

2024

## Goal

The goal of the Blended Research -Global High Dividend Equity strategy is to produce an income-oriented return stream, and to outperform the MSCI All Country World High Dividend Yield Index (net div) or the MSCI All Country World Index (net div) over a full market cycle.

### Investment team

Lead Portfolio Manager

- Jonathan Sage, CFA
- 24 years with MFS
- 28 years in industry
  Portfolio Managers
- lim Fallon
- 25 years with MFS
- 25 years in industry
- Matt Krummell, CFA
- 23 years with MFS
- 31 years in industry
- Jed Stocks, CFA
- 24 years with MFS

# 25 years in industry Institutional Portfolio Manager Jeffrey Morrison, CFA

- 18 years with MFS
- 36 years in industry

# Assets under management (USD)

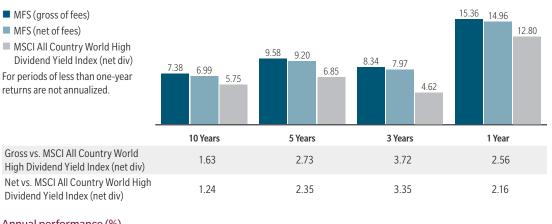
| MFS Investment<br>Management®   | 626.1 billion |
|---|---------------|
| MFS <sup>®</sup> Blended<br>Research <sup>®</sup> - Global<br>High Dividend<br>Equity Composite | 1.6 billion   |

# Philosophy

We believe that income and capital appreciation are both important when considering total return. With this belief in mind, we seek to build a portfolio that can produce an income stream and long-term capital appreciation. Our disciplined, actively managed investment approach:

- Focuses on companies that we believe have relatively high dividend yields and/or long-term capital appreciation potential
- Aims to invest in above-average quality companies that are trading at favorable valuations with an investment catalyst
- Blends fundamental and quantitative research in a disciplined portfolio construction process

# Performance (%) total return



# Annual performance (%)

|   | 2015  | 2016  | 2017  | 2018   | 2019  | 2020 | 2021  | 2022  | 2023 | YTD  |
|---|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|------|-------|-------|------|------|
| MFS (gross of fees)   | -2.73 | 8.01  | 23.02 | -10.33 | 23.15 | 3.42 | 16.80 | 0.19  | 9.15 | 7.40 |
| MFS (net of fees)   | -3.08 | 7.54  | 22.56 | -10.65 | 22.73 | 3.07 | 16.40 | -0.16 | 8.78 | 7.31 |
| MSCI All Country World High Dividend Yield<br>Index (net div) | -5.36 | 10.05 | 18.86 | -7.11  | 23.88 | 1.73 | 14.28 | -7.49 | 9.32 | 5.04 |

### 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)   | -14.07    | 44.57     | 10.42     | -0.16     | 15.36     |
| MFS (net of fees)   | -14.38    | 44.09     | 10.05     | -0.51     | 14.96     |
| MSCI All Country World High Dividend Yield<br>Index (net div) | -12.26    | 38.65     | 6.56      | -4.74     | 12.80     |

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.

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.

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.

# Fact Sheet | Q1 | 2024 MFS<sup>°</sup> Blended Research<sup>°</sup> - Global High Dividend Equity (USD)

| CHARACTERISTICS                              |          |   |  |  |  |  |
|--|----------|---|--|--|--|--|
|  | MFS      | MSCI All Country World<br>High Dividend Yield Index |  |  |  |  |
| Fundamentals - weighted average              |          |   |  |  |  |  |
| IBES long-term EPS growth <sup>1</sup>       | 6.8%     | 7.5%  |  |  |  |  |
| Price/earnings (12 months forward)           | 10.9x    | 13.2x   |  |  |  |  |
| PEG ratio                                    | 1.5x     | 1.8x  |  |  |  |  |
| Price/book                                   | 2.0x     | 2.3x  |  |  |  |  |
| Price/sales                                  | 1.0x     | 1.4x  |  |  |  |  |
| Dividend yield                               | 3.7%     | 3.8%  |  |  |  |  |
| Return on equity (3-year average)            | 26.0%    | 26.4%   |  |  |  |  |
| Market capitalization                        |          |   |  |  |  |  |
| Market capitalization (USD) <sup>2</sup>     | 121.1 bn | 146.9 bn  |  |  |  |  |
| Diversification                              |          |   |  |  |  |  |
| Top ten issues                               | 25%      | 23%   |  |  |  |  |
| Number of Issues                             | 101      | 648   |  |  |  |  |
| Turnover                                     |          |   |  |  |  |  |
| Trailing 1 year turnover <sup>3</sup>        | 48%      | -   |  |  |  |  |
| Risk profile (current)                       |          |   |  |  |  |  |
| Axioma predicted tracking error <sup>4</sup> | 2.45%    | -   |  |  |  |  |
| Active share                                 | 78%      | -   |  |  |  |  |

### TOP 10 HOLDINGS (%)

| Security                      | MFS | MSCI All Country World High Dividend Yield Index |
|-------------------------------|-----|--|
| ABBVIE INC                    | 3.1 | 2.2  |
| MANULIFE FINANCIAL CORP       | 2.9 | 0.3  |
| PHILLIPS 66 (EQ)              | 2.9 | 0.5  |
| KIMBERLY-CLARK CORP           | 2.8 | 0.3  |
| GENERAL MILLS INC             | 2.6 | 0.3  |
| ROCHE HOLDING AG              | 2.5 | 1.3  |
| SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS<br>CO LTD | 2.3 | 0.3  |
| RIO TINTO PLC                 | 2.2 | 0.5  |
| OMNICOM GROUP INC             | 2.1 | 0.1  |
| GENERAL DYNAMICS CORP         | 2.1 | _  |

|                                      |      | MSCI All Country World High<br>Dividend Yield Index |
|--------------------------------------|------|---|
| Communication Services               |      | 1.5   |
| Materials                            |      | 1.1   |
| Health Care                          |      | 0.9   |
| Real Estate                          |      | 0.9   |
| Energy                               |      | 0.6   |
| Financials                           |      | -0.2  |
| Industrials                          |      | -0.7  |
| Information Technology               |      | -1.5  |
| Consumer Staples                     |      | -1.6  |
| Utilities                            |      | -1.8  |
| Consumer Discretionary               |      | -1.9  |
|                                      | MFS  | MSCI All Country World High Dividend Yield<br>Index |
| North America                        | 53.7 | 52.9  |
| Europe ex-U.K.                       | 17.6 | 18.8  |
| Emerging Markets                     | 10.3 | 10.9  |
| Japan                                | 6.4  | 7.8   |
| United Kingdom                       | 5.8  | 5.0   |
| Asia/Pacific ex-Japan                | 3.7  | 4.5   |
| Developed - Middle East/Africa       | _    | 0.2   |
|                                      |      |   |
|                                      |      |   |
| Source: FactSet<br>Weighted average. |      |   |

SECTOR WEIGHTS UNDERWEIGHT/OVERWEIGHT (%)<sup>†</sup>

<sup>3</sup> US Turnover Methodology: (Lesser of Purchase or Sales)/Average Month End Market Value

- <sup>4</sup> Source: Axioma
- <sup>†</sup> 2.5% 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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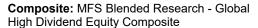
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Benchmark: MSCI All Country World High Dividend Yield Index - Net Return

Creation Date: 07-Apr-2014

Inception Date: 01-Feb-2014

Composite Description: The MFS Blended Research - Global High Dividend Equity Composite includes all discretionary portfolios managed to the MFS Blended Research - Global High Dividend Equity strategy. The strategy seeks total return, including a combination of current income and long-term capital appreciation, by investing primarily in dividend-paying global equity securities, including emerging markets, selected through a blend of fundamental and guantitative research. Fundamental research focuses on guality and valuation with a long-term investment horizon. Quantitative research, which utilizes multifactor models, provides an objective appraisal that complements the qualitative perspective of fundamental research. MFS' investment analysis, development and use of guantitative models, and selection of investments Past performance is no guarantee of future results. may not produce the intended results and/or can lead to Performance for periods less than one year are not annualized. 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). Investments in certain markets can involve greater risk and volatility because of adverse market, currency, economic, industry, political, regulatory, geopolitical, or other conditions. 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.

|        |               |              |           |            | Accounts in   | Annualiz  | ed 3-Year |           |              |
|--------|---------------|--------------|-----------|------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------|
|        | Composite a   | nd Benchmark | Return %  | Composite  | Composite at  | Standard  | Deviation | Assets (U | ISD million) |
| Period | Gross of fees | Net of fees^ | Benchmark | Dispersion | End of Period | Composite | Benchmark | Composite | Firm         |
| 2023   | 9.15          | 8.78         | 9.32      | n/a        | <6            | 13.33     | 13.86     | \$1,447.5 | \$575,589.7  |
| 2022   | 0.19          | -0.16        | -7.49     | n/a        | <6            | 17.89     | 17.49     | \$1,279.0 | \$527,229.5  |
| 2021   | 16.80         | 16.40        | 14.28     | n/a        | <6            | 16.83     | 15.92     | \$1,180.1 | \$674,375.8  |
| 2020   | 3.42          | 3.07         | 1.73      | n/a        | <6            | 17.57     | 16.31     | \$1,013.6 | \$599,076.3  |
| 2019   | 23.15         | 22.73        | 23.88     | n/a        | <6            | 10.90     | 9.91      | \$983.4   | \$518,568.9  |
| 2018   | -10.33        | -10.65       | -7.11     | n/a        | <6            | 9.66      | 9.10      | \$802.2   | \$426,543.5  |
| 2017   | 23.02         | 22.56        | 18.86     | n/a        | <6            | 10.13     | 9.86      | \$898.4   | \$491,012.9  |
| 2016   | 8.01          | 7.54         | 10.05     | n/a        | <6            | n/a       | n/a       | \$972.8   | \$425,539.8  |
| 2015   | -2.73         | -3.08        | -5.36     | n/a        | <6            | n/a       | n/a       | \$824.2   | \$412,412.4  |
| 2014** | 6.19          | 5.84         | 5.95      | n/a        | <6            | n/a       | n/a       | \$651.8   | \$430,214.0  |

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Total Gross of fee returns in USD (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 USD. 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.

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Prior to 1-Jan-2015, the maximum institutional separate account fee charged for this product was 75 bps. From 1-Jan-2015 through 30-Jun-2020, the maximum institutional separate account fee charged for this product was 60 bps.

#### Institutional Separate Accounts Fee Schedule

| Asset Breakpoints (USD)         | 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 |

Accounts are eligible for inclusion in the composite if they have assets greater than 1 MM USD. Accounts are included as of their first full month of performance. The composite asset minimum changed from 2MM USD to 1MM USD effective 1-Nov-2022.

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### 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.

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| LONG EX | POSURE | SHORT EX | EXPOSURE |  |  |
|---------|--------|----------|----------|--|--|
| High    | 54.84% | High     | -54.68%  |  |  |
| Median  | 15.61% | Median   | -15.64%  |  |  |
| Low     | 8.27%  | Low      | -8.27%   |  |  |