

MORGAN STANLEY INSTITUTIONAL FUND TRUST (MSIFT)

# Corporate Bond Portfolio



**OVERALL MORNINGSTAR RATING™ FOR CLASS I**

Out of 193 Funds. Based on Risk Adjusted Return. Class I Shares: 3 yr. rating 2 Stars (out of 193 funds); 5 yr. rating 2 Stars (out of 170 funds); 10 yr. rating 5 Stars (out of 99 funds). See next page for more information.

**SYMBOLS**

Class A	MIGAX
Class C	MSBOX
Class I	MPFDX

## A Value-Driven Approach to Credit

The fund aims to provide greater income potential relative to treasuries through a diversified portfolio of primarily investment grade bonds. Our philosophy reflects a long-term, active, value-driven style to investing that focuses on maximizing risk adjusted returns. We look to add value by identifying inaccurate market forecasts and position the portfolio to exploit the value inherent in these opportunities.

### 1 Active Approach

Investment process blends top-down sector views with rigorous bottom-up credit analysis. While predominately comprised of U.S. investment grade corporate bonds, the fund opportunistically invests in off index sectors to help diversify alpha sources.

### 2 Diversified Portfolio<sup>1</sup>

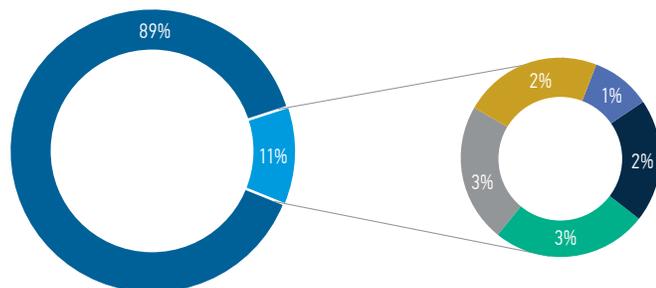
Our value-driven style is rooted in the belief that diversification can help mitigate idiosyncratic risk, an approach that has historically resulted in strong-risk adjusted returns.

### 3 Global Team Resources

Portfolio managers average 26 years of experience in the corporate bond markets, with the expertise of a globally integrated, long-tenured team located in New York, Singapore and Tokyo.

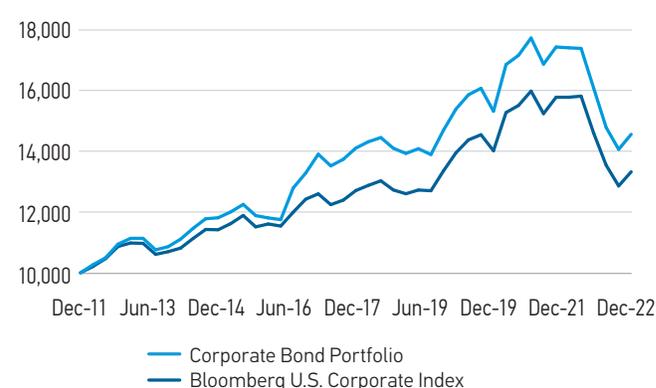
## Small Allocations to Off-Index Sectors have Historically Resulted in Strong Performance

Portfolio sector composition as of December 31, 2022



- Investment Grade Corporates
- Off-Index Sectors
- CMBS
- Convertible Bonds
- Emerging Market Corporates & Quasi Sovereign
- High Yield Corporates
- Cash & Equivalents

Growth of \$10,000 (December 31, 2011 - December 31, 2022, Class I Shares)<sup>2</sup>

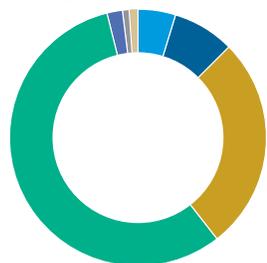


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<sup>1</sup> Diversification neither assures a profit nor guarantees against loss in a declining market

<sup>2</sup> Prior to December 20, 2011 the fund followed a core strategy benchmarked against the Bloomberg Aggregate Index and invested in the government, corporate and mortgage sectors. Data shown represents performance since that strategy change.

## Quality Distribution (% of Total Net Assets)\*



\* May not sum to 100% due to rounding.

\*\* Not rated includes not rated corporate bonds and derivatives such as FX or CDX.

## Investment Performance – Class I (% net of fees)

	CUMULATIVE (%)			ANNUALIZED (% P.A.)			
	4Q22	YTD	1 YR	3 YR	5 YR	10 YR	INCEPTION
<b>MSIFT Corporate Bond Portfolio</b>	3.53	-16.28	-16.28	-3.25	0.15	2.72	5.50
<b>Bloomberg U.S. Corporate Index</b>	3.63	-15.76	-15.76	-2.88	0.45	1.96	5.90

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## FUND

AAA	4.92
AA	7.71
A	27.02
BBB	56.59
BB	2.05
Not Rated**	0.72
Cash	0.98

## Portfolio Characteristics – Class I

As of December 31, 2022

<b>SEC 30-day Yield (Class I)</b>	5.18%/4.96%
<b>Subsidized/Unsubsidized</b>	
<b>Duration (Port/Index)</b>	6.66/7.14 years
<b>Option-Adjusted Spread (Port/Index)</b>	199/123

## Investment Team

**JOSEPH MEHLMAN**, *Managing Director*

*Joined the firm in 2002, with 21 years of financial industry experience.*

**ANGIE SALAM**, *Executive Director*

*Joined the firm in 2019, with 23 years of financial industry experience.*

**STELLA MA**, *Vice President*

*Joined the firm in 2016, with 7 years of industry experience*

Effective July 31, 2022, Stella Ma was added as portfolio manager on the Portfolio.

Team members may change, without notice, from time to time.

(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. **Fixed-income securities** are subject to the ability of an issuer to make timely principal and interest payments (**credit risk**), changes in interest rates (**interest-rate risk**), the creditworthiness of the issuer and general market liquidity (**market risk**). In a rising interest-rate environment, bond prices may fall and may result in periods of volatility and increased portfolio redemptions. In a declining interest-rate environment, the portfolio may generate less income. **Longer-term securities** may be more sensitive to interest rate changes. **Derivative instruments** may disproportionately increase losses and have a significant impact on performance. They also may be subject to counterparty, liquidity, valuation, correlation and market risks. **Illiquid securities** may be more difficult to sell and value than publicly traded securities (liquidity risk). **Portfolio Turnover** consistent with its investment policies, the Fund will purchase and sell securities without regard to the effect on portfolio turnover. Higher portfolio turnover will cause the Fund to incur additional transaction costs. **Foreign Currency** the Fund's investments in foreign securities may be denominated in foreign currencies. The value of foreign currencies may fluctuate relative to the value of the U.S. dollar. Since the Fund may invest in such non-U.S. dollar-denominated securities, changes in currency exchange rates can increase or decrease the U.S. dollar value of the Fund's assets. Currency exchange rates may fluctuate significantly over short periods of time. Devaluation of a currency by a country's government or banking authority also will have a significant impact on the value of any investments denominated in that currency.

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