

# MFS® Blended Research® - European Equity (EUR)



## Goal

The goal of the Blended Research - European Equity strategy is to outperform the MSCI Europe Index (net div) with a controlled tracking error over a full market cycle.

## Investment team

### Lead Portfolio Manager

Jed Stocks, CFA

- 24 years with MFS
- 25 years in industry

### Portfolio Managers

Jim Fallon

- 25 years with MFS
- 25 years in industry

Matt Krummell, CFA

- 23 years with MFS
- 31 years in industry

Jonathan Sage, CFA

- 24 years with MFS
- 28 years in industry

### Institutional Portfolio Manager

Christopher Zani, CFA

- 4 years with MFS
- 23 years in industry

## Assets under management (EUR)

MFS Investment Management® 579.7 billion

MFS® Blended Research® - European Equity Composite 569.0 million

## Philosophy

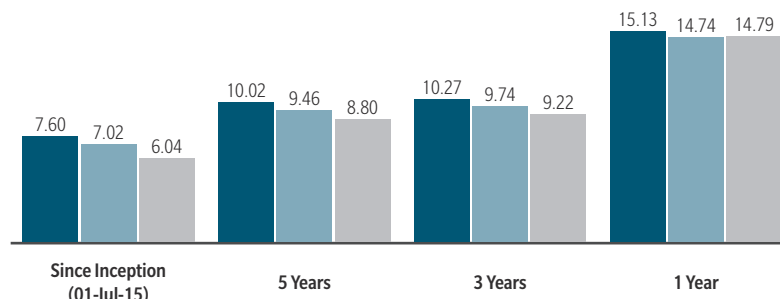
We believe:

- Investing in above-average quality companies that are trading at favorable valuations with an investment catalyst may be rewarded over the long term
- Quantitative research and fundamental research have complementary attributes
- Integrating fundamental and quantitative research in a disciplined portfolio construction process may lead to strong risk-adjusted results

## Performance (%) total return

- MFS (gross of fees)
- MFS (net of fees)
- MSCI Europe Index (net div)

For periods of less than one-year returns are not annualized.



Gross vs. MSCI Europe Index (net div)	1.56	1.22	1.05	0.34
Net vs. MSCI Europe Index (net div)	0.98	0.66	0.52	-0.05

## Annual performance (%)

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024 YTD
MFS (gross of fees)	5.46	13.56	-10.93	30.15	-4.73	29.70	-7.35	14.47	7.60
MFS (net of fees)	4.95	12.74	-11.46	29.43	-5.28	28.98	-7.88	14.03	7.52
MSCI Europe Index (net div)	2.58	10.24	-10.57	26.05	-3.32	25.13	-9.49	15.83	7.63

## MIFID II performance standard – 12-month rates of total return (%) as of the period ended

	31-Mar-20	31-Mar-21	31-Mar-22	31-Mar-23	31-Mar-24
MFS (gross of fees)	-12.12	36.81	13.76	2.39	15.13
MFS (net of fees)	-12.63	36.05	13.12	1.84	14.74
MSCI Europe Index (net div)	-13.53	35.32	9.34	3.82	14.79

**Past performance is not a reliable indicator for future results. All financial investments involve an element of risk. The value of investments may rise and fall so you may get back less than originally invested.** Investors should consider the risks, including lower returns, related to currency movements between their investing currency and the portfolio's base currency, if different.

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See the GIPS Composite Report at the end of this presentation for performance methodology and other information.

The Markets in Financial Instruments Directive (MIFID) is the EU legislation that regulates firms who provide services to clients linked to financial instruments.

Source: Benchmark performance from SPAR, FactSet Research Systems Inc.

It is not possible to invest directly in an index. Index performance will differ from our actively managed strategies, which may involve a higher degree of risk.

Total gross of fee returns include both capital appreciation and reinvestment of income but exclude custody fees.

CHARACTERISTICS		
	MFS	MSCI Europe Index
<b>Fundamentals - weighted average</b>		
IBES long-term EPS growth <sup>1</sup>	8.5%	9.9%
Price/earnings (12 months forward)	12.6x	13.9x
PEG ratio	1.8x	1.9x
Price/book	2.0x	2.1x
Price/sales	1.3x	1.4x
Return on equity (3-year average)	21.9%	21.5%
Dividend yield	3.2%	3.1%
<b>Market capitalization</b>		
Market capitalization (EUR) <sup>2</sup>	97.7 bn	114.4 bn
<b>Diversification</b>		
Top ten issues	27%	23%
Number of Issues	83	421
<b>Turnover</b>		
Trailing 1 year turnover <sup>3</sup>	63%	—
<b>Risk profile (current)</b>		
Active share	64%	—
<b>Risk/reward (5 year)</b>		
Beta	1.01/1.01	—
Information ratio	0.51/0.27	—
<b>TOP 10 HOLDINGS (%)</b>		
<b>Security</b>	<b>MFS</b>	<b>MSCI Europe Index</b>
ASML HOLDING NV	4.5	3.5
NESTLE SA	3.2	2.6
NOVO NORDISK A/S	2.9	3.8
ROCHE HOLDING AG	2.6	1.7
NOVARTIS AG	2.5	1.8
SCHNEIDER ELECTRIC SE	2.5	1.1
SANOFI (EQ)	2.1	1.0
UBS GROUP AG	2.1	0.9
TOTALENERGIES SE	2.1	1.3
AIR LIQUIDE SA (EQ)	2.0	1.0

SECTOR WEIGHTS UNDERWEIGHT/OVERWEIGHT (%) <sup>†</sup>	
	MSCI Europe Index
Energy	1.0
Consumer Discretionary	0.9
Information Technology	0.8
Real Estate	0.1
Utilities	0.0
Communication Services	-0.1
Industrials	-0.1
Consumer Staples	-0.6
Materials	-0.9
Financials	-1.0
Health Care	-1.0

COUNTRY WEIGHTS (%) <sup>†</sup>		
	MFS	MSCI Europe Index
United Kingdom	24.0	21.6
France	22.0	18.6
Switzerland	14.0	14.4
Germany	9.4	13.4
Netherlands	9.2	7.7
Italy	7.0	4.3
Denmark	5.8	5.6
Spain	2.3	4.1
Sweden	2.3	4.7
Ireland	1.8	1.4
Austria	1.3	0.3
Finland	—	1.5
Belgium	—	1.4
Norway	—	0.9
Portugal	—	0.3

<sup>1</sup> Source: FactSet<sup>2</sup> Weighted average.<sup>3</sup> US Turnover Methodology: (Lesser of Purchase or Sales)/Average Month End Market Value<sup>†</sup> 0.9% Cash & Cash Equivalents.

The information presented is based on an account determined to be representative of the composite's strategy. The representative account's performance is available upon request.

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**Composite:** MFS Blended Research - European Equity Composite

**Benchmark:** MSCI Europe - Net Return

**Creation Date:** 29-Oct-2015

**Inception Date:** 01-Jul-2015

**Composite Description:** The MFS Blended Research - European Equity Composite includes all discretionary portfolios managed to the MFS Blended Research - European Equity strategy that seek to outperform the MSCI Europe Index over a full market cycle with controlled tracking error. The strategy seeks to provide long-term growth of capital through investment in equity securities, generally of European companies, selected through a blend of fundamental and quantitative research. Fundamental research focuses on quality and valuation with a long-term 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). Because the portfolio may invest a substantial amount of its assets in issuers located in a single country or in a limited number of countries, it may be more volatile than a portfolio that is more geographically diversified. 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.

#### Institutional Separate Accounts Fee Schedule

Asset Breakpoints (EUR)	Fee
For Assets Up To 50 MM	40 bp
For Assets From 50 MM To 100 MM	35 bp
For Assets Over 100 MM	30 bp

Period	Composite and Benchmark Return %			Composite Dispersion	Accounts in Composite at End of Period	Annualized 3-Year Standard Deviation		Assets (EUR million)	
	Gross of fees	Net of fees^	Benchmark			Composite	Benchmark	Composite	Firm
2023	14.47	14.03	15.83	n/a	<6	14.27	13.87	€501,7	€521.060,7
2022	-7.35	-7.88	-9.49	n/a	<6	19.22	18.56	€7,8	€494.007,5
2021	29.70	28.98	25.13	n/a	<6	16.90	16.52	€8,6	€593.014,3
2020	-4.73	-5.28	-3.32	n/a	<6	17.16	16.89	€5,5	€489.621,5
2019	30.15	29.43	26.05	n/a	<6	10.28	10.23	€9,3	€461.976,7
2018	-10.93	-11.46	-10.57	n/a	<6	10.28	10.05	€7,0	€373.129,9
2017	13.56	12.74	10.24	n/a	<6	n/a	n/a	€7,8	€408.904,8
2016	5.46	4.95	2.58	n/a	<6	n/a	n/a	€5,0	€403.450,9
2015**	-3.05	-3.25	-4.01	n/a	<6	n/a	n/a	€1,9	€379.648,7

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Total Gross of fee returns in EUR (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 EUR. Source of Benchmark Performance: FACTSET®.

MSCI Europe - Net Return - a market capitalization-weighted index that is designed to measure equity market performance in the developed European markets.

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.

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

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Accounts are eligible for inclusion in the composite if they have assets greater than 1 MM USD (.9 MM EUR). Accounts are included as of their first full month of performance.

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LONG EXPOSURE		SHORT EXPOSURE	
High	27.16%	High	-27.25%
Median	18.14%	Median	-18.12%
Low	8.57%	Low	-8.42%