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# **Brandes Emerging Markets Value Equity**

- · Pioneer: Brandes has been navigating emerging markets for over 30 years.
- Value: The strategy consistently applies a disciplined investment process focused on uncovering emerging market companies with potentially attractive value attributes
- Flexibility: The strategy has the ability and willingness to be different than the benchmark, including investing in frontier market companies and other off-index opportunities.



### Performance (USD,%) as of 3/31/24



Source: Brandes, MSCI. Total return – gross and net of fees. Net performance assumes 3% total fees to the end investor. Individual performance will vary depending on actual total fees paid. Periods of greater than one year have been annualized. Past performance is not a guarantee of future results. It is not possible to invest directly in an index.

### Top 10 Holdings<sup>‡</sup>

Company	%
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Ltd	7.68
Embraer SA	5.64
Alibaba Group Holding Ltd	3.62
Erste Group Bank AG	2.96
Copa Holdings SA	2.87
Banco Latinoamericano de Comercio Exterior SA	2.76
Bank Rakyat Indonesia Persero Tbk PT	2.75
Cognizant Technology Solutions Corp	2.64
Petroleo Brasileiro SA	2.63
Credicorp Ltd	2.51
Top 10 as % of Portfolio	36.06

Portfolio holdings are subject to change at any time at the discretion of the investment manager.

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### Characteristics<sup>‡</sup>

Brandes Emerging Markets Value Equity vs. MSCI Emerging Markets Index

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	Brandes	Benchmark		Brandes	Benchmark
Price/Book (x)	1.2	1.7	Active Share %	82.3	
Price/Earnings (x)	10.3	15.6	Number of Holdings	50	
Price/Cash Flow (x)	4.1	10.5	Weighted Average Mkt. Cap (\$bil)	80.9	119.8
Dividend Yield % 3.3		2.8	Standard Deviation (3 year) %	18.58	17.51

Source: Bloomberg, FactSet, MSCI.

### Exposure<sup>‡</sup>

Brandes Emerging Markets Value Equity vs. MSCI Emerging Markets Index

By Sector	Brandes	Benchmark	Brandes Overweight/ Underweight	By Country (Top 10)	Brandes	Benchmark	Brandes Overweight/ Underweight
Financials	28.0	22.2		Brazil	17.2	5.2	
Communication Svcs	s. 12.9	8.6		China	15.7	25.1	
Consumer Staples	12.6	5.6		Mexico	8.3	2.7	
Consumer Discret.	11.7	12.4	1	Taiwan	7.7	17.6	
Info. Tech.	11.3	23.7		Panama	5.6		
Industrials	10.6	7.0		Indonesia	5.2	1.9	
Materials	3.2	7.2					
Energy	2.6	5.5		Singapore	4.8		
Utilities	1.6	2.8		Hong Kong	4.1		
Health Care	1.3	3.5		Philippines	3.2	0.6	
Real Estate	0.7	1.5		Austria	3.0		

Source: Brandes. MSCI.

Data as of 3/31/24.

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.

Dividend Yield: Dividends per share divided by price per share. Active Share: a measure of the percentage of stock holdings in a manager's portfolio that differ from the benchmark index. Standard Deviation: a measure of how much an investment's returns can vary from its average return.

Market Capitalization, P/B, P/E, P/CF, and Dividend Yield for each security provided by Bloomberg, L.P. Please note that Bloomberg does not provide negative numbers in the data feed. Index fundamentals are calculated from holdings data as provided by the relevant index or by FactSet Fundamentals, excluding negative numbers for consistency. Thus, index fundamentals calculated by Brandes may differ from those computed and published by index providers. <sup>+</sup>The portfolio characteristics shown relate to a single account deemed by Brandes to be generally representative of the strategy as of date 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.

The MSCI Emerging Markets Value Index with net dividends captures large and mid cap securities exhibiting value style characteristics, defined using book value to price, 12-month forward earnings to price, and dividend yield.

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#### **GIPS®** Report

Composite Name: Brandes Emerging Markets Value Equity SMA Benchmark: MSCI Emerging Markets Index

Reporting Date: December 31, 2022

(1) Through 2018, and beginning again in 2020, the measure of dispersion is the asset-weighted standard deviation for annual period gross returns in USD of all portfolios in the composite for the full reporting period. For 2019 the measure of dispersion is the equal-weighted standard deviation for annual period gross returns in USD of all portfolios in the composite for the full reporting period. For all portfolios in the composite for the full reporting period. Beginning in 2017, dispersion is not presented for periods with less than 2 accounts in the composite. Prior to 2017, dispersion is not presented for periods with less than 6 accounts in the composite.

(2) The three-year annualized ex-post standard deviation measures the variability of the monthly gross composite returns and the benchmark returns over the preceding 36-month period.

\* The net and pure gross annual returns, calculated in USD, presented for the Brandes Emerging Markets Value Equity SMA 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, without provision for federal and state income taxes, if any. Net returns reflect the deduction of the maximum total wrap fee of 3%. The total wrap fee includes trading expenses, portfolio management, custody, and other administrative expenses. Cash and cash equivalents are included in performance returns. tBeginning 1/1/18, pure gross returns do not reflect the deduction of transaction costs and are supplemental to the net returns. Beginning January 1, 2018, Brandes Investment Partners includes Brandes Investment Partners, L.P., Brandes Investment Partners & Co. assets sub-advised by Brandes Investment Partners, L.P. For the period from 1/1/06-12/31/17 the SMA Division of Brandes was excluded from the GIPS firm definition. The firm was redefined to reflect the dissolution of the SMA Division and the firm bringing those former SMA Division assets into compliance with the GIPS firm definition.

This composite was created in 2019. The inception date is 1/31/2015.

The Brandes Emerging Markets Value Equity SMA Composite Strategy seeks long-term capital appreciation by investing primarily in equity securities of companies located or active mainly in emerging and frontier country markets with equity market capitalizations of \$3 billion or more at the time of purchase. Investments are primarily made in American Depository Receipts. Each of these diversification percentages are measured at the time of purchase. Bundled fee accounts comprise 100% of composite assets beginning January 1, 2018. Performance for prior years is derived from Brandes' non-SMA Emerging Markets Value Equity Composite, which is managed in a substantially similar strategy.

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Annual Performance %			Composite Characteristics			Annualized 3 Year Standard Deviation % (2)			
Period	Composite Gross*	Composite Net*	Benchmark (a)	Assets \$ Millions	Number of Accounts	Internal Dispersion (1)	Total Firm Assets \$ Millions	Composite Gross	Benchmark (a)
2022	-12.29	-14.84	-20.09	4	17	0.47	17,604	23.94	20.26
2021	1.15	-1.84	-2.54	5	16	0.38	20,179	22.66	18.33
2020	-6.76	-9.51	18.31	2	9	0.23	18,595	23.20	19.60
2019	15.27	11.90	18.42	5	2	0.46	21,451	14.83	14.17
2018†	-15.34	-17.88	-14.57	4	2	0.25	22,106	16.06	14.60
2017	27.70	23.99	37.28	2,090	3	0.32	25,578	-	-
2016	27.19	23.49	11.19	1,387	3	N/A	22,971	-	-
2015**	-14.70	-16.64	-16.78	1,067	2	N/A	20,666	-	-
Annualized Performance %					1 Year	1 Year		Since Inception	
Brandes Emerging Markets Value Equity SMA Composite (gross)			-12.29		-4.19	1.17			
Brandes Emerging Markets Value Equity SMA Composite (net)			-14.84		-7.01 -1.8		81		
Benchmark (a)					-20.09		-1.40	-1.40 2.36	

\*\*Returns are for the period from January 31, 2015 (inception date) through December 31, 2015.