



## Goal

The goal of the Research Equity - Industry Neutral strategy is to outperform the Russell 3000® Index over a full market cycle using a diversified US equity approach.

## Investment team

Team of Investment Professionals

### General Oversight

Joseph MacDougall, CFA

- 23 years with MFS
- 29 years in industry

## Assets under management (USD)

MFS Investment Management® 595.7 billion

MFS® Research Equity - Industry Neutral Composite 7.0 billion

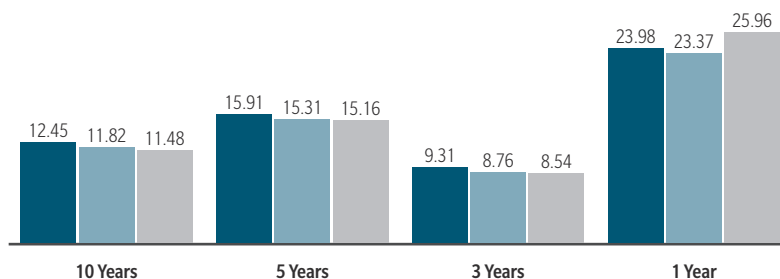
## Philosophy

We believe bottom-up analysis offers the best opportunity to try and identify high-quality (resilient franchise, durable earnings and/or free cash flow, strong balance sheet, and strong management team) companies with above-average, durable earnings growth.

## Performance (%) total return

- MFS (gross of fees)
- MFS (net of fees)
- Russell 3000® Index

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



	10 Years	5 Years	3 Years	1 Year
Gross vs. Russell 3000® Index	0.97	0.75	0.77	-1.98
Net vs. Russell 3000® Index	0.34	0.15	0.22	-2.59

## Annual performance (%)

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
MFS (gross of fees)	12.27	0.66	12.27	25.74	-3.15	33.95	19.59	26.14	-16.49	23.98
MFS (net of fees)	11.58	0.05	11.60	25.01	-3.72	33.23	18.96	25.51	-16.91	23.37
Russell 3000® Index	12.56	0.48	12.74	21.13	-5.24	31.02	20.89	25.66	-19.21	25.96

## 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)	33.95	19.59	26.14	-16.49	23.98
MFS (net of fees)	33.23	18.96	25.51	-16.91	23.37
Russell 3000® Index	31.02	20.89	25.66	-19.21	25.96

**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	Russell 3000® Index
<b>Fundamentals - weighted average</b>		
IBES long-term EPS growth <sup>1</sup>	14.0%	13.1%
Price/earnings (12 months forward)	20.5x	20.8x
<b>Market capitalization</b>		
Market capitalization (USD) <sup>2</sup>	578.7 bn	625.5 bn
<b>Diversification</b>		
Top ten issues	28%	27%
Number of Issues	195	2,976
<b>Turnover</b>		
Trailing 1 year turnover <sup>3</sup>	32%	—
<b>Risk/reward (10 year)</b>		
	<b>Gross/Net</b>	
Historical tracking error	2.02%/2.02%	—
Standard deviation	14.95%/14.95%	15.64%
Beta	0.95/0.95	—

TOP 10 HOLDINGS (%)			
Security	Sector	MFS	Russell 3000® Index
MICROSOFT CORP	Technology	7.3	6.0
APPLE INC	Technology	4.1	6.1
AMAZON.COM INC (EQ)	Consumer Cyclical	3.7	2.9
ALPHABET INC	Technology	3.5	3.3
META PLATFORMS INC	Technology	2.0	1.7
VISA INC	Financial Services	1.8	0.9
BROADCOM INC	Technology	1.7	1.0
JPMORGAN CHASE & CO	Financial Services	1.6	1.1
EXXON MOBIL CORP	Energy	1.6	0.9
HOME DEPOT INC/THE	Consumer Cyclical	1.3	0.7

SECTOR WEIGHTS UNDERWEIGHT/OVERWEIGHT (%)†	Russell 3000® Index
Technology	0.4
Capital Goods	0.1
Consumer Staples	0.1
Consumer Cyclical	0.0
Telecom / CATV	-0.1
Energy	-0.2
Health Care	-0.2
Financial Services	-0.8

<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

† 0.5% 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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**Composite:** MFS Research Equity - Industry Neutral Composite

**Benchmark:** Russell 3000® - Total Return

**Creation Date:** 31-Dec-1997

**Inception Date:** 01-Jan-1997

**Composite Description:** The MFS Research Equity - Industry Neutral Composite includes all discretionary portfolios managed to the MFS Research Equity - Industry Neutral strategy that seek to outperform the Russell 3000 Index over a full market cycle while maintaining industry neutral weights relative to the index. The strategy seeks to provide long-term growth of capital through investment in a broadly diversified portfolio of mostly larger-capitalization U.S. stocks driven by active stock selection that represents the highest conviction ideas of the MFS Equity Research Analysts. The strategy uses bottom-up analysis to identify high quality (resilient franchises, durable earnings and/or free cash flow growth, strong balance sheet, and strong management team) companies with above average, durable earnings growth potential. 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	55 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.

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	-16.49	-16.91	-19.21	n/a	<6	20.52	21.79	\$6,080.4	\$527,229.5
2021	26.14	25.51	25.66	n/a	<6	17.33	18.19	\$7,360.5	\$674,375.8
2020	19.59	18.96	20.89	n/a	<6	18.63	19.69	\$5,444.6	\$599,076.3
2019	33.95	33.23	31.02	n/a	<6	11.94	12.38	\$4,114.7	\$518,568.9
2018	-3.15	-3.72	-5.24	n/a	<6	10.89	11.34	\$2,392.1	\$426,543.5
2017	25.74	25.01	21.13	n/a	<6	10.16	10.23	\$2,075.5	\$491,012.9
2016	12.27	11.60	12.74	n/a	<6	10.85	11.04	\$1,746.0	\$425,539.8
2015	0.66	0.05	0.48	n/a	<6	10.69	10.73	\$1,451.2	\$412,412.4
2014	12.27	11.58	12.56	n/a	<6	9.12	9.42	\$1,540.4	\$430,214.0
2013	35.68	34.85	33.55	n/a	<6	12.65	12.71	\$1,499.3	\$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®.

Russell 3000 - Total Return - constructed to provide a comprehensive barometer for the 3,000 largest U.S. companies based on total market capitalization, which represents approximately 98% of the investable U.S. equity market.

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 composite asset minimum changed from 2MM USD to 1MM USD on 01-Nov-2022.

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