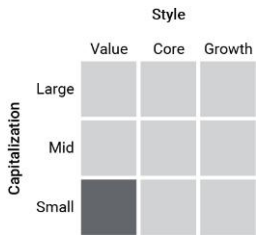
Brandes U.S. Small Cap Value Equity

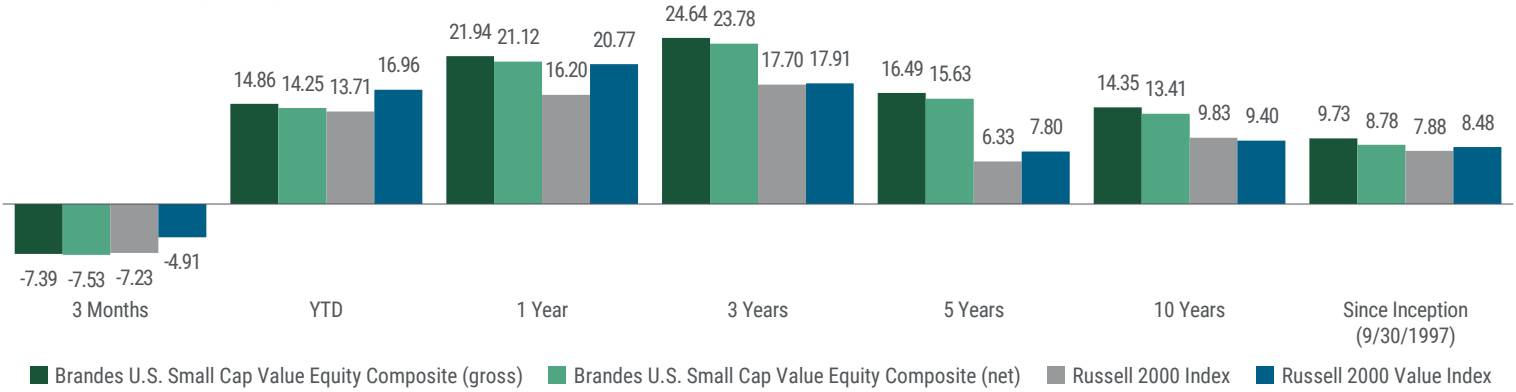
- Value: The strategy consistently applies a disciplined investment process focused on uncovering potentially attractive value opportunities within the vast U.S. small-cap space.
- Pioneer: Brandes has been investing in small-cap companies for over 50 years, and managing a dedicated U.S. Small-Cap Strategy 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 9/30/26



Source: Brandes, Russell. 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	%
Edgewell Personal Care Co	4.84
Ingles Markets Inc	3.81
Molson Coors Beverage Co	3.53
American Outdoor Brands Inc	3.47
The Campbells Company	3.42
Hexcel Corp	3.35
Arlo Technologies Inc	3.11
The Scotts Miracle-Gro Co	3.09
Ingredion Inc	3.08
Prestige Consumer Healthcare Inc	3.07
Top 10 as % of Portfolio	**34.77**

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
Price/Book (x)	1.4	2.2
Price/Earnings (x)	13.1	16.6
Price/Cash Flow (x)	8.8	9.0
Dividend Yield %	2.2	1.3

	Brandes	Benchmark
Active Share %	98.7	--
Number of Holdings	50	1,964
Weighted Average Mkt. Cap ($bil)	3.5	3.5
Standard Deviation (3 year) %	18.32	19.27

Source: Bloomberg, FactSet, Russell.

Exposure†

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

By Sector	Brandes	Benchmark	Brandes Overweight/ Underweight
Consumer Staples	26.5	2.0	
Industrials	25.6	14.0	
Health Care	11.9	20.8	
Info. Tech.	11.3	13.7	
Materials	10.5	4.2	
Consumer Discret.	7.2	8.8	
Real Estate	2.5	5.7	
Energy	1.9	6.7	
Financials	1.4	19.0	
Communication Svcs.	0.0	2.5	
Utilities	--	2.7	

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By Industry (Top 10)	Brandes	Benchmark	Brandes Overweight/ Underweight
Food Products	13.4	0.5	
Aerospace & Defense	9.1	1.8	
Machinery	8.6	3.0	
Pharmaceuticals	6.8	2.6	
Personal Care Products	4.8	0.3	
Containers & Packaging	4.7	0.2	
Chemicals	4.7	1.8	
IT Services	4.1	0.5	
Consumer Staples Distr. & Retail	3.8	0.6	
Commercial Services & Supplies	3.7	1.6	

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Source: Brandes, Russell.

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. **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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Composite Name: Brandes U.S. Small Cap Value Equity
Benchmark: Russell 2000 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 U.S. Small Cap Value 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 U.S. Small Cap Value Equity Composite seeks to achieve long-term capital appreciation by investing primarily in equity securities of U.S. issuers with equity market capitalizations of $5 billion or less at the time of purchase. Small capitalization securities involve greater issuer risk than large capitalization securities, and the markets for such securities may be more volatile and less liquid.
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.
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(a) The Russell 2000 Index with gross dividends measures the performance of the small cap segment of the U.S. equity universe. The benchmark returns are not covered by the report of independent verifiers.
(b) 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. The benchmark returns are not covered by the report of independent verifiers.

Annual Performance %					Composite Characteristics				Annualized 3 Year Standard Deviation % (2)		
Period	Composite Gross*	Composite Net*	Benchmark (a)	Benchmark (b)	Assets $ Millions	Number of Accounts	Internal Dispersion (1)	Total Firm Assets $ Millions	Composite Gross	Benchmark (a)	Benchmark (b)
2025	24.69	23.89	12.81	12.59	399	5	0.10	39,798	16.87	19.63	19.91
2024	25.58	24.72	11.54	8.05	97	5	0.66	26,192	18.72	23.30	23.44
2023	23.55	22.58	16.93	14.65	25	5	0.17	21,705	16.22	21.11	21.75
2022	-6.11	-6.89	-20.44	-14.48	14	6	0.11	17,238	21.17	26.02	27.27
2021	27.44	26.29	14.82	28.27	11	4	1.41	20,179	19.28	23.35	25.00
2020	20.00	18.91	19.96	4.63	8	4	1.36	18,595	20.27	25.27	26.12
2019	12.93	11.86	25.52	22.39	7	4	0.37	21,451	12.77	15.71	15.68
2018	-10.37	-11.21	-11.01	-12.86	24	8	0.52	22,106	12.72	15.79	15.76
2017	6.29	5.38	14.65	7.84	176	7	0.28	25,578	11.13	13.91	13.97
2016	28.90	27.73	21.31	31.74	108	10	1.62	22,971	12.23	15.76	15.50

Annualized Performance %	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years
Brandes U.S. Small Cap Value Equity Composite (gross)	24.69	18.27	14.43
Brandes U.S. Small Cap Value Equity Composite (net)	23.89	17.36	13.46
Benchmark (a)	12.81	6.09	9.61
Benchmark (b)	12.59	8.87	9.26