

## The Importance of Quality

The team believes the best way to compound shareholder wealth over time is to invest in high quality companies run by high quality management teams, purchased at the right price. The economic robustness of quality companies helps to deliver returns when you need them most, namely during challenging market environments. This is important because the key to compounding shareholder wealth is to avoid the permanent loss of capital.

# Attractive Absolute Returns while Seeking to Manage Downside Risk Global Franchise Portfolio Calendar Year Returns<sup>2</sup>

(% Net of Fees) Class I Shares – USD Since inception on November 28, 2001



 $^1 Morning star Ratings: Overall Rating based on risk-adjusted return, out of 334 funds as of 03/31/2023 in the Global Large Stock Blend Category – Class I shares. Ratings: 3 Year 2 stars (334 funds), 5 Year 5 stars (288 funds), 10 Year 5 stars (182 funds).$ 

#### **SYMBOLS**

Class A	MSFBX	
Class C	MSGFX	
Class I	MSFAX	
Class R6	MGISX	

## **MSIF Global Franchise Portfolio**

**High Quality Focus** 

With a focus on compounders—those companies with the ability to consistently compound shareholder wealth over the long term—and on managing downside portfolio risk, the MSIF Global Franchise Portfolio has offered strong performance and risk characteristics for over 20 years.

**Powerful Brands** 

The team seeks high quality companies built on hard-to-replicate intangible assets, such as familiar brands, licenses and networks — household names that are part of people's everyday lives. These companies often have recurring revenues that underpin sustainability and resilience, as well as strong management teams that allocate capital efficiently.

**Strong Defense** 

The Portfolio has a history of reduced downside participation in weak markets, providing performance when it is needed most: e.g., the DotCom collapse, the Credit Crisis, the Sovereign Debt Crisis. Since inception, the Portfolio has returned 10.84% for 385 bps of outperformance versus the index.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Source: Morgan Stanley Investment Management. The portfolio results shown are for Class I shares and are net of investment advisory/management fees, are quoted in U.S.\$ and include the reinvestment of dividends and income. The comparison index is the MSCI World Index with Net dividends reinvested. Performance data quoted represents past performance, which is no guarantee of future results, and current performance may be lower or higher than the figures shown. See next page for standardized performance.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Source: Morgan Stanley Investment Management, as of March 31, 2023.

## **High Conviction Approach**

Top Ten Holdings (March 31, 2023)

SECURITY NAME	INTANGIBLE ASSETS	COUNTRY	(%)
Microsoft	Office, Windows, Xbox, Skype,Azure, Office365	United States	9.6
Philip Morris	Marlboro, Chesterfield, L&M, Philip Morris and IQOS	United States	6.9
Reckitt Benckiser	Calgon/Finish, Vanish, Scholl, Clearasil, Nurofen, Strepsils, Enfamil	United Kingdom	6.0
SAP	SAP, HANA, Concur, Ariba, SuccessFactors	Germany	5.9
VISA	Visa, Visa Direct	United States	5.6
Danaher	Beckman Coulter, Leica Biosystems, Pall, Sciex, Hach, VideoJet	United States	5.0
Accenture	Accenture, Avanade, Fjord, Accenture Interactive	United States	4.8
Thermo Fisher Scientific	Thermo Scientific, Fisher Scientific, Applied Biosystems, Patheon	United States	4.6
Intercontinental Exchange	ICE, NYSE, Encompass	United States	3.8
Abbott Laboratories	Brufen, Ensure, PediaSure, Similac, Glucerna, FreeStyle Libre	United States	3.4
Total			55.5

#### History of Outperformance Particularly in Down Markets

Rolling 5-Year Periods vs. MSCI World Net Index (Since Inception through March 31, 2023)



### Investment Performance - Class I (% net of fees)

Annualized Total Return (Periods ending March 31, 2023)

		1	5	10	SINCE INCEPTION
	1Q23 <sup>4</sup>	YEAR	YEAR	YEAR	(11/28/2001)
MSIF Global Franchise	6.31	-3.28	9.36	9.74	10.84
MSCI World Net Index	7.73	-7.02	8.01	8.85	6.99

Source: Morgan Stanley Investment Management. Top 10 Holdings are provided for illustrative purposes only and should not be deemed as a recommendation to buy or sell the securities mentioned. Holdings are dated and subject to change daily.

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The gross expense ratio is 0.91% for Class I shares and the net expense ratio is 0.91%. Expenses are based on the fund's current prospectus. The minimum initial investment is \$1,000,000 for Class I shares. Performance, expenses, and minimums for other share classes will vary.

**DEFINITIONS** The **MSCI World Index** is a free float adjusted market capitalization weighted index that is designed to measure the global equity market performance of developed markets. The term "free float" represents the portion of shares outstanding that are deemed to be available for purchase in the public equity markets by investors. The performance of the Index is listed in U.S. dollars and assumes reinvestment of net dividends. The index is unmanaged and does not include any expenses, fees or sales charges. It is not possible to invest directly in an index. Any index referred to herein is the intellectual property (including registered trademarks) of the applicable licensor.

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<sup>4</sup> Cumulative return.