## Brandes Investment Partners, L.P.

## **Core Plus Annual Performance Presentation**

As of December 31 Period End Reporting Currency: USD

|        |                  | Annual Performance % |               | Composite Characteristics |                       |                            | Annualized 3 Year Standard Deviation % |                 | andard Deviation % (2) |
|--------|------------------|----------------------|---------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|--|-----------------|------------------------|
| Period | Composite Gross* | Composite Net*       | Benchmark (a) | Assets \$Millions         | Number of<br>Accounts | Internal<br>Dispersion (1) | Total Firm Assets<br>\$ Millions       | Composite Gross | Benchmark (a)          |
| 2023   | 7.35             | 7.08                 | 5.53          | 206                       | 6                     | 0.56                       | 21,705                                 | 6.27            | 7.14                   |
| 2022   | -9.99            | -10.21               | -13.01        | 192                       | 7                     | 0.29                       | 17,604                                 | 4.88            | 5.77                   |
| 2021   | -0.30            | -0.53                | -1.54         | 239                       | 9                     | 0.70                       | 20,179                                 | 2.63            | 3.35                   |
| 2020   | 7.01             | 6.73                 | 7.51          | 234                       | 7                     | 0.43                       | 18,595                                 | 2.58            | 3.36                   |
| 2019   | 7.13             | 6.84                 | 8.72          | 249                       | 8                     | 0.15                       | 21,451                                 | 2.28            | 2.87                   |
| 2018   | 0.01             | -0.26                | 0.01          | 224                       | 7                     | 0.14                       | 22,106                                 | 2.46            | 2.84                   |
| 2017   | 3.36             | 3.09                 | 3.54          | 176                       | 5                     | 0.32                       | 25,578                                 | 2.66            | 2.78                   |
| 2016   | 6.14             | 5.84                 | 2.65          | 157                       | 8                     | 0.38                       | 22,971                                 | 2.80            | 2.98                   |
| 2015   | -0.86            | -1.15                | 0.55          | 140                       | 11                    | 0.22                       | 20,666                                 | 2.68            | 2.88                   |
| 2014   | 5.03             | 4.71                 | 5.97          | 114                       | 8                     | 0.35                       | 20,722                                 | 2.66            | 2.63                   |

| Annualized Performance %    | 1 Year | 5 Years | 10 Years |
|-----------------------------|--------|---------|----------|
| Core Plus Composite (gross) | 7.35   | 2.01    | 2.35     |
| Core Plus Composite (net)   | 7.08   | 1.75    | 2.08     |
| Benchmark (a)               | 5.53   | 1.10    | 1.81     |

(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 Core Plus Fixed Income 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 custoff and other administrative fees

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This composite was created in 2000. The inception date is 12/31/1999.

Prior to April 2014 accounts were included in the composite when the market value is US\$1 million or greater.

The Brandes Core Plus Fixed Income Composite seeks long-term returns in excess of its benchmark (the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index) by investing primarily in United States government and agency debt, U.S. and non-U.S. corporate debt, mortgage-backed securities ("MBS") and asset-backed securities ("ABS"). The composite will be invested in a total of up to 25% in each of non-dollar denominated debt instruments and non-investment grade debt obligations, with the total combination of these two categories not exceeding 35% of the composite's assets as measured at the time of purchase. A minimum of 75% of the investments must be rated investment grade by a nationally recognized rating agency at the time of purchase. The composite may invest in a mutual fund (Separately Managed Account Reserve Trust, or "SMART") that is available only within the Brandes Income Strategies program. Generally SMART is predominantly invested in corporate debt, including non-dollar denominated and non-investment grade debt obligations, but may invest in other types of securities as well. The firm believes this fixed income composite to be aggressive with repair to certain risks, especially credit risk.

From 2013 through September 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 \$20 million 0.25%: Next \$30 million 0.25%: Next \$30 million 0.25%: Next \$50 million 0.25%: Next \$150 millio

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