

# Brandes U.S. 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 U.S. issuers whose equity market capitalizations exceed \$5 billion at the time of purchase.

The Brandes U.S. Value Fund (the “Fund”) Class I USD rose 7.14% in the quarter, underperforming its index, the Russell 1000 Value Index, which was up 9.26%.

## Positive Contributors

Leading contributors included holdings in the consumer staples and consumer discretionary sectors.

Flooring manufacturer Mohawk announced earnings higher than consensus expectations and benefited from the anticipation of greater home improvement activity that could result from the decrease in interest rates. Ingredient, a specialty ingredients company, and Kenvue, a personal care company, also announced improved earnings and outperformed the overall market (Russell 1000 Index).

Other standout performers included hospital operator HCA Healthcare and payment services company Fiserv.

## Performance Detractors

Driven by declining oil prices, energy was the worst-performing sector in the index, and two of our energy holdings, namely Chevron and Halliburton, were among the most significant detractors for the Fund.

Besides energy, the technology sector and technology-related stocks also delivered relatively weak performance as AI-associated companies gave back some of their solid gains from the first half of the year. While we do not have exposure to some of the most prominent (and therefore more likely to be expensive) AI-related names, we do have a slight overweight to technology companies relative to the Russell 1000 Value Index.

At the stock level, our position in Alphabet hurt returns, along with semiconductor holdings Micron and Qorvo. While the broader semiconductor industry declined due to concerns that the AI buildout may be exceeding its ability to be efficiently monetised, Micron and Qorvo were particularly affected by the weakness in smartphone and PC end-demand. We had trimmed our position in Micron late last quarter after it had been a year-to-date outperformer relative to the broad Russell 1000 Index, but then we repurchased some shares after the stock declined by over 30% in the third quarter. Micron’s share price rose toward the end of the quarter following better-than-expected earnings and an upward revision of its full-year forecast, although this increase did not fully offset the earlier decline. Nevertheless, both Micron and Qorvo continue to offer appealing value potential to us, trading at discounted valuations compared to some of the more obvious AI beneficiaries.

Other detractors included global logistics company FedEx, pharmaceutical distributor McKesson, and pharmaceutical firm Merck. Weak industry-wide vaccine sales in China hurt Merck’s prospects, but we see the share-price decline as temporary and believe Merck remains an attractive opportunity given its cancer immunotherapy and vaccine franchises, as well as its attractive drug development pipeline.

Furthermore, our underweights to utilities and real estate detracted from relative returns as they were the two best-performing sectors in the index, due partly to market anticipation that they stand to benefit from further interest-rate reductions.

## FUND INFORMATION

Total Net Asset Value (mil.)	\$1,514.7
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Legal Structure UCITS

Manager	Brandes Investment Partners (Europe) Limited
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Trade Frequency Daily

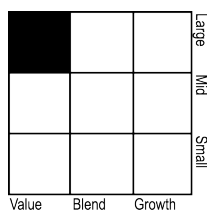
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Registered	AT, CH, DE, ES, FR, IE, LUX, NL, UK
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Management Fee	0.70%
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SFDR Classification Article 8

## MORNINGSTAR STYLE BOX™



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

## Select Activity in the Quarter

We initiated positions in global auto parts distributor LKQ and energy services firm Schlumberger.

LKQ is the largest collision repair parts distributor in North America, with operations extending across Europe. The company also sells aftermarket accessories for RVs and light trucks, and resells metals extracted from scrap cars.

High scrap metal prices post-COVID initially resulted in a business boom and improved margins for LKQ. However, over the past year, LKQ's shares have underperformed the overall U.S. market (Russell 1000 Index) as its North American business (major profit driver) has been adversely impacted by a reduction in auto collision volumes and a rise in total write-offs compared to auto repairs following collisions. These industry-wide challenges led the company to lower its earnings guidance for 2024.

Nonetheless, we believe LKQ represents a compelling investment opportunity. The current downturn has prompted the company to focus more on returning value to shareholders through dividends and share buybacks, rather than on potentially overpriced acquisitions. LKQ also maintains a competitive position as it has been experiencing smaller revenue and volume declines than the overall industry, suggesting that it is either gaining market share or seeing improvements in pricing. Additionally, we appreciate that the company has historically generated positive free cash flows and that there is potential upside if it successfully manages the integration of its European operations, which are currently undergoing a restructuring following several acquisitions aimed at building scale. Finally, the cyclically depressed auto repair market may normalise, providing a potential tailwind for LKQ. Trading at just over 10x earnings, the company not only offers an attractive margin of safety (the discount of market price to our estimate of intrinsic value) but also enhances the diversification of the Fund, in our opinion.

In addition to the new purchases, other major portfolio activity included the full sales of health care contract research organisation Fortrea and media company Fox.

After its spin-off from Labcorp last year, we maintained a position in Fortrea, viewing it as an undervalued opportunity amid a challenging industry environment. Fortrea specialises in clinical studies for biotechnology and pharmaceutical companies, and the biotechnology industry faced a weakened funding environment in 2022/2023 due to rising interest rates. Additionally, Fortrea's smaller market capitalisation relative to Labcorp's likely led to technical selling pressure from shareholders that had positions in the larger Labcorp but opted not to hold the smaller-cap Fortrea.

While we continue to believe that the contract research industry will grow over the long term, we decided to divest our investment in Fortrea due to the difficulties the company has encountered since becoming an independent entity. Fortrea has struggled to improve profitability given its weaker competitive position relative to some of the larger players in the industry, as well as its increased financial leverage. As the risk/reward trade-off for Fortrea shifted unfavourably, we believed it was prudent to redeploy the capital into what we considered more attractive value opportunities.

## Year-to-Date Briefing

The Fund rose 15.58% in the nine months ended 30 September 2024, underperforming its index, the Russell 1000 Value Index, which increased 16.12%.

During the period, value stocks underperformed the overall market (Russell 1000 Value Index vs. Russell 1000 Index) as the solid performance of large technology companies such as Nvidia and Meta Platforms benefited the broader index.

For the Fund, holdings in financials, consumer, and technology helped performance, led by technology holdings Micron Technology and Flex, financials holdings Fiserv and Bank of New York Mellon, as well as flooring company Mohawk Industries. Hospital operator HCA Healthcare was also a standout performer.

As was the case for the quarter, our underweight to utilities hurt relative performance as it was the best-performing sector in the Russell 1000 Value Index. At the holding level, notable detractors included health care holdings Fortrea, CVS, and Merck, as well as energy holdings Halliburton and Chevron.

## Current Positioning

The Fund continues to hold its key positions in the economically sensitive financials sector and the more defensive health care sector, while maintaining underweights in utilities and real estate. We also remain underweight in consumer staples and industrials, although the gaps have narrowed as we have identified more value opportunities in these sectors over the past few quarters. In contrast, we have pared some of our holdings in the health care, financials, and technology sectors, even though they remain areas of overweight for the Fund.

Following the outperformance of growth stocks (Russell 1000 Growth vs. Russell 1000 Value) this year, value stocks are now trading near the largest discount relative to growth stocks since the inception of the style indices. This valuation disparity is evident across various metrics, such as price/earnings, price/cash flow, and enterprise

value/sales. Historically, such valuation differentials have often signalled attractive future returns for value stocks over longer-term horizons. This is encouraging for us, as the Fund, guided by our value philosophy and process, has had the tendency to outperform the index when value stocks outperformed the Russell 1000 Index.

With only a relatively small number of companies—mostly tech-related—driving the broader market's performance, equity concentration levels have increased materially in popular indices. For example, the five largest companies account for over 25% of the weight in many U.S. indices, including the MSCI USA Index. In our view, this highlights the potential diversification benefits of having a value strategy to complement many investors' increasingly concentrated and technology-centred exposure, as the largest companies in the MSCI USA Index also represent the largest weights in various MSCI factor indices—with the MSCI USA Value Index being an exception.

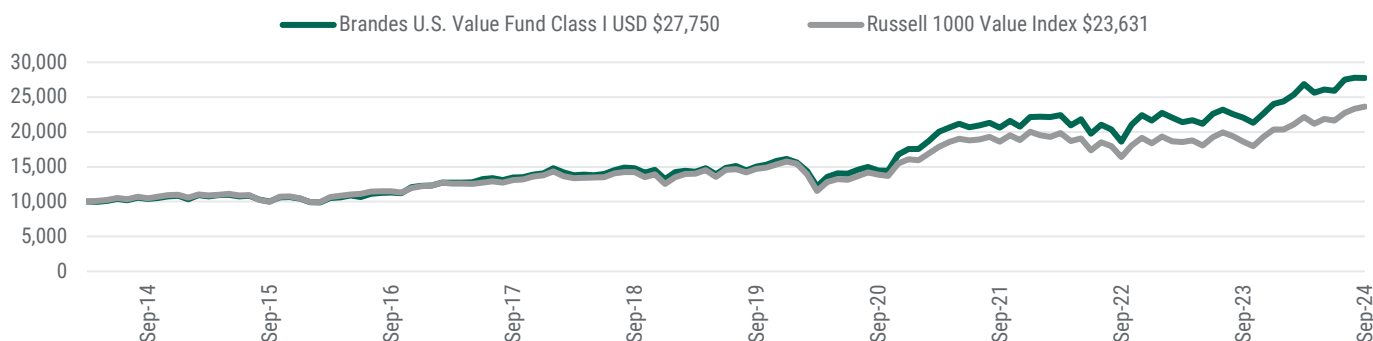
Looking ahead, we remain confident that the current fundamentals of our holdings bode well for the long term, and we are excited about the Fund's prospects.

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

	NAV	1 mo	3 mo	YTD	1 yr	3 yr	5 yr	10 yr	Since Inception Fund	Since Inception Index	Inception Date
Class I USD	\$ 27.75	-0.11	7.14	15.58	25.74	10.39	13.06	10.33	10.25	8.56	4/16/2014
Class I1 USD	\$ 12.81	-0.16	7.11	15.49	25.72	10.33	--	--	8.87	6.87	8/24/2021
Class A USD	\$ 39.48	-0.20	6.88	14.80	24.66	9.44	12.14	9.51	6.69	8.27	7/17/2003
Russell 1000 Value Index USD		1.34	9.26	16.12	26.91	8.30	9.93	8.45			
Class I EUR	€ 55.43	-0.81	3.07	14.60	19.44	11.82	12.54	11.59	13.48	11.88	3/16/2011
Class A EUR	€ 38.91	-0.89	2.85	13.91	18.48	10.91	11.66	10.78	6.62	8.28	7/17/2003
Russell 1000 Value Index EUR		0.51	4.92	14.93	20.39	9.66	9.42	9.80			
Class I GBP	£ 10.94	-1.88	1.30	10.17	14.80	--	--	--	5.71	6.22	2/16/2023
Class A GBP	£ 38.69	-1.98	1.07	9.45	13.79	9.70	9.98	11.54	7.37	9.10	9/21/2005
Russell 1000 Value Index GBP		-0.71	2.97	10.36	15.48	8.48	8.08	10.52			

Calendar Year Returns (%)<sup>1</sup>

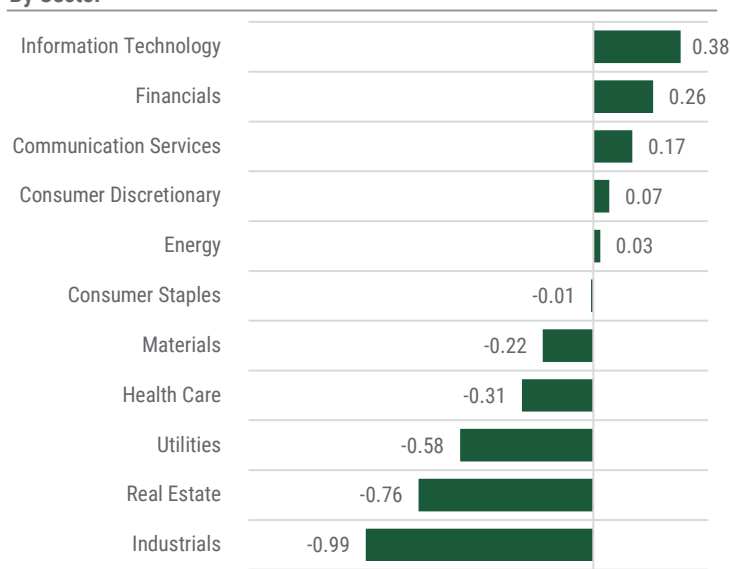
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Class I USD	-3.78	17.51	14.50	-5.90	21.92	8.74	26.34	-2.30	10.90
Russell 1000 Value Index USD	-4.53	16.44	12.85	-8.94	25.56	2.01	24.42	-8.15	10.68

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



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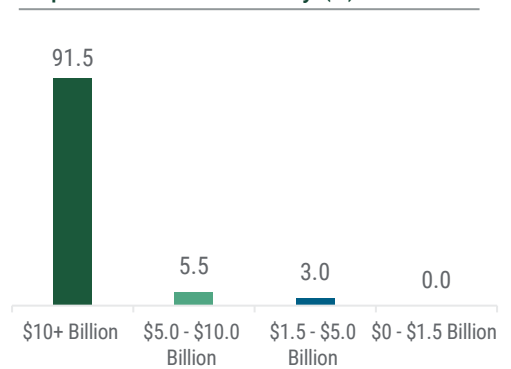
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Top 10 Holdings<sup>1</sup>

Company	%
Chevron Corp	3.08
Comcast Corp	2.82
Wells Fargo & Co	2.76
Fiserv Inc	2.75
Amdocs Ltd	2.58
McKesson Corp	2.56
Bank of America Corp	2.46
Halliburton Co	2.46
Willis Towers Watson PLC	2.45
PNC Financial Services Group Inc	2.41

Characteristics<sup>1</sup>

	Fund
Price/Book	1.9x
Price/Earnings	15.5x
Price/Cash Flow	11.1x
Equity Yield (%)	2.1
Active Share (%)	84.7
Number of Holdings	53
Avg. Market Cap (billions)	\$148.5
Security Turnover (TTM, %)	17.6
Cash (%)	1.3

Capitalization Summary (%)<sup>1</sup>Best Performing Stocks<sup>2</sup>

## Top 5 – Last Quarter

Security	Allocation (%)	Return (%)	Impact (%)	Industry
Mohawk Industries, Inc.	1.8	41.5	0.7	Household Durables
HCA Healthcare Inc	2.3	26.6	0.5	Health Care Providers & Services
Fiserv, Inc.	2.7	20.5	0.5	Financial Services
Kenvue, Inc.	2.0	28.1	0.4	Personal Care Products
PNC Financial Services Group, Inc.	2.4	19.7	0.4	Banks

Worst Performing Stocks<sup>2</sup>

## Bottom 5 – Last Quarter

Security	Allocation (%)	Return (%)	Impact (%)	Industry
McKesson Corporation	2.4	-15.3	-0.4	Health Care Providers & Services
Halliburton Company	2.5	-13.7	-0.3	Energy Equipment & Services
Alphabet Inc. Class C	2.1	-8.8	-0.2	Interactive Media & Services
FedEx Corporation	2.2	-8.4	-0.2	Air Freight & Logistics
Merck & Co., Inc.	2.4	-7.9	-0.2	Pharmaceuticals

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

Period	Complete Sales - Industry	Period	New Buys - Industry
Q3 2024	Fortrea Holdings Inc ▪ Health Care Providers & Services Fox Corp ▪ Media	Q3 2024	LKQ Corp ▪ Distributors Schlumberger NV ▪ Energy Equipment & Services
Q2 2024	Old Republic International Corp ▪ Insurance	Q2 2024	Arch Capital Group Ltd ▪ Insurance Entergy Corp ▪ Electric Utilities Kenvue Inc ▪ Personal Care Products Knight-Swift Transportation Holdings Inc ▪ Ground Transportation
Q1 2024	Applied Materials Inc ▪ Semiconductors & Equipment NEXTracker Inc ▪ Electrical Equipment	Q1 2024	No New Buys
Q4 2023	No Complete Sales	Q4 2023	Textron Inc ▪ Aerospace & Defense

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

Industry	Fund	Index
Banks	12.9	6.6
Health Care Providers & Services	11.6	4.2
Pharmaceuticals	8.4	2.9
Insurance	7.9	4.1
Media	5.0	1.1
IT Services	4.9	2.1
Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels	4.9	6.2
Financial Services	3.7	4.6
Capital Markets	3.6	4.8
Energy Equipment & Services	3.4	0.6
Semiconductors & Equipment	2.3	3.3
Chemicals	2.3	2.5
Air Freight & Logistics	2.2	0.8
Interactive Media & Services	2.1	0.1
Aerospace & Defense	2.1	3.4

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

Industry	Index
Health Care Equip. & Supplies	3.4
Life Sciences Tools & Services	2.6
Biotechnology	2.4
Consumer Staples Distr. & Retail	2.3
Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure	1.9
Specialized REITs	1.6
Household Products	1.6
Diversified Telecom Services	1.5
Multi-Utilities	1.3
Entertainment	1.2
Beverages	1.1
Tobacco	1.1
Metals & Mining	1.0
Residential REITs	0.7
Industrial Conglomerates	0.7

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Total number of industries in the fund

43

Total number of Russell 1000 Value Index industries not in the fund

No exposure to industries that represent

**32.6% of the index**Industry Changes Trailing Twelve Months (%)<sup>1</sup>

Largest Increases	Sep-23	Sep-24	Change
Aerospace & Defense	--	2.1	2.1
Personal Care Products	--	2.0	2.0
Electric Utilities	--	1.1	1.1
Ground Transportation	--	1.1	1.1

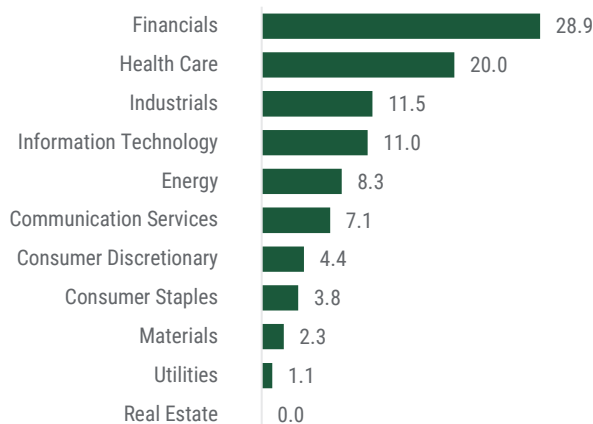
Largest Decreases	Sep-23	Sep-24	Change
Health Care Providers & Services	13.8	11.6	-2.2
Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment	4.3	2.3	-2.0
Media	6.7	5.0	-1.7
Financial Services	4.6	3.7	-0.9

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

		Allocation		Return		Return Impact			
		Fund	Index	Fund	Index	Fund	Index	Rel. Impact	
Last Quarter	Top 5	Media	5.0	1.1	13.4	8.3	0.7	0.1	0.6
		Household Durables	1.8	1.0	41.5	26.0	0.7	0.2	0.5
		Health Care Providers & Services	11.6	4.2	6.5	9.2	0.7	0.4	0.3
		Capital Markets	3.6	4.8	20.5	11.9	0.7	0.6	0.1
		Insurance	7.8	4.1	8.3	12.5	0.6	0.5	0.1
	Bottom 5	Energy Equipment & Services	3.4	0.6	-13.6	-7.5	-0.4	-0.1	-0.3
		Semiconductors & Equipment	2.3	3.3	-14.8	-6.9	-0.3	-0.3	0.0
		Interactive Media & Services	2.1	0.1	-8.8	5.7	-0.2	0.0	-0.2
		Air Freight & Logistics	2.2	0.8	-8.4	-0.8	-0.2	0.0	-0.2
	Life Sciences Tools & Services	0.0	2.6	-1.2	12.1	0.0	0.3	-0.3	
Trailing Twelve Months	Top 5	Banks	12.9	6.6	50.0	47.3	6.6	3.2	3.4
		Health Care Providers & Services	11.6	4.2	22.9	19.2	2.9	0.7	2.2
		Insurance	7.8	4.1	35.6	33.8	2.7	1.4	1.4
		Semiconductors & Equipment	2.3	3.3	44.7	19.8	1.9	0.9	1.0
		Financial Services	3.7	4.6	49.0	34.2	1.8	1.5	0.3
	Bottom 5	Energy Equipment & Services	3.4	0.6	-27.2	-17.3	-1.1	-0.2	-0.9
		Life Sciences Tools & Services	0.0	2.6	-19.3	21.3	-0.1	0.4	-0.6
		Software	0.7	1.1	-3.1	31.3	0.0	0.5	-0.5
		Communications Equipment	1.1	1.2	1.2	6.4	0.0	0.0	-0.1
		Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels	4.8	6.2	4.6	1.0	0.0	-0.2	0.1

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

Largest Increases	Sep-23	Sep-24	Change
Industrials	8.1	11.5	3.4
Consumer Staples	1.7	3.8	2.1
Consumer Discretionary	3.0	4.4	1.4
Utilities	--	1.1	1.1

Largest Decreases	Sep-23	Sep-24	Change
Information Technology	13.6	11.0	-2.6
Health Care	22.3	20.0	-2.3
Communication Services	9.2	7.1	-2.1
Energy	9.3	8.3	-1.0

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

	Allocation		Return		Return Impact			
	Fund	Index	Fund	Index	Fund	Index	Rel. Impact	
Last Quarter	Financials	28.9	21.2	8.5	10.2	2.5	2.2	0.3
	Health Care	20.0	15.5	5.6	9.3	1.1	1.4	-0.3
	Consumer Discretionary	4.4	6.3	22.3	12.0	0.8	0.7	0.1
	Consumer Staples	3.8	7.9	24.4	10.1	0.8	0.8	0.0
	Information Technology	11.0	9.1	6.2	4.0	0.8	0.4	0.4
	Industrials	11.5	14.7	5.2	11.3	0.6	1.6	-1.0
	Communication Services	7.1	4.2	6.7	8.5	0.5	0.3	0.2
	Utilities	1.1	4.8	23.8	18.2	0.2	0.8	-0.6
	Materials	2.3	4.6	9.2	9.3	0.2	0.4	-0.2
	Real Estate	0.0	4.9	0.0	16.4	0.0	0.8	-0.8
	Energy	8.3	6.7	-2.9	-3.1	-0.2	-0.2	0.0
Trailing Twelve Months	Financials	28.9	21.2	45.8	41.7	13.1	8.8	4.4
	Information Technology	11.0	9.1	27.9	25.1	3.7	2.4	1.3
	Health Care	20.0	15.5	14.6	15.0	3.3	2.3	1.0
	Industrials	11.5	14.7	24.2	37.9	2.4	5.2	-2.8
	Communication Services	7.1	4.2	21.3	23.4	1.8	1.1	0.6
	Consumer Discretionary	4.4	6.3	52.4	25.6	1.7	1.4	0.3
	Consumer Staples	3.8	7.9	45.0	21.3	1.1	1.7	-0.6
	Materials	2.3	4.6	15.9	21.6	0.4	1.0	-0.7
	Utilities	1.1	4.8	22.6	40.2	0.2	1.8	-1.6
	Real Estate	0.0	4.9	0.0	32.1	0.0	1.5	-1.5
	Energy	8.3	6.7	-8.1	-0.8	-1.1	-0.3	-0.8

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## Brandes at a Glance

**Brandes Investment Partners (Europe) Limited**

Manager

**Graham & Dodd, bottom-up value**

Investment Style

**Dublin, Ireland**

Office location

**Brandes Investment Partners L.P., San Diego, CA, USA**

Headquarters

**1974**

Year Founded

**\$29.9 Billion**

Total Assets

**197 / 34**

Employees / Investment Professionals

**100%**

Employee Owned

## Fund Service Providers

**State Street Fund Services (Ireland) Limited**

Administrator

**State Street Custodial Services (Ireland) Limited**

Depository

**State Street Fund Services (Ireland) Limited**

Transfer Agent

**KPMG**

Auditor

## Share Class Details

Share Class	ISIN	CUSIP	Sedol	Bloomberg	Valoren	WKN	Inception Date	Total Expense Ratio % <sup>1</sup>	Morningstar Rating™ Overall <sup>2</sup>
Class I USD	IE0031575495	G1309T170	3157549	BRUSIUS	1555606	260206	4/16/2014	0.85	★★★★★
Class I EUR	IE0031575503	G1309T204	3157550	BRUSEIA	1555610	260207	3/16/2011	0.86	★★★★★
Class I GBP	IE0031575610	G1309T188	3157561	BRUSIGP	1555612	260220	2/16/2023	0.85	
Class I1 USD	IE00BYWTYP50	G1309T741	BYWTYP5	BRNUI1U	37873322	A2DU24	8/24/2021	0.92	
Class I1 GBP	IE00B1SHJN59	G1309T337	3021846	BRUS1G	2960112	A0MNJB			
Class A USD	IE0031575164	G1309T196	3157516	BRAUSAD	1555611	260201	7/17/2003	1.73	★★★★★
Class A EUR	IE0031575271	G1309T212	3157527	BRANUSA	1555614	260202	7/17/2003	1.65	★★★★★
Class A GBP	IE0031575388	G1309T279	3157538	BRUSEAG	1555615	260204	9/21/2005	1.69	★★★★★
Class A1 USD	IE00BYWTYN37	G1309T691	BYWTYN3	BRNUA1U	37873322	A2DU24			
Class A1 GBP	IE00B1SHJR97	G1309T345	B1SHJR9	BRUSA1G	2960123	A0MNJC			

<sup>1</sup>Based on the actual expenses over the trailing twelve month period ended 9/30/2024. <sup>2</sup>Out of 428 U.S. Large-Cap Value Equity funds as of 9/30/2024.

Class I Shares will generally be offered to institutional investors only, as determined by the fund's directors in their absolute discretion. The minimum initial subscription applicable to Class I Shares is \$1 million or its equivalent in another currency, save for Class I Shares with a GBP denominated currency for which there is a minimum initial subscription of £10,000.

Class A Shares may be offered by appointed distributors only. The minimum initial subscription applicable to A Shares is \$10,000 or its equivalent in another currency. A distribution fee of up to 1% of the net asset value of the relevant Class A Shares shall be payable out of the assets of the share class to the distributors.

Class I1 and A1 Shares are distributing share classes. Distributions are paid on an annual basis with the record date being the last business day of the calendar year.

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