## Fact Sheet

# MFS° U.S. Investment Grade Credit (USD)



#### Goal

Seeks to outperform the Bloomberg U.S. Credit Bond Index over full market cycles.

#### Investment team

# Portfolio Managers

Alexander Mackey, CFA

- 26 years with MFS
- 26 years in industry
- Jay Mitchell, CFA
- 24 years with MFS24 years in industry

#### Assets under management (USD)

MFS Investment Management®

626.1 billion

MFS® U.S.

Investment Grade Credit Composite 395.6 million

## Philosophy

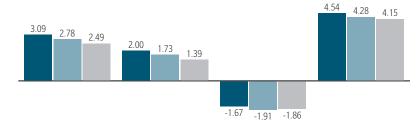
We believe:

- Credit markets exhibit persistent inefficiencies due to non-economic actors, behavioral biases, and shorttermism
- These inefficiencies can be exploited through an active, long-term focused approach based on rigorous credit analysis

#### Performance (%) total return

- MFS (gross of fees)
- MFS (net of fees)
- Bloomberg U.S. Credit Index For periods of less than one-year

returns are not annualized.



	10 Years	5 Years	3 Years	1 Year
Gross vs. Bloomberg U.S. Credit Index	0.60	0.61	0.19	0.39
Net vs. Bloomberg U.S. Credit Index	0.29	0.34	-0.05	0.13

#### Annual performance (%)

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024 YTD
MFS (gross of fees)	7.59	-0.12	6.95	6.90	-2.22	15.04	11.78	-0.99	-15.92	9.07	-0.16
MFS (net of fees)	7.16	-0.52	6.60	6.58	-2.51	14.69	11.47	-1.24	-16.13	8.80	-0.22
Bloomberg U.S. Credit Index	7.53	-0.77	5.63	6.18	-2.11	13.80	9.35	-1.08	-15.26	8.18	-0.41

#### 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)	5.56	10.00	-3.94	-5.31	4.54
MFS (net of fees)	5.25	9.71	-4.18	-5.55	4.28
Bloomhera LLS Credit Index	5 10	7.88	-4 16	-5 31	4 15

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.

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CHARACTERISTICS		
	MFS	Bloomberg U.S. Credit Index
Fundamentals		
Yield to worst <sup>1</sup>	5.4%	5.3%
Average effective duration	6.8yrs	6.8yrs
Average spread duration	6.8yrs	6.9yrs
Average quality <sup>2,C</sup>	A-	A/A-
Diversification		
Number of Issues	313	_
Turnover		
Trailing 1 year turnover <sup>3</sup>	55%	_
Risk/reward (5 year)	Gross/Net	
Standard deviation	8.86%/ 8.86%	8.42%
Historical tracking error	0.74%/ 0.74%	_
Beta	1.05/ 1.05	_
Information ratio	0.82/ 0.46	_
Alpha	0.55%/ 0.29%	_

CREDIT QUALITY (%) <sup>c</sup>	
U.S. Government	4.8
AAA	3.4
AA	5.7
A	38.8
BBB	45.7
Other Not Rated	2.6
Cash & Cash Equivalents*	-1.0

SECTOR WEIGHTS (%)							
	MFS	Bloomberg U.S. Credit Index					
Investment Grade Corporates	87.0	84.6					
U.S. Treasuries	7.4	_					
Emerging Markets Debt	1.7	4.5					
Non-U.S. Sovereigns	1.6	8.3					
Collateralized Debt Obligations	0.9	_					
Commercial Mtg Backed	0.9	_					
Asset Backed	0.8	_					
Municipals	0.4	2.6					
Residential Mtg Backed	0.4	_					
High Yield Corporates	_	0.0					
Cash & Cash Equivalents	1.7	_					
Other <sup>‡</sup>	-2.6	_					

Derivatives, including futures and interest rate swaps, are categorized in the sector that MFS considers most closely aligned with the underlying asset.

PORTFOLIO STRUCTURE (%)	
Bonds	101.0
Cash & Cash Equivalents	1.7
Other <sup>‡</sup>	-2.6

- \* Short positions, unlike long positions, lose value if the underlying asset gains value.
- 1 Weighted average yield-to-worst of all portfolio holdings excluding cash & derivatives. Yield-to-worst is the annual estimate of the portfolio yield considering factors such as call provisions, prepayments, and other features that may affect a bond's cash flow; and assumes no default. It is an estimated characteristic at a point in time and is not a measure of portfolio performance.
- <sup>2</sup> The Average Credit Quality (ACQR) is a market weighted average (using a linear scale) of securities included in the rating categories.
- <sup>3</sup> US Turnover Methodology: (Lesser of Purchase or Sales)/Average Month End Market Value
- <sup>c</sup> For all securities other than those described below, ratings are assigned utilizing ratings from Moody's, Fitch, and Standard & Poor's and applying the following hierarchy: If all three agencies provide a rating, the consensus rating is assigned if applicable or the middle rating if not; if two of the three agencies rate a security, the lower of the two is assigned. If none of the 3 Rating Agencies above assign a rating, but the security is rated by DBRS Morningstar, then the DBRS Morningstar rating is assigned. If none of the 4 rating agencies listed above rate the security, but the security is rated by the Kroll Bond Rating Agency (KBRA), then the KBRA rating is assigned. Other Not Rated includes other fixed income securities not rated by any rating agency. Ratings are shown in the S&P and Fitch scale (e.g., AAA). All ratings are subject to change. The portfolio itself has not been rated by any rating agency. The credit quality of a particular security or group of securities does not ensure the stability or safety of an overall portfolio. The quality ratings of individual issues/issuers are provided to indicate the credit-worthiness of such issues/ issuer and generally range from AAA, Aaa, or AAA (highest) to D, C, or D (lowest) for S&P, Moody's, and Fitch respectively. The index rating methodology may differ.
- <sup>‡</sup> Other consists of: (i) currency derivatives and/or (ii) any derivative offsets.
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Composite: MFS U.S. Investment Grade Credit

Composite

Benchmark: Bloomberg US Credit

Creation Date: 17-Aug-2009

Inception Date: 01-Jul-2009

Composite Description: The MFS U.S. Investment Grade Credit Composite includes all discretionary portfolios managed to the MFS U.S. Investment Grade Credit strategy. The strategy aims to invest predominantly in investment grade corporate fixed income securities and other credit related fixed income securities. Investments in debt instruments may decline in value as the result of, or perception of, declines in the credit quality of the issuer, borrower, counterparty, or other entity responsible for payment, underlying collateral, or changes in economic, political, issuerspecific, or other conditions. Certain types of debt instruments can be more sensitive to these factors and therefore more volatile. In addition, debt instruments entail interest rate risk (as interest rates rise, prices during rising rates.

## Institutional Separate Accounts Fee Schedule

Asset Breakpoints (USD)	Fee
For Assets Up To 50 MM	25 bp
For Assets From 50 MM To 100 MM	20 bp
For Assets Over 100 MM	17.50 bp

Accounts are eligible for inclusion in the composite if they have assets greater than 25 MM USD. Accounts are included as of their second 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 EX	POSURE	SHORT EXPOSURE		
High	21.26%	High	-19.80%	
Median	12.76%	Median	-12.85%	

					Accounts in	Annualiz	ed 3-Year		
	Composite a	nd Benchmark	Return %	Composite	Composite at	Standard	Deviation	Assets (U	SD million)
Period	Gross of fees	Net of fees^	Benchmark	Dispersion	End of Period	Composite	Benchmark	Composite	Firm
2023	9.07	8.80	8.18	n/a	<6	9.18	8.88	\$413.8	\$575,589.7
2022	-15.92	-16.13	-15.26	n/a	<6	9.44	8.93	\$459.0	\$527,229.5
2021	-0.99	-1.24	-1.08	n/a	<6	7.14	6.58	\$384.8	\$674,375.8
2020	11.78	11.47	9.35	n/a	<6	7.04	6.50	\$1,864.1	\$599,076.3
2019	15.04	14.69	13.80	n/a	<6	3.70	3.53	\$1,381.7	\$518,568.9
2018	-2.22	-2.51	-2.11	n/a	<6	3.86	3.57	\$1,285.7	\$426,543.5
2017	6.90	6.58	6.18	n/a	<6	4.00	3.77	\$1,354.5	\$491,012.9
2016	6.95	6.60	5.63	n/a	<6	4.29	4.06	\$84.1	\$425,539.8
2015	-0.12	-0.52	-0.77	n/a	<6	4.21	4.12	\$156.6	\$412,412.4
2014	7.59	7.16	7.53	n/a	<6	4.19	3.99	\$88.0	\$430,214.0

Performance for periods less than one year are not annualized.

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 ®.

Bloomberg US Credit Index - a market capitalization-weighted index that measures the performance of publicly issued, SEC-registered, U.S. corporate and specified foreign debentures and secured notes that meet specified maturity, liquidity, and quality requirements.

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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