## **BRANDES INVESTMENT PARTNERS, L.P.**

## International Small-Mid Cap Equity Annual Performance Presentation

## As of December 31 Period End

**Reporting Currency: USD** 

|        | Annual Performance % |           |                  | Composite Characteristics |           |                |        | Annualized 3 Year<br>Standard Deviation % (2) |                  |
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| Daviad | Composite            | Composite | Damah masula (a) | Assets                    | Number of | Internal       |        | Composite                                     | Domoh woodle (c) |
| Period | Gross*               | Net*      | Benchmark (a)    |                           | Accounts  | Dispersion (1) |        |   | Benchmark (a)    |
| 2022   | -6.70                | -7.54     | -19.49           | 8                         | 4         | 0.30           | 17,604 | 17.44   | 21.93            |
| 2021   | 8.97                 | 8.04      | 10.16            | 12                        | 5         | 3.30           | 20,179 | 15.38   | 19.15            |
| 2020   | 3.25                 | 2.36      | 12.02            | 13                        | 4         | 0.45           | 18,595 | 15.09   | 20.28            |
| 2019   | 7.01                 | 6.14      | 22.36            | 97                        | 9         | 0.19           | 21,451 | 9.10  | 11.51            |
| 2018   | -10.50               | -11.28    | -17.06           | 189                       | 17        | 0.58           | 22,106 | 8.85  | 12.11            |
| 2017   | 12.00                | 10.98     | 30.35            | 224                       | 24        | 0.61           | 25,578 | 8.98  | 11.62            |
| 2016   | 10.69                | 9.66      | 3.57             | 83                        | 21        | 0.29           | 22,971 | 9.70  | 12.16            |
| 2015   | 5.18                 | 4.19      | 0.44             | 76                        | 21        | 0.95           | 20,666 | 10.48   | 11.25            |
| 2014   | -3.50                | -4.53     | -3.05            | 77                        | 30        | 0.51           | 20,722 | 13.86   | 12.71            |
| 2013   | 40.80                | 39.32     | 17.79            | 125                       | 33        | 0.97           | 21,464 | 16.72   | 16.27            |

| Annualized Performance %                                     | 1 Year | 5 Years | 10 Years |
|--|--------|---------|----------|
| Brandes International Small-Mid Cap Equity Composite (gross) | -6.70  | 0.11    | 5.94     |
| Brandes International Small-Mid Cap Equity Composite (net)   | -7.54  | -0.76   | 4.96     |
| Benchmark (a)  | -19.49 | 0.16    | 4.55     |

<sup>(1)</sup> The measure of dispersion is the asset-weighted standard deviation for annual period gross returns in USD of all portfolios in the composite for the full reporting period. Beginning in 2017, dispersion is not presented for periods with less than 2 accounts in the composite. Prior to 2017, dispersion is not presented for periods with less than 6 accounts in the composite.

Beginning January 1, 2018, Brandes Investment Partners (Asia) Pte Ltd. and the Brandes Investment Partners & Co. assets sub-advised by Brandes Investment Partners, L.P. For the period from 1/1/06-12/31/17 the SMA Division of Brandes was excluded from the GIPS firm definition. The firm was redefined to reflect the dissolution of the SMA Division and the firm bringing those former SMA Division assets into compliance with the GIPS Standards.

This composite was created in 1997. The inception date is 9/30/1997.

Prior to April 2014 accounts were removed from the composite when an account's market value falls below US\$50,000 due to capital withdrawals.

The Brandes International Small-Mid Cap Equity Composite seeks to achieve long-term capital appreciation by investing primarily in equity securities of non-U.S. issuers with equity market capitalizations greater than \$1.5 billion but no greater than \$7.5 billion at the time of purchase. Generally, no more than 30% of the value of the composite's total assets, measured at the time of purchase, may be invested in securities of companies located in emerging and frontier countries throughout the world. Small and mid-capitalization securities involve greater issuer risk than large capitalization securities, and the markets for such securities may be more volatile and less liquid.

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<sup>(2)</sup> The three-year annualized ex-post standard deviation measures the variability of the monthly gross composite returns and the benchmark returns over the preceding 36-month period.

<sup>\*</sup> The net and gross annual returns, calculated in USD, presented for the Brandes International Small-Mid Cap Equity Composite were calculated on a time-weighted and asset-weighted, total return basis, including reinvestment of all dividends, interest and income, realized and unrealized gains or losses and are net of brokerage commissions, execution costs, and any applicable foreign withholding taxes, without provision for federal and state income taxes, if any. Returns for some accounts in the composite reflect the deduction of a broker fee that includes transaction costs and may include advisory, custody, and other administrative fees.

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From 2013 through 2019 composite performance after management fee returns were determined by reducing the gross of fee returns monthly by the highest applicable fee schedule per account. As of October 2019, actual fees are used with the exception of select portfolios to which the applicable fee schedule was applied for the entire year to better reflect our typical management fees. For periods where actual fees were used to calculate the net return, a model fee representing the standard fee schedule is applied to any non-fee paying accounts included in the composite. Historical performance was restated in 2023 as needed to reflect the application of the new SEC Marketing Rule which went into effect in 2022.

Standard fee schedule - First \$25 million 0.95%; Next \$25 million 0.90%; Amounts over \$50 million 0.80%. Brandes' investment advisory fees are detailed in Part 2A of its Form ADV.

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