

Morgan Stanley Investment Funds

# Calvert Sustainable Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Fund



## Performance Review

In the three month period ending 30 September 2023, the Fund's Z shares returned -4.85% (net of fees)<sup>1</sup>, while the benchmark returned -3.46%.

Calvert Sustainable Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Fund (the Fund) is designed to offer long-term shareholder return by investing in companies that are leaders or improvers in diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) practices. The portfolio uses a proprietary analysis built on qualitative and quantitative methods to identify leaders and improvers and ensure higher levels of board gender and ethnic diversity than the benchmark, the MSCI World Index.

The main detractors from the portfolio's performance during the quarter were its underweight to energy and relative stock selection within the communication services sector. The underweight to energy is driven in part by Calvert's Principles for Responsible Investment research framework, which identifies outside environmental risks among most energy companies that are often not addressed using appropriate management systems or strategies for the transition away from fossil fuels.

Underperformance in the communication services sector was primarily driven by not holding Alphabet and Meta Platforms. Alphabet is not considered a diversity leader or improver according to the Fund's methodology, and Meta is not eligible for investment according to the Calvert Principles for Responsible Investment due to the company's ongoing data privacy and governance issues.

Strong performance in the health care sector helped the Fund's performance in the quarter, particularly the Fund's allocation to the biotechnology industry and relative stock selection in the pharmaceuticals industry. In biotechnology, overweight positions in AbbVie and Amgen boosted returns. AbbVie and Amgen are both considered leaders in board ethnic diversity, board skill set diversity and equal hiring and promotion practices. In pharmaceuticals, the Fund's positions in Eli Lilly and Company and Novo Nordisk drove returns. Like AbbVie and Amgen, Eli Lilly is a leader in board ethnic diversity, board skill set diversity and equal hiring and promotion practices. Novo Nordisk leads on gender representation, board culture, and equal hiring, equal pay and promotion practices.

The portfolio's underweight to real estate helped performance during the period, as real estate continues to suffer in the post-pandemic environment and due to ongoing high interest rates.

## Market Review

In the third quarter of 2023, the equity rally that had previously defied rising interest rates and shaken off three of the largest bank failures in U.S. history ended, as many investors — lured by higher interest rates, particularly for long-term U.S. Treasuries — deserted riskier stocks in favor of relatively risk-free government bonds.

The period saw record-low unemployment, strong job creation and robust consumer spending. While these trends are typically good news stories, in this environment they have been seen as bad news for inflation and fuel for further rate hikes that would weigh on stock prices. As the U.S. Federal Reserve (Fed) repeatedly confirmed its intent to bring inflation down to 2%, investors' anticipation of "higher for longer" interest rates intensified during the quarter.

In the first month of the period, however, the global stock rally that had started in January — fueled largely by exuberance over artificial intelligence technology — continued. The number of economists and pundits predicting a soft landing for the U.S. economy grew larger. When the Fed hiked interest rates 25 basis points on 26 July, many observers expected it might be the final hike of this tightening cycle.

But the end of July would prove to be the high-water mark for U.S. and global equity indexes for the first three quarters of 2023. In early August, as investors came around to the view that the Fed might leave rates higher for longer than they had expected just a month or two earlier, a rise in longer-term bond rates gathered steam. In mid-August, the release of minutes from the Fed's July meeting showed that further rate hikes to quell inflation were under consideration. At the Fed's August conference in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, European Central Bank (ECB) President Christine Lagarde expressed the sentiment that higher rates would persist for some time in Europe as well.

Things got worse for equity investors in September, the toughest month of 2023 so far. Government interest rates continued to rise around the world and global equity prices tumbled, as long-term government bond yields and even money market funds offered attractive alternatives to stocks for the first time in years. While the Fed left rates unchanged at its September meeting, it appeared to predict at least one more rate hike this year, and it pushed out expectations for a return to falling rates later into 2024.

In response, stocks fell further as investors also weighed the negative effects of a potential U.S. government shutdown in November, ongoing labor strikes by the United Auto Workers and SAG-AFTRA actors, and the resumption of college loan payments that could

<sup>1</sup> Source: Morgan Stanley Investment Management Limited. Data as of 30 September 2023.

impinge on consumer spending. The energy sector, boosted by a significant rise in oil prices that pushed up gasoline prices for consumers, was one of only two sectors in the S&P 500 Index with a positive return during the quarter.

Outside of the U.S., September inflation data for the euro area looked promising, indicating weaker growth and declining inflation. Morgan Stanley analysts are of the view that the ECB will hold further interest rate action in the coming months and that its next likely move will be a cut, likely in mid-2024. This view is backed by declining wage data and a receding energy shock; however, analysts note that another shock to the European economy could derail this outlook. Similarly, in the U.K., data shows that underlying price pressures are softening, and at the end of September the Bank of England paused its almost two-year straight succession of rate increases. While there is no guarantee that there won't be further rate hikes, many analysts believe they are likely to be done.

The good news was that, despite a tough quarter that saw nearly all major global indexes deliver negative returns, most of those same indexes were still solidly in positive territory for the year-to-date as of 30 September.

We remain cautiously optimistic about continued inflation reduction in the U.S., U.K. and eurozone, and we believe a full-fledged recession in the U.S. is unlikely. However, there are several factors at play in the U.S. that could slow the economy's progress. Further, the slow growth rates in China and Japan, combined with the renewed Israel-Gaza conflict, present uncertainty for the global economy for the remainder of this year and into 2024.

### Portfolio Activity

There was no significant portfolio activity during the period.

### Strategy and Outlook

Calvert Sustainable Diversity, Equity and Inclusion strategy is constructed using a proprietary methodology that leverages diversity and inclusion datasets and information on companies' DEI policies and programs to identify names that are leading or making meaningful improvements in DEI practices. The strategy is built on the Calvert Principles for Responsible Investment, which seek to identify companies that promote diversity and equity across workplaces, marketplaces and communities, with our research showing that these factors are material to company performance.

Higher levels of labor force participation and educational attainment by women and ethnic minorities have led to changes in overall employee makeup and boardroom diversity. However, we have yet to see these gains break through to the higher levels of executive and senior management roles. This is a critical issue affecting employee recruitment, retention, turnover, promotion equity and pay equity.

Companies with more diverse workforces benefit from diversity of thought that leads to more innovation and an enhanced ability to problem solve and manage risks; benefits that groupthink can cause teams to miss out on. Diverse workforces also give companies a richer understanding of different customers and their unique needs, and impact strength of supplier relationships. Together, these elements lead to companies' long-term value creation. We studied the relationship between the ethnic diversity of corporate boards and equity performance using data from 2012-20 and found that ethnic diversity factors improve U.S. large-cap equity stock selection.<sup>2</sup> We also found a significant relationship between the degree of corporate board ethnic diversity relative to country demographics and monthly equity performance.<sup>2</sup> We find that diversity is a material factor to companies across all countries and sectors. The stock performance penalty for bottom-quartile performers on diversity persists and can materially erode shareholder value.

The Calvert Sustainable Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Fund strategy is designed to offer investors exposure to companies that are leading in workforce diversity at the board, senior and executive management levels, and that offer leading policies and programs to create more equitable and inclusive work environments. The strategy also includes companies that are demonstrating meaningful improvements on these factors; the thresholds for which are reviewed annually to ensure the bar for both leadership and improvement are adjusted as we see improvements in overall market practice.

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

### Fund Facts

Launch date	08 April 2022
Base currency	U.S. dollars
Benchmark	MSCI World Index Net Index (USD)

<sup>2</sup> Source: Calvert. Data as of September 2021.

## Calendar Year Returns (%)

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results.

	YTD	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Class Z Shares	14.20	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
MSCI World Index Net Index (USD)	11.10	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

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- Category 1 does not indicate a risk free investment.
- The fund is in this category because it invests in company shares and the fund's simulated and/or realised return has experienced high rises and falls historically.

This rating does not take into account other risk factors which should be considered before investing, these include:

- 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.
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