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### Goal

Seeks to outperform the Bloomberg 1-3 Year U.S. Government/Credit Bond Index over full market cycles.

### Investment team

- **Portfolio Managers**
- Philipp Burgener, CFA
- 24 years with MFS
- 24 years in industry Alexander Mackey, CFA
- 26 years with MFS
- 26 years in industry

Institutional Portfolio Manager Rob Hall

- 30 years with MFS
- 30 years in industry

# Assets under management (USD)

MFS Investment Management®	626.1 billion	
MFS <sup>®</sup> Limited Maturity Fixed	4.2 billion	Gross vs. Bloomb Government/Cre
Income Composite		Net vs. Bloomber Government/Cre

# Philosophy

We believe:

- Active sector allocation and security selection are stable alpha generators over time
- An integrated approach to research allows us to exploit inefficiencies in global credit markets
- The asymmetric nature of fixed income warrants an emphasis on downside risk management

### Performance (%) total return

- MFS (gross of fees)
- MFS (net of fees)
- Bloomberg 1-3 Year U.S. Government/Credit Bond Index

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

-3 Year U.S. /Credit Bond Index ass than one-year annualized.	2.18	2.39	1.23 0.81 0.25	3.49
	10 Years	5 Years	3 Years	1 Year
nberg 1-3 Year U.S. redit Bond Index	0.89	1.03	0.98	1.97
erg 1-3 Year U.S. redit Bond Index	0.44	0.59	0.56	1.53

## Annual performance (%)

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024 YTD
MFS (gross of fees)	1.39	0.89	2.19	2.10	1.80	5.51	4.84	0.36	-3.71	6.48	0.86
MFS (net of fees)	0.93	0.44	1.73	1.64	1.35	5.04	4.38	-0.07	-4.10	6.05	0.75
Bloomberg 1-3 Year U.S. Government/Credit Bond Index	0.77	0.65	1.28	0.84	1.60	4.03	3.33	-0.47	-3.69	4.61	0.42

### 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)	1.03	7.36	-2.19	0.57	5.46
MFS (net of fees)	0.58	6.89	-2.61	0.16	5.02
Bloomberg 1-3 Year U.S. Government/Credit Bond Index	4.53	1.57	-2.91	0.26	3.49

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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MFS <sup>®</sup> Limited Maturity Fixed Income (U	SD)
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CHARACTERISTICS		
	MFS	Bloomberg 1-3 Year U.S. Gov/Crd Bnd Index
Fundamentals		
Yield to worst <sup>1</sup>	6.1%	4.9%
Average effective duration	2.1yrs	1.8yrs
Average spread duration	2.4yrs	1.9yrs
Average quality <sup>2,C</sup>	A+	AA/AA-
Diversification		
Number of Issues	368	_
Number of Issuers	239	_
Turnover		
Trailing 1 year turnover <sup>3</sup>	61%	_
Risk/reward (5 year)	Gross/Net	
Standard deviation	2.91%/ 2.91%	1.86%
Historical tracking error	2.15%/ 2.15%	_
Beta	1.06/ 1.06	_
Information ratio	0.48/ 0.28	_
Alpha	0.96%/ 0.53%	_

CREDIT QUALITY (%) <sup>c</sup>	
U.S. Government	26.5
Federal Agencies	0.6
AAA	10.9
AA	8.5
A	22.1
BBB	30.0
BB	0.5
CCC and Below	0.1
Other Not Rated	16.0
Cash & Cash Equivalents*	-15.1

SECTOR WEIGHTS (%)		
	MFS	Bloomberg 1-3 Year U.S. Gov/Crd Bnd Index
Investment Grade Corporates	46.8	24.9
U.S. Treasuries	42.5	66.7
Collateralized Debt Obligations	11.0	-
Commercial Mtg Backed	5.5	_
Asset Backed	5.1	-
Emerging Markets Debt	1.3	0.8
Residential Mtg Backed	0.9	_
Mortgage Backed	0.6	_
Municipals	0.6	0.3
High Yield Corporates	0.5	_
Non-U.S. Sovereigns	0.4	4.8
U.S. Govt Agencies	_	2.5
Cash & Cash Equivalents	0.9	_
Other <sup>‡</sup>	-16.0	_

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	115.1
Cash & Cash Equivalents	0.9
Other <sup>‡</sup>	-16.0

\* Short positions, unlike long positions, lose value if the underlying asset gains value.

<sup>1</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>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.

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.

MFS has not independently verified benchmark data provided by the vendor or the underlying methodology, which may be different than MFS.

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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Benchmark: Bloomberg US Government & Credit (1-3 Y)

Creation Date: 31-Dec-1997

Inception Date: 01-Jan-1988

Composite Description: The MFS Limited Matur Fixed Income Composite includes all discretionary portfolios managed to the MFS Limited Maturity Fixed Income strategy that seek to outperform the Bloombe US Aggregate Government & Credit 1-3 Year Index through active management of sector allocation, security selection and yield curve positioning. The strategy invests primarily in US fixed income securitie which, in aggregate, have duration with a range simila to that of the benchmark. 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, 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.

### Institutional Separate Accounts Fee Schedule

Asset Breakpoints (USD)	Fee
For Assets Up To 50 MM	20 bp
For Assets From 50 MM To 100 MM	15 bp
For Assets Over 100 MM	12.50 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 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.

ne						Accounts in	Annualiz	ed 3-Year		
		Composite a	and 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	6.48	6.05	4.61	n/a	<6	2.45	2.18	\$4,203.4	\$575,589.7
	2022	-3.71	-4.10	-3.69	n/a	<6	3.33	1.73	\$4,136.1	\$527,229.5
	2021	0.36	-0.07	-0.47	n/a	<6	2.90	1.00	\$4,463.2	\$674,375.8
	2020	4.84	4.38	3.33	n/a	<6	2.86	0.99	\$4,046.8	\$599,076.3
urity	2019	5.51	5.04	4.03	n/a	<6	0.89	0.93	\$3,109.6	\$518,568.9
ed	2018	1.80	1.35	1.60	n/a	<6	0.65	0.83	\$2,610.5	\$426,543.5
erg	2017	2.10	1.64	0.84	n/a	<6	0.67	0.74	\$2,691.7	\$491,012.9
	2016	2.19	1.73	1.28	n/a	<6	0.69	0.76	\$2,892.9	\$425,539.8
	2015	0.89	0.44	0.65	n/a	<6	0.68	0.59	\$2,880.1	\$412,412.4
ies ilar	2014	1.39	0.93	0.77	n/a	<6	0.89	0.50	\$3,368.9	\$430,214.0

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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 Government & Credit (1-3 Y) - a market capitalization-weighted index that measures the performance of the short-term (1 to 3 years) investment-grade corporate and U.S. government bond 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 36month period.

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