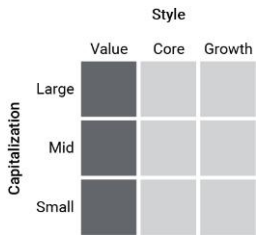
Brandes Emerging Markets (ex-China) Equity

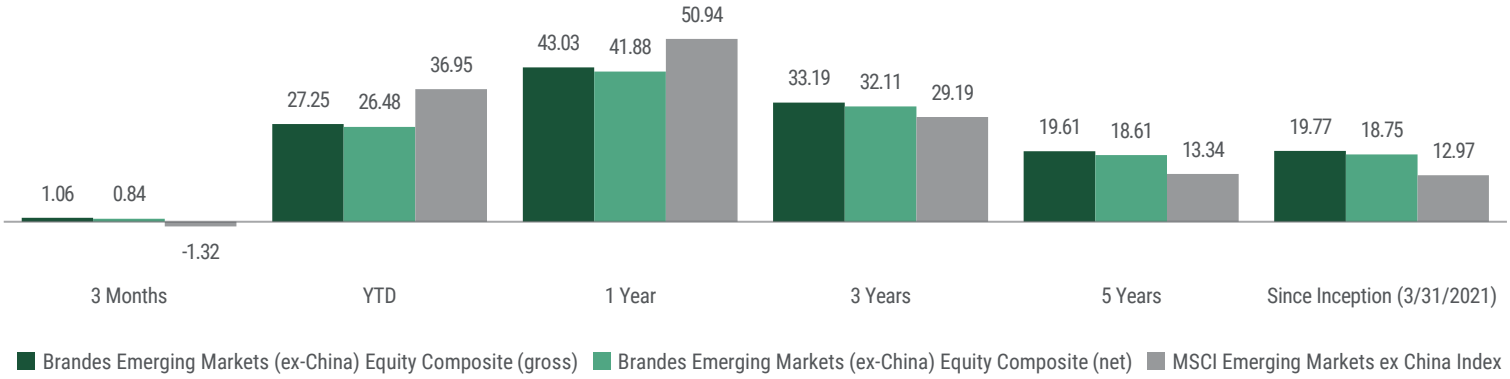
- Value: The strategy employs our disciplined, bottom-up investing approach to seeking emerging markets companies outside China that trade below our estimates of intrinsic value.
- Experience: Brandes has been navigating emerging markets for over 30 years.
- Flexibility: The strategy is an all-capitalization mandate that invests in businesses based in developing countries excluding China.

Investment Style Box



Source: Brandes

Performance (USD,%) as of 9/30/26



Source: Brandes, MSCI. Total return – gross and net of management fees. 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. The 2026 returns are preliminary, unaudited, and subject to change.

Top 10 Holdings†

Company	%
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Ltd	10.23
Samsung Electronics Co Ltd	8.22
Wiwynn Corp	3.82
SK Hynix Inc	2.73
Nova Ljubljanska Banka dd	2.52
HDFC Bank Ltd	2.48
Petroleo Brasileiro SA - Petrobras	2.44
Cognizant Technology Solutions Corp	2.41
Copa Holdings SA	2.37
Hellenic Telecommunications Organization SA	2.36
Top 10 as % of Portfolio	**39.58**

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

Characteristics†

Brandes Emerging Markets (ex-China) Equity vs. MSCI Emerging Markets ex China Index

	Brandes	Benchmark
Price/Book (x)	1.8	2.9
Price/Earnings (x)	10.5	15.5
Price/Cash Flow (x)	6.4	11.4
Dividend Yield %	4.1	1.9

	Brandes	Benchmark
Active Share %	75.8	--
Number of Holdings	59	581
Weighted Average Mkt. Cap ($bil)	348.4	610.0
Standard Deviation (3 year) %	15.51	20.77

Source: Bloomberg, FactSet, MSCI.

Exposure†

Brandes Emerging Markets (ex-China) Equity vs. MSCI Emerging Markets ex China Index

By Sector	Brandes	Benchmark	Brandes Overweight/ Underweight
Info. Tech.	29.6	51.8	
Financials	27.4	18.9	
Communication Svcs.	13.4	2.9	
Consumer Staples	11.3	2.5	
Industrials	4.7	6.6	
Real Estate	4.2	0.8	
Consumer Discret.	2.8	3.7	
Energy	2.4	3.4	
Materials	1.9	5.8	
Utilities	1.6	1.9	
Health Care	--	1.8	

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By Country (Top 10)	Brandes	Benchmark	Brandes Overweight/ Underweight
Taiwan	17.4	36.1	
South Korea	14.4	26.7	
Brazil	12.0	5.1	
Mexico	9.6	2.0	
India	6.1	13.3	
Indonesia	5.0	0.5	
United States	4.6	--	
Panama	4.2	--	
Slovenia	2.5	--	
Greece	2.4	0.8	

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Source: Brandes, MSCI.

Data as of 9/30/26.

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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.
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.
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The MSCI Emerging Markets ex China Index with net dividends captures large and mid cap representation of emerging market countries excluding China.

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Composite Name: Brandes Emerging Markets (ex-China) Equity
Benchmark: MSCI Emerging Markets ex China Index
Reporting Date: December 31, 2025
(1) 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. 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 gross annual returns, calculated in USD, presented for the Brandes Emerging Markets (ex-China) 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. Returns for some accounts in the composite reflect the deduction of a broker fee that includes transaction costs and may include advisory, custody, and other administrative fees.
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This composite was created in 2021. The inception date is 3/31/2021.
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The composite performance after management fee returns were determined by reducing the gross of fee returns monthly using actual fees, with the exception of select portfolios to which the applicable fee schedule was applied for the entire year to better reflect our typical management fees. For periods where actual fees were used to calculate the net return, a model fee representing the standard fee schedule is applied to any non-fee paying accounts included in the composite.
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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)
2025	53.77	52.41	34.61	105	1	N/A	39,798	12.22	13.41
2024	6.12	5.36	3.56	124	1	N/A	26,192	18.26	16.75
2023	38.54	37.30	20.03	0.4	1	N/A	21,705	-	-
2022	-16.19	-16.94	-19.26	0.3	1	N/A	17,238	-	-
2021**	11.93	11.18	5.77	0.4	1	N/A	20,179	-	-

Annualized Performance %	1 Year	Since Inception
Brandes Emerging Markets (ex-China) Equity Composite (gross)	53.77	17.12
Brandes Emerging Markets (ex-China) Equity Composite (net)	52.41	16.12
Benchmark (a)	34.61	7.80

**Returns are for the period from March 31, 2021 (inception date) through December 31, 2021.