

Brandes International Small Cap Equity Fund

FUND INFORMATION

Class I:	BISMX
Class A:	BISAX
Class C:	BINCX
Class R6:	BISRX

STRATEGY

The Brandes International Small Cap Equity Fund seeks long term capital appreciation.

Performance data quoted 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. All performance is historical and includes reinvestment of dividends and capital gains. Performance data current to the most recent month end may be obtained by calling 1.800.395.3807.

TOP TEN HOLDINGS

(% of assets as of 3/31/2026)

LISI SA	3.83
Montana Aerospace AG	3.79
Nova Ljubljanska Banka dd	3.22
Fibra Uno Administracion SA de CV	3.06
Medipal Holdings Corp	2.73
Indofood Sukses Makmur Tbk PT	2.69
Grifols SA	2.60
Draegerwerk AG & Co KGaA	2.43
Bolsa Mexicana de Valores SAB de CV	2.35
C&C Group PLC	2.34

Fund holdings are subject to change at any time at the discretion of the investment manager.

The Brandes International Small Cap Equity Fund declined 0.91% (Class I Shares), underperforming its benchmark, the MSCI ACWI ex-US Small Cap Index, which was down 0.48% in the quarter. The MSCI ACWI ex-US Small Cap Value Index declined 0.07%.

Positive Contributors

Holdings in communications services, financials, consumer discretionary, and health care were major contributors to returns, led by Latin American wireless telecom operator Millicom International Cellular, Hungary-based Magyar Telekom, German health care equipment business Draegerwerk, and Slovenian bank Nova Ljubljanska Banka.

Millicom benefited from improved operational performance, stronger cash-flow generation, and progress in simplifying its asset base and capital structure. Meanwhile, Draegerwerk reported record 2025 net sales and provided optimistic guidance that was appreciated by the market.

Other notable contributors included machinery company Kennametal and Mexican real estate investment trust Fibra Uno. Kennametal significantly raised its guidance for fiscal year 2026 and is expected to be a key beneficiary of the material increase in tungsten prices, providing a potential positive tailwind to its margins.

Relative to the benchmark, the Fund's lack of exposure to India helped returns.

Performance Detractors

Detractors included a few technology-related holdings which were pressured by heightened concerns around perceived AI disruption and broader macroeconomic uncertainty.

IT services company Globant declined as investors reassessed the potential impact of generative AI on traditional IT services models, particularly in application development and consulting. Canada-based software company Open Text also detracted from performance. Investor concerns centered on the durability of legacy enterprise software models amid rapid advances in AI-enabled information-management tools. While Open Text continued to generate substantial recurring revenue from its mission-critical software, uncertainty around integration execution and AI-related disruption weighed on sentiment. In our view, the market has placed disproportionate emphasis on near-term disruption risk while underappreciating the strength of Open Text's installed base and customer switching costs, leading the company to trade at what we consider appealing valuations.

Similarly, increased geopolitical uncertainty and caution around AI-related disruption weighed on professional services firms PageGroup and Hays, as subdued hiring activity impacted near-term performance.

Other detractors included beverage company C&C Group and personal care products business Ontex Group.

Select Activity in the Quarter

It was a relatively busy quarter in terms of new buys and full sells as the small-cap investment committee took advantage of the market volatility to initiate or exit positions. New buys included three U.K.-based companies, namely greeting cards retailers Card Factory and Moonpig Group, as well as machinery firm Morgan Advanced Materials, and two French businesses, specifically food services company Sodexo and grocer Carrefour. The investment committee also added Japanese pen manufacturer Pilot and German media company Springer Nature to the portfolio. Meanwhile, exited positions included Japan-based Nihon Parkerizing, Hong Kong's Emperor Watch & Jewellery, Irish bank AIB Group, and Panama's Banco Latinoamericano.

Sodexo provides outsourced services to corporate, education, health care, and government clients in more than 40 countries, with a business model anchored by long-term contracts and high renewal rates. The company generates the majority of its revenue from onsite services, including contract catering and facilities management, where scale advantages and operational complexity create meaningful barriers to entry.

Sodexo has fallen out of favor after several years of operational challenges, including labor cost inflation, inconsistent execution across regions, and investor skepticism following the spin-off of its employee benefits business. In North America, the company has underperformed peers, which further weighed on the shares.

In our view, this pessimism has created an opportunity to invest in what we consider a well-positioned, cash-generative business at a valuation that does not reflect its long-term earnings power. We believe the market is underestimating Sodexo's ability to pass through cost inflation over time, improve margins through operational initiatives, and benefit from secular outsourcing trends across corporate and institutional customers. In our view, the company's global scale, diversified end markets, and recurring revenue profile should provide resilience across economic cycles.

At current valuation levels, Sodexo trades at a meaningful discount to our estimate of intrinsic value. We see an attractive margin of safety, supported by strong returns on capital, a solid balance sheet, and the potential for earnings recovery as execution improves.

Current Positioning

Despite increased activity in the quarter, the portfolio positioning remains relatively unchanged. The most noticeable change was the decrease in allocation to the industrials sector, where we trimmed several positions given their strong performance over the past few years. That said, industrials remains the Fund's largest sector weighting. The Fund also maintains significant allocations to consumer staples and health care, while remaining underweight in technology, materials, real estate, and utilities. Geographically, the Fund continues to have meaningful exposure to companies in the U.K., Canada, and emerging markets, while holding underweight positions in Japan, Australia, India, and Taiwan.

We have recently received a number of inquiries regarding the Fund's risk exposure to the Iran conflict. In our view, the impact is limited and largely indirect. A meaningful portion of the Fund continues to be allocated to domestically oriented companies, which tend to benefit from larger competitive moats and reduced direct exposure to international trade disputes or global geopolitical uncertainty compared to their export-driven peers. Many of our holdings also represent mature and stable business models where earnings and free-

cash-flow generation have historically shown resilience during macroeconomic or cyclical disruptions.

Amid heightened volatility in the quarter, we selectively added to existing positions where share prices declined despite what we consider limited change to underlying long-term fundamentals, while paring exposure in areas that held up relatively well. We remain focused on long-term value creation and believe that periods of uncertainty can create compelling opportunities for patient investors, as indicated by our buy and sell activity. Throughout our investment process, we maintain a sharp focus on balance sheet quality. We feel this is particularly important in the international small-cap equity space as the low interest-rate environment has increased corporate debt appetite and foreign currency exchange mismatches can pose a risk.

We remain confident in the Fund's holdings composition and the attractive risk-reward tradeoff it offers.

Average Annual Total Returns (%) as of March 31, 2026

Without Load	3 Months	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception 8/20/1996 ²
Class I	-0.91	-0.91	30.76	29.78	19.09	10.91	10.51
Class A	-0.96	-0.96	30.46	29.54	18.84	10.68	10.26
Class C	-1.05	-1.05	29.75	28.65	18.15	10.08	—
Class R6	-0.87	-0.87	30.84	29.94	19.24	11.04	10.59
With Load	3 Months	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception 8/20/1996 ²
Class A	-6.66	-6.66	22.96	27.01	17.44	10.02	10.04
Class C	-2.04	-2.04	28.75	28.65	18.15	10.08	—
MSCI ACWI ex USA Small Cap Index	-0.48	-0.48	27.82	13.66	5.66	8.00	6.99
MSCI ACWI ex USA Small Cap Value Index	-0.07	-0.07	28.53	15.67	8.03	8.48	7.78

Operating Expenses: Class I: 1.10% (gross), 1.10% (net) Class A: 1.32% (gross), 1.32% (net) Class C: 1.99% (gross), 1.99% (net) Class R6: 1.13% (gross), 1.00% (net)

² Indicates performance of the S&P Developed Ex U.S. SmallCap Index, the fund's previous benchmark, and the S&P Developed Ex U.S. SmallCap Value Index, from inception through 5/31/2007, and the performance of the MSCI ACWI ex USA Small Cap Index and the MSCI ACWI ex USA Small Cap Value Index from 6/01/2007 to present. Effective January 28, 2024, the benchmark for the Predecessor Fund changed from the S&P Developed ex-U.S. Small Cap (Net Dividends) Index to the MSCI ACWI ex USA Small Cap Index to better align the Predecessor Fund's benchmark with the Fund's current portfolio objectives and composition.

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Prior to February 1, 2012, the Fund was a private investment fund managed by the Advisor with policies, guidelines and restrictions that were, in all material respects, equivalent to those of the Fund. Class A and Class I shares were first offered on February 1, 2012, while Class C shares were first offered on January 31, 2013. Prior to January 31, 2013, Class A shares were known as Class S shares. (Class A shares have the same operating expenses as Class S shares.) The Class I performance information shown for periods before February 1, 2012 is that of the private investment fund managed by the Advisor that is the predecessor of the Fund, not restated to reflect Fund expenses. Performance shown prior to February 1, 2012 for the Class A shares reflects the performance of the private investment fund shares restated to reflect Class A sales loads and expenses. Performance shown prior to the inception of Class C shares reflects the performance of the private investment fund for periods prior to February 1, 2012 and the performance of Class I shares for the period from February 1, 2012 to January 30, 2013, restated to reflect Class C expenses. The Class C shares' average annual total return for the 10-year period assumes that Class C shares automatically converted to Class A shares 8 years after the start of the period. The Class C shares' average annual total return for the since inception period cannot be calculated as the Class A shares had not been launched as of 8/19/2004, 8 years after the inception date of the Brandes International Small Cap Equity Fund. Class R6 shares were first offered on June 27, 2016. Performance shown prior to the inception of Class R6 shares reflects the performance of Class I shares restated to reflect Class R6 expenses.

The Advisor has contractually agreed to limit the operating expenses through July 29, 2026. 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.

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Because the values of the Fund's investments will fluctuate with market conditions, so will the value of your investment in the Fund. You could lose money on your investment in the Fund, or the Fund could underperform other investments. The values of the Fund's investments fluctuate in response to the activities of individual companies and general stock market and economic conditions. In addition, the performance of foreign securities depends on the political and economic environments and other overall economic conditions in the countries where the Fund invests. Emerging country markets involve greater risk and volatility than more developed markets. Some emerging markets countries may have fixed or managed currencies that are not free-floating against the U.S. dollar. Certain of these currencies have experienced, and may experience in the future, substantial fluctuations or a steady devaluation relative to the U.S. dollar. Stocks of small-sized and mid-sized companies tend to have limited liquidity and usually experience greater price volatility than stocks of larger companies.

A mutual fund's investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses must be considered carefully before investing. The statutory and summary prospectuses contain this and other important information about the investment company, and may be obtained by calling 1.800.395.3807 or visiting www.brandes.com/funds. Read carefully before investing.

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