

# Tax-Exempt Bond Fund

Investor: **BIAEX**

First Quarter 2017

## MUNICIPAL NATIONAL INTERMEDIATE

### WHY INVEST IN BROWN ADVISORY TAX-EXEMPT BOND FUND?

**The Fund seeks to invest primarily in high quality, tax-exempt bonds, which can offer taxpayers the opportunity for tax-free income.** The Fund focuses on securities that have provided a high level of income exempt from federal income taxes. We seek to maximize potential total return by actively managing the portfolio to changing market conditions and interest-rate environments based on an understanding of an array of market probabilities.

**Our investment process seeks to add alpha and control risk.** We have a time-tested process that incorporates bottom-up, fundamental research, which drives security selection and emphasizes risk mitigation. We look for opportunities for price appreciation potential, not just current yield, and focus attention to actively managing average maturity to fall between five to 10 years.

**We believe the Fund benefits from the philosophy, process and people at Brown Advisory.** We follow a philosophy that fixed income strategies built from a foundation of stability coupled with fundamental research can seek to generate alpha and control risk. Portfolios are concentrated based on security selection, but diversified across sectors. We have a culture and firm equity ownership structure that attract and retain professionals who share those beliefs, and we follow a repeatable investment process that helps us stay true to our philosophy.

Fund Manager: Stephen M. Shutz, CFA

Benchmark Index: Bloomberg Barclays 1-10 YR Municipal Bond Blend Index

### PHILOSOPHY

Under normal circumstances, the Brown Advisory Tax-Exempt Bond Fund will invest at least 80% of the Fund's net assets (plus borrowings for investment purposes) in securities the interest of which is exempt from Federal income taxes and that do not subject shareholders to the federal alternative minimum tax ("AMT"). This 80% policy cannot be changed without shareholder approval. The Fund may invest up to 20% of its assets in securities that may subject shareholders to the AMT. In addition, all capital gains are subject to Federal and state taxes in addition to the AMT. The Fund is non-diversified, which means that it may invest a significant portion of its assets in the securities of a single issuer or small number of issuers.

### DURATION DISTRIBUTION

As of 03/31/2017	%
Less Than 1 Year (incl. Cash)	29.1
1 to 3 Years	16.1
3 to 5 Years	14.5
5 to 7 Years	13.0
7 to 10 Years	18.0
Greater than 10 Years	9.3

Source: BondEdge®

Quality and duration distribution allocations (including cash and equivalents) are subject to change at any time and should not be considered recommendations to buy or sell any security. Figures may not total 100% due to rounding.

### OVERALL MORNINGSTAR RATING™



*As of 03/31/2017 for Investor Shares among 181 Muni National Shorts funds (derived from a weighted average of the fund's three-, five- and 10-year risk adjusted return measure).*

### CREDIT QUALITY COMPOSITION

As of 03/31/2017	%
AAA/Aaa	7.6
AA/Aa	16.0
A	34.9
BBB/Baa	25.6
High Yield	9.2
Not Rated	6.8

Source: BondEdge®

Credit quality is calculated using ratings assigned by Moody's. If Moody's does not rate a holding then Standard & Poor's is used. If Moody's and Standard & Poor's do not rate a holding then Fitch is used. A bond is considered investment grade if its credit rating is BBB- or higher according to Standard & Poor's; more specifically, a rating of "AAA" represents the highest credit quality with minimal risk of default and a rating of "BB" or below represents speculative financial security. High Yield, if noted, includes holdings that are rated BB+ or lower according to Moody's. Not Rated category, if noted, includes holdings that are not rated by any rating agencies. All ratings are as of 03/31/2017.

### FUND PROFILE & CHARACTERISTICS

As of 03/31/2017	BIAEX
Inception Date	06/29/2012
Effective duration (yrs)	4.4
Average life (yrs)	4.1
Yield to worst (%)	2.4
30-Day SEC Yield (Unsubsidized) (%)	2.25
# of Holdings	130
Dividend Frequency	Monthly
Gross Expense Ratio	0.49%
Minimum Investment	\$100

Source: BondEdge®. Characteristics include cash and equivalents

### SECTOR DIVERSIFICATION

As of 03/31/2017	%
Cash & Equivalents	1.2
Muni - Revenue	86.4
Muni - Pre Refunded	0.8
Muni - VRDN	--
Muni - GO	11.6

Source: BondEdge® and Advent Portfolio Exchange®. Sector diversification includes cash and equivalents. The information provided in this material is not intended to be and should not be considered to be a recommendation or suggestion to engage in or refrain from a particular course of action or to make or hold a particular investment or pursue a particular investment strategy, including whether or not to buy, sell, or hold any of the securities mentioned. It should not be assumed that investments in such securities have been or will be profitable. Figures may not total 100% due to rounding.

## AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS % (As of 03/31/2017)

	3 MOS.	1 YR	3 YR	SINCE INCEPTION
Brown Advisory Tax-Exempt Bond Fund				
Investor Class - BIAEX Inception: 06/29/2012	1.07	0.29	2.16	1.80
Bloomberg Barclays 1-10 Year Municipal Bond Blend Index	1.55	0.21	2.30	2.08
<b>Excess Return vs. Index</b>	<b>-0.48</b>	<b>0.08</b>	<b>-0.14</b>	<b>-0.28</b>
Morningstar % Rank in Category (Investor)		41	3	-
# of Funds in Muni National Short		195	181	-

Gross Expense Ratios: 0.49% (Investor) Source: U.S. Bank

## TOP 10 HOLDINGS (As of 03/31/2017)

#	SECURITY	% PORTFOLIO	#	SECURITY	% PORTFOLIO
1	State of Texas, 5.00% Due 08/01/2031	2.4	6	Tobacco Settlement Authority, 5.00% Due 06/01/2017	2.0
2	University of Houston, 5.00% Due 02/15/2027	2.4	7	City of San Jose CA Airport Revenue, 5.00% Due 03/01/2037	2.0
3	City & County of Denver CO Airport System Revenue, 5.00% Due 11/15/2030	2.0	8	Washington Convention & Sports Authority, 5.00% Due 10/01/2025	2.0
4	South Miami Health Facilities Authority, 5.00% Due 08/15/2032	2.0	9	Lees Summit Industrial Development Authority, 5.13% Due 08/15/2032	1.9
5	City of Houston TX Airport System Revenue, 5.00% Due 07/01/2026	2.0	10	New Jersey Educational Facilities Authority, 5.00% Due 07/01/2023	1.8

Source: U.S. Bank

## EXPERIENCED MANAGEMENT



### STEPHEN M. SHUTZ, CFA

Steve Shutz is the portfolio manager of the Brown Advisory Tax-Exempt Bond Fund and a member of the Fixed Income Investment Team.

Investment experience dating from 1996; joined Brown Advisory 2003; manager since inception.

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- Founded in 1993
- Independent since 1998
- 100% of colleagues own approximately 70% of the firm

Must be preceded or accompanied by a prospectus.

**Mutual fund investing involves risk. Principal loss is possible.**

Investments in debt securities typically decrease in value when interest rates rise. This risk is usually greater for longer-term debt securities. The Fund is non-diversified meaning its assets may be concentrated in fewer individual holdings than diversified funds. Municipal securities may decrease in value during times when tax rates are falling. The Fund's investments are affected by changes in federal income tax rates applicable to, or the continuing federal tax-exempt status of, interest income on municipal obligations. In addition, the fund is susceptible to risks from investments in derivatives, municipal securities, and its investments in other investment companies.

Performance figures include the reinvestment of dividend and capital gain distributions.

The Bloomberg Barclays 1-10 Year Municipal Bond Blend Index consists of a broad selection of investment-grade general obligation bonds, revenue bonds, insured bonds (including all insured bonds with a Aaa/AAA rating), and prerefunded bonds with maturities of at least 1 year and less than 12 years. It is an unmanaged index representative of the tax-exempt bond market. Bloomberg Barclays Indices are trademarks of Bloomberg or its licensors, including Barclays Bank PLC. An investor cannot invest directly into an index.

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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 star 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." Morningstar Rankings represent a fund's total-return percentile rank relative to all funds that have the same Morningstar Category. The highest percentile rank is 1 and the lowest is 100. It is based on Morningstar total return, which includes both income and capital gains or losses and is not adjusted for sales charges or redemption fees. **Past performance is no guarantee of future results.** Brown Advisory Tax-Exempt Bond Fund was rated against the following numbers of U.S. domiciled Muni National Short funds over the following time periods: 195 funds in the last one year period, and 181 funds in the last three year period ending 03/31/2017. With respect to these Muni National Short funds, Brown Advisory Tax-Exempt Bond Fund received a Morningstar Rating of 5 stars for the three-year period.

**Income from tax-exempt funds may be subject to state and local taxes and a portion of income may be subject to the Federal Alternative minimum tax for certain investors.**

### Terms and Definitions for Fund Characteristics

**Average Life** is the average period of time for all principal dollars to be returned to investors. **Effective Duration** is a time measure of a bond's interest-rate sensitivity, based on the weighted average of the time periods over which a bond's cash flows accrue to the bondholder. **Yield to worst** is calculated by making worst-case scenario assumptions on the issue by calculating the returns that would be received if provisions, including prepayment, call or sinking fund, are used by the issuer. **SEC Yield (Unsubsidized)** is computed under an SEC standardized formula based on income net income earned over the past 30 days excluding expense reimbursements. **Alpha** is a measure of performance on a risk-adjusted basis. Alpha takes the volatility (price risk) of a mutual fund and compares its risk-adjusted performance to a benchmark index. The excess return of the fund relative to the return of the benchmark index is a fund's alpha. BondEdge® is a registered trademark of BondEdge Solutions LLC. Advent Portfolio Exchange is a registered trademark of Advent Software, Inc. The Brown Advisory Funds are distributed by Quasar Distributors, LLC.