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### Goal

Seeks to outperform the Bloomberg U.S. High Yield Corporate Bond 2% Capped Index over full market cycles.

### Investment team

### **Portfolio Managers**

David Cole, CFA

- 20 years with MFS
- 30 years in industry
- Michael Skatrud, CFA
- 11 years with MFS

28 years in industry

#### Institutional Portfolio Manager Craig Anzlovar, CFA

- 8 years with MFS
- 24 years in industry

#### Assets under management (USD)

MFS Investment Management <sup>®</sup>	626.1 billion	Gross vs. Bloo 2% Issuer Cap		
MFS <sup>®</sup> U.S. Core High Yield Fixed Income Composite	2.0 billion	benchmark		
	2.0 billion	Net vs. Blooml 2% Issuer Cap		

### Philosophy

We believe high yield markets offer opportunities to enhance return and mitigate risk through:

- Top-down management of market risks over the cycle
- Bottom-up selection of companies focused on through-cycle performance

### Performance (%) total return

- MFS (gross of fees)
- MFS (net of
- Bloomberg
- 2% Issuer C previous be

<ul> <li>MFS (net of fees)</li> <li>Bloomberg U.S. High Yield 2% Issuer Cap linked to previous benchmark</li> <li>for periods of less than one-year eturns are not annualized.</li> </ul>	4.35 3.83 4.44	4.13 3.63 4.19	2.39 1.90 2.19	9.92 9.41
	10 Years	5 Years	3 Years	1 Year
Gross vs. Bloomberg U.S. High Yield 2% Issuer Cap linked to previous benchmark	-0.09	-0.06	0.20	-1.23
Net vs. Bloomberg U.S. High Yield 2% Issuer Cap linked to previous benchmark	-0.61	-0.56	-0.29	-1.74

### Annual performance (%)

benchmark

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024 YTD
MFS (gross of fees)	3.28	-3.09	14.50	7.21	-2.40	15.51	5.45	4.13	-9.79	13.16	1.37
MFS (net of fees)	2.73	-3.60	13.93	6.67	-2.89	14.95	4.94	3.63	-10.22	12.63	1.25
Bloomberg U.S. High Yield 2% Issuer Cap linked to previous benchmark	2.46	-4.43	17.13	7.50	-2.08	14.32	7.05	5.26	-11.18	13.44	1.47

### 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)	-3.10	17.69	-0.78	-1.59	9.92
MFS (net of fees)	-3.58	17.12	-1.25	-2.05	9.41
Bloomberg U.S. High Yield 2% Issuer Cap linked to previous benchmark	-6.94	23.65	-0.66	-3.35	11.15

Benchmark methodology: Bloomberg Capital U.S. High-Yield Corporate Bond Index from 1-Jan-1988 to 31-Jan-2012 and Bloomberg Capital U.S. Corporate High Yield 2% Issuer Capped Index from 2-1-2012 forward. Rebalanced monthly.

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.

### Fact Sheet | Q1 | 2024

## MFS° U.S. Core High Yield Fixed Income (USD)

CHARACTERISTICS		
	MFS	Bloomberg U.S. High Yield 2% Issuer Cap
Fundamentals		
Average effective duration	3.0yrs	3.2yrs
Average coupon	6.0%	6.3%
Average quality <sup>1,C</sup>	B+	B+/B
Yield to worst <sup>2</sup>	7.3%	7.7%
Turnover		
Trailing 1 year turnover <sup>3</sup>	49%	-
Risk/reward (5 year)	Gross/Net	
Beta	0.90/ 0.90	-
Historical tracking error	1.70%/ 1.70%	_
Upside capture	94.22%/ 91.74%	-
Downside capture	92.38%/ 94.21%	_
Standard deviation	8.52%/ 8.52%	9.33%

CREDIT QUALITY (%) <sup>c</sup>	
BBB	0.9
BB	40.9
В	38.7
CCC and Below	14.5
Other Not Rated	1.4
Cash & Cash Equivalents	3.5

SECTOR WEIGHTS (%)		
	MFS	Bloomberg U.S. High Yield 2% Issuer Cap
High Yield Corporates	91.4	99.4
Emerging Markets Debt	3.1	0.6
U.S. Equities	1.0	_
Investment Grade Corporates	0.8	_
U.S. Convertibles	0.1	_
Collateralized Debt Obligations	0.0	_
Non-U.S. Equities	0.0	_
Cash & Cash Equivalents	3.4	_
Other <sup>‡</sup>	0.1	_

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	95.3
Cash & Cash Equivalents	3.4
Stocks	1.2
Other <sup>‡</sup>	0.1

<sup>1</sup> The Average Credit Quality (ACQR) is a market weighted average (using a linear scale) of securities included in the rating categories.

- <sup>2</sup> 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>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.

Portfolio characteristics are based on equivalent exposure, which measures how a portfolio's value would change due to price changes in an asset held either directly or, in the case of a derivative contract, indirectly. The market value of the holding may differ.

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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 U.S. Core High Yield Fixed Income Composite

Custom Benchmark: Bloomberg U.S. High Y 2% Issuer Cap linked to previous benchmark

Creation Date: 27-Dec-2002

Inception Date: 01-Jan-1988

Composite Description: The MFS U.S. Core H Yield Fixed Income Composite includes all discretio portfolios managed to the MFS U.S. Core High Yiel Fixed Income strategy that seeks total returns through investments primarily in U.S. non-investment grade fixed income securities. Investments in debt instrum may decline in value as the result of, or perception declines in the credit quality of the issuer, borrower counterparty, or other entity responsible for paymer underlying collateral, or changes in economic, political, issuer-specific, 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 usually fall). Therefore, the portfolio's value may decline during rising rates. Investments in below investment grade quality debt instruments can be more volatile and have greater risk of default, or already be in default, than higher-quality debt instruments.

#### Institutional Separate Accounts Fee Schedule

Asset Breakpoints (USD)	Fee
For Assets Up To 50 MM	45 bp
For Assets From 50 MM To 100 MM	40 bp
For Assets Over 100 MM	35 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 month-end derivative exposures over the last three vears, 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

ed						Accounts in	Annualiz	ed 3-Year		
		Composite a	and Benchmark	Return %	Composite	Composite at	Standard	Deviation	Assets (U	SD million)
Yield	Period	Gross of fees	Net of fees^	Benchmark	Dispersion	End of Period	Composite	Benchmark	Composite	Firm
k	2023	13.16	12.63	13.44	n/a	<6	8.49	8.35	\$2,013.3	\$575,589.7
	2022	-9.79	-10.22	-11.18	n/a	<6	9.96	11.12	\$1,948.9	\$527,229.5
	2021	4.13	3.63	5.26	n/a	<6	7.56	9.13	\$2,357.8	\$674,375.8
Llink	2020	5.45	4.94	7.05	n/a	<6	7.80	9.37	\$2,306.1	\$599,076.3
High tionary	2019	15.51	14.95	14.32	n/a	<6	3.97	4.07	\$2,048.7	\$518,568.9
eld	2018	-2.40	-2.89	-2.08	n/a	<6	4.20	4.66	\$1,795.0	\$426,543.5
ough de	2017	7.21	6.67	7.50	n/a	<6	5.17	5.64	\$2,012.3	\$491,012.9
ue iments	2016	14.50	13.93	17.13	n/a	<6	5.55	6.08	\$1,974.4	\$425,539.8
n of,	2015	-3.09	-3.60	-4.43	n/a	<6	5.03	5.33	\$1,827.6	\$412,412.4
er, ent,	2014	3.28	2.73	2.46	n/a	<6	4.27	4.56	\$2,013.7	\$430,214.0
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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 ®.

Custom Benchmark: Bloomberg U.S. Corporate High-Yield Bond Index - a market capitalization-weighted index that measures the performance of noninvestment grade, fixed rate debt, Eurobonds and debt issues from countries designated as emerging markets (e.g., Argentina, Brazil, Venezuela, etc.) are excluded. Bloomberg U.S. Corporate High-Yield Bond 2% Issuer Capped Index - a component of the Bloomberg U.S. High-Yield Corporate Bond Index, which measures performance of non-investment grade, fixed rate debt. The index limits the maximum exposure to any one issuer to 2%.

Custom Benchmark Methodology: The custom benchmark linked consists of 100% Bloomberg U.S. Corporate High-Yield Bond Index from 1-Jan-1988 to 31-Jan-2012 and 100% Bloomberg U.S. Corporate High Yield Bond 2% Issuer Capped Index 1-Feb-2012 forward.

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 36month period.

The composite asset minimum changed from 50MM USD to 25MM USD effective 1-Nov-2022.

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