

Quarterly International Equity Team Spotlight

ACTIVE FUNDAMENTAL EQUITY | INTERNATIONAL EQUITY TEAM | SPOTLIGHT | DECEMBER 31, 2018

TEAM OVERVIEW: The International Equity Team believes that the best route to long-term returns is through compounding and capital preservation. A consistent, bottom-up investment process based on fundamental company analysis and long-term focus on quality and value has underpinned the team's investment approach since 1986. The highly experienced team is led by William Lock.

Morgan Stanley Institutional Funds - I Shares

PRODUCT	GLOBAL FRANCHISE	GLOBAL SUSTAIN ^A	INTERNATIONAL EQUITY	
Share Class Ticker (I A C IS)	MSFAX MSFBX* MSGFX* MGISX	MGQIX MGQAX MSGQX MGQSX	MSIQX MIQBX MSECX MIQPX	
Investment Focus	High-quality companies	High-quality companies	Quality with a value bias	
Portfolio Construction	Concentrated: target 100% compounders ¹	Concentrated: target 100% compounders ¹	Diversified: approximately 40-60% compounders ¹	
Turnover Range ²	Approximately 20% per year	Approximately 20-30%	Approximately 25-35%	
Philosophy/Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No compromise in quality criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimal cyclical Minimal capital intensity Dividend obligatory Management looking to sustain high returns ESG integrated 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some flexibility: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moderate cyclical Moderate capital intensity Dividend not obligatory Management looking to sustain high returns ESG integrated 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Less constrained: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> More cyclical, leverage and capital intensity More value opportunities Management looking to improve returns (if low) and sustain them (if high) ESG integrated 	
Fund AUM (\$MM)	\$1,335	\$16	\$2,441	
Strategy AUM (\$MM)	\$18,887	\$38	\$10,012	
Advisory Fee	0.78%	0.70%	0.80%	
Expense Ratio ³	Gross: 0.98% Net: 0.98%	Gross: 3.44% Net: 0.90%	Gross: 0.99% Net: 0.95%	
Fund Inception Date	11/28/2001	8/30/2013	8/4/1989	
Strategy Inception Date	3/31/1996	6/30/2013	9/30/1986	
Benchmark	MSCI World (Net) Index	MSCI World (Net) Index	MSCI EAFE Index	
Morningstar Category	World Large Stock	World Large Stock	Foreign Large Blend	
Morningstar Overall Rating™ (# of funds) ⁴	★★★★★ (728 Funds)	★★★★★ (728 Funds)	★★★ (635 Funds)	
Characteristics				
		FUND BENCHMARK	FUND BENCHMARK	
Number of holdings:	29	1,633	55	920
P/E (NTM): ⁵	18.96	13.47	13.12	11.86
Free Cash Flow Yield (NTM):	5.06	6.27	6.13	6.72
Active share:	92.83	-	82.89	-
Annualized performance (%)				
4Q18:	-9.13	-13.42	-12.62	-12.54
YTD:	-1.50	-8.71	-13.80	-13.79
1 yr:	-1.50	-8.71	-13.80	-13.79
3 yrs:	9.40	6.30	1.88	2.87
5 yrs:	7.89	4.56	-0.07	0.53
10 yrs:	12.57	9.67	5.51	6.32
Since inception:	10.73	5.89	7.75	4.13
Risk Statistics (3 years)				
Beta:	0.71	-	0.88	-
Standard deviation:	9.69	10.53	10.99	11.40
Sharpe ratio:	0.87	0.50	0.08	0.17
Tracking error:	6.81	-	4.61	-

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Source: FactSet Research Systems Inc.; Morgan Stanley Investment Management

All data shown as of December 31, 2018, unless otherwise noted. ^AMSIF Global Quality Portfolio changed to MSIF Global Sustain Portfolio effective April 30, 2018.

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* On September 30, 2015, the Fund recommenced offering Class A shares (MSFBX) to new investors and launched Class C shares.

¹ Companies that have the potential to deliver steady earnings and dividend growth with minimal capital intensity while maintaining or growing high ROOCE.

² Information provided represents a typical range, not a maximum number. The portfolio may exceed this from time to time due to market conditions and outstanding trades.

³ 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 Directors 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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⁴ **International Equity:** Class I Shares 3 year 3 Stars out of 635 funds, 5 year 3 Stars out of 506 funds, 10 Year 3 Stars out of 379 funds. **Global Franchise:** Class I Shares 3 year 5 Stars out of 728 funds, 5 year 5 Stars out of 617 funds, 10 year 5 Stars out of 359 funds. **Global Sustain:** Class I Shares 3 year 5 Stars out of 728 funds, 5 year 5 Stars out of 617 funds. Effective May 1, 2017, the World Stock U.S. Morningstar Category split into the World Large Stock and World Small/Mid Stock Categories.

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⁵ NTM = Next Twelve Months

DEFINITIONS: Return On Operating Capital Employed (ROOCE) is a ratio indicating the efficiency and profitability of a company's trade working capital. Calculated as: earnings before interest and taxes/property, plant and equipment plus trade working capital (ex-financials and excluding goodwill).

Price-Earnings Ratio (P/E) is a valuation ratio of a company's current share price compared to its per-share earnings. Calculated as Market Value per Share / Earnings per Share. The forecasts in this

piece are not necessarily those of Morgan Stanley, and may not actually come to pass. **Active share** is the fraction of the portfolio or fund that is invested differently than its benchmark. A portfolio with a high degree of Active share does not assure a fund's relative outperformance. Active Share calculation may consolidate holdings with the same economic exposure. **Beta** is a measure of the volatility, or systematic risk, of a security or a portfolio in comparison to the market as a whole. **Standard deviation** measures how widely individual performance returns, within a performance series, are dispersed from the average or mean value. **Sharpe ratio** is a measure of reward per unit of risk. A higher Sharpe ratio indicates better historical risk-adjusted performance. **Tracking error** is the amount by which the performance of the portfolio differs from that of the benchmark. The **MSCI EAFE Index** (Europe, Australasia, Far East) is a free float-adjusted market-capitalization index that is designed to measure the international equity market performance of developed markets, excluding the US & Canada. The **MSCI World Index** is a free float adjusted market-capitalization-weighted index that is designed to measure the global equity market performance of developed 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 indices is listed in U.S. dollars and assumes reinvestment of net dividends. The indices do not include any expenses, fees or sales charges, which would lower performance. The indices are unmanaged and should not be considered an investment. It is not possible to invest directly in an index.

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Please consider the investment objective, risks, charges and expenses of the fund carefully before investing. The prospectus contains this and other information about the fund. To obtain a prospectus, download one at morganstanley.com/im or call 1-800-548-7786. Please read the prospectus carefully before investing.

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