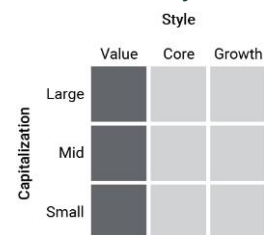


# Brandes European Equity

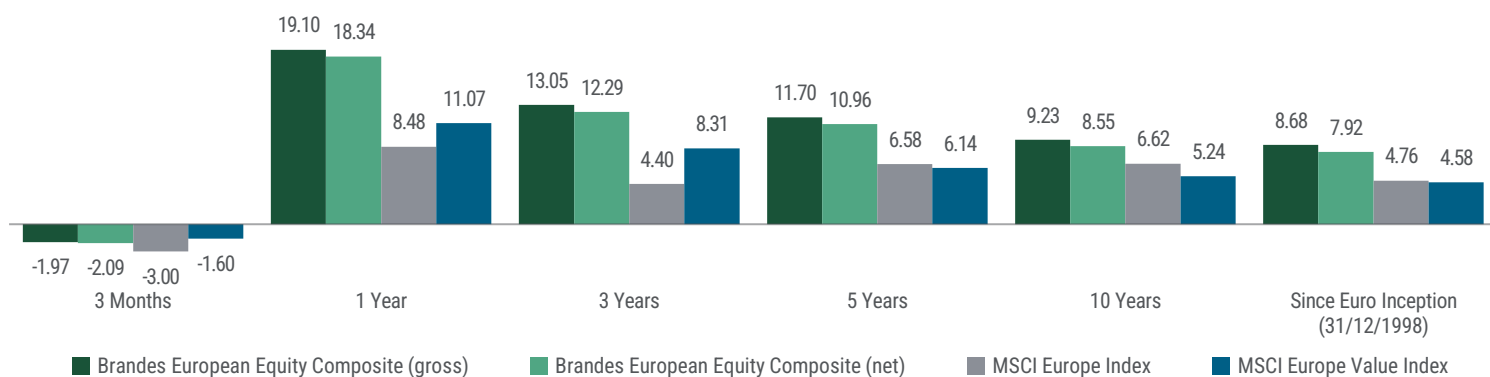
- **Pioneer:** Brandes has been navigating global markets for over 40 years and managing a standalone European Equity Strategy for over 20 years.
- **Value:** The strategy consistently applies a disciplined investment process focused on uncovering European companies with potentially attractive value attributes.
- **Flexibility:** The strategy is an all-capitalization mandate with the ability and willingness to be different than the benchmark.

## Investment Style Box



Source: Brandes

## Performance (EUR,%) as of 31/12/24



Source: Brandes, MSCI. Total return – gross and net of management fees. Periods of greater than one year have been annualized. Past performance is not a guarantee of future results. It is not possible to invest directly in an index.

## Top 10 Holdings<sup>†</sup>

Company	%
Sanofi SA	2.58
GSK PLC	2.52
Heineken Holding NV	2.48
Grifols SA	2.39
BNP Paribas SA	2.34
Swatch Group AG	2.31
Henkel AG & Co KGaA	2.28
Nova Ljubljanska Banka dd	2.27
UBS Group AG	2.20
Erste Group Bank AG	2.19
<b>Top 10 as % of Portfolio</b>	<b>23.56</b>

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

## Characteristics<sup>†</sup>

Brandes European Equity vs. MSCI Europe Index

	Brandes	Benchmark
Price/Book (x)	1.1	2.0
Price/Earnings (x)	12.5	14.7
Price/Cash Flow (x)	5.9	9.7
Dividend Yield %	3.8	3.3

Source: Bloomberg, FactSet, MSCI.

	Brandes	Benchmark
Active Share %	83.6	--
Number of Holdings	66	--
Weighted Average Mkt. Cap (€bil)	37.6	94.7
Standard Deviation (3 year) %	14.22	12.81

## Exposure<sup>†</sup>

Brandes European Equity vs. MSCI Europe Index

By Sector	Brandes	Benchmark	Brandes Overweight/ Underweight
Financials	17.2	20.3	Underweight
Consumer Staples	17.1	10.5	Overweight
Health Care	14.6	15.0	Underweight
Industrials	12.0	17.5	Underweight
Communication Svcs.	11.3	3.9	Overweight
Consumer Discret.	8.1	9.6	Underweight
Info. Tech.	5.9	7.7	Underweight
Energy	5.0	4.7	Overweight
Materials	4.9	5.9	Underweight
Utilities	1.6	4.0	Underweight
Real Estate	--	0.9	Underweight

By Country (Top 10)	Brandes	Benchmark	Brandes Overweight/ Underweight
France	22.6	17.2	Overweight
United Kingdom	20.8	23.1	Underweight
Germany	12.0	14.3	Underweight
Switzerland	10.3	14.8	Underweight
Netherlands	7.8	7.1	Overweight
Spain	5.5	4.3	Overweight
Italy	4.1	4.3	Underweight
Austria	3.4	0.3	Overweight
Ireland	3.4	0.4	Overweight
Slovenia	2.3	--	Overweight

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Source: Brandes, MSCI.

Data as of 31/12/24.

**Price/Book:** price per share divided by book value per share. **Price/Earnings:** price per share divided by earnings per share. **Price/Cash Flow:** price per share divided by cash flow per share.  
**Dividend Yield:** Dividends per share divided by price per share. **Active Share:** a measure of the percentage of stock holdings in a manager's portfolio that differ from the benchmark index. **Standard Deviation:** a measure of how much an investment's returns can vary from its average return.  
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Composite Name: Brandes European Equity

Benchmark: MSCI Europe Index

Reporting Date: December 31, 2023

(1) 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.

(2) 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.

\* The net and gross annual returns, calculated in USD, presented for the Brandes European 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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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.

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From 2013-2014 composite performance after management fee returns were determined by reducing the gross of fee returns monthly by the highest applicable fee schedule per account. From 2015-2018 composite performance after management fee returns were calculated using actual fees. As of 2019, composite performance after management fee returns were determined by using the actual fees, 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.

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Annual Performance %				Composite Characteristics			Annualized 3 Year Standard Deviation % (2)					
Period	Composite Gross*	Composite Net*	Benchmark (a)	Assets \$ Millions	Number of Accounts	Internal Dispersion (1)	Total Firm Assets \$ Millions	Composite Gross	Benchmark (a)			
2023	29.76	28.87	19.89	472	14	0.15	21,705	18.63	18.05			
2022	-9.21	-9.84	-15.06	408	16	0.18	17,238	25.37	21.71			
2021	16.29	15.54	16.30	564	19	0.30	20,179	22.94	18.82			
2020	4.96	4.26	5.38	281	28	0.68	18,595	23.08	19.36			
2019	16.13	15.53	23.77	445	43	0.36	21,451	12.06	11.94			
2018	-14.09	-14.66	-14.86	747	49	0.19	22,106	11.72	12.06			
2017	13.94	13.39	25.51	986	64	0.29	25,578	13.01	12.39			
2016	5.46	4.81	-0.40	1,029	57	0.33	22,971	14.43	13.27			
2015	7.53	6.86	-2.84	493	65	0.79	20,666	15.53	13.73			
2014	-7.16	-7.89	-6.18	314	58	0.43	20,722	16.62	14.64			
Annualized Performance %				1 Year			5 Years			10 Years		
Brandes European Equity Composite (gross)				29.76			10.79			5.58		
Brandes European Equity Composite (net)				28.87			10.08			4.90		
Benchmark (a)				19.89			9.08			4.13		