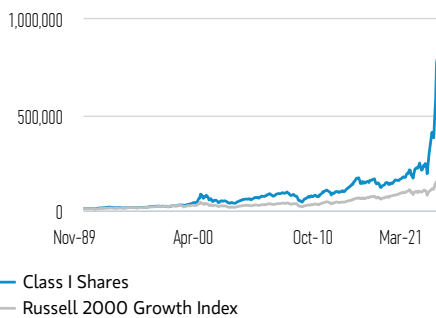


Morgan Stanley Institutional Fund Inception Portfolio

Investment Objective: Seeks long-term capital appreciation by investing primarily in growth-oriented equity securities of small-capitalization companies.

Investment Approach: We seek to invest primarily in established and emerging companies with sustainable competitive advantages with above average business visibility, the ability to deploy capital at high rates of return, strong balance sheets and an attractive risk/reward. We focus on long-term growth rather than short-term events, with our stock selection informed by rigorous fundamental analysis.

Class I Shares (% net of fees) vs. Index Performance of 10,000 USD Invested Since Inception (Cash Value (\$))



Investment Team	FIRM	EXPERIENCE
Dennis Lynch	1998	27 Years
Sam Chainani	1996	25 Years
Jason Yeung	2002	24 Years
Armistead Nash	2002	21 Years
David Cohen	1993	33 Years
Alexander Norton	2000	26 Years

Team members may be subject to change at any time without notice.

Investment Performance (% net of fees) in USD

	Cumulative (%)			Annualized (% p.a.)			
	1Q21	YTD	1 YR	3 YR	5 YR	10 YR	INCEPTION ¹
Class I Shares	23.63	23.63	272.66	60.59	40.89	21.27	14.57
Russell 2000 Growth Index	4.88	4.88	90.20	17.16	18.61	13.02	9.03

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Class I Shares	150.57	37.11	0.29	21.87	-0.35	-9.58	-9.68
Russell 2000 Growth Index	34.63	28.48	-9.31	22.17	11.32	-1.38	5.60

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. For the most recent month-end performance figures, please visit morganstanley.com/im or call 1-800-548-7786. Investment returns and principal value will fluctuate and fund shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost.

¹ Inception returns reflect the inception date of the fund.

Performance and fund information is as of March 31, 2021, unless otherwise noted. Returns are net of fees and assume the reinvestment of all dividends and income. Returns for less than one year are cumulative (not annualized). Performance of other share classes will vary.

Growth of Investment illustration is based on an initial investment of \$10,000 made since fund inception, assumes reinvestment of dividends and capital gains and application of fees, but does not include sales charges. Performance would have been lower if sales charges had been included. Results are hypothetical.

Please keep in mind that high double-digit returns are highly unusual and cannot be sustained. Investors should also be aware that these returns were primarily achieved during favorable market conditions.

Expense Ratios	SYMBOL	CUSIP	GROSS (%)	NET (%)
Class A	MSSMX	61744J614	1.52	1.35
Class C	MSCOX	61760X299	2.75	2.10
Class I	MSSGX	61744J309	1.21	1.00
Class IS	MFLX	61756E149	1.15	0.93

Where the net expense ratio is lower than the gross expense ratio, certain fees have been waived and/or expenses reimbursed. These waivers and/or reimbursements will continue for at least one year from the date of the applicable fund's current prospectus (unless otherwise noted in the applicable prospectus) or until such time as the fund's Board of Directors acts to discontinue all or a portion of such waivers and/or reimbursements. Absent such waivers and/or reimbursements, returns would have been lower. Expenses are based on the fund's current prospectus. The minimum initial investment is \$5,000,000 for Class I shares.

On February 11, 2019, the Small Company Growth Portfolio was renamed to the Inception Portfolio and there were no changes made to the investment objective. However, there was an investment policy amendment that provides the team additional flexibility in the future with regards to investing in specific market capitalizations of each specific Portfolio's benchmark.

The Portfolio closed to new investors effective April 5, 2021, to preserve the ability of the investment team to manage the Portfolio effectively for current shareholders. For more details, please visit: https://www.morganstanley.com/im/publication/mutualfund/material/notice_mf_inception_discovery.pdf



Morningstar Overall Rating

CLASS I SHARES

Out of 576 Funds. Based on Risk Adjusted Return.
Class I Shares: 3yr. rating 5 Stars; 5yr. rating 5 Stars;
10yr. rating 5 Stars.

Morningstar Category: Small Growth

Lipper Category: Small-Cap Growth

Morningstar Rankings - Class I

	PERCENTILE	RANK/TOTAL IN CATEGORY
1 YR	1	2/619
3 YR	1	2/576
5 YR	1	2/503
10 YR	1	1/379

Source: Morningstar, Inc. Rankings are based on total returns, are historical and do not guarantee future results.

Fund Facts

Inception date	November 01, 1989
Team inception date	December 31, 1998
Total net assets	\$ 1.9 billion
Benchmark ²	Russell 2000 Growth Index
Distribution frequency	Annually

Statistics

(3 Year Annualized)	CLASS I	INDEX
Alpha (%)	38.01	--
Beta (vs. benchmark)	1.35	1.00
Excess return (%)	43.43	--
Information ratio	1.91	--
R squared	0.73	1.00
Sharpe ratio	1.47	0.62
Standard deviation (%)	40.24	25.53
Tracking error (%)	22.74	--
Up-capture ratio (%)	202.39	100.00
Down-capture ratio (%)	94.72	100.00

Characteristics

	FUND	INDEX
Active share (%)	96.41	--
Number of holdings	58	1,147
Return on capital (%)	-8.70	-1.22
5 year EPS growth (%)	23.43	15.06
Sales growth (%)	18.71	8.33
Weighted median market capitalization (\$B)	4.08	3.53
D/E weighted median (%)	18.66	47.73
Turnover (%) [*]	132	--

^{*} Turnover is sourced from the fund's current prospectus.

Sector Allocation

(% of Total Net Assets) [#]	FUND	INDEX
Information Technology	20.59	20.08
Health Care	15.39	33.26
Consumer Discretionary	13.99	14.92
Communication Services	9.06	2.21
Industrials	5.29	14.80
Real Estate	5.18	3.46
Consumer Staples	4.86	3.08
Energy	1.71	0.20
Materials	0.77	2.59
Financials	0.49	3.91
Other	8.91	--
Cash	14.42	--

Top Holdings (% of Total Net Assets)

	FUND	INDEX
Redfin Corp	5.18	0.48
AppFolio Inc	4.97	0.17
JFrog Ltd	4.89	--
Utz Brands Inc	4.86	--
Vroom Inc	4.51	--
Skillz Inc	3.92	--
Axon Enterprise Inc	3.55	--
Covetrus Inc	3.53	--
Fastly Inc	3.41	--
NanoString Technologies, Inc.	3.25	0.18
Total	42.07	--

May not sum to 100% due to the exclusion of other assets and liabilities.

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Index data displayed under characteristics and allocations are calculated using MSIM and/or other third-party methodologies and may differ from data published by the vendor.

Shares of the portfolio redeemed within 30 days of purchase will be subject to a 2% redemption fee, payable to the portfolio. The redemption fee is designed to protect the portfolio and its remaining shareholders from the effects of short-term trading.

DEFINITIONS: **Active share** is the fraction of the portfolio or fund that is invested differently than its benchmark as of the last day of the reporting period. **Alpha** (Jensen's) is a risk-adjusted performance measure that represents the average return on a portfolio or investment above or below that predicted by the capital asset pricing model (CAPM) given the portfolio's or investment's beta and the average market return. Prior to 6/30/2018 Alpha was calculated as the excess return of the fund versus benchmark. **Beta** is a measure of the relative volatility of a security or portfolio to the market's upward or downward movements. **Earnings per share (EPS) growth** is the weighted average of earnings per share growth for all securities in the portfolio projected for the past five fiscal years. Earnings per share for a company is defined as total earnings divided by shares outstanding. **Excess return** or value added (positive or negative) is the portfolio's return relative to the return of the benchmark. **Information ratio** is the portfolio's alpha or excess return per unit of risk, as measured by tracking error, versus the portfolio's benchmark. **R squared** measures how well an investment's returns correlate to an index. An R squared of 1.00 means the portfolio performance is 100% correlated to the index's, whereas a low R squared means that the portfolio performance is less correlated to the index's. **Return on capital** is a measure of a company's efficiency at allocating the capital under its control to profitable investments, calculated by dividing net income minus dividends by total capital. **Sales growth** is the percentage increase in sales over a 1-year period. **Sharpe ratio** is a risk-adjusted measure calculated as the ratio of excess return to standard deviation. **Standard deviation** measures how widely individual performance returns, within a performance series, are dispersed from the average or mean value. **Tracking error** is the amount by which the performance of the portfolio differs from that of the benchmark.

Upside/downside market capture measures annualized performance in up/down markets relative to the market benchmark. **Weighted median Debt to Equity ratio** is the point at which half of the market value of a portfolio or index is invested in stocks with a greater Debt to Equity ratio, while the other half of the market value is invested in stocks with a lower Debt to Equity ratio. **Debt/equity (D/E)** is a measure of a company's financial leverage calculated by dividing its total liabilities by stockholders' equity. **Weighted median market capitalization** is the point at which half of the market value of a portfolio or index is invested in stocks with a greater market capitalization, and consequently the other half of the market value is invested in stocks with a lower market capitalization.

INDEX INFORMATION: (2) The **Russell 2000® Growth Index** measures the performance of the small-cap growth segment of the U.S. equity universe. It includes those Russell 2000® Index companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values. The Russell 2000® Index is a subset of the Russell 3000 Index representing approximately 10% of the total market capitalization of that index. It includes approximately 2,000 of the smallest securities based on a combination of their market capitalization and current index membership.

The index is unmanaged and does not include any expenses, fees or sales charges. It is not possible to invest directly in an index.

RISK CONSIDERATIONS: There is no assurance that a Portfolio will achieve its investment objective. Portfolios are subject to market risk, which is the possibility that the market values of securities owned by the Portfolio will decline and that the value of Portfolio shares may therefore be less than what you paid for them. Market values can change daily due to economic and other events (e.g. natural disasters, health crises, terrorism, conflicts and social unrest) that affect markets, countries, companies or governments. It is difficult to predict the timing, duration, and potential adverse effects (e.g. portfolio liquidity) of events. Accordingly, you can lose money investing in this Portfolio. Please be aware that this Portfolio may be subject to certain additional risks. In general, **equities securities'** values also fluctuate in response to activities specific to a company. Investments in **foreign**

markets entail special risks such as currency, political, economic, market and liquidity risks. The risks of investing in **emerging market countries** are greater than risks associated with investments in foreign developed countries. Investments in **small capitalization** companies tend to be more volatile and less liquid than those of larger, more established, companies. **Illiquid securities** may be more difficult to sell and value than publicly traded securities (liquidity risk). **Derivative instruments** may disproportionately increase losses and have a significant impact on performance. They also may be subject to counterparty, liquidity, valuation, correlation and market risks. **Privately placed and restricted securities** may be subject to resale restrictions as well as a lack of publicly available information, which will increase their illiquidity and could adversely affect the ability to value and sell them (liquidity risk).

Morningstar: Rankings and/or ratings as of March 31, 2021. **Rankings:** The percentile rankings are based on the average annual total returns for the periods stated and do not include any sales charges, but do include reinvestment of dividends and capital gains and Rule 12b-1 fees. The highest (or most favorable) percentile rank is 1 and the lowest (or least favorable) percentile rank is 100. The top-performing fund in a category will always receive a rank of 1.

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