

# MFS® Small Cap Growth Equity (USD)

## Goal

Outperform the Russell 2000® Growth Index and small cap growth peers over full market cycles.

## Investment team

### Portfolio Manager

Michael Grossman, CFA

- 18 years with MFS

- 24 years in industry

### Institutional Portfolio Manager

Andrew Boyd

- 25 years with MFS

- 30 years in industry

## Assets under management (USD)

MFS Investment Management® 595.7 billion

MFS® Small Cap Growth Equity Composite 3.7 billion

## Philosophy

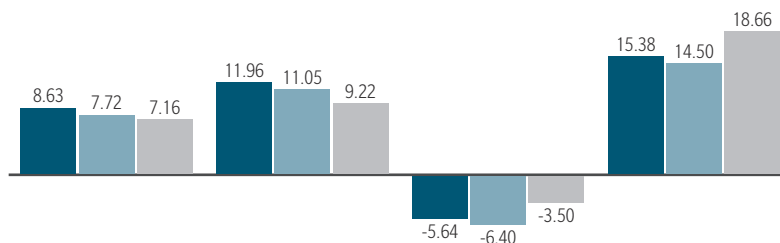
We believe:

- Fundamentals drive earnings and cash flow
- Cash flow growth drives share price performance over the long term
- Our differentiated view of earnings power could enable outperformance of the market.

## Performance (%) total return

■ MFS (gross of fees)  
■ MFS (net of fees)  
■ Russell 2000® Growth Index

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



	10 Years	5 Years	3 Years	1 Year
Gross vs. Russell 2000® Growth Index	1.47	2.74	-2.14	-3.28
Net vs. Russell 2000® Growth Index	0.56	1.83	-2.90	-4.16

## Annual performance (%)

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
MFS (gross of fees)	-6.34	-0.87	10.06	27.80	-0.43	42.75	46.73	2.54	-29.00	15.38
MFS (net of fees)	-7.14	-1.72	9.12	26.70	-1.30	41.54	45.53	1.71	-29.58	14.50
Russell 2000® Growth Index	5.60	-1.38	11.32	22.17	-9.31	28.48	34.63	2.83	-26.36	18.66

## 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)	42.75	46.73	2.54	-29.00	15.38
MFS (net of fees)	41.54	45.53	1.71	-29.58	14.50
Russell 2000® Growth Index	28.48	34.63	2.83	-26.36	18.66

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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	Russell 2000® Growth Index
<b>Fundamentals - weighted average</b>		
IBES long-term EPS growth <sup>1</sup>	15.2%	—
Price/earnings (12 months forward ex-negative earnings)	21.8x	19.7x
<b>Market capitalization</b>		
Market capitalization (USD) <sup>2</sup>	6.1 bn	3.8 bn
<b>Diversification</b>		
Top ten issues	18%	7%
Number of Issues	110	1,074
<b>Turnover</b>		
Trailing 1 year turnover <sup>3</sup>	62%	—
<b>Risk profile (current)</b>		
Active share	92%	—
<b>Risk/reward (5 year)</b>		
Beta	Gross/Net 0.93/0.93	—

TOP 10 HOLDINGS (%)			
Security	Sector	MFS	Russell 2000® Growth Index
GFL ENVIRONMENTAL INC (EQ)	Industrials	2.1	—
SUMMIT MATERIALS INC	Materials	2.1	—
SENSATA TECHNOLOGIES HOLDING PLC	Industrials	1.9	—
RB GLOBAL INC	Industrials	1.9	—
DOUBLEVERIFY HOLDINGS INC	Information Technology	1.8	—
JACOBS SOLUTIONS INC	Industrials	1.8	—
TOPBUILD CORP	Consumer Discretionary	1.7	—
FIVE9 INC	Information Technology	1.7	—
NVENT ELECTRIC PLC	Industrials	1.7	—
CRANE CO	Industrials	1.7	—

### Important risk considerations

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. ■ Investments in small-cap companies can be more volatile than investments in larger companies. ■ Investments in growth companies can be more sensitive to the company's earnings and more volatile than the stock market in general.

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SECTOR WEIGHTS UNDERWEIGHT/OVERWEIGHT (%) <sup>†,‡</sup>	
	Russell 2000® Growth Index
Industrials	3.9
Materials	1.1
Real Estate	0.6
Consumer Discretionary	0.5
Energy	0.3
Equity Warrants	0.0
Consumer Staples	-0.9
Information Technology	-1.0
Utilities	-1.5
Communication Services	-1.6
Financials	-1.6
Health Care	-2.7

<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> 2.8% 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 Small Cap Growth Equity Composite

**Benchmark:** Russell 2000® Growth - Total Return

**Creation Date:** 31-Dec-1999

**Inception Date:** 01-Jan-1988

**Composite Description:** The MFS Small Cap Growth Equity Composite includes all discretionary portfolios managed to the MFS Small Cap Growth Equity strategy that do not have extensive guideline restrictions. The strategy seeks long-term growth of capital principally by investing in small capitalization companies. Portfolios in this strategy seek above average and/or durable earnings growth. 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. Investments in small-cap companies can be more volatile than investments in larger companies. Investments in growth companies can be more sensitive to the company's earnings and more volatile than the stock market in general.

#### Institutional Separate Accounts Fee Schedule

Asset Breakpoints (USD)	Fee
For Assets Up To 50 MM	75 bp
For Assets From 50 MM To 100 MM	65 bp
For Assets Over 100 MM	60 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	-29.00	-29.58	-26.36	n/a	<6	25.62	26.57	\$3,416.9	\$527,229.5
2021	2.54	1.71	2.83	n/a	<6	22.43	23.40	\$4,525.2	\$674,375.8
2020	46.73	45.53	34.63	n/a	<6	23.92	25.46	\$4,095.0	\$599,076.3
2019	42.75	41.54	28.48	n/a	<6	15.67	16.60	\$2,426.3	\$518,568.9
2018	-0.43	-1.30	-9.31	n/a	<6	14.75	16.69	\$1,747.4	\$426,543.5
2017	27.80	26.70	22.17	n/a	<6	13.28	14.80	\$1,874.8	\$491,012.9
2016	10.06	9.12	11.32	n/a	<6	15.81	16.91	\$1,758.7	\$425,539.8
2015	-0.87	-1.72	-1.38	n/a	<6	14.93	15.16	\$2,029.0	\$412,412.4
2014	-6.34	-7.14	5.60	n/a	<6	14.68	14.02	\$2,656.5	\$430,214.0
2013	42.75	41.55	43.30	n/a	6	18.58	17.52	\$3,731.3	\$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 2000 Growth - Total Return - constructed to provide a comprehensive barometer for growth securities in the small-cap segment of the U.S. equity universe. Companies in this index generally have higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values.

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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