### Morgan Stanley

**INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT** 

Morgan Stanley Investment Funds (MS INVF)

# Global Brands Equity Income Fund

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A natural extension of our Global Brands Fund, the Global Brands Equity Income Fund builds on our proven track record of investing in high quality, typically carbon-light companies\* with high quality management teams that seek to compound shareholder wealth over the long term.

We believe a portfolio of high quality stocks, built on hard to replicate intangible assets, such as brands, licenses or networks, has the potential to generate attractive returns and offer reduced downside participation compared to the index.

Our high quality bias in stock selection means dividends of these companies are more likely to be sustained and growing.



















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### **FUND SNAPSHOT**

### **Launch Date**

29 April 2016

### **Current Yield Target**

4% p.a.

Distributing share classes will pay out the yield quarterly, gross of fees.



MORNINGSTAR OVERALL RATING\*
EAA FUND GLOBAL LARGE-CAP BLEND
EQUITY

### **CLASS ZR SHARES**

Out of 4124 Funds. Based on Risk Adjusted Return. Class ZR Shares: 3yr. rating 4 Stars; 5yr rating 5 Stars.

<sup>1</sup> The current overall income objective is c.4% per annum but is subject to change depending on market factors, including the current income and volatility of general equity markets, the current income of the underlying equity strategy, inflation and interest rates. The relative contributions to the overall income objective of the two income components (dividends and call option premiums) may vary. The target is less likely to be achieved in periods of strong markets and very low volatility.

The value of the investments and the income from them can go down as well as up and an investor may not get back the amount invested.

\* The Fund is not subject to specific carbon footprint or carbon reduction targets. It is expected that as a resulting feature of the Fund's investment process, it will be more carbon light than the broader market.

## Income, the Right Way

**3 REASONS TO CONSIDER GLOBAL BRANDS EQUITY INCOME** 

### Quality Income

Capital Growth

# Reduced downside participation

Global Brands Equity Income is designed to offer access to the same high quality stocks held in the Global Brands Fund, with an enhanced income profile for clients seeking additional yield.

## Quality Income

The Global Brands Equity Income (GBEI) Fund recognizes that high quality income—a sustainable and growing dividend stream—is best sourced from high quality companies which generate strong free cash flows. We differ from traditional equity income funds because the dividend is an output of our thinking, not an input.

As a result, our portfolio consists not of companies with the highest forecast yields, but of those with the most sustainable yields. High forecast yields may not materialize, hence lower, but more reliable, dividends should have the edge.

Therefore, we avoid sectors often favoured by traditional yield-maximizing income strategies—such as utilities, banks or energy. We believe them to be low return, capital intensive, commodity-driven sectors that lack pricing power and whose dividends today are increasingly under pressure.

Income is generated from a combination of dividends from high quality stocks and the premiums from selling index call options. The Fund seeks to provide investors with an attractive and steady income alongside long-term compounding of capital.

The team uses bottom-up fundamental analysis and actively engage with company management to identify material ESG risks to company fundamentals and/or the sustainability of future returns. The Fund has a significantly lower carbon footprint than the broader market.

SHARE CLASS	ISIN	BLOOMBERG				
Class A	LU1378879321	MSIGBEA LX				
Class AHR (EUR)	LU1378880410	MSIGAHE LX				
Class AR	LU1378879594	MSIGBAR LX				
Class BHR (EUR)	LU1378880683	MSIGBHR LX				
Class BR	LU1378879750	MSIGBBR LX				
Class CHR (EUR)	LU1378880766	MSIGCHR LX				
Class CR	LU1378879917	MSIGBCR LX				
Class IR	LU1378880097	MSIGBIR LX				
Class Z	LU1378880170	MSIGBEZ LX				
Class ZR	LU1378880337	MSIGBZR LX				

An R suffix in the name of a share class denotes a distributing share class. The Company intends to declare dividends which will be set at the discretion of the Directors. Such share class may pay distributions from capital or may charge all or part of the Fund's fees and expenses to the capital of the Fund. Dividends paid out of capital may result in an immediate decrease of the Net Asset Value per Share. For further details, please refer to the offering document of the Fund.

## 2 Capital Growth

The Global Brands Equity Income Fund targets companies we believe are able to consistently compound shareholder wealth over the long term, as demonstrated by the track record of our flagship Global Brands Fund (left chart). We tend to find many of these compounders in sectors such as consumer staples, IT software and services and health care (right chart).

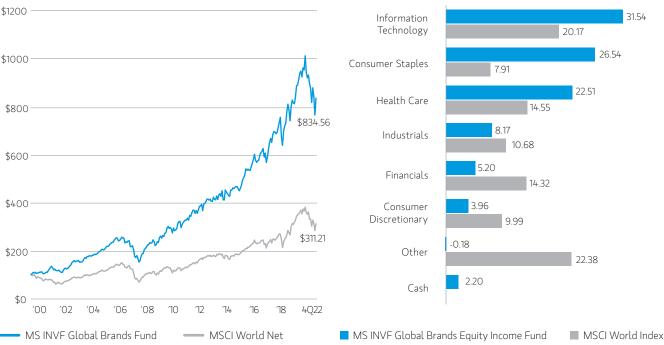
### The Power of Compounding

MS INVF Global Brands Fund (USD I Share % net of fees)
Since Inception through 31 December 2022 (Growth of \$100)

### Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results.

### **Sector Weightings**

MS INVF Global Brands Equity Income Fund, data as of 31 December 2022



Source for charts: MSCI, Morgan Stanley Investment Management.

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The portfolio returns represent the MS INVF Global Brands Fund, I Share. All performance data is calculated NAV to NAV, net of fees, and does not take account of commissions and costs incurred on the issue and redemption of units. The value of the investments and the income from them can go down as well as up and an investor may not get back the amount invested. There are additional risks involved with this type of investment. Performance returns reflect the average annual rates of return. Periods less than 1 year are not annualised. Comparisons of performance assume the reinvestment of all dividends and income. Growth of a dollar using a logarithmic scale.

The inception date of Global Brands Fund I Share Class is 30 October 2000.

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### **Reduced Downside Participation**

The compounders we seek grow steadily and are relatively robust in economic downturns. The resilience of their earnings stream drives the resilience of their free cash flows, which allows them to continue to reinvest in their businesses at attractive returns on capital or return capital to shareholders.

The resilience of our compounders over time, including during market declines, is demonstrated by the fund's performance in the chart at right.

**Global Brands Equity Income Investment Performance** (% net of fees) in USD **Past performance** is not a reliable indicator of future results.



Source: Morgan Stanley Investment Management. Inception date is 29 April 2016. Data as of 31 December 2022. All performance data is calculated NAV to NAV, net of fees, and does not take account of commissions and costs incurred on the issue and redemption of units.

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### **RISK CONSIDERATIONS**

- The value of financial derivative instruments are highly sensitive and may result in losses in excess of the amount invested by the Sub-Fund.
- The fund relies on other parties to fulfill certain services, investments or transactions. If these parties become insolvent, it may expose the fund to financial loss.
- Sustainability factors can pose risks to investments, for example: impact asset values, increased operational costs.
- There may be an insufficient number of buyers or sellers which may affect the funds ability to buy or sell securities.
- Investment in China A-Shares via Shanghai-Hong Kong and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect programs may also entail additional risks, such as risks linked to the ownership of shares.
- The derivative strategy aims to increase the income paid to investors, but there is potential for the fund to suffer losses.
- Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results. Returns may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations. The value of investments and the income from them can go down as well as up and investors may lose all or a substantial portion of his or her investment.
- The value of the investments and the income from them will vary and there can be no assurance that the Fund will achieve its investment objectives.
- Investments may be in a variety of currencies and therefore changes in rates of exchange between currencies may cause the value of investments to decrease or increase. Furthermore, the value of investments may be adversely affected by fluctuations in exchange rates between the investor's reference currency and the base currency of the investments.

### Need two more reasons to invest?



### **Optimized Yield Enhancement**

The Global Brands Equity Income (GBEI) Fund generates income from a combination of dividends from high-quality stocks and the premiums from selling index call options, aiming to deliver a current yield of 4% per annum.1

We sell short-term index calls on up to six liquid global indices, earning premiums. Selling index call options rather than options on underlying stocks allows us to retain the individual stock level exposure. We implement a mechanical floor when the option is below an agreed level to guard against writing options at levels considered to be uneconomical.

The options strategy is uncollateralized. When our clients invest in the GBEI Fund, their capital is invested directly in the underlying equity portfolio and not posted to counterparties. This eliminates the potentially substantial "cash drag" that can be experienced by other income funds.



The premiums received from the sale of index call options enhance the yield. This dynamic yet conservative options strategy is designed to help meet the yield target.

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\* 2% post withholding tax

## Pioneers in High Quality Investing

The Fund is managed by the International Equity team, the same team that manages the well-established Global Brands Fund. An experienced group of high conviction, bottom-up stock pickers, the team is headed by William Lock and is based in London.

The flagship Global Franchise strategy launched in 1996 and the Global Brands Fund in 2000.

The systematic call option overwrite is driven by Morgan Stanley Investment Management's Portfolio Solutions Group, specialists in the implementation of option strategies.

### Specialists focus on what they do best

### **International Equity Team**

- Manages a concentrated portfolio of high quality companies seeking to compound shareholder wealth, at superior rates of return, over the long-term. Agrees targets and approves distributions.
- Equity component of the Global Brands Equity Income portfolio in line with that of Global Brands.
- Team manages 46.8 billion in assets under management, as of 30 September 2022.

### **Solutions & Multi Asset Team**

- Calculates required exposure to option overwrite to achieve target income
- Quantitative/systematic approach

The Fund is overseen by a 14-strong investment team known for their expertise in selecting high quality stocks.



WILLIAM LOCK
Managing Director
31 years of
industry experience



BRUNO PAULSON Managing Director 29 years of industry experience



NIC SOCHOVSKY Managing Director 25 years of industry experience



MARCUS WATSON Managing Director 15 years of industry experience



ALEX GABRIELE Managing Director 14 years of industry experience



NATHAN WONG Executive Director 23 years of industry experience



MARTE BORHAUG Head of Sustainable Outcomes 13 years of industry



VLADIMIR A.DEMINE Head of ESG Research 21 years of industry experience



RICHARD PERROTT Executive Director 17 years of industry experience



ISABELLE MAST Executive Director 18 years of industry experience



ANTON KRYACHOK Vice President 13 years of industry experience



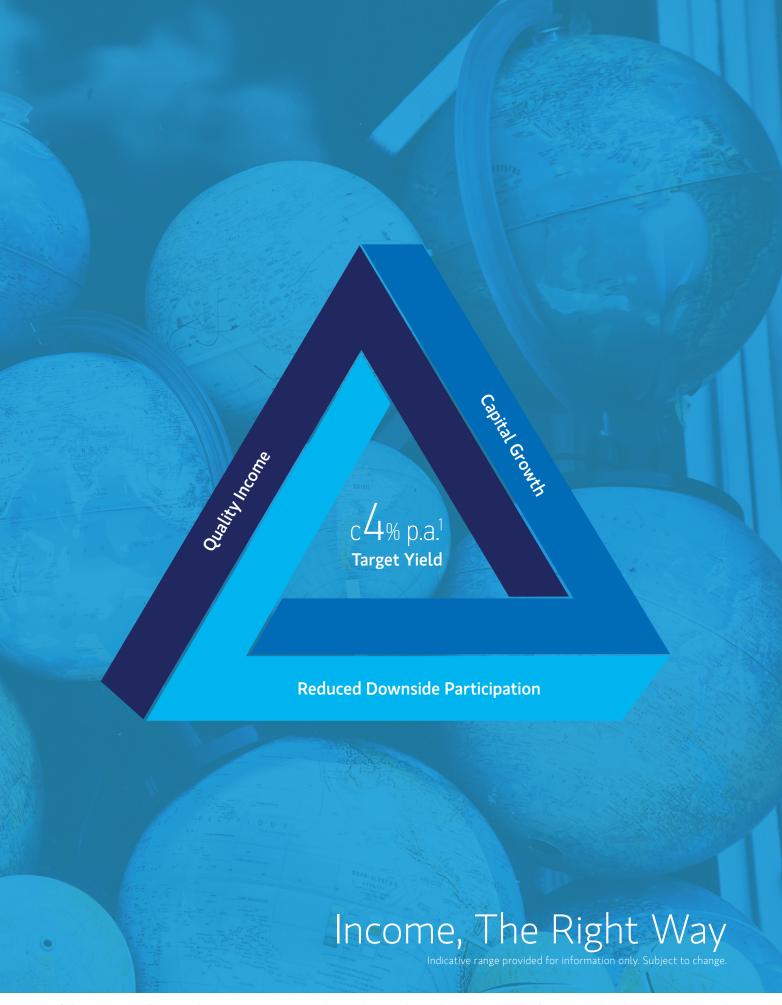
FEI TENG
Vice President
10 years of
industry experience



HELENA MILES
Vice President
10 years of
industry experience



JINNY HYUN Analyst 1 year of industry experience



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### Calendar Year Return (%)

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	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Global Brands Equity Income Fund - Class ZR	-16.18	19.65	11.98	25.55	-3.08	22.64	-	-	-	_
Global Brands Fund - Class I	-17.38	22.30	12.70	29.26	-2.04	26.00	5.11	5.72	5.39	20.08
MSCI World Net Index	-18.14	21.82	15.90	27.67	-8.71	22.40	7.51	-0.87	4.94	26.68

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### INDEX INFORMATION

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