

# Brandes Corporate Focus Bond Fund

as at December 31, 2017



The Brandes Corporate Focus Bond Fund invests in 60–150 U.S. corporate bonds that Brandes believes are trading at a price below fair value and that have total return potential.

## Management Team

Timothy M. Doyle, David J. Gilson, Charles S. Gramling

## Features

- Provides a yield advantage over the benchmark
- Flexibility to invest up to 40% in high yield
- Duration is typically below 4 years
- Monthly distributions available in cash

## Benefits

- Unique value approach focused on income and gains
- Transparent portfolio of long-only bonds
- Lower duration is beneficial during rising interest rates
- Provides a monthly income stream
- Investors can choose currency exposure

ASSET CLASS: **FIXED INCOME**

FUND RISK CLASSIFICATION

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FUNDSEV COMPANY CODE: **BIP**

SERIES	SALES OPTION	FUND NUMBER C\$	FUND NUMBER US\$	MER (%)	MFR (%)
<b>A</b>	SC	111	113	1.52%	-0.32%
<b>F</b>	-	511	513	0.96%	-0.26%

## Performance (CAD, Net of fees) (as at December 31, 2017)

ANNUALIZED (%)	3-Mth	YTD	1-Yr	3-Yr	5-Yr	7-Yr	10-Yr	Since Incept. January 19, 2007
Brandes Corporate Focus Bond Fund (Series A)	0.35	-4.23	-4.23	4.99	6.98	6.77	4.98	3.05
Brandes Corporate Focus Bond Fund (Series F)	0.50	-3.69	-3.69	5.58	7.58	7.37	5.56	3.62

QUARTILE RANKING	3-Mth	YTD	1-Yr	3-Yr	5-Yr	7-Yr	10-Yr
Brandes Corporate Focus Bond Fund (Series A)	3	4	4	1	1	1	2
Brandes Corporate Focus Bond Fund (Series F)	3	4	4	1	1	1	1

CALENDAR (%)	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Brandes Corporate Focus Bond Fund (Series A)	-8.53	5.57	6.45	4.94	7.61	7.39	12.75	14.34	5.67	-4.23
Brandes Corporate Focus Bond Fund (Series F)	-8.05	6.12	6.97	5.51	8.19	8.02	13.38	14.99	6.25	-3.69

<sup>1</sup> Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results.



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## Top 10 Holdings

COMPANY	FUND (%)
United States Treasury Notes 2.375% Aug 15/24	8.2
United States Treasury Notes 2.00% Nov 15/21	6.8
United States Treasury Notes 2.00% Feb 15/23	6.3
United States Treasury Notes 2.25% Feb 15/27	4.6
JP Morgan Chase & Co. (Var.) Apr. 30/18	4.0
USB Capital IX 6.189% Apr 15/49	3.9
Chesapeake Energy Corp 6.125% Feb 15/21	3.6
ADT Corp. 3.50% Jul 15/22	2.5
Bank of America Corp 6.875% Nov 15/18	2.3
Citibank 2.10% Jun 12/20	2.3
% of Fund	44.4
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Total Number of Fixed Income Securities	52

## Bond Fundamentals

	FUND	INDEX
Average Quality	A	A-
Average Maturity	6.5	4.8
Average Duration	3.5	4.2
Average Coupon (%)	4.2	3.3
Average Price (\$)	100.8	101.9
Average Yield to Maturity (%)	3.4	2.8
Current Yield (%)	4.2	3.3

## Average Credit Quality

	FUND	INDEX
AAA (includes cash)	35.7	11.6
AA	3.1	10.4
A	18.3	36.5
BBB	19.5	41.5
<BBB	21.3	0.0

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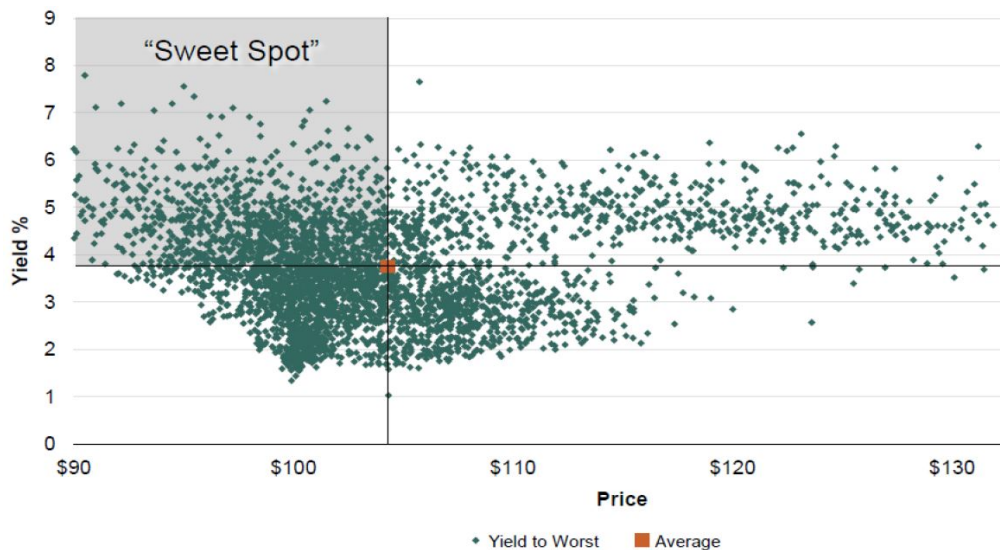


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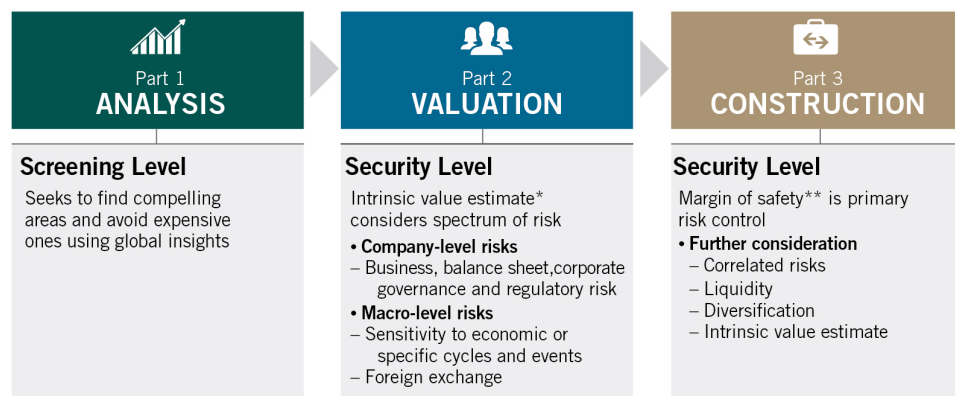
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## Lots of Potential Opportunities for Value Bond Selectors

Bank of America Merrill Lynch Corporate Master, BBB Rated as of December 31, 2016



## How Brandes Works (3-Part Process)



### ORGANIZATIONAL LEVEL

- Investment Oversight Committee: monitors exposures across multiple strategies;
- Conservative business management of the firm • Team approach • Co-investment

For illustrative purposes only.

## Years of Experience

Supported by more than 25 research analysts.

Committee Member*	Title	Year Started with Brandes	Year Started in the Industry
Timothy M. Doyle, CFA	Associate Portfolio Manager / Analyst	2000	1994
David J. Gilson, CFA	Associate Portfolio Manager / Analyst	2002	1988
Charles S. Gramling, CFA	Director - Fixed Income	1999	1993

\* Brandes Fixed Income Investment Committee



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