



U.S. Small Cap Value Equity Profile

FIRM OVERVIEW

- Founded: 1974
- Staff Total: 407
- Investment Professionals: 67
- Ownership: Employee-owned
- Investment Style: Value
- Investment Process: Bottom-up
- Total Assets Under Management: \$34.5 b
- Institutional/Private Client: \$28.2 b
- SMA Division: \$6.3 b

Since 1974, Brandes Investment Partners® has used the value approach in seeking to generate strong returns in the various equity markets in which it participates. Our U.S. Small Cap Value Equity Strategy is dedicated solely to the small-cap segment of U.S. markets.

Our value approach to equity selection is a conservative strategy that requires an investor to have a three- to five-year outlook. Historically, small-cap stocks have offered greater returns than larger-cap stocks. However, markets for small-cap securities may be more volatile and less liquid than those for larger companies. Investors should carefully consider these risks in the context of their overall objective, time horizon, and asset allocation prior to investing.

Our U.S. Small Cap Value Equity Strategy applies a Graham & Dodd value approach to stock selection. Generally, securities will be bought if they are trading below what we believe is their estimated value. This conservative approach strives to provide investors with a margin of safety. The margin of safety for any security is defined as the discount of its market price to what the firm believes is the intrinsic value of that security.

In addition, small companies tend to attract less coverage by research analysts than large companies. As a result, there is a greater possibility for us to take advantage of unrecognized investment opportunities.

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SEEKS TO OFFER:

- A disciplined approach to investing in smaller companies
- Diversification for investors with larger-cap U.S. equities and other asset classes
- Long-term capital appreciation

FEATURES:

- Undervalued U.S. stocks
- Smaller-cap companies with potential to appreciate
- Companies with strong balance sheets
- Companies with comparatively low price/cash flow, price/earnings, and price/book valuation ratios
- Diversification across a wide range of industries

For a more complete discussion of the risks of investing in this vehicle, consult Brandes' Form ADV, Part 2A.

Annualized Performance (net of fees) - Through March 31, 2012

All returns greater than one year are annualized

	Latest Quarter	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	7 Years	10 Years	Since Inception (9/30/1997)
Brandes U.S. Small Cap Value Equity	16.6%	2.2%	45.2%	-5.3%	-2.0%	2.3%	4.1%
Russell 2000 Index (a)	12.4%	-0.2%	26.9%	2.1%	5.8%	6.5%	5.6%
S&P SmallCap 600 Value (gross) Index (b)	12.9%	4.7%	28.1%	2.1%	6.0%	7.0%	7.6%

Fundamental Summary* - Weighted averages as of March 31, 2012

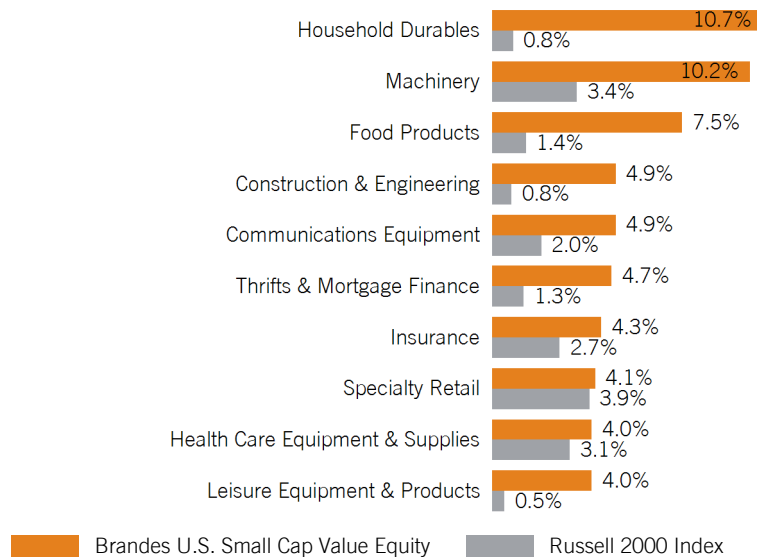
	Mkt Cap (U.S.\$)	Price/Book	Price/Earnings	Price/Cash Flow	LT Debt/Equity	YLD
Brandes U.S. Small Cap Value Equity	\$1.9 billion	1.3x	18.2x	8.7x	202.3%	1.1%
Russell 2000 Averages	\$1.2 billion	1.8x	17.1x	9.4x	128.0%	1.4%

*Glossary: **Mkt Cap**: Market Capitalization – the number of common shares outstanding multiplied by the current market price per common share. **Price/Book**: Price per share divided by book value per share. **Price/Earnings**: Price per share divided by earnings per share. **Price/Cash Flow**: Price per share divided by cash flow per share. **LT Debt/Equity**: Long-term debt of a corporation divided by the corporation's common equity. **YLD**: annual income from the investment (dividend, interest, etc.) divided by the current market price of the investment.

U.S. Small Cap Value Equity

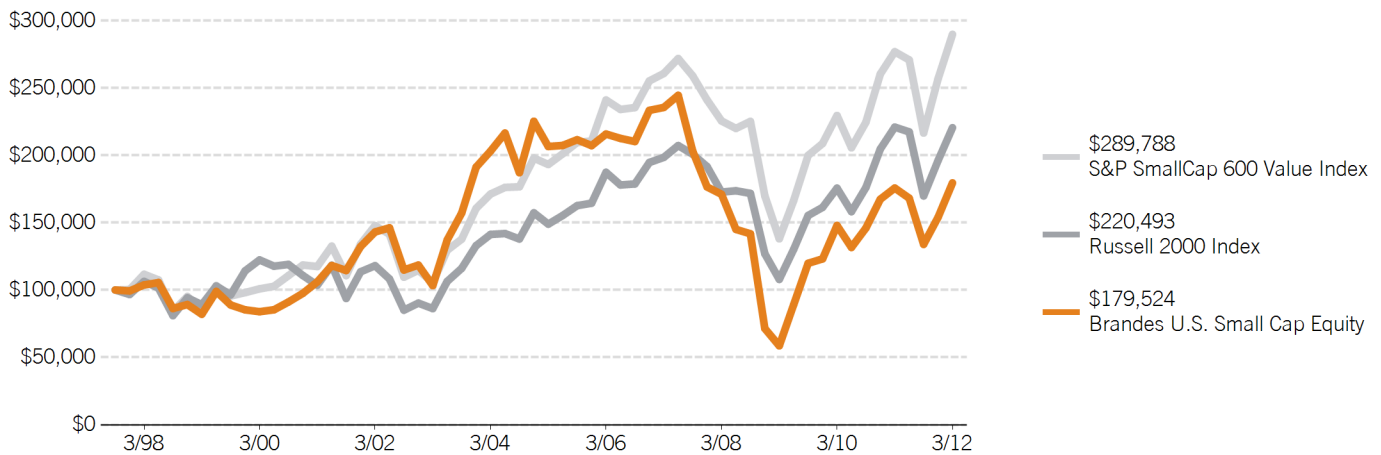
Industry Exposure: Top 10

As of 03/31/12



We select holdings without reference to an index. Each security is selected based purely on its own merits. Industry and country weightings are residuals of our bottom-up stock selection process.

Growth of \$100,000 (Net) 09/30/1997 (inception) to 03/31/2012



Past performance is not a guarantee of future results.
This is a hypothetical example intended for illustrative purposes only. Actual results will vary.

Performance shown is supplemental to the accompanying U.S. Small Cap Value Equity composite performance pages.

The portfolio characteristics shown relate to a single account as of date noted, deemed by Brandes to be generally representative of its standard accounts noted. Not every account will have these exact characteristics. The actual characteristics with respect to any particular account will vary based on a number of factors including but not limited to: (i) the size of the account; (ii) investment restrictions applicable to the account, if any; and (iii) market exigencies at the time of investment. Data is updated on a quarterly basis.

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Through March 31, 2012 | Reporting Currency: USD

Annualized Performance (Net)*

	<u>1 Year</u>	<u>3 Years</u>	<u>5 Years</u>	<u>7 Years</u>	<u>10 Years</u>	<u>Since Inception (09/30/97)</u>
U.S. Small Cap Equity	2.19 %	45.24 %	-5.28 %	-1.98 %	2.30 %	4.12 %
Primary Benchmark (a)	-0.18 %	26.90 %	2.13 %	5.77 %	6.45 %	5.60 %
Relative Performance	2.37 %	18.34 %	-7.41 %	-7.75 %	-4.15 %	-1.48 %
U.S. Small Cap Equity	2.19 %	45.24 %	-5.28 %	-1.98 %	2.30 %	4.12 %
Secondary Benchmark (b)	4.68 %	28.05 %	2.14 %	5.97 %	6.97 %	7.61 %
Relative Performance	-2.49 %	17.19 %	-7.42 %	-7.95 %	-4.67 %	-3.49 %

Annual Periods (Net)*

	<u>YTD</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>
U.S. Small Cap Equity	16.60	-8.01	35.95	72.45	-59.55	-24.36	12.64	-8.02	17.81	61.33	-10.39	35.61	14.37	-4.41	-10.19	-0.68
Primary Benchmark (a)	12.44	-4.18	26.85	27.16	-33.79	-1.56	18.37	4.55	18.33	47.25	-20.48	2.49	-3.02	21.26	-2.55	-3.35
Secondary Benchmark (b)	12.86	-1.38	24.72	22.85	-29.51	-5.54	21.15	6.44	23.25	40.04	-14.47	13.10	20.86	3.03	-5.06	0.25

Quarterly Performance (Net And Gross)*

Year	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	YTD	Primary Benchmark(a)	Secondary Benchmark(b)	Year	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	YTD	Primary Benchmark(a)	Secondary Benchmark(b)	
2012	NET	16.60			16.60	12.44	12.86	2004	NET	6.23	6.59	-13.57	20.37	17.81	18.33	23.25
	GROSS	16.89			16.89				GROSS	6.43	6.77	-13.41	20.61	18.67		
2011	NET	4.96	-4.29	-20.38	15.01	-4.18	-1.38	2003	NET	-12.86	32.87	14.52	21.66	61.33	47.25	40.04
	GROSS	5.24	-4.04	-20.18	15.30	-7.05			GROSS	-12.71	33.08	14.73	21.86	62.42		
2010	NET	20.11	-11.02	10.91	14.68	26.85	24.72	2002	NET	8.19	2.14	-21.41	3.18	-10.39	-20.48	-14.47
	GROSS	20.41	-10.80	11.19	14.97	37.30			GROSS	8.43	2.27	-21.28	3.25	-9.86		
2009	NET	-17.92	52.20	34.34	2.76	27.16	22.85	2001	NET	8.74	11.44	-3.13	15.52	35.61	2.49	13.10
	GROSS	-17.73	52.56	34.67	3.01	74.13			GROSS	8.94	11.65	-2.94	15.87	36.80		
2008	NET	-3.08	-15.23	-2.26	-49.63	-33.79	-29.51	2000	NET	-1.59	1.67	6.76	7.07	14.37	-3.02	20.86
	GROSS	-2.86	-15.03	-2.04	-49.51	-59.17			GROSS	-1.35	1.88	7.05	7.11	15.25		
2007	NET	0.93	3.82	-16.89	-13.15	-1.56	-5.54	1999	NET	-8.08	20.63	-10.14	-4.07	-4.41	21.26	3.03
	GROSS	1.16	4.07	-16.69	-12.95	-23.65			GROSS	-7.83	20.88	-9.89	-3.90	-3.52		
2006	NET	4.16	-1.50	-1.09	11.01	18.37	21.15	1998	NET	4.47	1.69	-18.23	3.39	-10.19	-2.55	-5.06
	GROSS	4.35	-1.32	-0.90	11.17	13.45			GROSS	4.72	1.94	-17.98	3.64	-9.26		
2005	NET	-8.30	0.38	2.05	-2.08	4.55	6.44	1997	NET				-0.68	-0.68	-3.35	0.25
	GROSS	-8.12	0.59	2.21	-1.91	-7.34			GROSS				-0.43	-0.43		

Composite Characteristics

Year	#Accts	Assets (mil)	Dispersion (2)	% of non-fee paying assets	Total Firm Assets (mil)(1)
2012	11	15			28,165
2011	10	13	0.50	2	26,658
2010	17	23	0.89	18	38,659
2009	19	23	1.42	13	42,152
2008	20	41	0.35	4	40,591
2007	21	80	0.49	4	83,242
2006	36	175	3.23	3	85,974
2005	51	550	0.34	<1	101,874
2004	90	675	0.48	<1	98,078
2003	52	408	1.80	<1	75,789
2002	43	244	1.13	<1	51,808
2001	18	7	1.24	32	61,996
2000	6	3	1.20	67	50,852
1999	12	3	N/A	42	41,538
1998	1	0.4	N/A	100	25,125
1997	1	0.4	N/A	100	15,624

Annualized Performance

Year		3 Year Annualized	
		U.S. Small Cap Equity	Primary Benchmark (a)
2011	NET	29.20 %	15.62 %
	GROSS	30.50 %	
2010	NET	-1.75 %	2.22 %
	GROSS	-0.80 %	
2009	NET	-19.19 %	-6.07 %
	GROSS	-18.43 %	
2008	NET	-29.89 %	-8.28 %
	GROSS	-29.29 %	
2007	NET	-7.80 %	6.80 %
	GROSS	-7.07 %	
2006	NET	6.87 %	13.56 %
	GROSS	7.65 %	
2005	NET	20.47 %	22.13 %
	GROSS	21.33 %	
2004	NET	19.42 %	11.48 %
	GROSS	20.22 %	
2003	NET	25.16 %	6.27 %
	GROSS	26.05 %	
2002	NET	11.60 %	-7.54 %
	GROSS	12.43 %	

Standard Deviation

Year		3 Year Annualized	
		U.S. Small Cap Equity	Primary Benchmark (a)
2011	NET	35.03 %	24.99 %
	GROSS	35.05 %	
2010	NET	44.66 %	27.69 %
	GROSS	44.70 %	
2009	NET	43.06 %	24.83 %
	GROSS	43.09 %	
2008	NET	29.80 %	19.85 %
	GROSS	29.81 %	
2007	NET	16.67 %	13.16 %
	GROSS	16.67 %	
2006	NET	17.22 %	13.75 %
	GROSS	17.21 %	
2005	NET	21.42 %	15.09 %
	GROSS	21.42 %	
2004	NET	23.36 %	18.96 %
	GROSS	23.37 %	
2003	NET	22.90 %	21.64 %
	GROSS	22.93 %	
2002	NET	19.89 %	24.36 %
	GROSS	19.91 %	

(1) As of January 1, 2006, "Total Firm Assets" do not include SMA Division assets.

(2) The measure of dispersion is the asset-weighted standard deviation for annual periods. No measure is displayed when there are five or fewer portfolios in the composite for an entire annual period. As such, measure may not be meaningful. The 2011 annual period asset-weighted standard deviation measure of dispersion is preliminary and the 2011 percentage of non-fee paying assets is preliminary.

* The net and gross quarterly and annual returns, calculated in USD, presented for the Brandes U.S. Small Cap Equity composite were calculated on a time-weighted and asset-weighted, total return basis, including reinvestment of all dividends, interest and income, realized and unrealized gains or losses and are net of brokerage commissions, execution costs, and any applicable foreign withholding taxes, without provision for federal and state income taxes, if any. As of 4/1/2006 all custodial fees are treated as administrative fees. In June 2002, Brandes Investment Partners, L.P. changed its organizational structure from a limited partnership to a limited liability corporation formed under the name Brandes Investment Partners, LLC. On October 18, 2004, Brandes Investment Partners, LLC became a Delaware limited partnership with the name Brandes Investment Partners, L.P. Brandes Investment Partners, L.P. is a registered, independent investment management firm. As of January 1, 2006, Brandes Investment Partners was divided into two separate divisions: the SMA Division of Brandes Investment Partners, which acts as a discretionary manager to SMA or "wrap fee" program clients, including those who may invest in an SMA product; and the non-SMA Division of Brandes Investment Partners (Brandes), which acts as a discretionary manager for all other types of clients which may include pooled investment vehicles, institutional accounts and high net worth clients outside of wrap fee programs. Although the divisions may share portfolio management and other personnel, each division serves a particular target market, may trade in a different manner and may offer investment advice which differs from the other depending upon the individualized needs of the clients served. The performance data presented does not contain any SMA Division accounts.

Prior to 1/1/2000 cash flows were weighted using a mid-month assumption, beginning 1/1/2000 cash flows are weighted on a daily basis.

This composite was created in 1997.

Securities transactions are accounted for on the trade date. Dividend and interest income is accounted for on an accrual basis. Cash and cash equivalents are included in performance returns.

Accounts are removed from the composite when an account's market value falls below US\$50,000 due to capital withdrawals.

The Brandes U.S. Small Cap Equity composite results include all actual, fee-paying and non-fee-paying, fully discretionary U.S. Small Cap Equity accounts under management by Brandes Investment Partners after one full calendar month beginning 9/30/1997 (except for the Brandes U.S. Small Cap Equity pooled account which was fully invested at its inception), that have substantially the same investment objectives, policies, techniques and restrictions.

Standard fee schedule - From \$100,000 but less than \$1 million: First \$500,000 1.50%; Next \$499,999 1.25%; From \$1 million up to \$10 million: First \$5 million 1.00%; Next \$5 million 0.90%; From \$10 million and over: First \$10 million 0.95%; Next \$10 million 0.90%; Next \$30 million 0.80%; Amounts over \$50 million 0.70%.

The gross returns do not give effect to investment advisory fees, which would reduce such returns. Investment management fees and any other expenses that may be incurred in the management of the account will reduce actual returns. When fees are deducted quarterly total portfolio performance will be reduced at a compounded rate. Beginning January 1, 2007, composite performance after management fee returns are determined by reducing the gross of fee returns monthly by the highest applicable fee schedule per account.

For the period 9/30/1997 through 12/31/1998, a hypothetical fee based on the highest fee charged by the firm for this product during that period was applied to calculate net of fee returns. The weighted annualized management fee (including the hypothetical fee) during the period 9/30/1997 through 12/31/2010 was 0.84% per year.

Brandes claims compliance with the Global Investment Performance Standards (GIPS™) and has prepared and presented this report in compliance with the GIPS standards. Brandes has been independently verified for the annual periods 1995 through 2010 by Ernst & Young, LLP. Verification assesses whether (1) the firm has complied with all the composite construction requirements of the GIPS standards on a firm-wide basis and (2) the firm's policies and procedures are designed to calculate and present performance in compliance with the GIPS standards. The U.S. Small Cap Equity composite has been examined for the periods since inception through year end 2010. The verification and performance examination reports, a complete list and description of Brandes' composites and additional information regarding policies for valuing, calculating and reporting returns are available upon request.

The results for individual accounts and for different periods may vary. Investors should not rely on prior performance results as a reliable indication of future results. Market conditions may impact performance. The performance results presented were achieved in particular market conditions which may not be repeated. Moreover, the current market volatility and uncertain regulatory environment may have a negative impact on future performance.

(a) The Russell 2000 Index with gross dividends is an unmanaged, market capitalization weighted index that measures the performance of the small-cap segment of the U.S. equity universe. The Russell 2000 Index measures the performance of the small-cap segment of the U.S. equity universe. The Russell 2000 Index is a subset of the Russell 3000® Index representing approximately 10% of the total market capitalization of that index. It includes approximately 2,000 of the smallest securities based on a combination of their market cap and current index membership. This index includes the reinvestment of dividends and income, but does not reflect fees, brokerage commissions, withholding taxes, or other expenses of investing.

(b) The S&P SmallCap 600 Value Index with gross dividends is an unmanaged, market capitalization weighted index that measures the equity performance of those S&P SmallCap 600 Index companies with lower price-to-book ratios. The S&P SmallCap 600 Growth and Value Indices measure Growth and Value in separate dimensions across six risk factors. Value factors include book value to price ratio, sales to price ratio and dividend yield. This index includes dividends and distributions, but does not reflect fees, brokerage commissions, withholding taxes, or other expenses of investing.

Please note that all indices are unmanaged and are not available for direct investment.

Effective 11/1/2007, the U.S. Small Cap Value Equity Portfolio (USSC) opened to new investors and to contributions from existing clients. Effective 10/31/2005, USSC closed to contributions from existing clients (with some limited exceptions) and effective 4/15/2004, closed to new investors.

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