

# U.S. Smaller Companies Fund

Marketing Communication

## Fund Objective and Proposition

The Brown Advisory U.S. Smaller Companies Fund aims to achieve capital growth by investing in a concentrated portfolio of small-cap U.S. equities of above average growth, sound management and favourable competitive positioning. Through our disciplined, bottom-up investment process, we strive to exploit market inefficiencies in the small-cap universe. We believe that investors who are willing to think and act differently can achieve alpha.

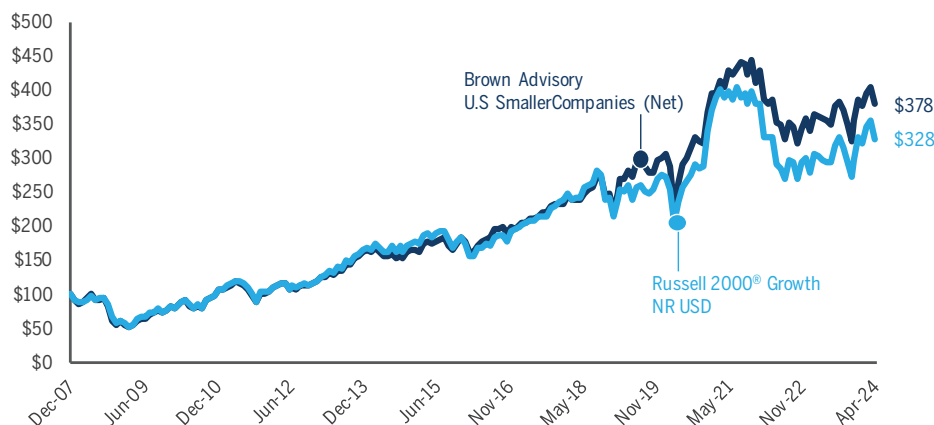
We seek to systematically exploit an inefficient market by investing in companies that possess our “3G” characteristics—durable Growth, sound Governance and scalable Go-to-market strategies, based on our beliefs that these traits lead to a higher probability of that company compounding earnings at an above-average rate for an extended period of time. We establish our investable universe through market-cap and liquidity screens. From there, we conduct ~400 company interviews per year to find businesses meeting our 3G criteria. We vet these companies via rigorous due diligence. Finally, we harness collaboration among our investment team and external relationships to help provide a clear view of the investment’s risk/reward dynamics.

## Fund Performance

### CUMULATIVE GROWTH OF \$100

(net of fees) from inception to 30 April 2024

Past performance does not predict future returns.



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CALENDAR YEAR RETURNS (% net of fees)	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
U.S. Smaller Companies Fund B USD (09 Nov 2007)	12.9	-20.3	8.1	32.7	34.7	-4.3	17.8	10.4	7.6	0.6	39.5	14.9
Russell 2000 Growth Net Index (USD)	18.4	-26.5	2.7	34.4	28.2	-9.3	22.2	11.3	-1.4	5.6	43.3	16.4

ANNUALISED PERFORMANCE (as of 04/30/2024)	1 MO	3 MO	YTD	1 YR	3 YR	5 YR	ITD
U.S. Smaller Companies Fund B USD (09 Nov 2007)	-6.6	0.5	-1.7	6.5	-4.0	6.1	8.3
Russell 2000 Growth Net Index (USD)	-7.7	2.5	-0.7	12.2	-6.1	4.8	7.5

Source: Brown Brothers Harriman. This performance is additional to, and should be read in conjunction with, the calendar year performance data above. Performance over 1 year is annualised. Past performance may not be a reliable guide to future performance and investors may not get back the amount invested. All investments involve risk. The value of the investment and the income from it will vary. There is no guarantee that the initial investment will be returned.

<sup>1</sup>The Fund uses the Russell 2000 Growth Index as a Comparator Benchmark to compare performance, which measures the performance of the small-cap growth segment of the U.S. equity universe. It includes those Russell 2000 Index companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values. The Fund is actively managed and is not constrained by any benchmark.

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## PORTFOLIO MANAGERS



### Chris Berrier

- Portfolio Manager
- Investment experience since 2000
- Joined Brown Advisory 2005



### George Sakellaris, CFA

- Associate Portfolio Manager
- Investment experience since 2001
- Joined Brown Advisory 2014

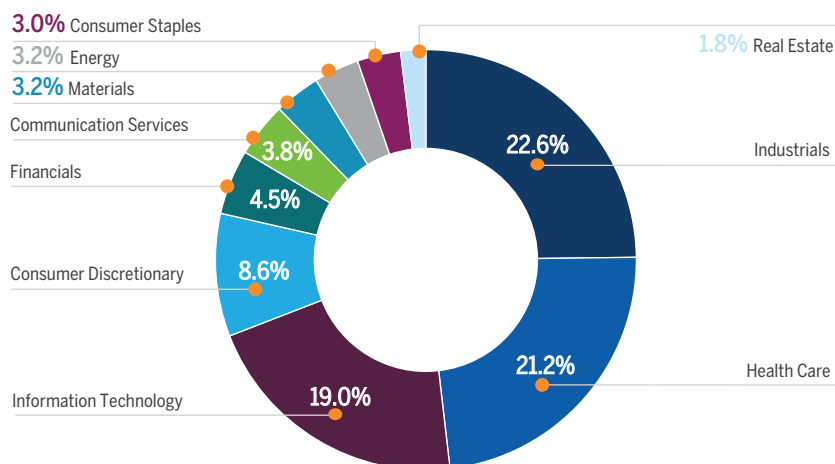
## FUND FACTS

Benchmark	Russell 2000® Growth Net Index <sup>1</sup>
Structure	UCITS (Ireland)
Base Currency	USD
Launch Date	9 November 2007
Fund Size	USD 620 million
Holdings	Typically 50-80
Dealing	Daily
Administrator	Brown Brothers Harriman (Ireland)
Administrator Contact	Tel +353 1603 6490
Settlement	T+2
Minimum Investment (Relevant Currency)	A: 5,000 B: 10,000,000 C: 5,000,000
Registered for Sale <sup>2</sup>	CHE, DEU, DNK, ESP, FIN, FRA, GBR, IRL, ITA, NOR, PRT, SGP, SWE
Eligibility (U.K.)	ISA and SIPP
SFDR Classification	Article 8

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APRIL 2024: MONTHLY FUND FACTSHEET

## Sector Weights



## TOP 10 EQUITY HOLDINGS

Security	%
Waste Connections, Inc.	3.7
Bright Horizons Family Solutions, Inc.	3.1
Casey's General Stores, Inc.	2.6
Prosperity Bancshares, Inc.(R)	2.3
ChampionX Corporation	2.2
NeoGenomics, Inc.	2.0
Neurocrine Biosciences, Inc.	2.0
Encompass Health Corporation	1.9
Entegris, Inc.	1.8
HealthEquity Inc	1.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>23.5</b>

Source: FactSet. Top 10 holdings and sector breakdown includes cash and cash equivalents, which was 8.1% and is subject to change. Cash value not displayed. 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 security.

## MARKET CAP COMPOSITION

	Small-Cap Growth Fund (%)	Russell 2000® Growth Index (%)
< \$10 billion	71.2	93.3
\$10 – 50 billion	19.7	6.7
\$50 – 100 billion	—	—
> \$100 billion	—	—

Source: Factset. Numbers may not total 100% due to rounding.

## SHARE CLASS INFORMATION

	ISIN	Ticker	OCF <sup>3</sup> (%)	AMC (%)
Dollar B Class	IE00B0PVDJ73	BAUSSCB	0.85	0.75
Dollar A Class	IE00B0PVDG43	BAUSSCG	1.60	1.50

For information on additional share classes, please visit [www.brownadvisory.com/intl/kiid-library](http://www.brownadvisory.com/intl/kiid-library) or contact us.

## INVESTMENT ENQUIRIES

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<sup>3</sup>OCFs are the actual OCFs as of 30 April, 2024. The maximum OCF of A share classes is 1.75%, B share classes is 1.00%, and C share classes is 0.75%. The ongoing charges figure (OCF) is based on expenses, excluding transaction costs. The charges include the costs of marketing and distribution. For more information about charges, please see the Fund's prospectus, available at [www.brownadvisory.com](http://www.brownadvisory.com).

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