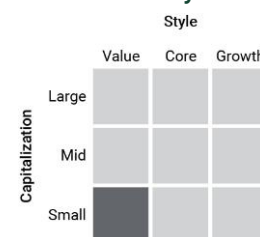


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# Brandes U.S. Small Cap Value Equity

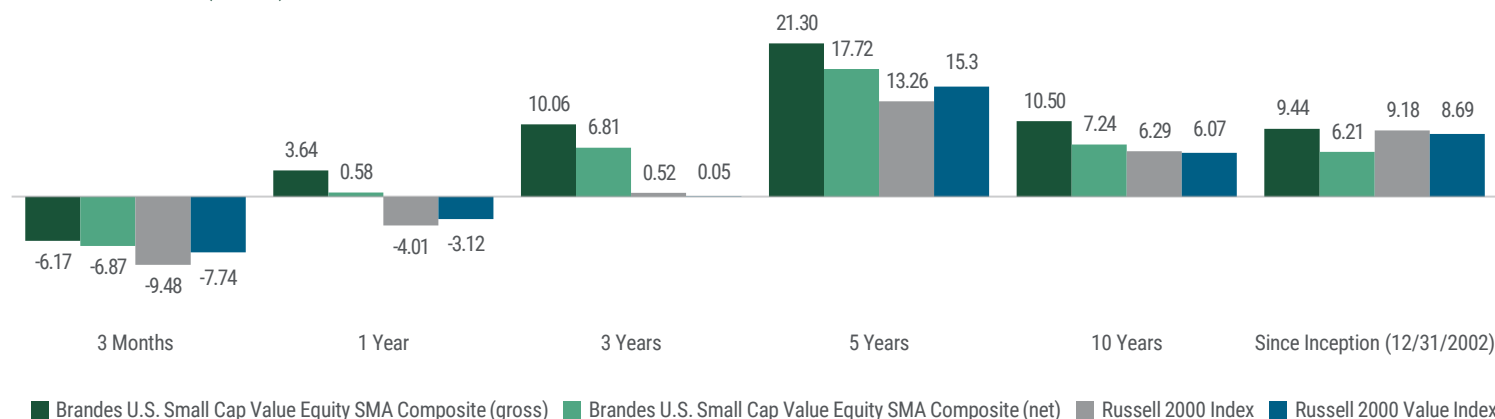
- **Value:** The strategy consistently applies a disciplined investment process focused on uncovering potentially attractive value opportunities within the vast U.S. small-cap space.
- **Pioneer:** Brandes has been investing in small-cap companies for over 40 years, and managing a dedicated U.S. Small-Cap Strategy for over 20 years.
- **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 while avoiding overpriced areas.

## Investment Style Box



Source: Brandes

## Performance (USD,%) as of 3/31/25



Source: Brandes, Russell. 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†

Company	%
Innovex International Inc	6.09
Park Aerospace Corp	4.82
Edgewell Personal Care Co	4.68
Kennametal Inc	4.62
Ingles Markets Inc	4.00
Hexcel Corp	3.98
Graham Corp	3.79
Elanco Animal Health Inc	3.59
NETGEAR Inc	3.38
Arlo Technologies Inc	3.29
<b>Top 10 as % of Portfolio</b>	<b>42.24</b>

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

## Characteristics†

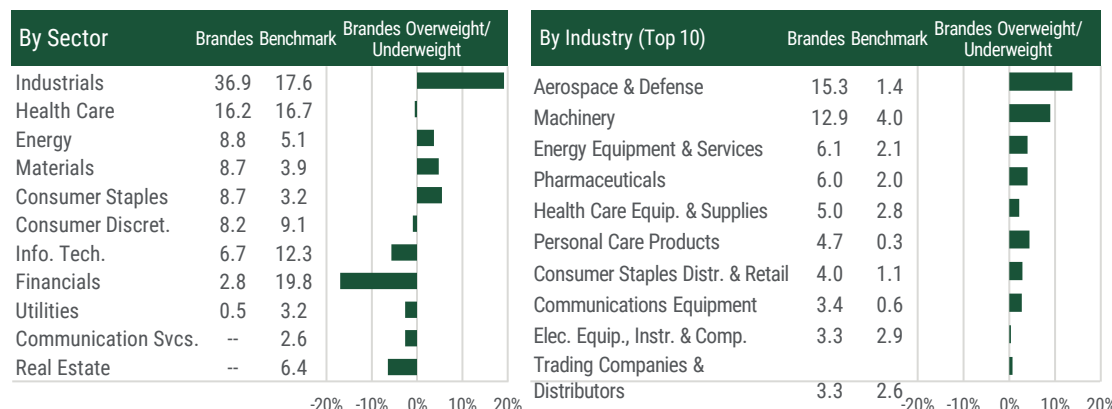
Brandes U.S. Small Cap Value Equity vs. Russell 2000 Index

	Brandes	Benchmark		Brandes	Benchmark
Price/Book (x)	1.4	1.9	Active Share %	99.0	--
Price/Earnings (x)	15.4	16.4	Number of Holdings	44	--
Price/Cash Flow (x)	8.7	8.9	Weighted Average Mkt. Cap (\$bil)	2.1	3.1
Dividend Yield %	1.5	1.5	Standard Deviation (3 year) %	19.47	23.21

Source: Bloomberg, FactSet, Russell.

## Exposure†

Brandes U.S. Small Cap Value Equity vs. Russell 2000 Index



Source: Brandes, Russell.

Data as of 3/31/25.

**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.

†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 Russell 2000 Value Index with gross dividends measures performance of the small cap segment of the U.S. equity universe. Securities are categorized as growth or value based on their relative book-to-price ratios, historical sales growth, and expected earnings growth.

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### GIPS® Report

Composite Name: Brandes U.S. Small Cap Value Equity SMA

Benchmark: Russell 2000 Index

Reporting Date: December 31, 2023

(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. 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 U.S. Small Cap 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. †From 1/1/18 through 8/31/2020, pure gross returns do not reflect the deduction of transaction costs and are supplemental to the net returns.

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This composite was created in 2019. The inception date is 1/1/2003.

Prior to April 2014 accounts were removed from the composite when an account's market value falls below US\$50,000 due to capital withdrawals.

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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)
2023	23.22	19.57	16.93	64	234	0.67	21,705	16.23	21.11
2022	-6.45	-9.18	-20.44	31	152	0.35	17,238	21.29	26.02
2021	23.70	20.07	14.82	16	78	0.53	20,179	19.32	23.35
2020	21.52	17.88	19.96	1	8	N/A	18,595	20.25	25.27
2019	12.06	8.75	25.52	4	1	N/A	21,451	12.50	15.71
2018†	-10.86	-13.53	-11.01	5	1	N/A	22,106	12.47	15.79
2017	6.29	3.16	14.65	176	7	0.28	25,578	11.13	13.91
2016	28.90	25.17	21.31	108	10	1.62	22,971	12.23	15.76
2015	-0.15	-3.11	-4.41	46	7	N/A	20,666	11.41	13.96
2014	10.73	7.48	4.89	18	7	N/A	20,722	12.11	13.12
Annualized Performance %							1 Year	5 Years	10 Years
Brandes U.S. Small Cap Value Equity SMA Composite (gross)							23.22	14.19	10.11
Brandes U.S. Small Cap Value Equity SMA Composite (net)							19.57	10.82	6.87
Benchmark (a)							16.93	9.97	7.15
Benchmark (b)							14.65	9.99	6.75