

A Sub-Fund of Morgan Stanley Investment Funds
US Value Fund

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Performance Review

In the three month period ending 31 December 2025, the Fund's Z shares returned 7.40% (net of fees)¹, while the benchmark returned 1.43%.

The Fund's outperformance relative to the blended benchmark during the quarter was primarily driven by security selection, though sector allocation was also a contributor.

The financials sector was the largest contributor during the quarter, attributable to both positive security selection and an overweight to the sector. Security selection in materials and information technology and an overweight to energy were also additive.

- An overweight position in health care sector constituent Bristol-Myers Squibb was a key contributor during the quarter. The company had strong third quarter results, including an earnings per share and revenue beat, and raised full-year 2025 guidance. We expect a larger-than-average set of recently approved product launches to contribute to revenue growth in the future.
- An overweight to United Parcel Service (UPS) contributed to the Fund's performance. UPS delivered strong third quarter earnings and cash flow. Results were backed by solid operational execution of its long-term transformation plans for reduced Amazon-related volumes, while improved revenue per unit and better working capital management also supported the stock's performance.
- An overweight to Micron Technology contributed to the Fund's positive returns. The company delivered record fiscal first quarter results and issued upbeat guidance, reinforcing confidence in margin expansion and cash generation as supply remains tight across key memory categories, including high-bandwidth memory for hyperscale data centers.
- An overweight position in one of the largest U.S. steel producers, Steel Dynamics, was supportive. The company's third quarter results were marked by record steel shipments. As a low-cost steel producer through its electric arc furnace technology, Steel Dynamics is uniquely positioned to benefit from the Section 232 tariffs on steel and aluminum imports. At the same time, the company is completing a number of capital projects that should allow free cash flow to expand prospectively.
- An overweight to diversified financial services company Wells Fargo & Company also contributed to returns during the quarter. Strong results within its wealth management and investment management divisions, as well as the Federal Reserve's removal of its asset cap on Wells Fargo, drove the stock higher. We believe the bank has a competitive advantage in its deposit franchise and a proven track record of low credit losses through the cycle.

The Fund's allocation to consumer staples, as well as security selection within the sector, was the largest detractor during the quarter. The allocation to health care and security selection within communication services also negatively impacted results.

- An overweight position in Meta detracted from returns, as investors grew skeptical of the company's ability to maintain and expand margins in the face of heavy capital expenditure spending and the well-publicized hiring of expensive talent in the artificial intelligence (AI) field. Management has historically been responsive to the market's concerns, and we believe Meta has room to throttle back spending and reduce costs in other areas to help maintain profitability, until returns on its investments improve.
- Exposure to global staffing firm Robert Half Inc. detracted from returns for the quarter. A softening labor market trend impacted the company's earnings and forward guidance. We believe Robert Half is well positioned for a labor market rebound, as it is a market leader in the staffing industry with a scale advantage over smaller players. We will continue to follow the position closely to ensure that the stock's financial characteristics remain aligned with our philosophy.
- An overweight to Abbott Laboratories detracted from Fund returns. The company delivered mixed earnings, with in-line earnings per share and softer organic growth. Expectations for the inclusion of continuous glucose monitors in the government's competitive bidding process in 2026 also weighed on the shares. Abbott Laboratories remains a high quality compounding with a diversified medical products portfolio, and the strong momentum is currently masked due to the decline in sales of covid tests.
- Exposure to US Foods detracted from returns during the quarter, despite the company reporting strong earnings results. A change to the sales force compensation structure in the face of a rumored merger with a competitor rattled investors; the merger talks have since (publicly) ceased. We believe US Foods remains well positioned in the higher-growth portions of the U.S. food service industry.
- An overweight to Pool Corp detracted from returns during the quarter. High interest rates combined with growing economic unease have weighed on U.S. consumer confidence, creating a challenging environment for Pool Corp, whose products are tied to highly discretionary product categories and housing.

¹ Source: Morgan Stanley Investment Management Limited. Data as of 31 December 2025.

Market Review

U.S. markets were higher but underperformed non-U.S. markets during the fourth quarter of 2025. In the third quarter, we began to see a cyclical rotation from growth to value stocks, and that continued through the final quarter of the year, with the Russell 1000 Value Index (+4.59%) outperforming the Russell 1000 Growth Index (+1.91%) for the period.

During the fourth quarter, sector performance was positive across eight of 11 GICS² sectors. Information technology was the best-performing sector in the blended benchmark during the period, up nearly 11%, followed by communication services and health care. Real estate was the worst-performing sector, down -2.5%, followed by utilities and consumer discretionary.

Strategy and Outlook

The fourth quarter of 2025 represented the first time since the Liberation Day tariff announcements last April that value stocks outperformed growth (as represented by the Russell 1000 Value and Russell 1000 Growth Indexes), as recent investor sentiment around the Magnificent Seven turned less uniformly bullish. Heading into 2026, we remain constructive — if cautious — on a potential continued broadening of equity market participation.

We have previously noted a gradual, if uneven, resolution of tariff policy, investment-friendly tax policy (e.g., One Big Beautiful Bill Act) and more accommodative monetary policy, post the April tariff announcements. As we moved into the back half of 2025, we witnessed further encouraging signs, including some destocking of pre-tariff inventories, a resultant slight pick-up in U.S. industrial production, and a positive turn in CEO confidence surveys, reinforced by increased merger and acquisition activity. As such, conditions appear to be ripening for cyclical sectors such as basic materials, industrials and technology (more broadly), and financials as we head into 2026 — sectors well represented in value benchmarks and which have generally (with the exception of AI-related portions of tech) lagged the broader market.

The U.S. consumer remains a wild card, to be sure. The growing anxiety of U.S. consumers as labor markets have slackened modestly has been marked by generationally low readings in the University of Michigan's consumer sentiment index, for example. Spending patterns have been more resilient than such surveys would suggest, however, and significant stimulus in the form of tax refunds from the introduction of no tax on overtime and tips, and more favorable state and local tax (SALT) deduction limitations, should start flowing in the first quarter of 2026. Additionally, the Trump administration appears willing to do everything in its power to lower mortgage rates; the potential multiplier effect of a recovery in housing has been well studied.

Against this backdrop, we are cognizant that U.S. equity markets have — historically, on average — struggled to post positive returns in U.S. midterm election years, and are often marked by volatility and defensiveness during such periods. This general tendency, however, is conditional upon specific macro factors such as growth, interest rates and earnings. As the chaos of 2025 likely gives way to normalization and more supportive policy conditions, we remain constructive on value equities.

In this environment, our investment approach remains unchanged, with a focus on a bottom-up, fundamental approach with deep company analysis. We continue to invest in companies that generate high return on invested capital, strong free-cash-flow yield and low debt-to-capital ratios.

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

Fund Facts

Launch date	29 August 2002
Base currency	U.S. dollars
Benchmark	MSCI USA Value Net Index

Calendar Year Returns (%)

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results.

	YTD	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Class Z Shares	12.64	12.64	12.04	8.94	-4.40	22.06	1.58	--	--	--	--
Blended Benchmark	12.96	12.96	14.37	11.46	-7.54	25.16	2.80	--	--	--	--

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.

² Global Industry Classification Standard, a widely used system for classification of equity market sectors.

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- Sustainability factors can pose risks to investments, for example: impact asset values, increased operational costs.
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