

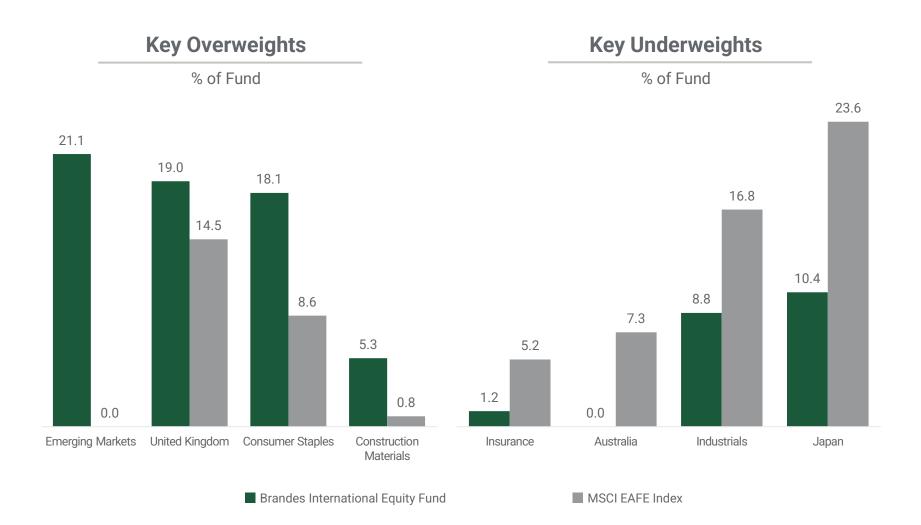


First Quarter, 2024

# Brandes International Equity Fund

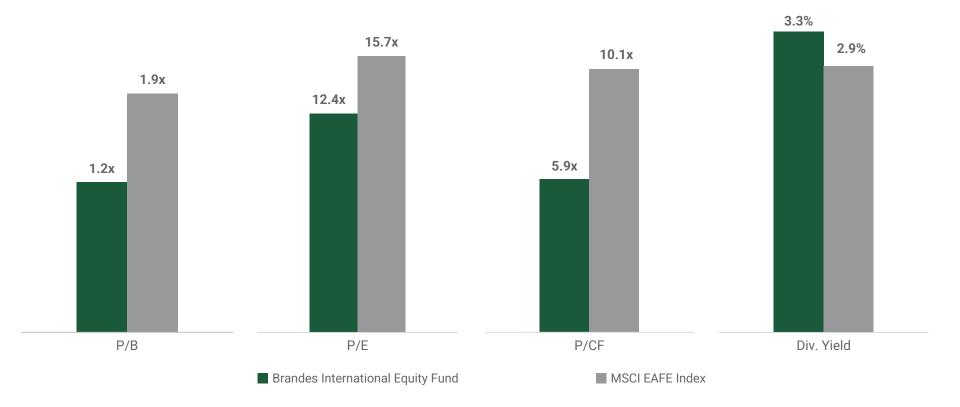
**Quarterly Portfolio Review** 

### Select Differentials vs. Benchmark



## **Fundamental Characteristics of Underlying Securities**

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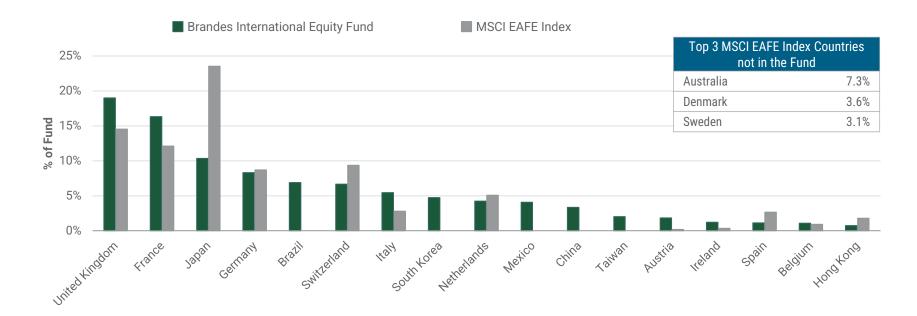


SEC 30-DAY YIELD – SUBSIDIZED/UNSUBSIDIZED: CLASS I: 1.78%/1.70% CLASS A: 1.52%/1.52% CLASS R6: 1.89%/1.76%

AS OF MARCH 31, 2024 | Source: Bloomberg, MSCI. Fund holdings are subject to change at any time at the discretion of the investment manager. Past performance is not a guarantee of future results. Price/Book, Price/Earnings, Price/Cash Flow 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 dividend yield is that of the securities held in the portfolio; it is not reflective of the yield distributed to shareholders. SEC 30-Day Yield: This calculation is based on a 30-day period ending on the last day of the month shown. It is computed by dividing the net investment income per share earned during the period by the maximum offering price per share on the last day of the period. The yield figure reflects the dividends and interest earned during the period, after the deduction of the fund expenses. A subsidized yield takes into consideration the expenses paid by the Advisor. The declaration and payment of shareholder dividends are solely at the discretion of the issuer and are subject to change at any time.

#### **Country Exposure**

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Regional Weightings	3/31/2023	3/31/2024	Change
Europe	63.5%	65.3%	+1.8%
Latin America	10.0%	11.0%	+1.0%
Asia	24.1%	21.2%	-2.9%

Market Weightings	3/31/2023	3/31/2024	Change
Developed Markets	77.6%	76.4%	-1.2%
Emerging Markets	19.9%	21.1%	+1.2%
Cash	2.5%	2.6%	+0.1%

#### Sector Exposure

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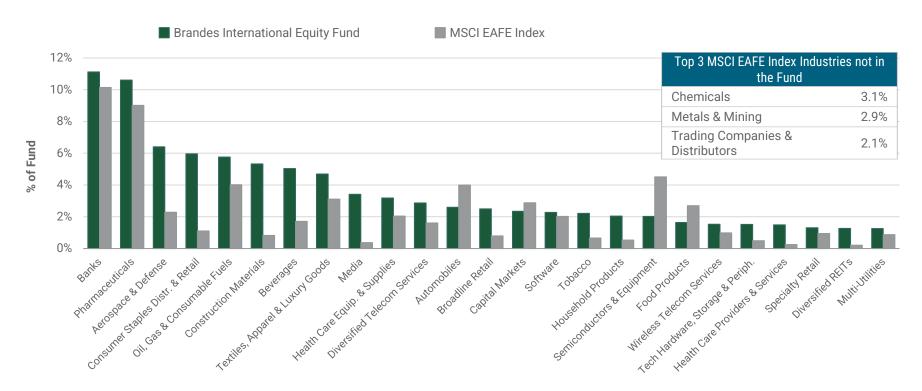
Largest Sector Weighting Increases	3/31/2023	3/31/2024	Change
Industrials	6.3%	8.8%	+2.5%
Consumer Discretionary	10.4%	12.2%	+1.8%
Consumer Staples	16.4%	18.1%	+1.7%

Largest Sector Weighting Decreases	3/31/2023	3/31/2024	Change
Materials	7.3%	5.3%	-2.0%
Financials	15.9%	14.7%	-1.2%
Energy	6.6%	5.8%	-0.8%

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## Industry Exposure (Top 25)

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Beverages	2.7%	5.0%	+2.3%
Textiles, Apparel & Luxury Goods	2.4%	4.7%	+2.3%
Health Care Equip. & Supplies	1.6%	3.2%	+1.6%

Largest Industry Weighting Decreases	3/31/2023	3/31/2024	Change
Insurance	3.5%	1.2%	-2.3%
Pharmaceuticals	12.5%	10.6%	-1.9%
Metals & Mining	1.1%	0.0%	-1.1%

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## **Top Ten Holdings**

Class I

Company	%	Country	Industry	
Rolls-Royce Holdings PLC	3.59	United Kingdom	Aerospace & Defense	
Takeda Pharmaceutical Co Ltd	3.00	Japan	Pharmaceuticals	
Embraer SA	2.83	Brazil	Aerospace & Defense	
Sanofi SA	2.56	France	Pharmaceuticals	
Alibaba Group Holding Ltd	2.50	China	Broadline Retail	
Heidelberg Materials AG	2.50	Germany	Construction Materials	
Heineken Holding NV	2.50	Netherlands	Beverages	
UBS Group AG	2.35	Switzerland	Capital Markets	
SAP SE	2.28	Germany	Software	
Intesa Sanpaolo SpA	2.22	Italy	Banks	
Top 10 as % of Portfolio	26.33			
	Total Number of Companies: <b>65</b>			

### Performance<sup>1</sup> vs. Benchmark (%)

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Total Annual Operating Expenses Gross: 0.93% Net: 0.85%

**AS OF MARCH 31, 2024** | Source: Brandes, MSCI.<sup>1</sup> Average Annual Total Returns. *Performance data quoted, calculated in USD, represents past performance; past performance does not guarantee future results. The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance of the fund may be lower or higher than the performance quoted. Performance data current to the most recent month end may be obtained by calling 800.395.3807.* It is not possible to invest directly in an index. The Advisor has contractually agreed to limit operating expenses through January 28, 2025 (the "Expense Caps"). The Expense Caps may be terminated at any time by the Board of Trustees upon 60 days' notice to the Advisor, or by the Advisor with the consent of the Board. <sup>2</sup> Fund inception predates MSCI EAFE Value Index inception.

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Price/CF: Price per share divided by cash flow per share

Price/Earn: Price per share divided by earnings per share.

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## **Key Performance Factors**

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#### **Positive Factors**

- Holdings in the following industries:
  - Aerospace & Defense
  - Construction Materials
  - Banks
- Holdings in the following countries:
  - United Kingdom
  - Hong Kong
  - Taiwan

#### **Negative Factors**

- Holdings in the following industries:
  - Biotechnology
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  - Consumer Staples Distribution & Retail
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