

Morgan Stanley Investment Funds

Calvert Sustainable US Equity Select Fund



Performance Review

In the three month period ending 30 June 2024, the Fund's Z shares returned 1.71% (net of fees)¹, while the benchmark returned 3.57%.

The Fund is designed to offer long-term shareholder return through exposure to companies that are leaders in the environmental, social and governance (ESG) landscape, or improvers in addressing environmental and social challenges and managing material ESG risks. Calvert believes that companies that demonstrate leadership and/or improvement in the management of financially material ESG risks and opportunities offer long-term value creation for shareholders. The investment approach identifies ESG leaders and improvers using a proprietary quantitative and qualitative analysis to construct a portfolio that manages active risk relative to the market benchmark, the Russell 1000 Index. The portfolio also aims to maintain a carbon footprint 50% lower than the benchmark and higher levels of board gender diversity compared to the benchmark.

In the second quarter of 2024, the portfolio's performance was hurt by its underweight to and stock selection in communication services. In particular, the Fund's underweight to interactive media and services companies hurt performance. The biggest detractor in this peer group was not holding Alphabet, which does not meet the Fund's criteria for ESG leadership or improvement. Not holding Meta also hurt performance, but to a lesser extent. Meta is ineligible for investment according to the Calvert Principles for Responsible Investment (Calvert Principles), due to data privacy and governance issues.

The second biggest detractor from performance was the Fund's underweight to and stock selection in consumer staples. Not holding any beverage companies helped performance in the second quarter as many companies in this industry group posted negative returns, which hurt the benchmark; however, this was offset by the negative effect of holding poor performers in the food products and personal care products industry groups, such as Darling Ingredients and Estee Lauder. Darling Ingredients is considered an ESG leader due to its work on converting animal byproducts into solutions ranging from pharmaceuticals to fuel, but the firm has been experiencing declining margins and earnings in a tough pricing environment and amid oversupply of biodiesel. Estee Lauder is a leader in sustainable supply chain practices, particularly in regard to palm oil, but the company has been struggling due to weakened consumer spending and lower-than-anticipated demand in China.

On the positive side, the Fund's performance was boosted by its underweight to energy. The underweight is driven in part by the Calvert Principles research framework, which identifies outside environmental risks among some energy companies that are often not addressed by appropriate management systems or strategies.

Stock selection and an overweight within health care was the biggest performance driver for the quarter. Not holding many names in the health care providers and services industry helped performance as several companies in this group suffered negative second quarter returns, including CVS Health Corporation and Cardinal Health. CVS Health is not considered an ESG leader or improver according to the Fund's ESG criteria, while Cardinal Health is ineligible for investment according to the Calvert Principles due to governance issues relating to its role in the opioid epidemic. Stock selection in the biotechnology space also boosted performance, as names held in the Fund — such as Alnylam Pharmaceuticals, Amgen and Moderna — all posted double-digit positive returns over the quarter. Alnylam had a successful quarter after it shared results of its study that found that its new drug helped patients with a rare heart disease. The company meets the Fund's criteria for ESG leadership or improvement due to its leadership on drug pricing and access practices. Amgen has been performing well since last year due to the prospect of a potential obesity drug, MariTide, and is an overall leader in ESG management. Moderna has been on the rise over the past 12 months due to promise of new drug approvals, including a combination covid/flu vaccine and an RSV vaccine. Moderna's focus on vaccines to solve public health issues, such as the Zika virus and COVID-19, have the potential to be life-changing should the company preserve its strong safety and efficacy profile.

Market Review

In the second quarter of 2024, a rising tide did not lift all boats. While the U.S. equity rally that began in November 2023 continued — with an interruption in April — the broadening of the stocks driving the market that had characterized the first quarter of 2024 disappeared during the second quarter.

Although the S&P 500 Index, the Nasdaq Composite Index and the Dow Jones Industrial Average posted new all-time closing highs during the second quarter, value stocks and small-cap stocks delivered negative performance. Just five mega-cap stocks — Nvidia, Alphabet, Microsoft, Meta Platforms and Amazon — accounted for more than half of S&P 500 Index performance in the first half of the year.

¹ Source: Morgan Stanley Investment Management Limited. Data as of 30 June 2024.

After inflation declined significantly during 2023, investors had entered 2024 with high hopes, expecting inflation would continue to fall and stocks would be broadly boosted by multiple Federal Reserve (Fed) interest rate cuts during the year. In the first quarter, investors remained optimistic, despite inflation numbers for January and February coming in unexpectedly high.

But the third time was not the charm. In early April, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' March report showed a third straight month of persistent inflation. Investors' hopes for a Fed rate cut as early as June were dashed, and the first month of the quarter felt like an extended, bad April Fools' joke on investors. Virtually every major U.S. equity index, and many overseas stock indexes as well, reported negative performance in April as investors resigned themselves to rates remaining higher for longer.

May, however, was merrier. The April inflation report, released in early May, revealed the personal consumption expenditures (PCE) price index, the Fed's preferred inflation gauge, had fallen to 2.7% year-over-year — giving investors hope that the string of bad inflation reports had ended. Powered largely by strong corporate earnings and continued enthusiasm for artificial intelligence (AI) applications, both the Nasdaq Composite and the S&P 500 erased April's losses by the end of May, with overseas equity indexes delivering strong May returns as well.

June ushered in more good news, with the May PCE coming in at 2.6% year-over-year — the lowest reading since 2021 — giving the market more confidence that the downward trend in inflation had resumed. Some softening in the labor market also increased investor anticipation the Fed was closer to cutting rates. But while the Dow, Nasdaq and S&P 500 delivered strong returns in June, the rally remained narrow: Value stocks and small caps lost ground in the final month of the quarter after a strong uptick in May.

At their June meeting, the median expectation among Fed governors was for one interest rate cut in 2024 and four in 2025. Investors were more optimistic: By the end of the second quarter, the market was expecting a first cut in September and another before year-end. Further, excitement around AI helped propel stocks higher.

Portfolio Activity

There was no significant portfolio activity to report during the period.

Strategy and Outlook

As we look ahead with a focus on major factors that are shaping a multidecade transformation of the global economic system relevant to responsible long-term investors, four areas have the potential for the greatest impact from a risk and opportunity perspective: i) Changes to the global energy system — both in terms of the existing fossil fuel system and the development of a distributed, lower-carbon system — are accelerating and revealing challenges for companies globally; ii) Demographic changes, including educational attainment, continue to impact the workforce, as well as the ultimate size of consumer markets globally, with the vast majority of companies yet to fully adapt to these massive changes; iii) Higher costs, including interest rates, wages and raw materials, present unique challenges to every industry and will likely result in greater differentiation between companies that are able to manage their cost structure and improve productivity and those that are less efficient or trapped in a high fixed operating cost model; iv) Finally, various forms of pricing of externalities — either by governments or through market action — are taking effect and will likely act to raise costs and influence corporate and consumer behavior.

With this future state in mind, leadership on issues of sustainability across industries requires a company to evolve its product strategy, refine its corporate strategy and continually strengthen its ability to provide effective oversight and execution of the sustainable transition before us.

MS INVF Calvert Sustainable US Equity Select strategy is built on our belief that companies addressing the sustainability challenges presented by this multidecade transformation are better positioned to deliver shareholder return and positive societal outcomes. The Fund seeks to invest in companies that are leaders and improvers at managing this future business state, either through their operations and corporate strategy, or through the products and services that they offer.

Using ESG performance on financially material issues as the primary criteria for stock selection, the Fund uses a combined quantitative and qualitative approach to narrow the investment universe and identify and invest in the best-performing companies in the Calvert Research System from an ESG standpoint. The portfolio is then optimized to manage risk, lower the overall greenhouse gas emissions of the portfolio and increase the board level diversity of the portfolio against the benchmark. The result is an actively managed portfolio of large-cap U.S. stocks designed to provide risk-controlled returns in excess of the Russell 1000 Index, with exceptional performance on environmental and social issues.

For further information, please contact your Morgan Stanley Investment Management representative.

Fund Facts

Launch date	08 April 2022
Base currency	U.S. dollars
Benchmark	Russell 1000 Index

Calendar Year Returns (%)

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results.

	YTD	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Class Z Shares	12.23	23.21	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Russell 1000 Index	14.24	26.53	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

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Share Class Z Risk and Reward Profile

- 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.
- There may be an insufficient number of buyers or sellers which may affect the Fund's ability to buy or sell securities.
- Sustainability factors can pose risks to investments, for example: impact asset values, increased operational costs.

- 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.
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