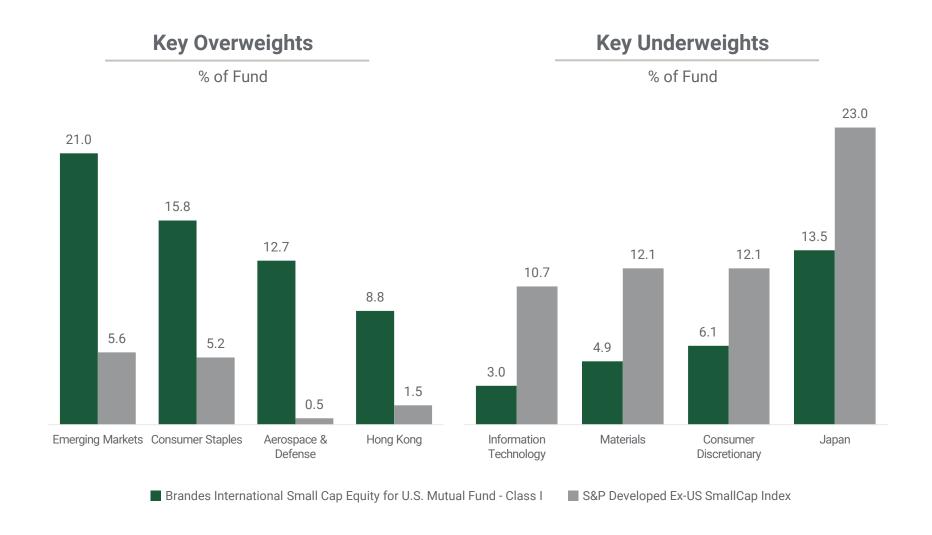




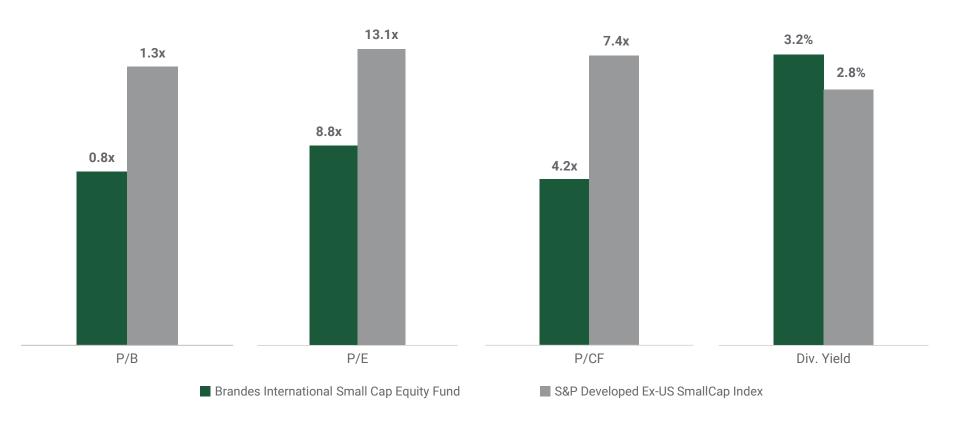
# Brandes International Small Cap Equity Fund

**Quarterly Portfolio Review** 

## Select Differentials vs. Benchmark



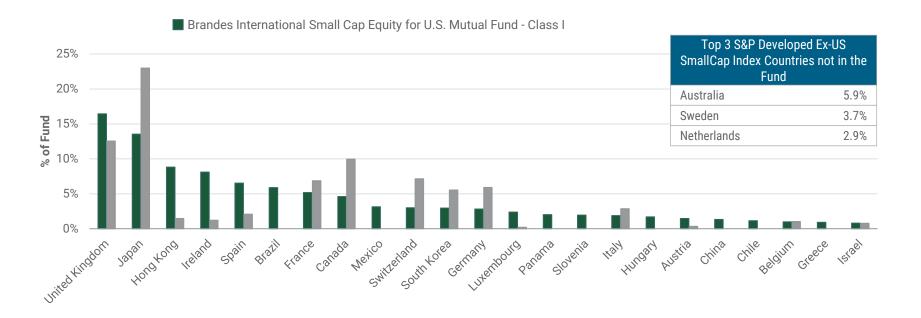
## Fundamental Characteristics of Underlying Securities



SEC 30-DAY YIELD - SUBSIDIZED/UNSUBSIDIZED: CLASS I: 1.10%/1.09% CLASS A: 0.89%/0.89% CLASS R6: 1.23%/1.12%

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023 | Source: Bloomberg, S&P. 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/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, 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.

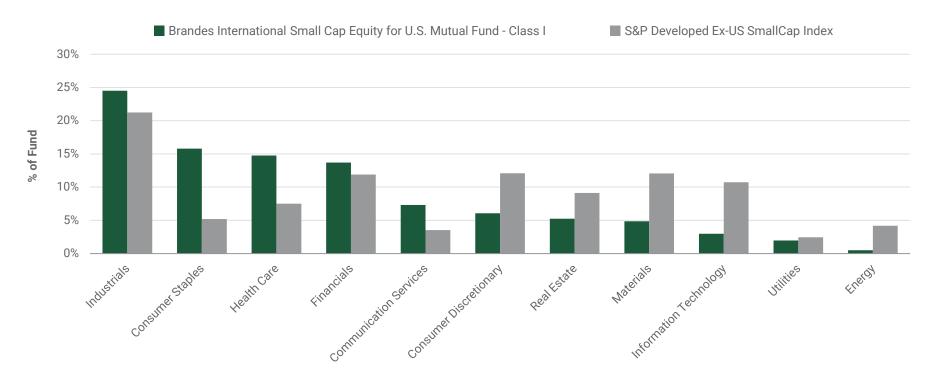
## **Country Exposure**



Regional Weightings	12/31/2022	12/31/2023	Change
Europe	47.7%	53.4%	+5.7%
North America	2.6%	4.6%	+2.0%
Middle East	1.0%	0.8%	-0.2%
Asia	27.8%	26.7%	-1.1%
Latin America	16.3%	12.2%	-4.1%

Market Weightings	12/31/2022	12/31/2023	Change
Developed Markets	69.7%	76.6%	+6.9%
Emerging Markets	25.6%	21.0%	-4.6%
Cash	4.6%	2.4%	-2.2%

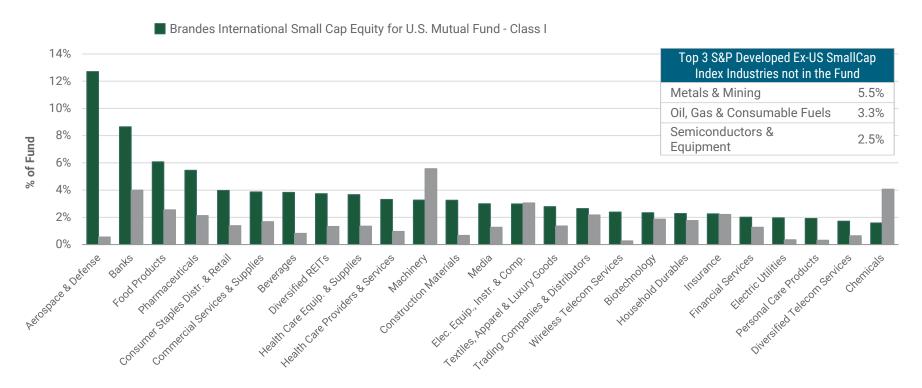
## **Sector Exposure**



Largest Sector Weighting Increases	12/31/2022	12/31/2023	Change
Health Care	10.0%	14.8%	+4.8%
Industrials	21.5%	24.5%	+3.0%
Consumer Staples	13.5%	15.8%	+2.3%

Largest Sector Weighting Decreases	12/31/2022	12/31/2023	Change
Consumer Discretionary	7.7%	6.1%	-1.6%
Real Estate	6.8%	5.2%	-1.6%
Materials	6.0%	4.9%	-1.1%

# **Industry Exposure (Top 25)**



Largest Industry Weighting Increases	12/31/2022	12/31/2023	Change
Health Care Providers & Services	0.0%	3.3%	+3.3%
Aerospace & Defense	9.6%	12.7%	+3.1%
Food Products	4.1%	6.1%	+2.0%

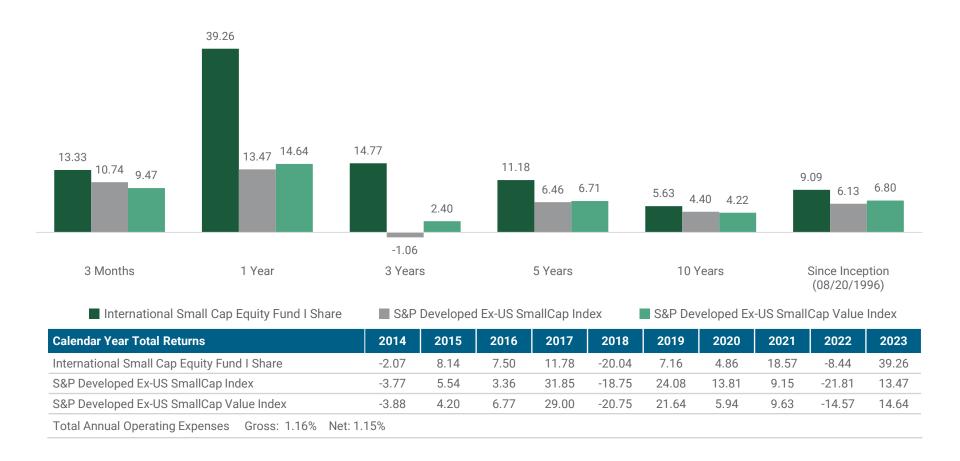
Largest Industry Weighting Decreases	12/31/2022	12/31/2023	Change
Banks	10.8%	8.6%	-2.2%
Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure	1.9%	0.4%	-1.5%
Industrial REITs	1.2%	0.0%	-1.2%

# **Top Ten Holdings**

Company	%	Country	Industry
Embraer SA	5.08	Brazil	Aerospace & Defense
C&C Group PLC	3.06	Ireland	Beverages
PAX Global Technology Ltd	2.98	Hong Kong	Electronic Equipment, Instruments & Components
Rolls-Royce Holdings PLC	2.94	United Kingdom	Aerospace & Defense
Draegerwerk AG & Co KGaA	2.81	Germany	Health Care Equipment & Supplies
Yellow Cake PLC	2.64	United Kingdom	Trading Companies & Distributors
Millicom International Cellular SA	2.38	Luxembourg	Wireless Telecommunication Services
J Sainsbury PLC	2.34	United Kingdom	Consumer Staples Distribution & Retail
Grifols SA	2.34	Spain	Biotechnology
Linea Directa Aseguradora SA	2.25	Spain	Insurance
Top 10 as % of Portfolio	28.82		
Total Number of Companies: 69			

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

#### Brandes International Small Cap Equity Fund



**AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023** | Source: Brandes, S&P. ¹ 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, 2024 (the "Expense Cap"). 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.* 

### Disclosure

**Price/Book:** Price per share divided by book value per share.

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

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

The S&P Developed Ex U.S. SmallCap Index with net dividends measures the equity performance of small cap companies in developed markets excluding the United States. Data prior to 2001 is gross dividend and linked to the net dividend returns.

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## **Key Performance Factors**

#### **Brandes International Small Cap Equity Fund**

#### **Positive Factors**

- Holdings in the following industries:
  - Aerospace & Defense
  - Consumer Staples Distribution & Retailing
  - Healthcare Equipment & Supplies
- Holdings in the following countries:
  - United Kingdom
  - Brazil
  - Japan

#### **Negative Factors**

- Holdings in the following industries:
  - Pharmaceuticals
  - Real Estate Management & Development
- Overweight allocation to:
  - Hong Kong
- Underweight allocation to:
  - Sweden
- Holdings in the following countries:
  - France

# **Key Performance Factors**

#### **Brandes International Small Cap Equity Fund**

#### **Positive Factors**

- Holdings in the following industries:
  - Aerospace & Defense
  - Consumer Staples Distribution & Retail
  - Food Products
  - Electric Utilities
  - Diversified REITs (Real Estate Investment Trusts)
- Holdings in the following countries:
  - United Kingdom
  - Brazil
  - Mexico
  - Hungary
  - Japan

#### **Negative Factors**

- Holdings in the following industries:
  - Electronic Equipment, Instruments, & Components
  - Insurance
  - Construction & Engineering
- Underweight allocation to:
  - Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment

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