

# MFS® Blended Research® - International Equity (USD)



## Goal

The goal of the Blended Research - International Equity strategy is to outperform the MSCI All Country World (ex-U.S.) 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

Jeffrey Morrison, CFA

- 18 years with MFS

- 36 years in industry

## Assets under management (USD)

MFS Investment Management® 626.1 billion

MFS® Blended Research® - International Equity Composite 1.3 billion

## Philosophy

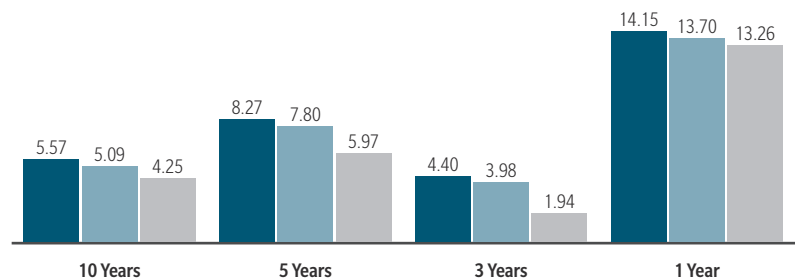
We believe:

- 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 All Country World (ex-US) Index (net div)

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



Gross vs. MSCI All Country World (ex-US) Index (net div)	1.32	2.30	2.46	0.89
Net vs. MSCI All Country World (ex-US) Index (net div)	0.84	1.83	2.04	0.44

## Annual performance (%)

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024 YTD
MFS (gross of fees)	-1.36	-4.41	2.31	27.82	-14.93	22.76	9.86	14.13	-12.87	15.00	6.00
MFS (net of fees)	-1.90	-4.82	1.80	27.21	-15.35	22.17	9.33	13.63	-13.22	14.54	5.89
MSCI All Country World (ex-US) Index (net div)	-3.87	-5.66	4.50	27.19	-14.20	21.51	10.65	7.82	-16.00	15.62	4.69

## 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)	-14.08	52.20	2.06	-2.33	14.15
MFS (net of fees)	-14.51	51.48	1.64	-2.73	13.70
MSCI All Country World (ex-US) Index (net div)	-15.57	49.41	-1.48	-5.07	13.26

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

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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 All Country World (ex-US) Index
<b>Fundamentals - weighted average</b>		
IBES long-term EPS growth <sup>1</sup>	9.4%	11.3%
Price/earnings (12 months forward ex-negative earnings)	11.3x	13.8x
PEG ratio	1.7x	1.8x
Price/book	1.7x	1.9x
Price/sales	1.1x	1.4x
Dividend yield	3.4%	2.9%
Return on equity (3-year average)	19.1%	17.7%
<b>Market capitalization</b>		
Market capitalization (USD) <sup>2</sup>	89.0 bn	106.1 bn
<b>Diversification</b>		
Top ten issues	16%	12%
Number of Issues	152	2,231
<b>Turnover</b>		
Trailing 1 year turnover <sup>3</sup>	50%	—
<b>Risk profile (current)</b>		
Axioma predicted tracking error <sup>4</sup>	1.83%	—
Active share	78%	—
<b>Risk/reward (5 year)</b>		
Beta	Gross/Net 0.98/0.98	—

## TOP 10 HOLDINGS (%)

Security	MFS	MSCI All Country World (ex-US) Index
TAIWAN SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING CO LTD	2.4	2.3
ASML HOLDING NV	2.3	1.5
ROCHE HOLDING AG	1.6	0.7
HON HAI PRECISION INDUSTRY CO LTD	1.6	0.2
SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS CO LTD	1.5	1.3
SANOFI (EQ)	1.4	0.4
MANULIFE FINANCIAL CORP	1.4	0.2
DBS GROUP HOLDINGS LTD	1.4	0.2
VOLVO AB	1.4	0.2
ENI SPA	1.3	0.1

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

	MSCI All Country World (ex-US) Index
Industrials	0.8
Information Technology	0.7
Materials	0.5
Energy	0.4
Communication Services	0.3
Consumer Staples	-0.1
Real Estate	-0.4
Consumer Discretionary	-0.5
Utilities	-0.6
Financials	-0.7
Health Care	-1.2

REGION WEIGHTS (%)<sup>†,‡</sup>

	MFS	MSCI All Country World (ex-US) Index
Europe ex-U.K.	31.2	33.2
Emerging Markets	26.3	27.5
Japan	14.7	15.2
United Kingdom	9.9	9.1
North America	9.4	7.6
Asia/Pacific ex-Japan	6.4	6.9
Developed - Middle East/Africa	0.9	0.5

<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>4</sup> Source: Axioma<sup>†</sup> 1.1% Cash & Cash Equivalents.<sup>‡</sup> 0.0% Other. Other consists of: (i) currency derivatives and/or (ii) any derivative offsets.

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 - International Equity Composite

**Benchmark:** MSCI AC World Index ex USA - Net Return

**Creation Date:** 24-Jun-2011

**Inception Date:** 01-May-2011

**Composite Description:** The MFS Blended Research - International Equity Composite includes all discretionary portfolios managed to the MFS Blended Research - International Equity strategy that seek to outperform the MSCI All Country World Index ex-U.S. over a full market cycle with controlled tracking error. The strategy seeks to provide long-term growth of capital through investment in international (non-US, including emerging markets) equity securities 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 a multi-factor model, 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). 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.

#### Institutional Separate Accounts Fee Schedule

Asset Breakpoints (USD)	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 (USD million)	
	Gross of fees	Net of fees^	Benchmark			Composite	Benchmark	Composite	Firm
2023	15.00	14.54	15.62	n/a	6	16.90	16.30	\$1,139.0	\$575,589.7
2022	-12.87	-13.22	-16.00	n/a	<6	19.64	19.53	\$873.1	\$527,229.5
2021	14.13	13.63	7.82	n/a	<6	16.57	17.03	\$897.0	\$674,375.8
2020	9.86	9.33	10.65	n/a	<6	17.82	18.19	\$389.6	\$599,076.3
2019	22.76	22.17	21.51	n/a	<6	11.90	11.50	\$325.4	\$518,568.9
2018	-14.93	-15.35	-14.20	n/a	<6	11.69	11.54	\$269.7	\$426,543.5
2017	27.82	27.21	27.19	n/a	<6	11.84	12.04	\$279.6	\$491,012.9
2016	2.31	1.80	4.50	n/a	<6	12.30	12.69	\$170.8	\$425,539.8
2015	-4.41	-4.82	-5.66	n/a	<6	12.17	12.30	\$3.0	\$412,412.4
2014	-1.36	-1.90	-3.87	n/a	<6	13.31	12.99	\$2.7	\$430,214.0

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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 AC World Index ex USA - Net Return - a market capitalization-weighted index that is designed to measure equity market performance in the developed and emerging markets, excluding the U.S.

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.

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