundamentals of each business relative to its share price. Underpinning this philosophy are our three core tenets:

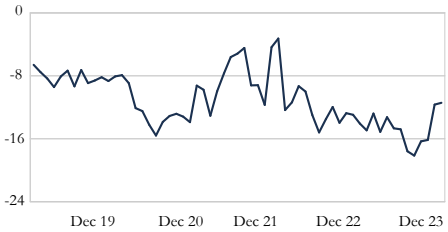
- To think and act differently;
- To exploit market inefficiencies; and
- To focus on businesses that possess what we describe as "3G" qualities:
  - Durable **growth**;
  - Sound **governance**; and
  - Scalable **go-to-market** strategies

We seek to mitigate risk within the strategy through diversification across sectors, business models and economic sensitivities. At Brown Advisory, our strategy is based on a unique firm culture and philosophy, which underpin a shared belief that low-turnover, concentrated portfolios derived from sound fundamental research can generate attractive outperformance.

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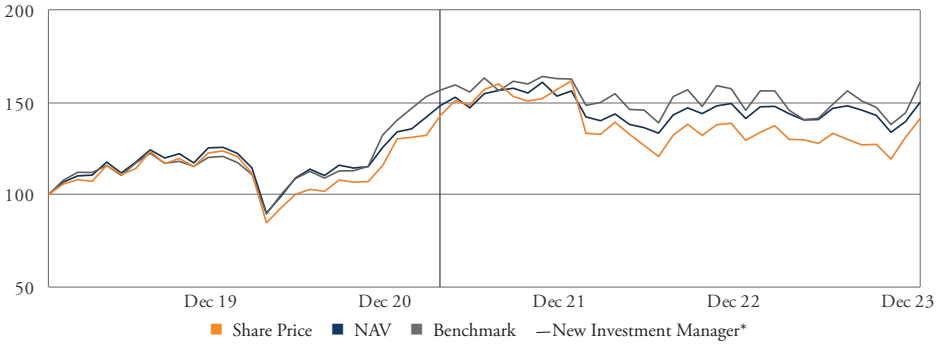
1,292.50p	Share Price
1,459.22p	NAV
-11.43%	Discount

Premium / Discount Over 5 Years (%)



PERFORMANCE

Performance Over 5 Years (Cumulative Growth of £100)



Performance Over 5 Years (Annualised Performance %)

	1 Month	3 Months	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years
Share Price	7.7	10.9	9.1	2.7	7.1
NAV	7.5	4.8	5.8	3.6	8.3
Benchmark	11.4	9.2	10.3	4.6	9.9

Performance Over 5 Years (Rolling 12 Month Returns %)

	31.12.22 31.12.23	31.12.21 31.12.22	31.12.20 31.12.21	31.12.19 31.12.20	31.12.18 31.12.19
Share Price	9.1	-19.9	24.1	5.3	23.6
NAV	5.8	-9.9	16.4	6.7	25.6
Benchmark	10.3	-10.4	15.9	16.3	20.7

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*Brown Advisory was appointed by the Board as Investment Adviser to the Company from 1st April 2021 and the name change took effect from 7th May 2021.

PORTFOLIO MANAGERS



CHRISTOPHER BERRIER

Portfolio Manager

Chris Berrier was appointed portfolio manager of the Company from 1st April 2021. He brings a wealth of experience having managed the US small-cap growth strategy at Brown Advisory since 2006. He is also a portfolio manager of the Brown Advisory US mid-cap growth strategy and prior to joining Brown Advisory, Chris was a senior equity analyst at T. Rowe Price covering multiple sectors with a focus on small- and mid-cap growth companies.



GEORGE SAKELLARIS

Associate Portfolio Manager

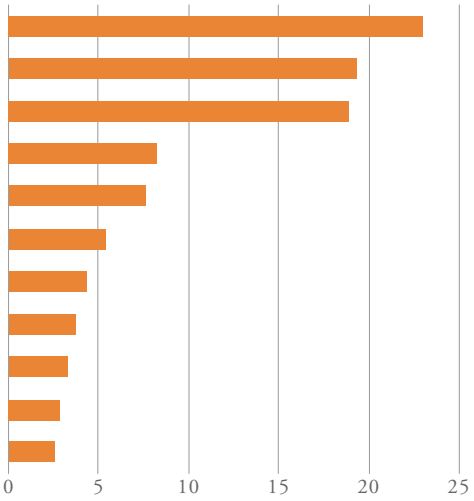
George Sakellaris was appointed associate portfolio manager of the Company from 1st April 2021. He has supported Chris on the US small-cap growth strategy since he joined Brown Advisory in 2014. He is also a portfolio manager of the Brown Advisory US mid-cap growth strategy. Prior to joining Brown Advisory, George 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.

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SECTOR ALLOCATION (%)

Information Technology	23.1
Healthcare	19.4
Industrials	19.0
Consumer Discretionary	8.3
Cash & Gearing	7.7
Financials	5.5
Communication Services	4.5
Materials	3.8
Consumer Staples	3.4
Energy	2.9
Real Estate	2.6



Source: JP Morgan

TOP TEN HOLDINGS (%)

Waste Connections	3.7
Bright Horizons Family Soultions	3.0
Prosperity Bancshares Inc	2.5
Casey's General Stores	2.3
SPDR S&P Biotech ETF	2.3
Pinterest Inc	2.2
Neurocrine Biosciences Inc	2.2
Neogenomics Inc	2.2
H.B. Fuller	2.0
Championx Corp	1.9
Total	**24.3**

Source: JP Morgan

INVESTMENT POLICY

The Portfolio Manager takes a disciplined approach to investment, emphasising long-term risk-adjusted returns. The Portfolio Manager believes that the US smaller and medium-sized company sector is a diverse and dynamic part of the North American market and continues to provide opportunities for capital growth over the long-term. The sector is highly diversified with a great many companies from which to choose. Many companies are relatively immature, whether financially or operationally or in terms of management or market position. They tend to be highly geared to growth and are particularly vulnerable to market and other changes.

Against this background, the Company has adopted an investment style that focuses on companies with durable growth, scalable go-to-market strategies and well-aligned management and shareholder interests, and whose shares are considered by the Portfolio Manager to offer above-average capital growth at attractive valuations. The Portfolio Manager believes that this is an excellent approach to long-term investment in this sector.

TRUST INFORMATION

Launch Date	**10 March 1993**
Financial Year-end	**30 June**
Next AGM	**06 November 2023**
AMC	**0.7%**
Ticker	**BASC**
Benchmark (GBP)	**Russell 2000 TR Index**

INVESTMENT LIMITS

The Board has prescribed limits on the investment policy, including:

- The Portfolio will comprise at all times a minimum of 40 securities (excluding cash);
- No single holding shall constitute more than 5% of total assets at the time of investment;
- No derivative instruments (excluding warrants) may be held without the prior approval of the Board;
- Investments in unlisted securities shall not exceed 5% of total assets at the time of investment and any such investments shall require prior Board approval;
- The Company shall not make any new investments in other UK listed investment companies;
- In any event, not more than 10% in aggregate of the total assets of the Company, and any of its subsidiaries, may be invested in other closed-ended investment funds (including listed investment trusts) whether or not such funds have stated investment policies to invest no more than 15% of their total assets in other listed closed-ended investment funds (including listed investment trusts);
- Borrowings, including overdraft facilities, shall not exceed 20% of the Company's total assets and shall require prior Board approval;
- The Company shall not take legal or management control over any investments in its portfolio.

COMPANY STRUCTURE & SIZE

Structure	**Conventional**
Gearing	**0%**
Company Size	**£175.3m**
Shares in Issue	**11,952,159**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Stephen White
Chairman of the Board

Jasper Judd
Chairman of the Audit Committee

Clive Parritt
Senior Independent Director

Lisa Booth

Jane Routledge

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GLOSSARY

SHARE PRICE is the price of a single ordinary share, as determined by the stock market. The share price above is the mid-market price at market close.

NET ASSET VALUE (NAV) PER SHARE is calculated as the total value of the investments held by the trust, minus any liabilities, divided by the number of shares.

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