

# MFS® European Research Equity (USD)

## Goal

Seek to outperform the MSCI Europe Index (net div) over a full market cycle while maintaining a reasonable level of risk.

## Investment team

Team of Investment Professionals

### General Oversight

**Gabrielle Gourgey**

- 18 years with MFS
- 29 years in industry

## Assets under management (USD)

MFS Investment Management\* 595.7 billion

MFS® European Research Equity Composite 9.1 billion

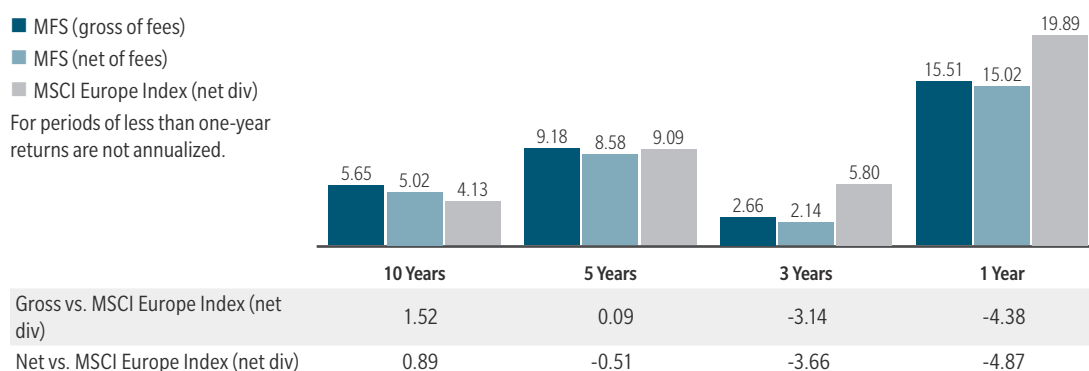
## Philosophy

We believe that stock prices follow durable earnings growth and accelerating cash flows, and that bottom-up fundamental research provides the best means of consistently identifying high-quality European investments.

## 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.



## Annual performance (%)

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
MFS (gross of fees)	-3.40	3.34	-2.02	29.86	-12.11	29.54	10.70	11.66	-16.11	15.51
MFS (net of fees)	-3.99	2.65	-2.70	29.06	-12.65	28.80	9.97	11.00	-16.53	15.02
MSCI Europe Index (net div)	-6.18	-2.84	-0.40	25.51	-14.86	23.77	5.38	16.30	-15.06	19.89

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

	31-Dec-19	31-Dec-20	31-Dec-21	31-Dec-22	31-Dec-23
MFS (gross of fees)	29.54	10.70	11.66	-16.11	15.51
MFS (net of fees)	28.80	9.97	11.00	-16.53	15.02
MSCI Europe Index (net div)	23.77	5.38	16.30	-15.06	19.89

**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.

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>		
Price/earnings (12 months forward ex-negative earnings)	13.9x	13.0x
Dividend yield	3.0%	3.3%
IBES long-term EPS growth <sup>1</sup>	10.7%	9.9%
Return on equity (3-year average)	18.7%	18.8%
Long term debt/capital	39.5%	37.7%
<b>Market capitalization</b>		
Market capitalization (USD) <sup>2</sup>	98.9 bn	110.7 bn
<b>Diversification</b>		
Top ten issues	31%	22%
Number of Issues	72	425
<b>Turnover</b>		
Trailing 1 year turnover <sup>3</sup>	21%	—
<b>Risk profile (current)</b>		
Barra predicted tracking error <sup>4</sup>	2.07%	—
Active share	71%	—
<b>Risk/reward (5 year)</b>		
	<b>Gross/Net</b>	
Information ratio	0.03/-0.16	—
Standard deviation	18.40%/18.40%	19.61%
Beta	0.93/0.93	—

TOP 10 HOLDINGS (%)			
Security	Sector	MFS	MSCI Europe Index
NESTLE SA	Consumer Staples	4.1	2.9
LVMH MOET HENNESSY	Consumer	3.7	2.1
LOUIS VUITTON SE	Discretionary		
ASML HOLDING NV	Information Technology	3.4	2.9
SCHNEIDER ELECTRIC SE	Industrials	3.3	1.0
ROCHE HOLDING AG	Health Care	3.3	2.0
LINDE PLC	Materials	3.0	—
WOLTERS KLUWER NV	Industrials	2.7	0.3
TOTALENERGIES SE	Energy	2.5	1.5
NOVO NORDISK A/S	Health Care	2.4	3.2
SANOFI (EQ)	Health Care	2.2	1.1

SECTOR WEIGHTS UNDERWEIGHT/OVERWEIGHT (%) <sup>†</sup>	
	MSCI Europe Index
Consumer Discretionary	3.3
Communication Services	2.0
Utilities	1.3
Materials	0.8
Energy	0.7
Real Estate	0.3
Financials	-0.5
Consumer Staples	-1.3
Industrials	-1.7
Information Technology	-1.8
Health Care	-4.7

### Important risk considerations

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.

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COUNTRY WEIGHTS (%) <sup>†</sup>		
	MFS	MSCI Europe Index
United Kingdom	25.1	22.2
France	21.0	18.4
Netherlands	11.1	6.9
Switzerland	11.1	15.2
Germany	7.3	13.1
Spain	4.8	4.1
Denmark	4.3	5.1
Italy	3.7	4.0
Ireland	3.4	1.3
United States	3.0	—
Portugal	1.0	0.3
Finland	0.9	1.3
Sweden	0.8	5.3
Norway	0.7	1.0
Belgium	—	1.5
Austria	—	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

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**Composite:** MFS European Research Equity Composite in USD

**Benchmark:** MSCI Europe - Net Return

**Creation Date:** 25-May-2001

**Inception Date:** 01-Oct-1999

**Composite Description:** The MFS European Research Equity Composite includes all discretionary portfolios managed to the MFS European Research Equity strategy that have unhedged currency exposure and do not have country-specific restrictions. The strategy seeks capital appreciation by investing primarily in a portfolio of European equity securities that represent the highest conviction ideas of the team of European equity analysts that are believed have attractive valuations and above-average growth prospects. 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 (USD)	Fee
For Assets Up To 50 MM	70 bp
For Assets From 50 MM To 100 MM	60 bp
For Assets Over 100 MM	50 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.

#### 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 EXPOSURE		SHORT EXPOSURE
<b>High</b>	26.83%	<b>High</b>	-27.53%
<b>Median</b>	0.84%	<b>Median</b>	-11.16%
<b>Low</b>	0.47%	<b>Low</b>	-6.44%

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 <sup>A</sup>	Benchmark			Composite	Benchmark	Composite	Firm
2022	-16.11	-16.53	-15.06	0.34	18	20.55	22.01	\$9,300.6	\$527,229.5
2021	11.66	11.00	16.30	0.37	18	16.88	19.09	\$11,960.0	\$674,375.8
2020	10.70	9.97	5.38	0.36	18	17.31	19.63	\$11,523.4	\$599,076.3
2019	29.54	28.80	23.77	0.24	17	11.10	12.11	\$9,657.6	\$518,568.9
2018	-12.11	-12.65	-14.86	0.09	16	11.62	12.23	\$6,024.6	\$426,543.5
2017	29.86	29.06	25.51	0.30	19	11.75	12.56	\$7,578.6	\$491,012.9
2016	-2.02	-2.70	-0.40	0.23	17	12.41	13.46	\$5,590.3	\$425,539.8
2015	3.34	2.65	-2.84	0.13	16	12.23	13.92	\$5,304.0	\$412,412.4
2014	-3.40	-3.99	-6.18	0.37	18	13.19	14.84	\$4,721.9	\$430,214.0
2013	27.79	27.03	25.23	0.25	20	17.07	18.69	\$5,216.6	\$412,240.5

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<sup>A</sup>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 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.

The MFS European Research Equity composite is a Euro denominated composite available globally (with a fee schedule appropriate to each regional market). The regional composite depicted here was created on 24-Oct-2007 for presentation in the US market. Data for the MFS European Equity composite has been converted to US Dollar and the fees and breakpoints are applicable to clients in this market.

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