

Benchmark: MSCI All Country World High Dividend Yield Index - Net Return

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Asset Breakpoints (GBP)	Fee
For Assets Up To 50 MM	50 bp
For Assets From 50 MM To 100 MM	45 bp
For Assets Over 100 MM	40 bp

		Composite and Benchmark Return %		Composite	Composite at	Standard Deviation		Assets (GBP million)		
	Period	Gross of fees	Net of fees^	Benchmark	Dispersion	End of Period	Composite	Benchmark	Composite	Firm
	2024	9.29	8.91	9.28	n/a	<6	8.72	7.81	£1,280.2	£460,363.7
	2023	2.99	2.64	3.16	n/a	<6	8.56	8.55	£1,135.5	£451,513.7
	2022	12.81	12.43	4.16	n/a	<6	13.29	12.30	£1,063.2	£438,298.7
	2021	17.88	17.48	15.33	n/a	<6	13.03	11.90	£871.3	£497,896.4
	2020	0.23	-0.11	-1.41	n/a	<6	13.84	12.31	£741.5	£438,257.7
	2019	18.40	17.99	19.10	n/a	<6	8.99	8.34	£742.4	£391,446.6
uity a al	2018	-4.75	-5.10	-1.34	n/a	<6	10.14	9.91	£629.8	£334,911.6
	2017	12.37	11.95	8.57	n/a	<6	10.06	10.16	£664.2	£362,973.9
ng	2016	28.84	28.28	31.27	n/a	<6	n/a	n/a	£787.3	£344,385.4
5,	2015	2.91	2.53	0.12	n/a	<6	n/a	n/a	£559.2	£279,810.3

Accounts in

**Annualized 3-Year** 

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Total Gross of fee returns in GBP (includes both capital appreciation and reinvestment of income) are net of transaction costs, withholding taxes and direct expenses, but before management fees, custody and other indirect expenses. Typical separate accounts utilize 4:00 PM (London Time) foreign exchange rates; retail products will use rates deemed most appropriate for daily NAV per share calculations. The possibility exists for performance dispersion between otherwise similarly managed accounts and also with the benchmark.

Net of fee returns presented in this table are gross of fee returns reduced by management fees and performance fees if applicable (actual fees). For certain accounts where the actual fees are unavailable, the maximum applicable annual institutional separate account fees were applied. Total returns of the benchmark are provided for each period depicted, expressed in GBP. Source of Benchmark Performance: FACTSET ®.

MSCI All Country World High Dividend Yield Index - Net Return - a market capitalization-weighted index that is designed to measure equity market performance in the global developed and emerging markets. The index is designed to reflect the performance of equities in the parent index (excluding REITs) with higher than average dividend yields that are both sustainable and persistent.

Composite Dispersion is measured by the asset-weighted standard deviation of gross of fees account returns for all accounts in the composite for the full period. For composites containing less than six accounts for the full period, dispersion is deemed not meaningful and is not presented. The three-year annualized ex post standard deviation measures the variability of the gross of fees composite returns and the benchmark returns over the preceding 36month period.

Historical performance results may have differed had the composite included assets of client accounts during these time periods for various reasons including the impact of cash flows.

The MFS Blended Research - Global High Dividend Equity composite is a US Dollar based composite available globally. The regional composite depicted here was created on 24-Mar-2015 for presentation in the British market. Where appropriate, data has been converted to British Pound and the fees and breakpoints depicted are applicable to clients in this market.

Prior to 1-Jul-2020, the maximum institutional separate account fee charged for this product was 60 bps.

The composite asset minimum changed from 2MM USD to 1MM USD effective 1-Nov-2022.

## 2024



Accounts are eligible for inclusion in the composite if they have assets greater than 1 MM USD (.8 MM GBP). Accounts are included as of their first full month of performance.

## **Derivative Exposure Disclosure**

Certain accounts in this composite utilize derivatives for hedging, investment exposure, implementation efficiency, and transaction cost mitigation purposes. Derivative exposures can be volatile, used to take long or short positions, involve leverage (which can magnify gains or losses), and involve counterparty and liquidity risk. The table below displays the high, median, and low month-end derivative exposures over the last three years, when available or since inception if the composite is less than three years old. Derivative exposure of the account is calculated as the gross equivalent exposure of total net assets. The derivative exposures, displayed below, are the average exposures of the accounts that held derivatives.

LONG EX	POSURE	SHORT EXPOSURE			
High	17.84%	High	-17.72%		
Median	9.49%	Median	-9.51%		
Low	5.05%	Low	-5.01%		

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