

# Brandes International Small Cap Equity Fund Class C/BINCX

## ANNUAL SHAREHOLDER REPORT | MARCH 31, 2025

This annual shareholder report contains important information about the Brandes International Small Cap Equity Fund (the “Fund”) for the period of October 1, 2024, to March 31, 2025. You can find additional information about the Fund at [brandes.com/funds/regulatory-literature](https://brandes.com/funds/regulatory-literature). You can also request this information by contacting us at 1-800-395-3807 (toll free).

This report describes changes to the Fund that occurred during the reporting period.

## What were the Fund costs for the Period?

(Based on a hypothetical \$10,000 investment)

Fund (Class)	Costs of a \$10,000 Investment	Costs paid as a percentage of a \$10,000 investment
Brandes International Small Cap Equity Fund (Class C/BINCX)	\$103*	1.99%

\*Represents the fee for the period from October 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025. Expenses for a full annual reporting period would be higher.

## Management’s Discussion of Fund Performance - BINCX - C - Share

### Summary of Results

The net asset value of the Brandes International Small Cap Equity Fund (Class C Shares without load) advanced 6.69% in the trailing six months ended March 31, 2025, outperforming the negative 7.06% return of the MSCI ACWI ex-USA Small Cap Index, as well as outperforming the negative 5.37% return of the MSCI ACWI ex-USA Small Cap Value Index. Notable contributors included holdings in the United Kingdom, France, Brazil, and Hungary. Meanwhile, holdings in Ireland weighed on relative returns, as did the lack of exposure to Israel. From a sector standpoint, holdings in industrials, financials, and communication services were standout performers, whereas allocations to energy and select holdings in consumer staples and health care detracted from relative returns.

### TOP PERFORMANCE CONTRIBUTORS

**Aerospace & Defense** | Embraer (Brazil), CAE (Canada), and Rolls-Royce (United Kingdom). Both Embraer and Rolls-Royce benefited from the continued recovery in their end-markets, which resulted in better-than-expected earnings with higher volumes and enhanced margins.

**Banks** | Hyakugo Bank and Hachijuni Bank (Japan), AIB Group (Ireland), and Nova Ljubljanska banka (Slovenia).

**Communication Services** | Magyar Telekom (Hungary), Millicom International Cellular (Luxembourg), and Boyaa Interactive International (China).

### TOP PERFORMANCE DETRACTORS

**Energy** | Yellow Cake (United Kingdom) and Pason Systems (Canada).

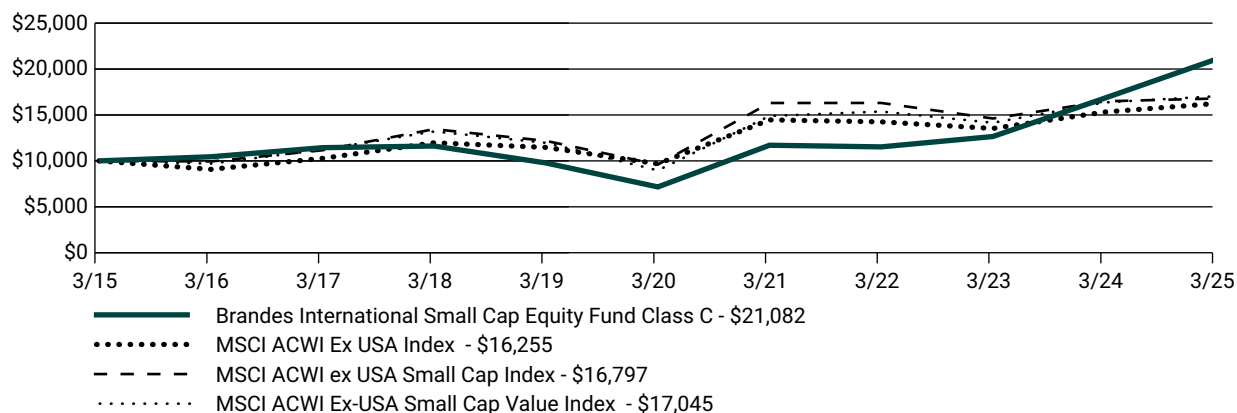
**Health Care** | Euroapi (France), Grifols (Spain), and Avadel Pharmaceuticals (Ireland).

**Consumer Staples** | C&C Group and Greencore Group (Ireland), and PT Indofood (Indonesia). C&C Group fell amid a weaker hospitality industry in the U.K., a key market for the company. The firm also faced market skepticism about the timing of its turnaround and the initial implementation of its strategic plan to simplify the business and improve its brand.

## Fund Performance

The following graph and chart compare the initial and subsequent account values at the end of each of the most recently completed 10 fiscal years of Class C Shares of the Fund. It assumes a \$10,000 initial investment at the beginning of the first fiscal year in an appropriate, broad-based securities market index for the same period.

### GROWTH OF \$10,000



AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS	1 Year	5 Year	10 Year
<b>Brandes International Small Cap Equity Fund (Class C/BINCX) (with maximum sales charge)<sup>(1),(2)</sup></b>	23.23%	23.72%	7.74%
<b>Brandes International Small Cap Equity Fund (Class C/BINCX) (without sales charge)<sup>(1)</sup></b>	24.23%	23.72%	7.74%
<b>MSCI ACWI ex USA Index</b>	6.09%	10.92%	4.98%
<b>MSCI ACWI ex USA Small Cap Index</b>	1.87%	11.84%	5.32%
<b>MSCI ACWI Ex-USA Small Cap Value Index</b>	4.14%	13.71%	5.48%

<sup>(1)</sup> 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.

<sup>(2)</sup> A charge of 1.00% will be imposed on Class C shares redeemed within one year of purchase by any investor.

**The Fund's past performance is not a good predictor of the Fund's future performance.**

The graph and table do not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on Fund distributions or redemption of Fund shares.

**KEY FUND STATISTICS AS OF MARCH 31, 2025**

Fund net assets	\$783,893,891
Total number of portfolio holdings	73
Total advisory fees paid	\$3,271,466
Portfolio turnover rate	17%

**INDUSTRY SECTOR AS % OF NET ASSETS**

Industrials	24.84%
Financials	15.74%
Consumer Staples	13.99%
Health Care	12.97%
Communication Services	8.60%
Materials	7.27%
Real Estate	4.55%
Consumer Discretionary	3.65%
Short-Term Investments	2.81%
Utilities	2.72%
Energy	2.25%
Other	1.96%

**Material Fund Changes**

Subsequent to September 30, 2024, the Board of Trustees approved a change in the fiscal year end of the Fund to March 31 to align the fiscal year end with the other series in the Trust.

This is a summary of certain changes to the Fund since September 30, 2024. For more complete information, you may review the Fund's prospectus, at [brandes.com/funds/regulatory-literature](https://brandes.com/funds/regulatory-literature) or upon request at 1-800-395-3807 (toll free).

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