# **Brandes Emerging Markets Value Fund**

A sub-fund of Brandes Investment Funds Plc

#### FUND OBJECTIVE

Long-term capital appreciation by investing in equity and equity related securities of issuers located or active mainly in emerging markets whose equity market capitalizations exceed \$3 billion at the time of purchase.

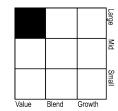
#### FUND INFORMATION

| Total Net   |        |
|-------------|--------|
| Asset Value | \$24.6 |
| (mil.)      |        |

Legal Structure UCITS

| Manager                | Brandes Investment<br>Partners (Europe)<br>Limited |
|------------------------|--|
| Trade<br>Frequency     | Daily  |
| Dealing Cutoff         | 16:00 New York Time                                |
| Registered             | AT, CH, DE, ES, FR, IE,<br>LUX, NL, UK             |
| Management<br>Fee      | 0.85%  |
| SFDR<br>Classification | Article 8  |

#### MORNINGSTAR STYLE BOX™



The Morningstar Style Box<sup>™</sup> reveals a fund's investment strategy by showing its investment style and market capitalization based on the fund's portfolio holdings.

The Brandes Emerging Markets Value Fund (the "Fund") Class I USD returned 15.70%, outperforming its index, the MSCI Emerging Markets Index, which was up 11.99% in the quarter, and the MSCI Emerging Markets Value Index, which gained 10.02%.

# **Positive Contributors**

Holdings in technology, financials, and communication services led performance.

Taiwanese server manufacturer Wiwynn Corporation rallied as its investments in next generation hyperscale data centres benefited from robust demand for AI infrastructure. Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company (TSMC) also helped returns as its leadership in advanced chip manufacturing and central role in AI-related demand drove positive investor sentiment and earnings momentum. Meanwhile, Chinese online gaming company NetEase rebounded as regulatory concerns eased, and monetisation of new game titles accelerated.

Within financials, Erste Group Bank was supported by resilient earnings and improving macro conditions in Europe. Similarly, South Korean Shinhan Financial Group rose on solid earnings and improved investor sentiment toward Korean financials in general.

Other notable contributors included Brazil-based wireless telecom provider TIM S.A., which advanced as its subscriber base grew, its revenue continued to grow above inflation, and its margins strengthened.

# **Performance Detractors**

Several holdings in China detracted from performance. Alibaba declined due to concerns about the pace of consumer recovery in China. Haier Smart Home faced challenges from a sluggish housing market, margin compression in its appliance segment, and concerns over U.S. tariffs. Meanwhile, pricing pressure and heightened competition in parcel delivery weighed on logistics company ZTO Express.

Brazil-based integrated oil firm Petrobras also hurt returns as it dealt with falling oil prices and political uncertainty. Additionally, Singapore-based agribusiness Wilmar International declined on lower palm oil prices and foreign exchange-related headwinds.

# Select Activity in the Quarter

We initiated positions in South Korea-based Hankook Tire & Technology, Slovenian bank Nova Ljubljanska Banka, along with Georgian lender TBC Bank Group.

Hankook Tire & Technology, Korea's largest tire manufacturer and the seventh largest globally, focuses on passenger and light-duty vehicle tires. Hankook is considered a second-tier player in the industry, producing good quality tires that sell at a discount to the products of first-tier players. In the last few years, Hankook has been able to modestly increase its market share in both the original equipment and replacement markets. Hankook's share price came under pressure over the past year, largely due to capital allocation concerns. Hankook, a longtime shareholder of auto components supplier Hanon Systems, increased its stake from 20% to a controlling interest over 50% at a significant premium to Hanon's share price in 2024. While we agree that the transaction was value destructive, we believe the market has overreacted to the news and undervalued the earnings power of the business.



We appreciate that Hankook maintains a strong, net-cash balance sheet following the Hanon Systems transaction. Additionally, the majority of demand for Hankook's tires is for replacement tires versus new vehicle tires, which, although somewhat cyclical in nature, positions Hankook more defensively. The company has also been making investments to gain market share in the U.S. and Europe, and it has a competitive offering in electric vehicle (EV) tires. EVs require more advanced tires, which are sold at a premium and can have a shorter replacement cycle. At its current valuation, Hankook offers a compelling investment opportunity to us.

In addition to initiating a position in Hankook, we exited our positions in China-based NetEase and India-based Indus Towers after the shares appreciated to our respective estimates of their intrinsic value. We also sold out of our positions in LG H&H Co., Ltd. and Genting Bhd.

# Year-to-Date

The Fund rose 21.77%, outperforming its index, the MSCI Emerging Markets Index, which appreciated 15.27% in the six months ended 30 June 2025, and the MSCI Emerging Markets Value Index which rose 14.77%.

Holdings in Brazil were strong drivers of performance, led by regional jet manufacturer Embraer, wireless telecom services provider TIM S.A., and retailer Sendas Distribuidora. On a sector/industry basis, holdings in information technology and banks did well. Standout contributors included Samsung Electronics, SK hynix, and Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company, as well as Erste Group Bank and Shinhan Financial Group. Additionally, our underweight to India aided relative returns.

Major detractors included select China-domiciled companies, specifically China Education Group, ZTO Express, and Haier Smart Home. Hong Kong-listed semiconductor company ASMPT and Indonesian lender Bank Rakyat Indonesia also performed poorly.

# **Current Positioning**

The Fund maintains a significant overweight in Latin America, with diversified investments in telecommunications, utilities, energy, and real estate. It continues to have lower allocations to India and Taiwan relative to the MSCI Emerging Markets Index. We also remain underweight China, where we have limited exposure to exporters and maintain positions in businesses that focus on domestic consumption.

Tariffs dominated the quarter's headlines following U.S. President Trump's "Liberation Day" announcement in early April and subsequent bilateral trade negotiations. Overall, while tariffs and trade tensions present challenges, we believe the Fund—with its focus on domestic consumption, strong governance, and balance sheet strength—is strategically positioned to manage risks and capitalise on opportunities.

We continue to find compelling value in select businesses in Mexico, where market concerns around tariffs persist. The majority of our exposure in Mexico centres on domestic consumption through holdings in leading businesses such as consumer products company Kimberly-Clark de Mexico, real estate investment trust Fibra Uno, and grocer Walmex.

We remain comfortable with the risk/reward trade-off that our holdings offer and optimistic about the long-term prospects of the Fund.

# BRANDES

#### Performance (%)<sup>1</sup>

|                   |          |      |       |       |       |       |       |       | Since Ir | ception |                |
|-------------------|----------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----------|---------|----------------|
|                   | NAV      | 1 mo | 3 mo  | YTD   | 1 yr  | 3 yr  | 5 yr  | 10 yr | Fund     | Index   | Inception Date |
| Class I USD       | \$ 16.95 | 5.87 | 15.70 | 21.77 | 23.54 | 17.35 | 10.54 | 5.15  | 4.10     | 4.22    | 5/10/2012      |
| Class A USD       | \$ 13.37 | 5.78 | 15.46 | 21.21 | 22.32 | 16.21 | 9.43  | 4.19  | 2.38     | 3.78    | 2/27/2013      |
| MSCI EM Index USD |          | 6.01 | 11.99 | 15.27 | 15.29 | 9.69  | 6.80  | 4.81  |          |         |                |
| Class I EUR       | € 17.45  | 2.05 | 6.21  | 7.06  | 12.29 | 12.86 | 9.43  | 4.47  | 5.00     | 6.22    | 1/30/2014      |
| Class A EUR       | € 15.01  | 2.04 | 5.93  | 6.61  | 11.19 | 11.77 | 8.40  | 3.54  | 3.31     | 4.61    | 1/11/2013      |
| MSCI EM Index EUR |          | 2.53 | 3.05  | 1.68  | 5.26  | 5.54  | 5.86  | 4.27  |          |         |                |

#### Calendar Year Returns (%)1

|                                 | 2015   | 2016  | 2017  | 2018   | 2019  | 2020  | 2021  | 2022   | 2023  | 2024 |
|---------------------------------|--------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|------|
| Class I USD                     | -19.78 | 25.00 | 26.26 | -15.62 | 18.25 | -4.97 | 1.48  | -15.92 | 23.06 | 3.49 |
| MSCI Emerging Markets Index USD | -14.92 | 11.19 | 37.28 | -14.57 | 18.42 | 18.31 | -2.54 | -20.09 | 9.83  | 7.50 |

Performance is shown net of fund and share class fees.

### Growth of \$10,000 Since Inception<sup>1</sup>



Past performance may not be a reliable guide to future performance. Periods of greater than one year have been annualized. The performance data do not take account of the commissions and costs incurred on the issue and redemption of units. Changes in exchange rates may have an adverse effect on the value price or income of the product. Performance is shown net of fund and share class fees. It is not possible to invest directly in an index.

# Relative Quarterly Impact (%)<sup>2</sup>

| By Sector              |       |      |      | By Country       |       |      |
|------------------------|-------|------|------|------------------|-------|------|
| Communication Services |       |      | 3.00 | Brazil           |       | 1.91 |
| Information Technology |       | 1.44 |      | Mexico<br>Taiwan |       | 0.82 |
|                        |       |      |      | Panama           |       | 0.76 |
| Consumer Staples       |       | 0.67 |      | Luxembourg       |       | 0.63 |
| Utilities              |       | 0.63 |      | Indonesia        |       | 0.61 |
| otinties               |       | 0.03 |      | Hong Kong        |       | 0.58 |
| Real Estate            |       | 0.61 |      | Austria          |       | 0.45 |
|                        |       |      |      | Hungary          |       | 0.33 |
| Financials             |       | 0.01 |      | Greece           |       | 0.21 |
|                        |       |      |      | Thailand         |       | 0.19 |
| Materials              | -0.09 |      |      | United Kingdom   |       | 0.09 |
| Consumer Discretionary | -0.14 |      |      | Georgia          |       | 0.06 |
| Consumer Discretionary | -0.14 |      |      | Philippines      |       | 0.01 |
| Health Care            | -0.27 |      |      | Slovenia         |       | 0.01 |
|                        | 0.27  |      |      | Chile            | -0.01 |      |
| Industrials            | -0.45 |      |      | Malaysia         | -0.07 |      |
|                        |       |      |      | Singapore        | -0.15 |      |
| Energy                 | -0.57 |      |      | South Korea      | -0.32 |      |
|                        |       |      |      | South Africa     | -0.36 |      |
|                        |       |      |      | India            | -0.71 |      |
|                        |       |      |      | China            | -1.41 |      |

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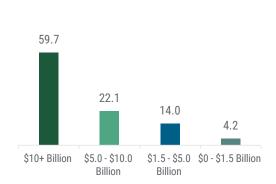
# Top 10 Holdings<sup>1</sup>

| Company                             | %    |
|-------------------------------------|------|
| Taiwan Semiconductor<br>Manufacturi | 8.74 |
| Samsung Electronics Co Ltd          | 5.65 |
| Alibaba Group Holding Ltd           | 3.61 |
| Embraer SA                          | 3.23 |
| Wiwynn Corp                         | 3.18 |
| HDFC Bank Ltd                       | 2.86 |
| Bank Rakyat Indonesia Persero<br>Tb | 2.74 |
| Copa Holdings SA                    | 2.57 |
| Petroleo Brasileiro SA - Petrobr    | 2.52 |
| Millicom International Cellular     | 2.46 |

#### Characteristics1

|                            | Fund    |
|----------------------------|---------|
| Price/Book                 | 1.4x    |
| Price/Earnings             | 11.9x   |
| Price/Cash Flow            | 6.0x    |
| Equity Yield (%)           | 4.2     |
| Active Share (%)           | 81.1    |
| Number of Holdings         | 58      |
| Avg. Market Cap (billions) | \$130.3 |
| Security Turnover (TTM, %) | 24.0    |
| Cash (%)                   | 0.7     |

### Capitalization Summary (%)<sup>1</sup>



### Best Performing Stocks<sup>2</sup>

#### Top 5 – Last Quarter

| Security                                     | Allocation (%) | Return (%) | Impact (%) | Country | Industry                                  |
|--|----------------|------------|------------|---------|---|
| Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., Ltd. | 8.7            | 32.8       | 2.4        | TW      | Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment  |
| Wiwynn Corporation                           | 3.2            | 80.0       | 2.4        | TW      | Technology Hardware Storage & Peripherals |
| SK hynix Inc.                                | 2.2            | 67.3       | 1.0        | KR      | Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment  |
| Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.                | 5.6            | 13.4       | 0.8        | KR      | Technology Hardware Storage & Peripherals |
| Shinhan Financial Group Co., Ltd.            | 2.1            | 43.6       | 0.7        | KR      | Banks                                     |

### Worst Performing Stocks<sup>2</sup>

#### Bottom 5 - Last Quarter

| Security                                 | Allocation (%) | Return (%) | Impact (%) | Country | Industry                   |
|--|----------------|------------|------------|---------|----------------------------|
| Alibaba Group Holding Limited            | 3.6            | -13.6      | -0.7       | CN      | Broadline Retail           |
| Petroleo Brasileiro SA Pfd               | 2.5            | -6.4       | -0.3       | BR      | Oil Gas & Consumable Fuels |
| China Resources Beer (Holdings) Co. Ltd. | 2.2            | -10.3      | -0.2       | CN      | Beverages                  |
| Topsports International Holdings Limited | 1.0            | -11.3      | -0.2       | CN      | Specialty Retail           |
| ZTO Express (Cayman), Inc. Class A       | 1.6            | -8.2       | -0.2       | CN      | Air Freight & Logistics    |

### Portfolio Changes Trailing Twelve Months<sup>1</sup>

| Period  | Complete Sales = Country = Industry  | Period  | New Buys - Country - Industry  |
|---------|--|---------|--|
| Q2 2025 | Genting Bhd = MY = Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure<br>Indus Towers Ltd = IN = Diversified Telecom Services<br>LG H&H Co Ltd = KR = Personal Care Products  | Q2 2025 | Hankook Tire & Technology Co Ltd = KR = Automobile Components<br>Nova Ljubljanska Banka dd = SI = Banks<br>TBC Bank Group PLC = GE = Banks   |
|         | NetEase Inc • CN • Entertainment   | Q1 2025 | Embassy Office Parks REIT • IN • Office REITs  |
| Q1 2025 | China Education Group Holdings Ltd • CN • Diversified Consumer<br>Services<br>Chinasoft International Ltd • CN • IT Services<br>Contemporary Amperex Technology Co Ltd • CN • Electrical Equipment | Q4 2024 | ASMPT Ltd • HK • Semiconductors & Equipment<br>Magyar Telekom Telecommunications PLC • HU • Diversified Telecom<br>Services<br>Telkom Indonesia Persero Tbk PT • ID • Diversified Telecom Services   |
|         | DBS Group Holdings Ltd = SG = Banks  |         | Wal-Mart de Mexico SAB de CV = MX = Consumer Staples Distr. & Retail   |
| Q4 2024 | Midea Group Co Ltd • CN • Household Durables<br>024 Ping An Insurance Group Co of China Ltd • CN • Insurance<br>Shanghai Pharmaceuticals Holding Co Ltd • CN • Health Care Provider<br>& Services  |         | Haier Smart Home Co Ltd • CN • Household Durables<br>Hellenic Telecommunications Organization SA • GR • Diversified<br>Telecom Services<br>Prologis Property Mexico SA de CV • MX • Industrial REITs |
| Q3 2024 | Gree Electric Appliances Inc of Zhuhai • CN • Household Durables<br>Hana Financial Group Inc • KR • Banks<br>TF Administradora Industrial S de RL de CV • MX • Industrial REITs                    |         |  |

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Change

Jun-25

# Country Allocation (%)<sup>1</sup>

| ooundy / mooution | (70) |       |
|-------------------|------|-------|
| Country           | Fund | Index |
| China             | 13.9 | 28.4  |
| Brazil            | 13.8 | 4.4   |
| Taiwan            | 13.6 | 18.9  |
| South Korea       | 11.0 | 10.7  |
| Mexico            | 9.5  | 2.0   |
| Indonesia         | 6.2  | 1.2   |
| India             | 5.3  | 18.1  |
| Panama            | 4.2  |       |
| Hong Kong         | 3.8  |       |
| Thailand          | 2.5  | 1.0   |
| Luxembourg        | 2.5  |       |
| Singapore         | 1.9  |       |
| Greece            | 1.8  | 0.6   |
| Austria           | 1.7  |       |
| Other             | 7.5  | 14.6  |
|                   |      |       |

22 Total number of countries in the fund 11 Total number of MSCI EM Index countries not in the fund No exposure to countries that represent 10.2% of the index

| Largest Decreases | Jun-24 | Jun-25 | Change |
|-------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| INCAIGO           | 7.0    | 2.0    | 1.7    |
| Mexico            | 7.8    | 9.5    | 17     |
| Greece            |        | 1.8    | 1.8    |
| Hong Kong         | 1.7    | 3.8    | 2.1    |
| Indonesia         | 3.9    | 6.2    | 2.3    |

Country Changes Trailing Twelve Months (%)<sup>1</sup>

Jun-24

Largest Increases

| Largest Decreases | JUN-24 | Jun-25 | Change |
|-------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| China             | 24.0   | 13.9   | -10.1  |
| Austria           | 3.0    | 1.7    | -1.3   |
| Singapore         | 3.1    | 1.9    | -1.2   |
| India             | 6.3    | 5.3    | -1.0   |
|                   |        |        |        |

### Regional Changes Trailing Twelve Months (%)<sup>1</sup>

|               | Jun-24 | Jun-25 | Change |
|---------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Asia          | 65.7   | 59.3   | -6.4   |
| Latin America | 25.1   | 28.1   | 3.0    |
| Europe        | 6.4    | 10.2   | 3.8    |
| Africa        | 1.7    | 1.6    | -0.1   |

|                   | Jun-24 | Jun-25 | Change |
|-------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Emerging Markets  | 87.7   | 88.4   | 0.7    |
| Developed Markets | 11.1   | 10.9   | -0.2   |

# Regional Allocation (%)<sup>1</sup>



### Country Return Impact (%)<sup>1</sup>

|          |             | Alloo | cation | Re    | turn  |      | Return Impact |             |
|----------|-------------|-------|--------|-------|-------|------|---------------|-------------|
|          |             | Fund  | Index  | Fund  | Index | Fund | Index         | Rel. Impact |
|          | Taiwan      | 13.5  | 18.9   | 43.3  | 26.1  | 5.1  | 4.3           | 0.8         |
|          | South Korea | 10.9  | 10.7   | 28.7  | 32.7  | 2.6  | 3.0           | -0.3        |
| Top 5    | Brazil      | 13.8  | 4.4    | 20.0  | 13.3  | 2.5  | 0.6           | 1.9         |
| · ·      | Mexico      | 9.4   | 2.0    | 20.0  | 20.5  | 2.1  | 0.4           | 1.6         |
|          | India       | 5.2   | 18.1   | 17.3  | 9.2   | 1.1  | 1.8           | -0.7        |
|          | China       | 13.9  | 28.2   | -4.1  | 2.1   | -0.9 | 0.5           | -1.4        |
|          | Singapore   | 1.9   | 0.0    | -6.5  | 0.0   | -0.2 | 0.0           | -0.2        |
| Bottom 5 | Slovenia    | 0.5   | 0.0    | 2.3   | 0.0   | 0.0  | 0.0           | 0.0         |
| Dottom 5 | Malaysia    | 0.0   | 1.3    | 3.6   | 6.7   | 0.0  | 0.1           | -0.1        |
|          | Philippines | 1.1   | 0.5    | 1.2   | 5.3   | 0.0  | 0.0           | 0.0         |
|          | Brazil      | 13.8  | 4.4    | 44.5  | 11.6  | 5.7  | 0.6           | 5.1         |
| Тарб     | China       | 13.9  | 28.2   | 22.8  | 34.1  | 5.3  | 8.5           | -3.2        |
| Top 5    | Taiwan      | 13.5  | 18.9   | 21.3  | 14.4  | 2.9  | 2.3           | 0.5         |
|          | Austria     | 1.7   | 0.0    | 85.4  | 0.0   | 2.0  | 0.0           | 2.0         |
|          | Mexico      | 9.4   | 2.0    | 10.8  | 13.1  | 1.5  | 0.3           | 1.2         |
|          | South Korea | 10.9  | 10.7   | -2.9  | 6.2   | -0.4 | 0.4           | -0.8        |
|          | India       | 5.2   | 18.1   | -3.8  | 0.8   | -0.2 | 0.2           | -0.3        |
| Bottom 5 | Malaysia    | 0.0   | 1.3    | -21.8 | 12.6  | -0.2 | 0.2           | -0.4        |
|          | Slovenia    | 0.5   | 0.0    | 2.3   | 0.0   | 0.0  | 0.0           | 0.0         |
|          | Georgia     | 1.2   | 0.0    | 5.7   | 0.0   | 0.1  | 0.0           | 0.1         |

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# Top 15 Industry Allocation (%)<sup>1</sup>

|                                     | · · / |       |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|
| Industry                            | Fund  | Index |
| Banks                               | 18.5  | 18.4  |
| Semiconductors & Equipment          | 13.2  | 13.6  |
| Tech Hardware, Storage &<br>Periph. | 8.8   | 5.7   |
| Diversified Telecom Services        | 6.8   | 1.1   |
| Wireless Telecom Services           | 6.5   | 1.7   |
| Broadline Retail                    | 3.6   | 4.9   |
| Financial Services                  | 3.3   | 0.9   |
| Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure       | 3.3   | 2.2   |
| Aerospace & Defense                 | 3.2   | 0.9   |
| Food Products                       | 3.1   | 1.3   |
| Consumer Staples Distr. & Retail    | 2.7   | 1.1   |
| Passenger Airlines                  | 2.6   | 0.4   |
| Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels         | 2.5   | 4.3   |
| Beverages                           | 2.2   | 1.1   |
| Diversified REITs                   | 2.2   | 0.0   |
|                                     |       |       |

# Top 15 Index Industries not in the Fund (%)<sup>1</sup>

| Industry                         | Index |
|----------------------------------|-------|
| Interactive Media & Services     | 5.9   |
| Metals & Mining                  | 3.5   |
| Automobiles                      | 3.1   |
| Elec. Equip., Instr. & Comp.     | 2.3   |
| IT Services                      | 1.9   |
| Real Estate Mgmt. & Development  | 1.5   |
| Electrical Equipment             | 1.4   |
| Chemicals                        | 1.4   |
| Pharmaceuticals                  | 1.2   |
| Capital Markets                  | 1.2   |
| Industrial Conglomerates         | 1.0   |
| Machinery                        | 1.0   |
| Biotechnology                    | 0.9   |
| Consumer Finance                 | 0.7   |
| Textiles, Apparel & Luxury Goods | 0.7   |
|                                  |       |

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Total number of MSCI EM Index industries not in the fund

No exposure to industries that 34.2% of the index

### Industry Changes Trailing Twelve Months (%)<sup>1</sup>

| Largest Increases                           | Jun-24 | Jun-25 | Change |
|---|--------|--------|--------|
| Diversified Telecommunication Services      | 2.8    | 6.8    | 4.0    |
| Semiconductors & Semiconductor<br>Equipment | 11.2   | 13.2   | 2.0    |
| Consumer Staples Distribution & Retail      | 1.0    | 2.7    | 1.7    |
| Wireless Telecommunication Services         | 5.3    | 6.5    | 1.2    |

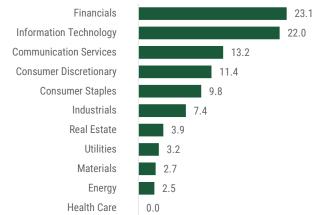
| Largest Decreases             | Jun-24 | Jun-25 | Change |
|-------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Electrical Equipment          | 2.2    |        | -2.2   |
| Household Durables            | 3.4    | 1.4    | -2.0   |
| Banks                         | 20.2   | 18.5   | -1.7   |
| Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure | 4.7    | 3.3    | -1.4   |

### Industry Return Impact (%)<sup>2</sup>

|              | -        |   | Allocation |       | Re    | Return |      | Return Impact |             |
|--------------|----------|---|------------|-------|-------|--------|------|---------------|-------------|
|              |          |   | Fund       | Index | Fund  | Index  | Fund | Index         | Rel. Impact |
|              |          | Semiconductors & Equipment                    | 13.1       | 13.6  | 31.0  | 31.4   | 3.4  | 3.6           | -0.1        |
| -            | Top 5    | Technology Hardware, Storage &<br>Peripherals | 8.8        | 5.7   | 36.0  | 18.8   | 3.1  | 1.0           | 2.1         |
| Quarter      |          | Banks   | 18.4       | 18.4  | 13.9  | 13.1   | 2.5  | 2.5           | 0.0         |
| ) (na        |          | Diversified Telecom Svcs                      | 6.7        | 1.1   | 22.3  | 11.2   | 1.7  | 0.1           | 1.6         |
| ast          |          | Wireless Telecommunication<br>Services        | 6.4        | 1.7   | 28.0  | 14.5   | 1.7  | 0.3           | 1.5         |
| <b>–</b>   B | lottom 5 | Broadline Retail                              | 3.6        | 4.9   | -13.6 | -9.6   | -0.7 | -0.6          | -0.1        |
|              |          | Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels                   | 2.5        | 4.3   | -6.4  | 7.2    | -0.3 | 0.3           | -0.6        |
|              |          | Beverages                                     | 2.2        | 1.1   | -10.3 | -0.7   | -0.2 | 0.0           | -0.3        |
|              |          | Air Freight & Logistics                       | 1.6        | 0.2   | -10.1 | 4.3    | -0.2 | 0.0           | -0.2        |
| JS           |          | Household Durables                            | 1.4        | 0.4   | -7.2  | 3.4    | -0.1 | 0.0           | -0.1        |
| Months       | Top 5    | Banks   | 18.4       | 18.4  | 23.0  | 24.3   | 4.7  | 4.4           | 0.3         |
| 2            |          | Aerospace & Defense                           | 3.2        | 0.9   | 120.8 | 62.9   | 3.4  | 0.4           | 3.0         |
| Ň            |          | Broadline Retail                              | 3.6        | 4.9   | 57.5  | 30.5   | 2.5  | 1.4           | 1.1         |
| Twelve       |          | Wireless Telecommunication<br>Services        | 6.4        | 1.7   | 41.3  | 27.4   | 2.5  | 0.5           | 2.0         |
| ing          | Bottom 5 | Diversified Telecom Svcs                      | 6.7        | 1.1   | 33.9  | 18.1   | 2.3  | 0.2           | 2.1         |
| ail          |          | Diversified Consumer Services                 | 0.0        | 0.1   | -42.0 | -22.4  | -0.3 | -0.1          | -0.3        |
| Trailing     | _        | Technology Hardware, Storage &<br>Peripherals | 8.8        | 5.7   | -8.9  | 4.0    | -0.3 | 0.1           | -0.4        |
|              |          | Air Freight & Logistics                       | 1.6        | 0.2   | -12.7 | 5.5    | -0.3 | 0.0           | -0.3        |
|              |          | Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure                 | 3.3        | 2.2   | 1.7   | 17.2   | -0.1 | 0.4           | -0.5        |
|              |          | Personal Care Products                        | 0.0        | 0.5   | -7.5  | -10.7  | -0.1 | -0.1          | 0.0         |

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# Sector Allocation (%)1



# Sector Changes Trailing Twelve Months (%)<sup>1</sup>

| Largest Increases                          | Jun-24 | Jun-25 | Change |
|--|--------|--------|--------|
| Communication Services                     | 9.2    | 13.2   | 4.0    |
| Information Technology                     | 20.0   | 22.0   | 2.0    |
| Consumer Staples                           | 8.2    | 9.8    | 1.6    |
| Real Estate                                | 3.3    | 3.9    | 0.6    |
| Information Technology<br>Consumer Staples | 8.2    | 9.8    | 1.6    |

| Largest Decreases      | Jun-24 | Jun-25 | Change |
|------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Consumer Discretionary | 14.0   | 11.4   | -2.6   |
| Industrials            | 9.8    | 7.4    | -2.4   |
| Financials             | 25.4   | 23.1   | -2.3   |
| Health Care            | 1.1    |        | -1.1   |

### Sector Return Impact (%)<sup>2</sup>

|            |                        | Allocation |       | Re   | Return |      | Return Impact |             |  |
|------------|------------------------|------------|-------|------|--------|------|---------------|-------------|--|
|            |                        | Fund       | Index | Fund | Index  | Fund | Index         | Rel. Impact |  |
|            | Information Technology | 21.9       | 24.1  | 33.3 | 24.2   | 6.5  | 5.1           | 1.4         |  |
|            | Communication Services | 13.1       | 9.8   | 25.7 | 9.2    | 3.9  | 0.9           | 3.0         |  |
| _          | Financials             | 23.0       | 24.4  | 14.9 | 13.3   | 3.3  | 3.3           | 0.0         |  |
| Ite        | Consumer Staples       | 9.7        | 4.5   | 7.9  | 5.7    | 1.0  | 0.3           | 0.7         |  |
| Quarter    | Industrials            | 7.4        | 6.9   | 13.5 | 21.8   | 1.0  | 1.4           | -0.5        |  |
|            | Utilities              | 3.2        | 2.6   | 29.5 | 7.1    | 0.8  | 0.2           | 0.6         |  |
| ast        | Real Estate            | 3.9        | 1.6   | 18.2 | 6.4    | 0.7  | 0.1           | 0.6         |  |
| <u> </u>   | Materials              | 2.7        | 5.8   | 12.5 | 7.4    | 0.4  | 0.5           | -0.1        |  |
|            | Health Care            | 0.0        | 3.2   | 0.0  | 7.9    | 0.0  | 0.3           | -0.3        |  |
|            | Energy                 | 2.5        | 4.4   | -6.4 | 7.1    | -0.3 | 0.3           | -0.6        |  |
|            | Consumer Discretionary | 11.3       | 12.8  | -3.7 | -2.7   | -0.6 | -0.4          | -0.1        |  |
|            | Financials             | 23.0       | 24.4  | 25.0 | 26.1   | 6.3  | 6.1           | 0.2         |  |
| Months     | Communication Services | 13.1       | 9.8   | 38.1 | 30.7   | 5.6  | 2.9           | 2.8         |  |
| ou         | Industrials            | 7.4        | 6.9   | 56.1 | 16.3   | 4.6  | 1.1           | 3.5         |  |
|            | Consumer Discretionary | 11.3       | 12.8  | 17.7 | 17.5   | 2.5  | 2.3           | 0.2         |  |
| welve      | Information Technology | 21.9       | 24.1  | 10.6 | 11.7   | 2.2  | 2.3           | -0.1        |  |
| kel        | Consumer Staples       | 9.7        | 4.5   | 11.3 | 3.5    | 1.3  | 0.3           | 1.1         |  |
|            | Utilities              | 3.2        | 2.6   | 31.2 | 1.8    | 0.9  | 0.1           | 0.9         |  |
| <u>b</u> u | Real Estate            | 3.9        | 1.6   | 12.2 | 15.2   | 0.6  | 0.3           | 0.4         |  |
| :=         | Materials              | 2.7        | 5.8   | 3.0  | 0.7    | 0.2  | 0.0           | 0.2         |  |
| Trailing   | Health Care            | 0.0        | 3.2   | 16.6 | 18.2   | 0.2  | 0.6           | -0.5        |  |
| -          | Energy                 | 2.5        | 4.4   | -0.6 | -7.2   | 0.0  | -0.5          | 0.4         |  |

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| Brandes Investment Partners (Europe) Limited Manager |
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| Graham & Dodd, bottom-up value                       |
| Investment Style                                     |
| Dublin, Ireland                                      |
| Office location                                      |
| Brandes Investment Partners L.P., San Diego, CA, USA |
| Headquarters   |
| 1974   |
| Year Founded   |
| \$35.6 Billion                                       |
| Total Assets   |
| 196 / 34   |
| Employees / Investment Professionals                 |
| 100%   |
| Employee Owned                                       |
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| State Street Custodial Services (Ireland) Limited Depositary  |
| State Street Fund Services (Ireland) Limited Transfer Agent   |
| KPMG<br>Auditor   |
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| Share Class  | ISIN         | CUSIP     | Sedol   | Bloomberg      | Valoren  | WKN    | Inception Date | Total Expense<br>Ratio % <sup>1</sup> | Morningstar Rating™<br>Overall <sup>2</sup> |
|--------------|--------------|-----------|---------|----------------|----------|--------|----------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Class I USD  | IE00B6SMR972 | G1309T428 | B6SMR97 | BREMEIU        | 13875581 | A1JKN3 | 5/10/2012      | 0.95                                  | ****  |
| Class I EUR  | IE00B4P97428 | G1309T444 | B4P9742 | BREMEIE        | 13875640 | A1JKN4 | 1/30/2014      | 0.95                                  | ****  |
| Class I GBP  | IE00B63F0G99 | G1309T402 | B63F0G9 | BREMEIS        | 13875453 | A1JKN5 |                |                                       |   |
| Class I1 USD | IE00BYWTYR74 | G1309T725 | BYWTYR7 | <b>BREMI1U</b> | 37873322 | A2DU24 |                |                                       |   |
| Class I1 GBP | IE00B6TS4266 | G1309T451 | B6TS426 | BREMI1S        | 13875589 | A1JKN9 |                |                                       |   |
| Class A USD  | IE00B6TRNJ36 | G1309T410 | B6TRNJ3 | BREMEAU        | 13875565 | A1JKN6 | 2/27/2013      | 1.95                                  | ****  |
| Class A EUR  | IE00B6RNXY80 | G1309T394 | B6RNXY8 | BREMEAE        | 13875530 | A1JKN7 | 1/11/2013      | 1.95                                  | ****  |
| Class A GBP  | IE00B6S5CV37 | G1309T436 | B6S5CV3 | BREMEAS        | 13875447 | A1JKN8 |                |                                       |   |
| Class A1 USD | IE00BYWTYQ67 | G1309T717 | BYWTYQ6 | BREMA1U        | 37873322 | A2DU24 |                |                                       |   |

<sup>1</sup>Based on the actual expenses over the trailing twelve month period ended 6/30/2025. <sup>2</sup>Out of 3057 Global Emerging Markets Equity funds as of 6/30/2025.

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