# Small Company Fund



## **Our Approach**

The Small Company Fund seeks to invest in the equity securities of U.S.-based Exceptional Growth Companies (EGCs) with total operating revenues of \$500 million or less at the time of initial investment. The benchmark-agnostic portfolio typically comprises 40-65 EGCs, meaning its holdings and performance may vary significantly from the index. The strategy's low-turnover approach may be best suited to investors who share our long-term investment horizon.

#### **Fund Details**

Inception date: 07/23/1992 **CUSIP Number:** 115291833 **NASDAQ Symbol: BCSIX Share Class:** Investor

**Total Fund Assets:** \$5.4 Billion **Gross Expense Ratio:** 1.24% **Initial Investment:** \$5,000 Subsequent \$500 Investment:

IRA Investment: \$2,000 **Subsequent Investment:** \$500

**Morningstar Category: US Fund Small** 

Growth

**Soft Close Date:** 10/18/2013  $\star\star\star$ Morningstar Rating\*:

\*Out of 591 funds for overall rating of riskadjusted returns as of 03/31/2022.

## **Performance**

The Small Company Fund seeks long-term capital appreciation. Current income is a secondary consideration in selecting portfolio investments. The goal of the Small Company Fund is to generate excess returns over the Russell 2000® Growth Index over investment periods of five years or more.

#### **QUARTER END RETURNS**

**Excess Return Over Benchmark** 

	Annualized							
As of 03/31/2022	Since Inception*	20 Years*	15 Years*	10 Years*	5 Years	3 Years	1 Year	3 Months
Small Company Fund	12.20%	9.98%	12.42%	13.97%	12.67%	8.92%	-12.41%	-14.20%
Russell 2000® Growth Index	7.98%	8.57%	8.81%	11.21%	10.33%	9.88%	-14.33%	-12.63%
Morningstar Category: US Fund Small Growth	N/A	N/A	N/A	12.21%	13.73%	13.38%	-9.61%	-13.22%
Excess Return Over Benchmark	4.22%	1.41%	3.61%	2.76%	2.34%	-0.96%	1.92%	-1.57%
CALENDAR YEAR RETURNS								
As of 03/31/2022	2016	20	)17	2018	2019	20	20	2021
Small Company Fund	8.34%	28.9	90%	-0.67%	29.22%	45.2	26%	-4.17%
Russell 2000® Growth Index	11.32%	22.	17%	-9.31%	28.48%	34.6	53%	2.83%
Morningstar Category: US Fund Small Growth	11.26%	22.3	30%	-5.63%	28.64%	40.4	13%	10.41%

-2.98%

Past performance is not indicative of future results. Returns presented are net of fees. Investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted. Performance current to the most recent month end may be found at www.browncapital.com or by calling 1-877-892-4226. Please see disclosures.

6.73%

8.64%

10.63%

-7.00%

0.74%

Source: ALPS.
\*Inception date for the Investor Share Class is 07/23/1992. Performance of the Investor Share Class started on 12/31/1992.

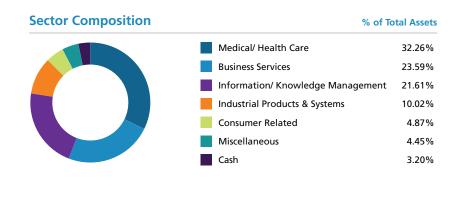
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# **Holdings**

For 30 years, the Small Company Fund has embodied Brown Capital's philosophy of seeking to invest in what we believe to be Exceptional Growth Companies (EGCs) over a three- to five-year horizon and beyond. EGCs offer products and services that save time, lives, money and headaches, or provide exceptional value. EGCs have both the potential and the plan to be much larger companies over the long term. We believe their sustainable competitive advantages and other characteristics afford us the patience to let growing companies grow, and the tolerance to hold them when they stumble.

Significant Holdings	% of Total Assets			
Cognex Corp.	5.68%			
Tyler Technologies Inc.	5.60%			
Datadog, Inc. Class-A	5.19%			
Manhattan Associates Inc.	5.05%			
Paycom Software Inc.	4.90%			
Abiomed Inc	4.90%			
Veeva Systems Inc	4.82%			
Bio-Techne Corp	4.23%			
Smartsheet Inc.	3.97%			
AppFolio Inc.	3.89%			



## **Investment Team**



Daman C. Blakeney Managing Director and Senior Portfolio Manager 21 years industry experience



Damien L. Davis, CFA
Managing Director and
Senior Portfolio Manager
16 years industry
experience



Andrew J. Fones

Managing Director and
Senior Portfolio Manager
21 years industry
experience



Kempton M. Ingersol Managing Director and Senior Portfolio Manager 31 years industry experience



Keith A. Lee Chief Executive Officer, President and Chief Investment Officer 35 years industry experience



CFA
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Principal Risks of Investing in the Fund: As with all mutual funds, an investment in the Fund is subject to investment risks, including the possible loss of the principal amount invested. There can be no assurances that the Fund will be successful in meeting its objectives. Investment in the Fund is also subject to market risk, investment style risk, investment adviser risk, market sector risk, equity securities risk, portfolio turnover risk, small companies risk, and other risks as set forth in the Fund's prospectus. Funds that emphasize investments in smaller companies generally experience greater price volatility.

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The Russell 2000® Growth Index measures the performance of the small-cap growth segment of the US equity universe. It includes those Russell 2000® companies with higher price-to-value ratios and higher forecasted growth values. The Russell 2000® Growth Index is constructed to provide a comprehensive and unbiased barometer for the small-cap growth segment. The index is completely reconstituted annually to ensure larger stocks do not distort the performance and characteristics of the true small-cap opportunity set and that the represented companies continue to reflect growth characteristics.

The Morningstar Rating for funds, or star rating, is calculated for managed products (including mutual funds, variable annuity and variable life subaccounts, exchange-traded funds, closed end funds, and separate accounts) with at least a three-year history. Exchange-traded funds and open ended mutual funds are considered a single population for comparative purposes. It is calculated based on a Morningstar Risk-Adjusted Return measure that accounts for variation in a managed products monthly excess performance, placing more emphasis on downward variations and rewarding consistent performance. The top 10% of products in each product category receive 5 stars, the next 22.5% receive 4 stars, the next 35% receive 3 stars the next 22.5% receive 2 stars, and the bottom 10% receive 1 star. The Overall Morningstar Rating for a managed product is derived from a weighted average of the performance figures associated with its three-,five-,and 10 year (if applicable) Morningstar Rating metrics. The weights are 100% three-year rating for 36-59 months of total returns, 60% five year rating/40%three-year rating for 60-119 months of total returns, and 50% 10 year rating/30%five-year rating/20%three year rating for 120 or more months of total returns. While the 10 year overall rating formula seems to give the most weight to the 10 year period, the most recent three-year period actually has the greatest impact because it is included in all three rating periods.

Brown Capital Management Small Company Fund were rated against the following numbers of Small Growth funds over the following time periods as of 03/31/2022: 591 of funds in the 3-year rating and for the Overall rating, 569 of funds in the last five years, and 517 of funds in the last ten years. With respect to these Small Growth funds, Brown Capital Management Small Company Fund received a Morningstar Rating™ of 2 stars for the 3- year rating, 3 stars for 5- year rating, and 4 stars for ten-year rating periods, respectively. Morningstar Rating is for the share class only; other classes may have different performance characteristics.

Morningstar Small Growth Category: Small-growth portfolios focus on faster-growing companies whose shares are at the lower end of the market-capitalization range. These portfolios tend to favor companies up-and-coming industries or young firms in their early growth stages. Because these businesses are fast-growing and often richly valued, their stocks tend to be volatile. Stocks in the bottom 10% of the capitalization of the U.S. equity market are defined as small-cap. Growth is defined based on fast growth (high growth rates for earnings, sales, book value and cash flow) and high valuations (high price ratios and low dividend yields). The volatility (beta) of an account may be greater or less than its respective benchmark. One may not invest directly into an index.

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