# Morgan Stanley

### **INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT**

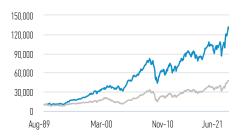
Morgan Stanley Institutional Fund

## International Equity Portfolio

Investment Objective: Seeks long-term capital appreciation by investing primarily in equity securities of non-U.S. issuers.

**Investment Approach:** The investment team believes that the best route to superior returns is through long-term compounding and seeking reduced downside participation. The International Equity Portfolio is actively managed by consistently applying strict investment criteria to help identify attractive businesses at a discount to their long-term fair value. In-depth fundamental company research is paramount to the team's bottom-up stock selection process with emphasis on companies with high or improving Returns on Operating Capital Employed, recurring cash flows and capable management. This investment discipline is maintained by strict adherence to the team's longstanding investment process and cash-flow-based valuation criteria.

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



- Class I Shares
- MSCI EAFE Index

#### JOINED INVESTMENT FIRM EXPERIENCE **Investment Team** William Lock 1994 29 Years Bruno Paulson 2009 27 Years Nic Sochovsky 2015 23 Years Marcus Watson 2008 13 Years 2012 12 Years Alex Gabriele Nathan Wong 2017 21 Years Vladimir A. Demine 2009 19 Years Richard Perrott 2015 15 Years Fei Teng 2019 8 Years Helena Miles 2019 8 Years

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

Effective March 31, 2021, Dirk Hoffman-Becking has retired and is no longer serving as a portfolio manager for the Portfolio.

#### Investment Performance (% net of fees) in USD

	Cumulative (%)			Annualized (% p.a.)				
	2Q21	YTD	1 YR	3 YR	5 YR	10 YR	INC	EPTION
Class I Shares	6.50	7.16	26.80	8.01	9.18	6.03		8.35
MSCI EAFE Index	5.17	8.83	32.35	8.27	10.28	5.89		4.98
Calendar Year Returns (%)	2020	2019	2018	20	17 2	016	2015	2014
Class I Shares	11.42	20.37	-13.80	25.	17 -2	2.00	0.36	-6.08
MSCI EAFE Index	7.82	22.01	-13.79	25.0	)3 .	1.00	-0.81	-4.90

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.

Performance and fund information is as of June 30, 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	MIQBX	61744J499	1.43	1.30
Class C	MSECX	61760X372	2.41	2.05
Class I	MSIQX	61744J408	1.00	0.95
Class IS	MIQPX	61760X760	0.91	0.91

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.

Morningstar Category: Foreign Large Blend **Lipper Category:** International Large-Cap Growth





#### Morningstar Analyst Rating™

Morningstar Analysts have rated the fund a bronze medal (effective 12/10/2020). Fewer than 32% of the U.S. Open End funds have a medalist rating (effective 12/31/20).

#### Morningstar Rankings - Class I

		RANK/TOTAL
	PERCENTILE	IN CATEGORY
1 YR	89	683/757
3 YR	64	436/673
5 YR	77	452/579
10 YR	35	133/385

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

#### **Fund Facts**

Inception date	August 04, 1989
Total net assets	\$ 2.3 billion
Benchmark <sup>1</sup>	MSCI EAFE Index
Distribution frequency	Annually

#### Statistics

(3 Year Annualized)	CLASS	INDEX
Alpha (%)	-0.11	
Beta (vs. benchmark)	0.98	1.00
Excess return (%)	-0.26	
Information ratio	-0.06	
R squared	0.95	1.00
Sharpe ratio	0.38	0.39
Standard deviation (%)	17.82	17.74
Tracking error (%)	4.08	
Up-capture ratio (%)	100.30	100.00
Down-capture ratio (%)	101.45	100.00
Characteristics	FUND	INDEX
Active share (%)	82.21	
Number of holdings	60	845

Price/free cash flow (NTM)† Turnover (%)\* † NTM = Next Twelve Months.

Price/earnings (NTM)†

17.05

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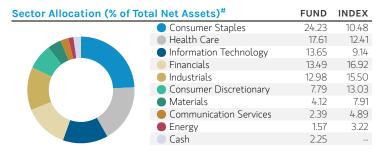
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Top Countries (% of Total Net Assets)#,2	FUND	INDEX
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United Kingdom	22.10	14.38
Germany	18.24	9.41
France	14.11	11.52
Japan	7.97	23.19
Canada	5.78	
Switzerland	5.07	9.80
China	3.18	
South Korea	3.15	
Hong Kong	2.56	3.26
Italy	2.39	2.47
Other	13.28	
Cash	2.25	

<sup>\*</sup>Turnover is sourced from the fund's current prospectus.



Top Holdings (% of Total Net Assets)	FUND	INDEX
Reckitt Benckiser Plc	3.49	0.37
Henkel AG & Co. KGaA	3.43	0.17
SAP SE	3.30	0.87
Constellation Software Inc	3.06	
Deutsche Post AG	2.93	0.40
Sanofi	2.89	0.70
RELX Plc	2.85	0.30
Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA	2.73	0.13
Pernod Ricard S.A.	2.59	0.27
AIA Group Ltd	2.56	0.89
Total	29.83	

 $\#\,\mbox{May}$  not sum to 100% due to the exclusion of other assets and liabilities.

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**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. 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. Price to Free Cash Flow (P/FCF) is a ratio used to compare a company's market value to its free cash flow. It is calculated by dividing the company's per-share stock price by its pershare free cash flow. Free Cash flow is calculated by subtracting a company's Capital Expenditures from its Operating Cash flow. Price/earnings (P/E) is the price of a stock divided by its earnings per share. Sometimes called the multiple, P/E gives investors an idea of how much they are paying for a company's earning power. 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. **Sharpe ratio** is a riskadjusted 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.

INDEX INFORMATION: <sup>(1)</sup> The MSCI EAFE Index (Europe, Australasia, Far East) is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure the international equity market performance of developed markets, excluding the US & Canada. 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 MSCI EAFE Index currently consists of 21 developed market country indices. 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.

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. **ESG strategies** that incorporate impact investing and/or Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) factors could result in relative investment performance deviating from other strategies or broad market benchmarks, depending on whether such sectors or investments are in or out of favor in the market. As a result, there is no assurance ESG strategies could result in more favorable investment performance. 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. Investments in small- and medium**capitalization** companies tend to be more volatile and less liquid than those of larger, more established, companies. The risks of investing in emerging market countries are greater than risks associated with investments in foreign developed markets. Derivative instruments can be illiquid, may disproportionately increase losses and may have a potentially large negative impact on the portfolio's performance. Illiquid securities may be more difficult to sell and value than publicly traded securities (liquidity risk). 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).

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**OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:** <sup>(2)</sup> Country weightings arise from our bottom-up fundamental analysis. The team seeks superior companies that are attractively valued regardless of country of domicile.

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