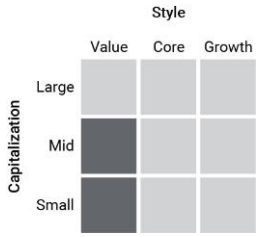
Brandes International Small-Mid Cap Equity

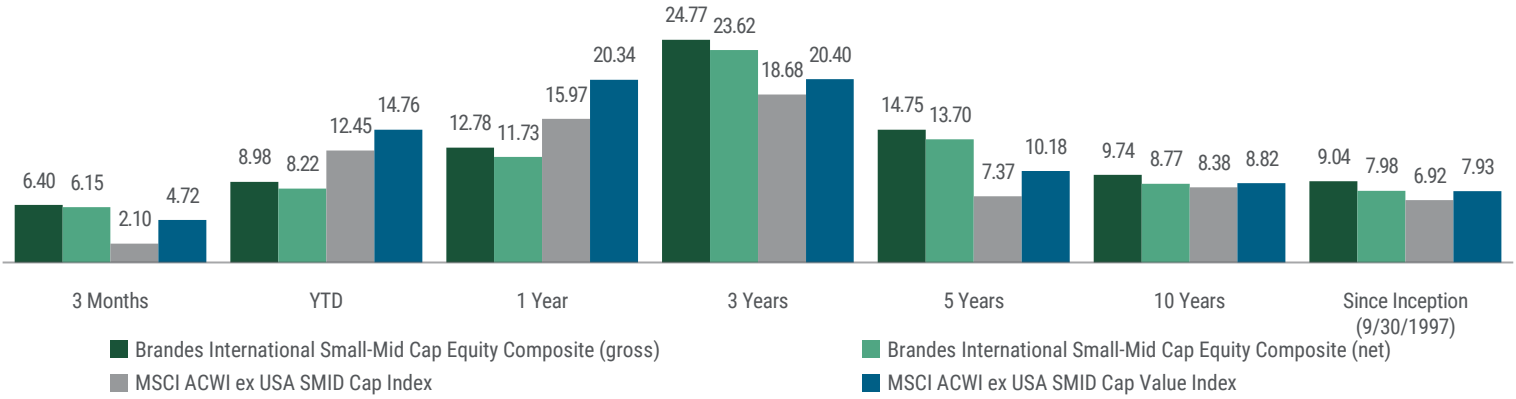
- Pioneer: Brandes has been navigating global markets for over 50 years and managing a standalone International Small-Mid Cap Strategy for over 25 years.
- Value: The strategy consistently applies a disciplined investment process focused on uncovering international small-mid cap companies with potentially attractive value attributes.
- Flexibility: The strategy has the ability and willingness to be different than the benchmark, with the freedom to invest wherever we can find the most value, including emerging markets.

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	%
Draegerwerk AG & Co KGaA	3.12
Gudang Garam Tbk PT	2.83
S-1 Corp	2.75
ICON PLC	2.63
Michael Page PLC	2.56
Nova Ljubljanska Banka dd	2.54
NongShim Co Ltd	2.36
Piraeus Bank SA	2.22
Kingfisher PLC	2.19
Swatch Group AG	2.16
Top 10 as % of Portfolio	**25.36**

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

Characteristics†

Brandes International Small-Mid Cap Equity vs. MSCI ACWI ex USA SMID Cap Index

	Brandes	Benchmark
Price/Book (x)	1.1	1.8
Price/Earnings (x)	12.9	18.1
Price/Cash Flow (x)	5.9	10.0
Dividend Yield %	3.5	2.6

	Brandes	Benchmark
Active Share %	98.2	--
Number of Holdings	73	5,038
Weighted Average Mkt. Cap ($bil)	6.8	11.1
Standard Deviation (3 year) %	12.56	14.05

Source: Bloomberg, FactSet, MSCI.

Exposure†

Brandes International Small-Mid Cap Equity vs. MSCI ACWI ex USA SMID Cap Index

By Sector	Brandes	Benchmark	Brandes Overweight/ Underweight
Consumer Staples	24.3	5.9	
Industrials	15.6	20.8	
Financials	14.3	16.1	
Health Care	13.2	6.5	
Consumer Discret.	9.3	8.5	
Communication Svcs.	7.8	4.0	
Info. Tech.	6.7	12.7	
Materials	3.4	11.2	
Real Estate	0.5	5.8	
Energy	--	4.3	
Utilities	--	4.2	

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By Country (Top 10)	Brandes	Benchmark	Brandes Overweight/ Underweight
United Kingdom	18.8	6.7	
South Korea	10.2	4.0	
Japan	10.0	20.6	
France	9.8	2.8	
Germany	8.4	2.4	
Switzerland	5.6	3.2	
Spain	5.3	1.4	
Indonesia	4.4	0.2	
Hong Kong	2.7	1.8	
Ireland	2.6	0.7	

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Source: Brandes, MSCI.

Data as of 9/30/26.

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.
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GIPS® Report

Composite Name: Brandes International Small-Mid Cap Equity
Benchmark: MSCI ACWI ex USA SMID Cap 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 International Small-Mid 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. 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.
Beginning January 1, 2018, Brandes Investment Partners includes Brandes Investment Partners, L.P., Brandes Investment Partners (Europe) Limited, Brandes Investment Partners (Asia) Pte Ltd. and the 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 Standards.
This composite was created in 1997. The inception date is 9/30/1997.
The Brandes International Small-Mid Cap Equity Composite seeks to achieve long-term capital appreciation by investing primarily in equity securities of non-U.S. issuers with equity market capitalizations of $20 billion or less at the time of purchase. Generally, no more than 30% of the value of the composite's total assets, measured at the time of purchase, may be invested in securities of companies located in emerging and frontier countries throughout the world. Small and mid-capitalization securities involve greater issuer risk than large capitalization securities, and the markets for such securities may be more volatile and less liquid. In 2026 the market capitalization range was changed from $1.5 billion to $10 billion to the current level of $20 billion or less.
Through 2019 composite performance after management fee returns were determined by reducing the gross of fee returns monthly by the highest applicable fee schedule per account. As of October 2019, actual fees are used 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.
Standard fee schedule - First $25 million 0.95%; Next $25 million 0.90%; Amounts over $50 million 0.80%. Brandes' investment advisory fees are detailed in Part 2A of its Form ADV.
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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	35.87	34.61	30.74	15	2	0.21	39,798	10.68	12.05
2024	16.32	15.25	3.49	11	2	N/A	26,192	14.82	16.80
2023	30.68	29.48	15.79	10	3	0.10	21,705	14.72	16.81
2022	-6.70	-7.54	-19.49	8	4	0.30	17,238	17.44	21.93
2021	8.97	8.04	10.16	12	5	3.30	20,179	15.38	19.15
2020	3.25	2.36	12.02	13	4	0.45	18,595	15.09	20.28
2019	7.01	6.14	22.36	97	9	0.19	21,451	9.10	11.51
2018	-10.50	-11.28	-17.06	189	17	0.58	22,106	8.85	12.11
2017	12.00	10.98	30.35	224	24	0.61	25,578	8.98	11.62
2016	10.69	9.66	3.57	83	21	0.29	22,971	9.70	12.16

Annualized Performance %	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years
Brandes International Small-Mid Cap Equity Composite (gross)	35.87	15.98	9.91
Brandes International Small-Mid Cap Equity Composite (net)	34.61	14.94	8.93
Benchmark (a)	30.74	6.80	7.86