

Composite: MFS Blended Research - Global

Equity ex-Tobacco Composite in USD

Benchmark: MSCI ACWI ex Tobacco - Net

Return

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Composite Description: The MFS Blended Research - Global Equity ex-Tobacco Composite includes all discretionary portfolios managed to the MFS Blended Research - Global Equity strategy that restrict investing in securities issued by tobacco companies, and seek to outperform the MSCI All Country World ex-Tobacco Index over a full market cycle with controlled tracking error. The strategy seeks to provide long-term growth of capital through investment in global equity securities, including emerging markets, selected through a blend of fundamental and quantitative research. Fundamental research focuses on quality and valuation with a longterm investment horizon. Quantitative research, which utilizes multi-factor models, provides an objective appraisal that complements the qualitative perspective of fundamental research. MFS' investment analysis, development and use of quantitative models, and selection of investments may not produce the intended results and/or can lead to an investment focus that results in underperforming portfolios with similar investment strategies and/or the markets in which the portfolio invests. The proprietary and third party quantitative models used by MFS may not produce the intended results for a variety of reasons, including the factors used, the weight placed on each factor, changing sources of market return, changes from the market factors' historical trends, and technical issues in the development, application, and maintenance of the models (e.g., incomplete or inaccurate data. programming/software issues, coding errors and technology failures). Stock markets and investments in individual stocks are volatile and can decline significantly in response to or investor perception of, issuer, market, economic, industry, political, regulatory, geopolitical, and other conditions. Investments in certain markets can involve greater risk and volatility because of adverse market, currency, economic, industry, political, regulatory, geopolitical, or other conditions.

## Institutional Separate Accounts Fee Schedule

Asset Breakpoints (USD)	Fee
For Assets Up To 50 MM	35 bp
For Assets From 50 MM To 100 MM	30 bp
For Assets Over 100 MM	25 bp

					Accounts in	Annualized 3-Year			
	Composite and Benchmark Return %			Composite	Composite at	Standard Deviation		Assets (USD million)	
Period	Gross of fees	Net of fees^	Benchmark	Dispersion	<b>End of Period</b>	Composite	Benchmark	Composite	Firm
2024	18.90	18.32	17.42	n/a	<6	15.96	16.48	\$31.4	\$576,559.5
2023	23.91	23.31	22.38	n/a	<6	16.14	16.55	\$24.9	\$575,589.7
2022	-13.48	-13.91	-18.52	n/a	<6	20.35	20.20	\$21.8	\$527,229.5
2021	23.84	23.23	18.58	n/a	<6	17.87	17.10	\$27.8	\$674,375.8
2020	10.31	9.77	16.41	n/a	<6	19.01	18.42	\$24.9	\$599,076.3
2019	26.42	26.10	26.68	n/a	<6	11.82	11.40	\$30.4	\$518,568.9
2018	-10.37	-10.56	-9.11	n/a	<6	11.09	10.70	\$335.9	\$426,543.5
2017	25.79	25.35	24.10	n/a	<6	10.64	10.57	\$289.9	\$491,012.9
2016	7.51	6.98	7.87	n/a	<6	n/a	n/a	\$17.2	\$425,539.8
2015	-1.10	-1.63	-2.61	n/a	<6	n/a	n/a	\$6.4	\$412,412.4

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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 USD. Source of Benchmark Performance: FACTSET ®.

MSCI ACWI ex Tobacco - Net Return - a market capitalization-weighted index that is designed to measure equity market performance in the global developed and emerging markets excluding companies involved in tobacco.

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 36-month period.

The MFS Blended Research - Global Equity ex-Tobacco Composite is a Australian Dollar based composite available globally. The regional composite depicted here was created on 20-Aug-2020 for presentation in the U.S. market. Where appropriate, data has been converted to U.S. Dollar and the fees and breakpoints depicted are applicable to clients in this market.

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

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