

Brandes International ETF

FUND INFORMATION

Ticker	BINV
CUSIP	900934209
NAV Symbol	BINV.NV
Primary Exchange	CBOE
Dividend Frequency	Quarterly
Expense Ratio	0.70%

STRATEGY

BINV is an actively managed ETF that seeks long-term capital appreciation by investing primarily in equity securities of non-U.S. companies.

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 (866) 307-0477.

TOP TEN HOLDINGS

(% of assets as of 9/30/2024)

Alibaba Group Holding Ltd	3.64
Takeda Pharmaceutical Co Ltd	3.03
Sanofi SA	2.76
Swatch Group AG	2.53
Heineken Holding NV	2.52
SAP SE	2.39
UBS Group AG	2.25
China Resources Beer Holdings Co Ltd	2.23
Carrefour SA	2.14
Embraer SA	2.14

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

The Brandes International ETF rose 12.58%/12.41% (NAV/Market Price), outperforming its benchmark, the MSCI EAFE Index, which was up 7.26% in the quarter, and the MSCI EAFE Value Index, which returned 8.89%.

Positive Contributors

Notable contributors included holdings in industrials and health care.

Brazil-based regional jet manufacturer Embraer and U.K.-based aerospace and defense company Rolls-Royce reported improving earnings amid continued strong demand in their aerospace end markets. Embraer also announced that it will receive a settlement from Boeing for the latter company's unsuccessful takeover bid, while its stock benefited from its recent inclusion in the MSCI Emerging Markets Index.

Within health care, leading contributors included Spain-based biotechnology firm Grifols, medical equipment companies Smith & Nephew (U.K.) and Koninklijke Philips (Netherlands), and German health care services provider Fresenius SE.

In July, Grifols confirmed that its founding family, which controls 30% of the company, is evaluating a potential joint takeover bid for the entire business with Brookfield, a multinational Canadian alternative investment fund. The structure and pricing of the takeover remain unclear, but the market reacted positively to their proposal.

Other standout performers included China-based Alibaba, which appreciated as significant market negativity toward Chinese companies began to abate, thanks to newly announced government stimulus measures. We believe Alibaba continues to offer an attractive margin of safety (the discount of market price to our estimate of intrinsic value) following the share-price increase. Its core business trades at a single-digit multiple of earnings, the company maintains a healthy net-cash balance sheet, and its market share in e-commerce has started to stabilize.

Geographically, holdings in the U.K. helped performance the most. Besides Rolls-Royce and Smith & Nephew, consumer staples companies Tesco, J Sainsbury, and Marks and Spencer also lifted returns, along with home improvement retailer Kingfisher.

Performance Detractors

Notable detractors included consumer holdings that have exposure to China, such as France-based Kering and Netherlands-based Heineken, as well as Nissan Motor (Japan).

Heineken's shares declined after the company took an impairment charge for its stake in China Resources Beer, reflecting a weaker consumer environment in China. Meanwhile, Kering remained under pressure as it worked to revitalize its Gucci business. Although the shares rebounded toward the end of the quarter due to the potential for Chinese stimulus, the increase was not enough to fully offset the earlier decline.

Technology was one of the weaker-performing sectors in the benchmark, largely driven by a pullback in AI-related and semiconductor companies, which had risen dramatically earlier this year. While our underweight to the sector helped relative performance, our holding in Germany's Infineon detracted from returns amid concerns that market optimism around the monetization potential of AI applications had become excessive. Nonetheless, we believe Infineon continues to offer an attractive value opportunity, with a discounted valuation relative to the more obvious AI beneficiaries trading at higher multiples.

Select Activity in the Quarter

The investment committee divested positions in Ireland-based financial brokerage and advisory firm Willis Towers Watson and French automaker Renault as they reached our estimates of intrinsic value. The committee used the proceeds from the sales to add to several existing positions, including some of the aforementioned detractors.

We initially purchased Willis Towers Watson (WTW) a year ago after its share price had underperformed the broader markets (MSCI EAFE) due to its failed merger with Aon. We believed the company represented an appealing investment opportunity given its reliable cash-flow generation, solid balance sheet, and attractive valuation. We also appreciated its potential to bring its margins closer to insurance brokerage peers.

Over the past year, the company has experienced notable growth, expanded its margins, and improved its free-cash-flow generation. While our estimate of the company's intrinsic value increased, the share price increased even more significantly. We decided to divest the position after it reached our updated intrinsic value estimate.

Year-to-Date Briefing

The Brandes International ETF rose 17.66%/17.75% (NAV/Market Price), outperforming its benchmark, the MSCI EAFE Index, which appreciated 12.99% in the nine months ended September 30, 2024, and the MSCI EAFE Value Index, which rose 13.79%.

While value outperformance provided a better performance environment for the ETF, it was stock selection across nearly all sectors that drove the relative returns. The most significant contributors were holdings in technology, industrials, and consumer staples. Leading performers included Rolls-Royce, Embraer, and Japan's Makita in industrials, Tesco in consumer staples, as well as Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company and SAP in technology. China-based Alibaba and Italian bank Intesa Sanpaolo also aided returns.

Major detractors included Kering, Heineken, and Grifols, whose shares declined mainly in the first quarter following a short seller's report that questioned the company's debt, accounting, and corporate governance practices. Additionally, the overhang of Mexico's national election in June continued to weigh on our position in real estate investment trust Fibra Uno.

Current Positioning

The ETF maintains overweight positions in the United Kingdom, France, and emerging markets, while remaining

underweight in Australia and Japan. From a sector perspective, it holds key overweights in communication services, health care, and consumer staples, and meaningful underweights in industrials and financials. During the year, we have sold or pared several of our financials holdings that have exceeded or neared our estimates of their intrinsic values. As a result, our underweight to financials has become larger compared to the start of the year. We have largely deployed these proceeds into opportunities in two sectors, namely industrials, in which we remain underweight, and consumer staples, which now represents a larger overweight than at the start of the year. We believe the differences between the Brandes International ETF and the MSCI EAFE Index make it an excellent complement and diversifier to passive and growth-oriented strategies.

International value stocks continue to trade within the least-expensive decile relative to growth (MSCI EAFE Value vs. MSCI EAFE Growth) since the inception of the style indices. This is evident across various valuation measures, including price/earnings, price/cash flow, and enterprise value/sales. Historically, such discount levels often signaled attractive subsequent relative returns for value stocks. This is encouraging for us as the Brandes International Equity Strategy, guided by our value philosophy and process, has had the tendency to outperform the value index when it outperformed the benchmark.

Looking ahead, we remain optimistic about the prospects of the ETF's holdings. As of September 30, 2024, the Brandes International ETF trades at more compelling valuation levels, in our opinion, while offering more appealing long-term growth characteristics relative to the benchmark and the MSCI EAFE Value Index.

Performance (%) as of September 30, 2024

	3 Months	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	Since Inception 10/03/2023
NAV	12.58	17.66	—	—	33.78
Market Price	12.41	17.75	—	—	33.95
MSCI EAFE Index	7.26	12.99	—	—	28.31
MSCI EAFE Value Index	8.89	13.79	—	—	27.02

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For term definitions: <https://www.brandes.com/termdefinitions>

The MSCI EAFE Index with net dividends captures large and mid cap representation of developed market countries excluding the U.S. and Canada.

The MSCI EAFE Value Index with net dividends captures large and mid cap securities across developed market countries, excluding the United States and Canada, exhibiting value style characteristics, defined using book value to price, 12-month forward earnings to price, and dividend yield. Fund inception predates MSCI EAFE Value Index inception.

The MSCI EAFE Growth Index with gross dividends captures large and mid cap securities across developed market countries, excluding the United States and Canada, exhibiting growth style characteristics, defined using long-term forward earnings per share (EPS) growth rate, short-term forward EPS growth rate, current internal growth rate, long-term historical EPS growth trend, and long-term historical sales per share growth trend.

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