

# Morgan Stanley

## INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT

Morgan Stanley Institutional Fund Trust

## Global Strategist Portfolio

**Investment Objective:** Seeks above-average total return over a market cycle of three to five years.

**Investment Approach:** Using a top-down, unconstrained approach, the Global Multi-Asset team focuses on global macro and thematic investments across equities, fixed income, FX and commodities. The team invests in opportunities at the asset class, country, sector and thematic levels, rather than concentrating on individual security selection.

### Class I Shares (% net of fees) vs. Index

Performance of 10,000 USD Invested Since Inception (Cash Value (\$))



— Class I Shares  
— MSCI All Country World Index  
— Blended Index

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

	Cumulative (%)			Annualized (% p.a.)			
	2Q20	YTD	1 YR	3 YR	5 YR	10 YR	INCEPTION
Class I Shares	13.92	-6.02	-0.84	3.66	4.10	7.04	6.91
MSCI All Country World Index	19.22	-6.25	2.11	6.14	6.46	9.16	7.44
Blended Index	12.70	-2.28	3.42	5.50	5.18	6.45	6.42

### Calendar Year Returns (%)

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Class I Shares	18.04	-6.29	16.67	5.58	-6.15	3.13	15.78
MSCI All Country World Index	26.60	-9.41	23.97	7.86	-2.36	4.16	22.80
Blended Index	18.55	-6.00	16.45	5.81	-3.51	1.62	11.91

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](http://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, 2020, 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.

### Expense Ratios

	SYMBOL	CUSIP	GROSS (%)	NET (%)
Class A	MBAAX	617440557	1.09	1.09
Class C	MSSOX	617455779	1.93	1.84
Class I	MPBAX	617440839	0.84	0.74
Class IS	MGPOX	617455720	0.75	0.71

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 Trustees 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.

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Morningstar Overall Rating

### CLASS I SHARES

Out of 399 Funds. Based on Risk Adjusted Return.  
Class I Shares: 3yr. rating 4 Stars; 5yr. rating 4 Stars;  
10yr. rating 4 Stars.

Morningstar Category: World Allocation

Lipper Category: Flexible Portfolio

### Morningstar Rankings - Class I

	PERCENTILE	RANK/TOTAL IN CATEGORY
1 YR	35	196/471
3 YR	24	117/399
5 YR	24	87/342
10 YR	14	32/207

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

### Fund Facts

Inception date	December 31, 1992
Total net assets	\$ 362.34 million
Primary benchmark <sup>1</sup>	MSCI All Country World Index
Custom benchmark <sup>2</sup>	Blended Index
Distribution frequency	Annually

### Statistics (3 Year Annualized)

	CLASS I
Excess return (versus Custom Benchmark)	-1.84
Excess return (versus Primary Benchmark)	-2.48
Information ratio <sup>3</sup>	-0.89
Tracking error (%) <sup>3</sup>	2.07

### Asset Allocation(%)

	PORTFOLIO	ACTIVE WT
Global Equities	61.23	1.23
Global Fixed Income	33.54	-6.46
Commodities	2.22	2.22
Cash	3.02	3.02

### Regional Allocation (% Net of Cash)

	EQUITIES	FIXED INCOME
North America	37.65	11.50
Europe	10.27	9.51
Asia ex-Japan	2.00	1.21
Japan	4.07	4.12
Emerging Markets	7.23	7.20

### Currency Exposure(%)#

	FUND
<b>Developed Markets</b>	<b>92.24</b>
North America	52.39
Europe	24.91
Asia ex-Japan	4.20
Japan	10.75
<b>Emerging Markets</b>	<b>7.76</b>

# May not sum to 100% due to rounding.

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**DEFINITIONS:** **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. **Tracking error** is the amount by which the performance of the portfolio differs from that of the benchmark.

**INDEX INFORMATION:** <sup>(1)</sup> **The MSCI All Country World Index (ACWI)** is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index designed to measure the equity market performance of developed and emerging markets. 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 performance of the Index is listed in U.S. dollars and assumes reinvestment of net dividends.

<sup>(2)</sup> Effective May 31, 2017 - The composition of the Customized Morgan Stanley Investment Management ("MSIM") Global Allocation Index, the secondary benchmark index of the Portfolio, has changed from 60% MSCI All Country World Index, 30% Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Bond Index, 5% S&P GSCI Light Energy Index and 5% ICE BofAML US Dollar 1-Month LIBID Average Index to 60% MSCI All Country World Index and 40% Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Bond Index.

The Blended Index performance is a performance-linked benchmark of the old and new benchmark of the Portfolio, the old represented by 60% MSCI All-Country World Index, 30% Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Bond Index, 5% S&P GSCI Light Energy Index and 5% ICE BofAML US Dollar 1-Month LIBID Average Index from inception through May 31, 2017, and the new Blended Index which consists of 60% MSCI All-Country World Index and 40% Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Bond Index for periods thereafter.

<sup>(3)</sup> Calculated using the Portfolio's Blended Index, as this is a better representation of the Portfolio's global multi-asset strategy. Indexes are unmanaged and do not include any expenses, fees or sales charges. It is not possible to invest directly in an index.

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commodity index-linked structured notes or a wholly-owned foreign subsidiary that invests in commodity-linked instruments are "qualifying income" for purposes of compliance with Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). The Portfolio has not received such a private letter ruling, and is not able to rely on private letter rulings issued to other taxpayers. If the Portfolio failed to qualify as a regulated investment company, it would be subject to federal and state income tax on all of its taxable income at regular corporate tax rates with no deduction for any distributions paid to shareholders, which would significantly adversely affect the returns to, and could cause substantial losses for, Portfolio shareholders.

**Morningstar:** Rankings and/or ratings as of June 30, 2020. **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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