Brandes Emerging Markets Value Fund



A sub-fund of Brandes Investment Funds Plc

FUND OBJECTIVE

Long-term capital appreciation by investing in equity and equity related securities of issuers located or active mainly in emerging markets whose equity market capitalizations exceed \$3 billion at the time of purchase.

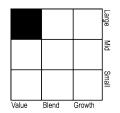
FUND INFORMATION

| Total Net | | |
|-------------|--------|--|
| Asset Value | \$27.4 | |
| (mil.) | | |

Legal Structure UCITS

| Manager | Brandes Investment Partners (Europe) Limited |
|------------------------|--|
| Trade Frequency | Daily |
| Dealing Cutoff | 16:00 New York Time |
| Registered | AT, CH, DE, ES, FR, IE, LUX, NL, UK |
| Management Fee | 0.85% |
| SFDR Classification | Article 8 |

MORNINGSTAR STYLE BOX™



The Morningstar Style Box™ reveals a fund's investment strategy by showing its investment style and market capitalization based on the fund's portfolio holdings.

The Brandes Emerging Markets Value Fund (the "Fund") Class I USD returned 7.95%, outperforming its index, the MSCI Emerging Markets Index, which returned 7.86% in the quarter, and roughly in line with the MSCI Emerging Markets Value Index, which gained 8.05%.

Positive Contributors

Notable contributors included holdings in Latin America. Brazil-based regional jet manufacturer **Embraer**, oil company **Petrobras**, and wireless telecom **TIM SA** aided performance, along with Panama-based bank **Banco Latinoamericano de Comercio Exterior** (BLADEX) and airline **Copa Holdings**, as well as Mexican cement producer **Cemex**.

A common theme among these holdings was increased optimism. Embraer reiterated its favorable full-year outlook, further bolstering the positive sentiment regarding its medium-to long-term prospects. TIM SA maintained strong year-over-year sales growth, while also continuing to reduce capital expenditures and improve its free-cash-flow generation. Copa Holdings delivered solid earnings growth and continued to deleverage its balance sheet, reaffirming its robust guidance.

Several information technology sector holdings also increased, including Taiwan-based Wiwynn and Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., as well as South Korea's Samsung Electronics and SK hynix. Other noteworthy contributors included Austriadomiciled Erste Group Bank, and Brazil-based energy distributor Neoenergia.

Performance Detractors

Several China-based consumer discretionary holdings performed poorly, notably **China Education Group** and **Alibaba**, as well as hospitality firms **Galaxy Entertainment Group** and **Wynn Macau**.

China Education Group's earnings for the second half of the 2023 fiscal year fell short of expectations, primarily due to increased teacher salaries, higher interest expenses, and weaker revenue growth. Alibaba's shares declined following its decision to abandon plans to spin off its cloud business. Meanwhile, Wynn Macau tumbled as weaker-than-expected earnings cast doubt over the pace of its post-pandemic recovery.

Beyond consumer discretionary, some other holdings in China also hurt returns, particularly **Ping An Insurance**, **LONGi Green Energy Technology**, and **ZTO Express**. For LONGi, the decline in solar wafer and module prices overshadowed shipment growth, pressuring its revenue and net income.

Furthermore, the Fund's underweight allocations to India and Taiwan detracted from relative returns, as did its underweight to information technology.

Select Activity in the Quarter

We initiated positions in China-based battery producer **Contemporary Amperex Technology Co.**, Mexican wireless telco provider **America Movil** as well as financial firms **DBS Group** (Singapore) and **HSBC** (U.K.).

Contemporary Amperex Technology Co. (CATL) is the world's largest producer of lithiumion batteries for electric vehicles and energy storage systems, with an estimated global market share of approximately 35% in each segment. Known for its technological and cost leadership, CATL offers products for both premium and mass-market electric vehicles. The company derives most of its sales domestically in China but has diversified its global presence in recent years.

At the time of our purchase, CATL's stock traded near its 52-week low, marking a decline of over 50% from its all-time high. There are several factors contributing to this share-price pressure: a subdued industry outlook overseas, potential restrictions in the U.S. market, general wariness toward Chinese equities, and the risk of battery manufacturing overcapacity in China.

The U.S. electric vehicle market currently represents a small portion of CATL's revenue, and our intrinsic value estimate and investment thesis are not predicated on CATL being able to grow or even maintain its U.S. market presence. We appreciate that CATL competes in end-markets that offer compelling long-term growth potential—even if that growth trajectory may not be linear. Moreover, CATL stands out as a high-quality player in the global battery supply chain, excelling in technology, cost efficiency, cash-flow generation, and balance-sheet strength. At its current valuations, we believe the stock represents an attractive opportunity to invest in an industry leader amid a weak point in the industry cycle while keeping in mind the long-term trend of increasing levels of vehicle electrification.

We added DBS Group and HSBC Holdings to the Fund as we judged their earnings outlook to be resilient. This stands in contrast with the market pessimism that seems to anticipate a decline in interest rates and its consequent impact on banks' net interest margins. Based on our analysis, both DBS and HSBC trade at depressed valuation multiples, while offering favorable capital deployment and capital return prospects, including compelling dividend yields.

Other major portfolio activity included the divestment of electric utility **Enel Chile** and India integrated power company **NTPC**, both of which we sold as they appreciated to our respective estimates of intrinsic value.

Year-to-Date

The Fund returned 23.06%, outperforming its index, the MSCI Emerging Markets Index, which increased 9.83% in 2023, and the MSCI Emerging Markets Value Index, which was up 14.21%.

The strongest contributors were holdings in materials (e.g., **POSCO**, Cemex) and information technology (e.g., Wiwynn, **Accton Technology**, Samsung Electronics, SK hynix). Geographically, the Fund benefited the most from holdings in Taiwan, Brazil, and Mexico. Other contributors included Panamanian bank BLADEX and electric utility Enel Chile.

Notable detractors were primarily holdings in consumer discretionary and consumer staples. These included Chinabased **TravelSky Technology**, Galaxy Entertainment Group, and China Education Group, as well as South Korean **LG H&H** and Brazil-based **Sendas Distribuidora**. Ping An Insurance also performed poorly.

Current Positioning

Our portfolio positioning is a result of our bottom-up approach focused on uncovering value potential across all emerging markets. As such, our overweights tend to reflect areas where we have found many compelling opportunities, while our underweights represent those where we have not observed as much value. We believe maintaining the discipline to avoid overpriced businesses and those that are statistically cheap for a reason is just as important as the diligence to identify potentially undervalued companies through rigorous fundamental analysis.

The Fund has an overweight to Latin America through its diversified positions in telecommunications, utilities, energy, and real estate. In our view, these holdings have the potential to gain from deflationary input costs and the increasing trend of nearshoring in Mexico and nearby regions.

On a sector basis, the Fund holds large overweights to real estate, consumer staples, and financials. Note that while headline valuation metrics look inexpensive, we have not found appealing opportunities in China-based real estate companies due to the challenging industry outlook and macroeconomic backdrop.

Furthermore, the Fund includes exposure to businesses that we believe are positioned to eventually benefit from post-COVID normalisation. Although the recovery of Chinese consumer spending has taken longer than we initially anticipated, we maintain that select holdings in industries such as gaming, travel, and apparel represent undervalued opportunities that may be tied to the broader long-term resurgence of the Chinese economy.

We continue to hold key underweights to India, Taiwan, and China, as well as to materials, health care, energy, and information technology. We believe the differences between our portfolio and the MSCI Emerging Markets Index make it an appealing complement to index-tracking or passively managed strategies.

While value leadership (MSCI EM Value vs. MSCI EM) provided a tailwind for the Fund this year, it was our stock selection across sectors and countries that primarily drove our outperformance. We remain optimistic about the Fund's holdings composition and the risk/reward tradeoff it offers.

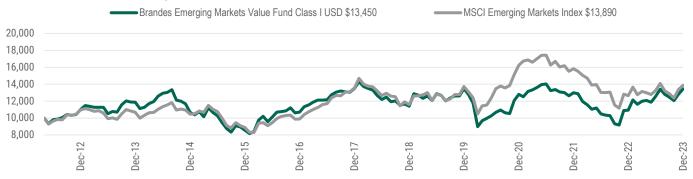
Performance (%)1

| | | | | | | | | | Since Ir | nception | |
|-------------------|----------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|----------|----------|----------------|
| | NAV | 1 mo | 3 mo | YTD | 1 yr | 3 yr | 5 yr | 10 yr | Fund | Index | Inception Date |
| Class I USD | \$ 13.45 | 4.83 | 7.95 | 23.06 | 23.06 | 1.64 | 3.36 | 1.26 | 2.58 | 2.86 | 10/5/2012 |
| Class A USD | \$ 10.77 | 4.77 | 7.70 | 21.83 | 21.83 | 0.63 | 2.37 | 0.35 | 0.69 | 2.27 | 27/2/2013 |
| MSCI EM Index USD | | 3.91 | 7.86 | 9.83 | 9.83 | -5.08 | 3.68 | 2.66 | | | |
| Class I EUR | € 14.78 | 3.43 | 3.43 | 19.29 | 19.29 | 5.10 | 4.05 | | 4.02 | 5.55 | 30/1/2014 |
| Class A EUR | € 12.90 | 3.37 | 3.20 | 18.13 | 18.13 | 4.08 | 3.07 | 2.50 | 2.35 | 3.79 | 11/1/2013 |
| MSCI EM Index EUR | | 2.63 | 3.38 | 6.11 | 6.11 | -1.79 | 4.39 | 4.95 | | | |

Calendar Year Returns (%)1

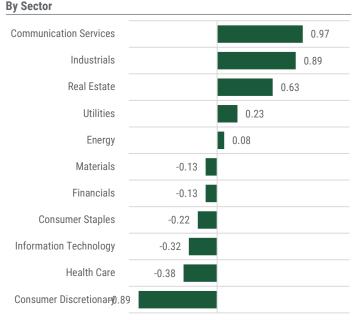
| | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
|---------------------------------|--------|--------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|
| Class I USD | -10.11 | -19.78 | 25.00 | 26.26 | -15.62 | 18.25 | -4.97 | 1.48 | -15.92 | 23.06 |
| MSCI Emerging Markets Index USD | -2.19 | -14.92 | 11.19 | 37.28 | -14.57 | 18.42 | 18.31 | -2.54 | -20.09 | 9.83 |

Growth of \$10,000 Since Inception¹

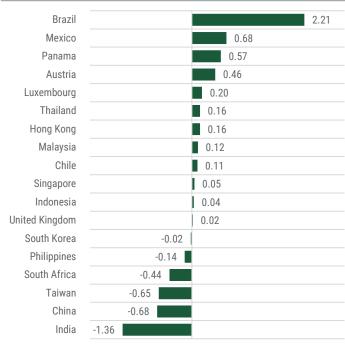


Past performance may not be a reliable guide to future performance. Periods of greater than one year have been annualized. The performance data do not take account of the commissions and costs incurred on the issue and redemption of units. Changes in exchange rates may have an adverse effect on the value price or income of the product. It is not possible to invest directly in an index.

Relative Quarterly Impact (%)2



By Country



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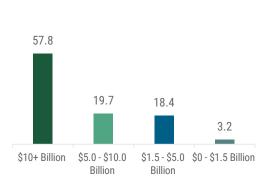
Top 10 Holdings¹

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|-------------------------------------|------|
| Company | % |
| Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturi | 5.60 |
| Samsung Electronics Co Ltd | 5.19 |
| Alibaba Group Holding Ltd | 3.54 |
| Fibra Uno Administracion SA de C | 3.38 |
| Embraer SA | 3.25 |
| HDFC Bank Ltd | 2.99 |
| Wiwynn Corp | 2.84 |
| Petroleo Brasileiro SA | 2.81 |
| Erste Group Bank AG | 2.79 |
| SK Hynix Inc | 2.53 |
| | |

Characteristics1

| | Fund |
|----------------------------|--------|
| Price/Book | 1.3x |
| Price/Earnings | 10.2x |
| Price/Cash Flow | 5.4x |
| Equity Yield (%) | 3.3 |
| Active Share (%) | 83.3 |
| Number of Holdings | 61 |
| Avg. Market Cap (billions) | \$80.1 |
| Security Turnover (TTM, %) | 29.1 |
| Cash (%) | 1.0 |

Capitalization Summary (%) 1



Best Performing Stocks²

Top 5 - Last Quarter

| Security | Allocation (%) | Return (%) | Impact (%) | Country | Industry |
|--|----------------|------------|------------|---------|---|
| Embraer S.A. Sponsored ADR | 3.2 | 34.5 | 1.2 | BR | Aerospace & Defense |
| Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., Ltd. | 5.6 | 19.7 | 1.0 | TW | Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment |
| Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd. | 5.2 | 20.7 | 1.0 | KR | Technology Hardware Storage & Peripherals |
| Wiwynn Corp. | 2.8 | 28.4 | 0.7 | TW | Technology Hardware Storage & Peripherals |
| SK hynix Inc. | 2.5 | 29.5 | 0.7 | KR | Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment |

Worst Performing Stocks²

Bottom 5 - Last Quarter

| Security | Allocation (%) | Return (%) | Impact (%) | Country | Industry |
|--|----------------|------------|------------|---------|--|
| Ping An Insurance (Group) Company of China, Ltd. Class H | 1.5 | -21.0 | -0.5 | CN | Insurance |
| Alibaba Group Holding Limited | 3.5 | -10.2 | -0.5 | CN | Broadline Retail |
| China Education Group Holdings Limited | 0.8 | -22.9 | -0.3 | CN | Diversified Consumer Services |
| LG H&H Co., Ltd. | 1.0 | -16.0 | -0.2 | KR | Personal Care Products |
| LONGi Green Energy Technology Co., Ltd. Class A | 1.6 | -13.5 | -0.2 | CN | Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment |

Portfolio Changes Trailing Twelve Months¹

| Period | Complete Sales - Country - Industry | Period | New Buys - Country - Industry |
|---------|---|---------|---|
| Q4 2023 | Enel Chile SA = CL = Electric Utilities First Pacific Co Ltd = HK = Food Products Gudang Garam Tbk PT = ID = Tobacco KT&G Corp = KR = Tobacco | Q4 2023 | America Movil SAB de CV • MX • Wireless Telecom Services Contemporary Amperex Technology Co Ltd • CN • Electrical Equipment DBS Group Holdings Ltd • SG • Banks HSBC Holdings PLC • GB • Banks |
| | NTPC Ltd = IN = Ind. Power & Renew. Elec. Prod. | | Engie Brasil Energia SA • BR • Ind. Power & Renew. Elec. Prod. |
| Q3 2023 | Accton Technology Corp • TW • Communications Equipment POSCO Holdings Inc • KR • Metals & Mining | Q3 2023 | Suzano SA = BR = Paper & Forest Products Wilmar International Ltd = SG = Food Products |
| Q2 2023 | No Complete Sales | | Absa Group Ltd • ZA • Banks |
| Q1 2023 | Weichai Power Co Ltd - CN - Machinery | Q2 2023 | LONGi Green Energy Technology Co Ltd • CN • Semiconductors & Equipment |
| | | Q1 2023 | NTPC Ltd • IN • Ind. Power & Renew. Elec. Prod. |

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Country Allocation (%)1

| Country | Fund | Index |
|-------------|------|-------|
| China | 22.5 | 26.5 |
| Brazil | 15.0 | 5.8 |
| South Korea | 10.6 | 13.0 |
| Taiwan | 10.3 | 16.0 |
| Mexico | 8.8 | 2.7 |
| India | 6.6 | 16.7 |
| Indonesia | 3.6 | 1.9 |
| Singapore | 3.1 | |
| Panama | 3.0 | |
| Austria | 2.8 | |
| Thailand | 2.7 | 1.8 |
| Hong Kong | 2.2 | |
| Philippines | 1.7 | 0.6 |
| Malaysia | 1.5 | 1.3 |
| Other | 4.7 | 13.6 |

19 Total number of countries in the fund 12 Total number of MSCI EM Index countries not in the fund

No exposure to countries that

10.0% of the index

represent

Country Changes Trailing Twelve Months (%)1

| Largest Increases | Dec-22 | Dec-23 | Change |
|-------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Brazil | 8.6 | 15.0 | 6.4 |
| Singapore | | 3.1 | 3.1 |
| India | 5.3 | 6.6 | 1.3 |
| South Africa | | 1.3 | 1.3 |

| Largest Decreases | Dec-22 | Dec-23 | Change |
|-------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| China | 28.4 | 22.5 | -5.9 |
| South Korea | 13.4 | 10.6 | -2.8 |
| Chile | 2.8 | 0.8 | -2.0 |
| Indonesia | 4.9 | 3.6 | -1.3 |

Regional Allocation (%)1



Regional Changes Trailing Twelve Months (%)1

| | Dec-22 | Dec-23 | Change |
|---------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Asia | 72.4 | 64.7 | -7.7 |
| Latin America | 22.0 | 27.6 | 5.6 |
| Europe | 4.1 | 5.4 | 1.3 |
| Africa | | 1.3 | 1.3 |

| | Dec-22 | Dec-23 | Change |
|-------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Emerging Markets | 91.6 | 88.3 | -3.3 |
| Developed Markets | 6.8 | 10.7 | 3.9 |

Country Return Impact (%)1

| | | Alloc | cation | Re | turn | | Return Impact | |
|---------------|----------------|-------|--------|-------|-------|------|---------------|-------------|
| | | Fund | Index | Fund | Index | Fund | Index | Rel. Impact |
| | Brazil | 15.0 | 5.8 | 22.5 | 17.8 | 3.2 | 1.0 | 2.2 |
| | Taiwan | 10.2 | 16.0 | 20.9 | 17.4 | 2.0 | 2.6 | -0.7 |
| _ Top | 5 South Korea | 10.5 | 13.0 | 17.9 | 15.3 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 0.0 |
| Quarter | Mexico | 8.8 | 2.7 | 14.6 | 18.6 | 1.2 | 0.5 | 0.7 |
| <u> </u> | Panama | 3.0 | 0.0 | 19.6 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.6 |
| | China | 22.4 | 26.5 | -7.7 | -4.2 | -2.0 | -1.3 | -0.7 |
| ast | Philippines | 1.7 | 0.6 | -4.1 | 6.4 | -0.1 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| Bottom | 5 South Africa | 1.3 | 3.1 | -3.1 | 12.6 | 0.0 | 0.4 | -0.4 |
| Dottoili | United Kingdom | 1.3 | 0.0 | 1.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| | Singapore | 3.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| S | Taiwan | 10.2 | 16.0 | 70.4 | 30.4 | 6.7 | 4.2 | 2.5 |
| 틀 | - Brazil | 15.0 | 5.8 | 59.0 | 32.7 | 6.2 | 1.6 | 4.5 |
| Months Lob | 5 Mexico | 8.8 | 2.7 | 70.4 | 40.9 | 5.0 | 1.0 | 4.1 |
| | South Korea | 10.5 | 13.0 | 40.7 | 23.2 | 4.5 | 2.6 | 1.9 |
| <u>~</u> | India | 6.6 | 16.7 | 18.6 | 20.8 | 1.3 | 3.1 | -1.8 |
| l welve | China | 22.4 | 26.2 | -14.1 | -11.3 | -3.4 | -3.7 | 0.3 |
| | Thailand | 2.7 | 1.8 | -7.6 | -10.5 | -0.3 | -0.2 | 0.0 |
| Bottom | Hong Kong | 2.2 | 0.3 | -11.4 | 6.3 | -0.2 | 0.0 | -0.2 |
| ज | Malaysia | 1.5 | 1.3 | 2.3 | -3.5 | 0.0 | -0.1 | 0.1 |
| = | Singapore | 3.1 | 0.0 | -3.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

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Top 15 Industry Allocation (%)1

| rop to madouty renocation (%) | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|------|-------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Industry | Fund | Index | | | | | |
| Banks | 18.6 | 16.9 | | | | | |
| Semiconductors & Equipment | 9.8 | 10.1 | | | | | |
| Tech Hardware, Storage & Periph. | 8.0 | 6.6 | | | | | |
| Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure | 6.0 | 1.9 | | | | | |
| Wireless Telecom Services | 5.3 | 1.5 | | | | | |
| Diversified Telecom Services | 3.9 | 1.3 | | | | | |
| Broadline Retail | 3.5 | 4.8 | | | | | |
| Diversified REITs | 3.4 | 0.1 | | | | | |
| Food Products | 3.3 | 1.6 | | | | | |
| Aerospace & Defense | 3.2 | 0.4 | | | | | |
| Household Durables | 3.2 | 0.3 | | | | | |
| Financial Services | 3.0 | 1.1 | | | | | |
| Insurance | 2.8 | 2.5 | | | | | |
| Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels | 2.8 | 5.2 | | | | | |
| Specialty Retail | 2.4 | 0.7 | | | | | |

Top 15 Index Industries not in the Fund (%)1

| rop to index industries not in the rand (%) | | | | | | |
|---|-------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Industry | Index | | | | | |
| Interactive Media & Services | 4.9 | | | | | |
| Metals & Mining | 4.0 | | | | | |
| Automobiles | 3.2 | | | | | |
| Chemicals | 2.6 | | | | | |
| Elec. Equip., Instr. & Comp. | 2.5 | | | | | |
| Beverages | 1.7 | | | | | |
| Real Estate Mgmt. & Development | 1.5 | | | | | |
| Pharmaceuticals | 1.3 | | | | | |
| Industrial Conglomerates | 1.3 | | | | | |
| Capital Markets | 1.1 | | | | | |
| Entertainment | 1.0 | | | | | |
| Textiles, Apparel & Luxury Goods | 0.9 | | | | | |
| Biotechnology | 0.9 | | | | | |
| Transportation Infrastructure | 0.7 | | | | | |
| Construction & Engineering | 0.7 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |

29

Total number of industries in the fund

35

Total number of MSCI EM Index industries not in the fund

No exposure to industries that

33.5% of the index

Industry Changes Trailing Twelve Months (%)1

| Largest Increases | Dec-22 | Dec-23 | Change |
|---|--------|--------|--------|
| Banks | 12.4 | 18.6 | 6.2 |
| Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment | 6.4 | 9.8 | 3.4 |
| Technology Hardware, Storage & Peripherals | 5.9 | 8.0 | 2.1 |
| Electrical Equipment | | 1.6 | 1.6 |

| Largest Decreases | Dec-22 | Dec-23 | Change |
|-------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure | 8.4 | 6.0 | -2.4 |
| Communications Equipment | 2.3 | | -2.3 |
| Metals & Mining | 2.3 | | -2.3 |
| Tobacco | 2.3 | | -2.3 |

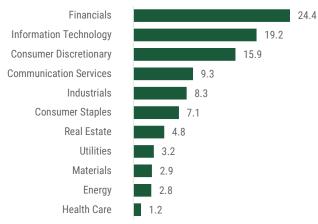
Industry Return Impact (%)2

| | | Allo | cation | Re | eturn | | Return Impact | |
|----------|--|------|--------|-------|-------|------|---------------|-------------|
| | | Fund | Index | Fund | Index | Fund | Index | Rel. Impact |
| | Technology Hardware, Storage & Peripherals | 8.0 | 6.6 | 23.8 | 19.7 | 1.7 | 1.2 | 0.5 |
| Top 5 | Banks | 18.5 | 16.9 | 9.6 | 10.1 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 0.0 |
| Quarter | Semiconductors & Equipment | 9.7 | 10.1 | 16.7 | 21.4 | 1.5 | 2.0 | -0.4 |
| en. | Aerospace & Defense | 3.2 | 0.4 | 34.5 | 23.4 | 1.2 | 0.1 | 1.1 |
| ast | Wireless Telecommunication Services | 5.3 | 1.5 | 14.0 | 7.5 | 0.7 | 0.1 | 0.6 |
| Bottom 5 | Multiline Retail | 3.5 | 4.8 | -10.2 | 4.2 | -0.5 | 0.2 | -0.7 |
| | Insurance | 2.8 | 2.5 | -10.2 | -3.0 | -0.4 | -0.1 | -0.3 |
| | Diversified Consumer Services | 0.8 | 0.3 | -22.9 | 17.0 | -0.3 | 0.0 | -0.3 |
| | Personal Care Products | 1.0 | 0.7 | -16.0 | 9.6 | -0.2 | 0.1 | -0.3 |
| S | Air Freight & Logistics | 1.6 | 0.3 | -12.0 | -6.7 | -0.2 | 0.0 | -0.2 |
| Top 5 | Technology Hardware, Storage & Peripherals | 8.0 | 6.6 | 77.0 | 47.1 | 4.8 | 2.4 | 2.4 |
| i weive | Semiconductors & Equipment | 9.7 | 10.1 | 44.8 | 35.9 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 0.1 |
| × | Banks | 18.5 | 16.9 | 17.0 | 12.3 | 2.5 | 2.0 | 0.5 |
| _ | Aerospace & Defense | 3.2 | 0.4 | 68.8 | 33.3 | 2.1 | 0.1 | 2.0 |
| Bottom 5 | Communications Equipment | 0.0 | 0.2 | 109.9 | 65.5 | 2.1 | 0.1 | 2.0 |
| | Personal Care Products | 1.0 | 0.7 | -51.3 | 2.4 | -1.2 | 0.0 | -1.2 |
| ≦ | Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure | 5.9 | 1.9 | -13.5 | -32.6 | -1.1 | -1.0 | -0.1 |
| | Insurance | 2.8 | 2.5 | -24.2 | 2.4 | -1.0 | 0.1 | -1.1 |
| | Diversified Consumer Services | 0.8 | 0.3 | -48.2 | 53.9 | -0.9 | 0.1 | -1.0 |
| | Multiline Retail | 3.5 | 4.8 | -11.2 | -4.7 | -0.4 | -0.2 | -0.2 |

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Sector Allocation (%)1



Sector Changes Trailing Twelve Months (%)1

| Largest Increases | Dec-22 | Dec-23 | Change |
|------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Financials | 19.3 | 24.4 | 5.1 |
| Information Technology | 16.4 | 19.2 | 2.8 |
| Industrials | 7.4 | 8.3 | 0.9 |
| Energy | 2.0 | 2.8 | 0.8 |

| Largest Decreases | Dec-22 | Dec-23 | Change |
|------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Consumer Discretionary | 22.4 | 15.9 | -6.5 |
| Materials | 4.2 | 2.9 | -1.3 |
| Consumer Staples | 8.2 | 7.1 | -1.1 |
| Health Care | 1.7 | 1.2 | -0.5 |

Sector Return Impact (%)2

| | | Allo | cation | Re | eturn | | Return Impact | ct |
|----------|------------------------|------|--------|-------|-------|------|---------------|-------------|
| | | Fund | Index | Fund | Index | Fund | Index | Rel. Impact |
| | Information Technology | 19.1 | 22.1 | 18.9 | 17.8 | 3.4 | 3.7 | -0.3 |
| | Financials | 24.4 | 22.2 | 7.4 | 8.3 | 1.7 | 1.9 | -0.1 |
| _ | Industrials | 8.3 | 6.9 | 16.3 | 5.4 | 1.2 | 0.3 | 0.9 |
| dan ce | Communication Services | 9.2 | 8.8 | 10.7 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 |
| 5 | Real Estate | 4.8 | 1.6 | 13.1 | -0.2 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.6 |
| | Utilities | 3.2 | 2.7 | 17.8 | 12.8 | 0.6 | 0.3 | 0.2 |
| 28 | Materials | 2.9 | 7.8 | 15.4 | 7.6 | 0.4 | 0.6 | -0.1 |
| ĭ | Energy | 2.8 | 5.2 | 15.5 | 6.5 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.1 |
| | Consumer Staples | 7.1 | 6.0 | 3.8 | 6.1 | 0.2 | 0.4 | -0.2 |
| | Health Care | 1.1 | 3.8 | -6.3 | 7.3 | -0.1 | 0.3 | -0.4 |
| | Consumer Discretionary | 15.9 | 12.8 | -4.0 | 0.8 | -0.8 | 0.1 | -0.9 |
| _ | Information Technology | 19.1 | 22.1 | 60.5 | 32.4 | 9.8 | 6.0 | 3.8 |
| | Materials | 2.9 | 7.8 | 130.0 | 2.2 | 4.0 | 0.2 | 3.8 |
| 5 | Real Estate | 4.8 | 1.6 | 64.4 | -7.3 | 2.7 | -0.2 | 2.8 |
| | Industrials | 8.3 | 6.9 | 30.2 | 5.3 | 2.5 | 0.3 | 2.2 |
|) - | Utilities | 3.2 | 2.7 | 76.6 | 1.9 | 2.4 | 0.1 | 2.4 |
| 2 | Financials | 24.4 | 22.2 | 9.3 | 11.6 | 1.9 | 2.5 | -0.6 |
| | Communication Services | 9.2 | 8.8 | 22.1 | -0.4 | 1.9 | 0.0 | 1.9 |
| <u> </u> | Energy | 2.8 | 5.2 | 112.0 | 26.3 | 1.7 | 1.2 | 0.5 |
| 5 | Health Care | 1.1 | 3.8 | -8.4 | -1.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| - | Consumer Staples | 7.1 | 6.0 | -4.5 | 3.1 | -0.6 | 0.2 | -0.8 |
| _ | Consumer Discretionary | 15.9 | 12.8 | -10.8 | -3.3 | -2.0 | -0.4 | -1.5 |

¹Source: Brandes, MSCI. Allocations and performance data as of 31/12/2023. Holdings are subject to change at any time and should not be considered a recommendation to buy or sell particular securities. Current and future fund holdings are subject to risk. Past performance is not a guarantee of future results. Changes in exchange rates may have an adverse effect on the value price or income of the product. The referenced index is the MSCI Emerging Markets Index.

²Source: FactSet. FactSet data is holdings-based. Price, weights, foreign exchange rates, and returns shown may differ slightly from those of the Fund.

Brandes at a Glance

Brandes Investment Partners (Europe) Limited

Manager

Graham & Dodd, bottom-up value

Investment Style

Dublin, Ireland

Office location

Brandes Investment Partners L.P., San Diego, CA, USA

Headquarters

197

Year Founded

\$23.6 Billion

Total Assets

192 / 35

Employees / Investment Professionals

100%

Employee Owned

Fund Service Providers

State Street Fund Services (Ireland) Limited

Administrator

State Street Custodial Services (Ireland) Limited

Depositary

State Street Fund Services (Ireland) Limited

Transfer Agent

KPMG

Auditor

Share Class Details

| Share Class | ISIN | CUSIP | Sedol | Bloomberg | Valoren | WKN | Inception Date | Total Expense Ratio % ¹ | Morningstar Rating [®] Overall ² |
|--------------|--------------|-----------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|----------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Class I USD | IE00B6SMR972 | G1309T428 | B6SMR97 | BREMEIU | 13875581 | A1JKN3 | 10/5/2012 | 0.95 | *** |
| Class I EUR | IE00B4P97428 | G1309T444 | B4P9742 | BREMEIE | 13875640 | A1JKN4 | 30/1/2014 | 0.95 | *** |
| Class I GBP | IE00B63F0G99 | G1309T402 | B63F0G9 | BREMEIS | 13875453 | A1JKN5 | | | |
| Class I1 USD | IE00BYWTYR74 | G1309T725 | BYWTYR7 | BREMI1U | 37873322 | A2DU24 | | | |
| Class I1 GBP | IE00B6TS4266 | G1309T451 | B6TS426 | BREMI1S | 13875589 | A1JKN9 | | | |
| Class A USD | IE00B6TRNJ36 | G1309T410 | B6TRNJ3 | BREMEAU | 13875565 | A1JKN6 | 27/2/2013 | 1.95 | *** |
| Class A EUR | IE00B6RNXY80 | G1309T394 | B6RNXY8 | BREMEAE | 13875530 | A1JKN7 | 11/1/2013 | 1.95 | ** |
| Class A GBP | IE00B6S5CV37 | G1309T436 | B6S5CV3 | BREMEAS | 13875447 | A1JKN8 | | | |
| Class A1 USD | IE00BYWTYQ67 | G1309T717 | BYWTYQ6 | BREMA1U | 37873322 | A2DU24 | | | |

¹Based on the actual expenses over the trailing twelve month period ended 31/12/2023. ²Out of 2898 Global Emerging Markets Equity funds as of 31/12/2023.

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