

## Brown Advisory US Smaller Companies PLC

### Purpose

This document provides you with key information about this investment product. It is not marketing material. The information is required by law to help you understand the nature, risks, costs, potential gains and losses of this product and to help you compare it with other products.

### Product

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| Product:              | Brown Advisory US Smaller Companies PLC - Ordinary Shares   |
| Issuer Name:          | Brown Advisory US Smaller Companies PLC   |
| Product code:         | GB0003463402  |
| Website:              | <a href="http://www.brownadvisory.com/intl/investment-trusts/brown-advisory-us-smaller-companies-plc">http://www.brownadvisory.com/intl/investment-trusts/brown-advisory-us-smaller-companies-plc</a> |
| Call number:          | +442033018130   |
| Regulator:            | Financial Conduct Authority - regulator of the Manager  |
| Document valid as at: | 12/05/2021  |

### What is this product?

#### Type:

The Company is a closed-ended investment company whose shares are listed on the premium segment of the Official List of the UK Listing Authority and traded on the main market of London Stock Exchange. The Company's ordinary shares are therefore available to the general public.

Shares of the Company are bought and sold via markets. Typically at any given time on any given day, the price you pay for a share will be higher than the price at which you could sell it.

#### Objectives:

To grow money invested in the Company over the long term by investing in a diversified portfolio of listed US smaller and medium sized companies.

The Company takes a conservative approach to investment, with the investment adviser focusing on capital preservation rather than trying to chase growth aggressively. The approach emphasises taking a long term view of company prospects as well as buying when shares appear to have low value and significant growth potential.

The Company has a flexible loan facility it can use for investment purposes (known as gearing) with a view to enhancing returns.

The Company is not restricted to investing in constituent companies of the Benchmark (Sterling Adjusted Russell 2000 Index).

#### Intended retail investor:

This product has been designed for retail investors.

This product has been designed to form part of a broader portfolio of investments and should be purchased with advice or on an execution only basis by an investor. Investors must be able to bear loss of capital in order to seek to generate higher potential return and should be prepared to remain invested for at least the recommended holding period.

### What are the risks and what could I get in return?



The risk indicator assumes you keep the product for 5 years. The actual risk can vary significantly if you cash in at an early stage and you may get back less.

The share price of an investment company may differ from the Net Asset Value due to the level of supply and demand for units. A high level of supply may result in the price of the investment company trading below the Net Asset Value. You may not be able to sell your product easily or may have to sell at a price that significantly impacts on how much you get back.

#### Risk indicator

The summary risk indicator is a guide to the level of risk of this product compared to other products. It shows how likely it is that the product will lose money because of movements in the markets or because we are not able to pay you.

We have classified this Fund as 5 out of 7 which is a medium-high risk class. This rates the potential losses from future performance at a medium-high level. Poor market conditions will likely impact our capacity to pay you.

Investing in an investment trust company carries risks, which investors should be aware of. The following risks are applicable to investing in this company:

Market & Exchange Rate risk, Gearing risk, Smaller Companies / Liquidity risk and Share Price risk.

## Performance scenarios

| Investment 10000 GBP  |                                     | 1 year     | 3 years    | 5 years<br>(Recommended Holding Period) |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|------------|---|
| Scenarios             |                                     |            |            |   |
| Stress scenario       | What you might get back after costs | GBP 2,348  | GBP 4,368  | GBP 3,310                               |
|                       | Average return each year (%)        | -76.52%    | -24.12%    | -19.84%                                 |
| Unfavourable scenario | What you might get back after costs | GBP 8,634  | GBP 9,042  | GBP 10,066                              |
|                       | Average return each year (%)        | -13.66%    | -3.30%     | 0.13%                                   |
| Moderate scenario     | What you might get back after costs | GBP 11,298 | GBP 14,395 | GBP 18,342                              |
|                       | Average return each year (%)        | 12.98%     | 12.91%     | 12.90%                                  |
| Favourable scenario   | What you might get back after costs | GBP 14,740 | GBP 22,850 | GBP 33,323                              |
|                       | Average return each year (%)        | 47.40%     | 31.71%     | 27.22%                                  |

Market developments in the future cannot be accurately predicted. The scenarios shown are only an indication of some of the possible outcomes based on recent returns. Actual returns could be lower.

This table shows the money you could get back over the recommended holding period, under different scenarios, assuming that you invest 10000 GBP. It does not take into account the situation where we are not able to pay you.

The scenarios shown illustrate how your investment could perform. You can compare them with the scenarios of other products.

The scenarios presented are an estimate of future performance based on share price total returns from the past, and are not an exact indicator. What you get will vary depending on how the market performs and how long you keep the investment.

The stress scenario shows what you might get back in extreme market circumstances, and it does not take into account the situation where we are not able to pay you.

## What happens if Brown Advisory US Smaller Companies PLC is unable to pay out?

As a shareholder of the Company you would not be able to make a claim to the Financial Services Compensation Scheme in the event that the Company is unable to pay out.

## What are the costs?

### Costs over time

The Reduction in Yield (RIY) shows what impact the total costs you pay will have on the investment return you might get. The total costs take into account one-off, ongoing and incidental costs.

The amounts shown here are the cumulative costs of the product itself, for three different holding periods. The figures are estimates and may change in the future.

The person selling you or advising you about this product may charge you other costs. If so, this person will provide you with information about these costs, and show you the impact that all costs will have on your investment over time.

| Investment 10000 GBP                | 1 year  | 3 years | 5 years (recommended holding period) |
|-------------------------------------|---------|---------|--------------------------------------|
| Total costs GBP                     | GBP 120 | GBP 453 | GBP 952                              |
| Impact on return (RIY) per year (%) | 1.20%   | 1.20%   | 1.20%                                |

### Composition of Costs

The table below shows:

- The impact each year of the different types of costs on the investment return you might get at the end of the recommended holding period.
- What the different cost categories mean.

| This table shows the impact on return per year |                                 |       |   |
|--|---------------------------------|-------|---|
| One-Off costs                                  | Entry costs (%)                 | 0.00% | The impact of the costs you pay when entering your investment. This is the most you will pay, and you could pay less. The impact of costs are already included in the price. This includes the costs of distribution of your product. |
|  | Exit costs (%)                  | 0.00% | The impact of the costs of exiting your investment.   |
| Ongoing costs                                  | Portfolio transaction costs (%) | 0.07% | The impact of the costs of us buying and selling underlying investments for the product.  |
|  | Other ongoing costs (%)         | 1.13% | The impact of the costs that we take each year for managing your investments.   |
| Incidental costs                               | Performance fees (%)            | NA    | The impact of the performance fee. We take these from your investment if the product outperforms its benchmark.   |
|  | Carried interests (%)           | NA    | The impact of the carried interest. We take these from your investment if the product outperforms its benchmark.  |

## How long should I hold it and can I take money out early?

Recommended minimum holding period: 5 years

The Company's ordinary shares are designed to be held over the long term and may not be suitable as short-term investments. There is no guarantee that any appreciation in the value of the Company's investments will occur and investors may not get back the full value of their investments. The value of the ordinary shares and the income derived from them (if any) may go down as well as up. Although the ordinary shares are traded on the Main Market, it is possible that there may not be a liquid market in the shares and investors may have difficulty selling them. Accordingly, investors may be unable to realise their shares at the quoted market price (or at the prevailing net asset value per share), or at all.

## How can I complain?

As a shareholder of the Company you do not have the right to complain to the Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS) about the management of the Company. Complaints about the company or the key information document should be sent to the address stated below, for the attention of the Company Secretary.

Postal address: 6th Floor, Bastion House, 140 London Wall, London, EC2Y 5DN.

Website: <http://www.brownadvisory.com/intl/investment-trusts/brown-advisory-us-smaller-companies-plc>

E-mail: [InvestmentTrustEnquiries@brownadvisory.com](mailto:InvestmentTrustEnquiries@brownadvisory.com)

We will handle your request and provide you with feedback as soon as possible.

## Other relevant information

We publish an annual report each year and a factsheet each month that contain more information on this product, updating its policies since its last prospectus. These documents also include information on how the product is performing. These documents can be obtained from <http://www.brownadvisory.com/intl/investment-trusts/brown-advisory-us-smaller-companies-plc>.