

A Sub-Fund of Morgan Stanley Investment Funds

US Growth Fund



Investors should note that, relative to the expectations of the Autorité des Marchés Financiers, this UCITS presents disproportionate communication on the consideration of extra-financial criteria in its management.

Performance Review

In the one month period ending 28 February 2025, the Fund's Z shares returned -10.31% (net of fees)¹, while the benchmark returned -3.61%.

Year-to-date (YTD), the Fund returned -1.12% (net of fees), outperforming the benchmark return of -1.71%.

Top contributors YTD include:

- Web performance and security company, Cloudflare
- Biopharmaceutical royalties acquirer, Royalty Pharma
- Ecommerce and fintech services platform, MercadoLibre

Top detractors YTD include:

- Digital advertising software platform, The Trade Desk
- Electric vehicle developer, Tesla
- Enterprise analytics platform and Bitcoin developing company, MicroStrategy

Market Review

Large-cap growth equities, as measured by Russell 1000 Growth Index, declined year-to-date led by underperformance in Consumer Discretionary, Information Technology and Communication Services. The Energy, Health Care and Consumer Staples sectors outperformed the benchmark.

Portfolio Review

YTD Fund outperformance has been driven by favorable stock selection in Information Technology and Consumer Discretionary, as well as a sector underweight position in Information Technology. Conversely, stock selection in Communication Services, an average sector overweight position in Consumer Discretionary and an average sector underweight position in Consumer Staples detracted most from relative performance.

The fundamentals of our portfolio holdings remain strong despite an uncertain macroeconomic environment. Over the next three years, our companies are expected to grow revenues at 20% versus 13% for the benchmark² and 96% of the portfolio is expected to be free cash flow positive or neutral in 2025 (estimated).³ We have confidence that our companies are making the right investments to maximize the long-term endgame potential of their businesses.

Strategy and Outlook

Counterpoint Global looks to own a portfolio of unique companies with diverse business drivers, strong competitive advantages and positioning, and healthy secular growth prospects whose market value we believe can increase significantly over the long term for underlying fundamental reasons, independent of the macro or market environment. We believe having a market outlook can be an anchor. We focus on assessing company prospects over a five-year investment horizon. Current portfolio positioning reflects what we believe are the best long-term investment opportunities.

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

Fund Facts

Launch date	01 August 1992
Base currency	U.S. dollars
Benchmark	Russell 1000 Growth Net 30% Withholding Tax TR Index

¹ Source: Morgan Stanley Investment Management Limited. Data as of 28 February 2025.

² Based on FactSet Consensus Estimates and underlying holdings. Three-Year Forward Weighted Average Revenue Growth is the increase in net sales for the next three years. Data as of 31/01/25.

³ Based on 2024 FactSet Consensus Estimates and underlying holdings. Neutral Free Cash Flow is defined as FCFE margin $\geq -5\%$ and $\leq 0\%$. Data as of 31/12/24.

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Calendar Year Returns (%)

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results.

	YTD	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Class Z Shares	-1.12	41.28	49.41	-60.26	1.93	117.23	22.38	5.62	44.18	-2.37	11.43
Russell 1000 Growth Net 30% Withholding Tax TR Index	-1.71	33.09	42.30	-29.34	27.32	38.08	35.88	-1.89	29.67	6.56	5.19

All performance data is calculated NAV to NAV, net of fees, and does not take account of commissions and costs incurred on the issue and redemption of shares. The sources for all performance and index data is Morgan Stanley Investment Management ('MSIM Ltd'). Please visit our website www.morganstanley.com/im to see the latest performance returns for the fund's other share classes.

Share Class Z Risk and Reward Profile

- The fund may be impacted by movements in the exchange rates between the fund's currency and the currencies of the fund's investments.
- 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.
- Sustainability factors can pose risks to investments, for example: impact asset values, increased operational costs.
- There may be an insufficient number of buyers or sellers which may affect the fund's ability to buy or sell securities.
- Investment in China A-Shares via Shanghai-Hong Kong and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect programs may also entail additional risks, such as risks linked to the ownership of shares.
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- Investments may be in a variety of currencies and therefore changes in rates of exchange between currencies may cause the value of investments to decrease or increase. Furthermore, the value of investments may be adversely affected by fluctuations in exchange rates between the investor's reference currency and the base currency of the investments.

Please refer to the Prospectus for full risk disclosures, available at www.morganstanleyinvestmentfunds.com. All data as of 28.02.2025 and subject to change daily.

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