

## Morgan Stanley Institutional Fund

## Global Concentrated Portfolio

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## Performance Review

In the quarter period ending September 30, 2024, the Portfolio's I shares returned 3.51% (net of fees)<sup>1</sup>, while the benchmark returned 6.36%.

As a core portfolio, Global Concentrated attempts to tilt toward the style of stock exposure (growth, value, defensive) that offers the best opportunity in each geographic region within the context of a 20-stock portfolio. With a limited number of stocks, diversification<sup>2</sup> among positions is a critical component of risk control.

Following are the most significant performance drivers relative to the MSCI World Index benchmark for the third quarter of 2024:

1. Stock Selection:
  - a. CRH (7.2% of the portfolio)<sup>3</sup> returned +24% in the quarter, adding +1.1%.
  - b. Progressive (7.3% of the portfolio)<sup>3</sup> returned +24% in the quarter, adding +1.1%.
  - c. United Rentals (5.5% of the portfolio)<sup>3</sup> returned +26% in the quarter, adding +0.9%.
  - d. Ferrari (6.3% of the portfolio)<sup>3</sup> returned +15% in the quarter, adding +0.5%.
  - e. Novo Nordisk (4.5% of the portfolio)<sup>3</sup> returned -17% in the quarter, detracting -1.3%.
  - f. LPL Financial (2.3% of the portfolio)<sup>3</sup> returned -17% in the quarter, detracting -1.2%.
  - g. Microsoft (7.6% of the portfolio)<sup>3</sup> returned -4% in the quarter, detracting -1.0%.
  - h. NVIDIA (9.3% of the portfolio)<sup>3</sup> returned -2% in the quarter, detracting -0.8%.
  - i. Mitsui (4.1% of the portfolio)<sup>3</sup> returned -3% in the quarter, detracting -0.6%.
2. Geographic Exposures:
  - a. Geographic decisions had no material impact on performance for the quarter.
3. Style Exposures:
  - a. An overweight to higher beta stocks in Asia ex Japan added +0.9%.
  - b. An overweight to high momentum stocks in Asia ex Japan added +0.7%.
  - c. An overweight to high momentum stocks in the U.S. added +0.5%.
  - d. An overweight to high quality stocks in Asia ex Japan added +0.5%.
  - e. An overweight to high quality stocks in the U.S. detracted -0.5%.
  - f. An underweight to high dividend-yielding stocks in the U.S. cost -0.5%.
4. Sector exposures:
  - a. An overweight to technology in Asia ex Japan added +1.2%.
  - b. An overweight to financials in the U.S. added +0.6%.

**Past performance is no guarantee of future results. The attribution is presented gross of fees. Had these fees and expenses been deducted, returns would be lower. See the next page for performance.**

<sup>1</sup> Source: Morgan Stanley Investment Management. Data as of September 30, 2024. Performance for other share classes will vary.

<sup>2</sup> Diversification neither assures a profit nor guarantees against loss in a declining market.

<sup>3</sup> Holdings data as of September 30, 2024.

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## Strategy and Outlook

1. We remain of the belief that the S&P 500 Index is likely to end the year closer to 6,000.
2. We would expect the rally to continue into 2025 given the cash on the sidelines.
3. The sunseting of the tax code could cause more gain realizations in the second half of 2025.
4. While "a broadening rally" has been predicted for the last few years, it's finally happening. We expect this to be good for stocks beyond mega-caps.
5. A weakening dollar and China stimulus might actually allow international stocks to be competitive with U.S. ones.

How our portfolios are positioned:

1. We continue to like a balance between growth and value stocks.
2. We remain underweight in the defensive sectors.

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## Fund Facts

Inception Date	May 27, 2016
Minimum Initial Investment (\$)*	A Shares - 1,000
	I Shares - 1,000,000
Benchmark	MSCI World Net Index
Class I expense ratio	<b>Gross 1.12 %</b>
	<b>Net 1.00 %</b>
Class A expense ratio	<b>Gross 1.41 %</b>
	<b>Net 1.35 %</b>

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, in effect as of the date of this commentary. For information on the applicable fund's current fees and expenses, please see the fund's current prospectus.

## Performance (%)

As of September 30, 2024	MTD	QTD	YTD	1 YR	3 YR	5 YR	10 YR	SINCE INCEPTION
Class I Shares at NAV	-0.30	3.51	31.81	49.14	9.34	14.25	--	11.69
Class A Shares at NAV	-0.30	3.47	31.54	48.68	9.02	13.91	--	11.33
Class A Shares (With Max 5.25% Sales Charge)	-5.55	-1.96	24.62	40.89	7.08	12.69	--	10.62
MSCI World Net Index	1.83	6.36	18.86	32.43	9.08	13.04	--	11.92

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](https://morganstanley.com/im). Investment returns and principal value will fluctuate and fund shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost.

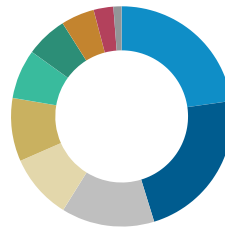
Returns are net of fees and assume the reinvestment of all dividends and income. They are compared to an unmanaged market index. Returns for less than one year are cumulative (not annualized). Performance for one year or more is based on average annual total returns. The returns are reported for Class I and A shares. Performance for other share classes will vary.

\* Share class availability may vary by platform. For more information, please visit the specified fund page on the website.

### Top Holdings (% of Total Net Assets)

	FUND	INDEX
NVIDIA Corp	9.34	4.27
Microsoft Corp	7.59	4.34
Progressive Corp	7.36	0.21
CRH Plc	7.18	0.09
Ferrari NV	6.31	0.08
Costco Wholesale Corp	6.11	0.56
Taiwan Semiconductor Mfg Co. Ltd	5.62	--
United Rentals Inc	5.46	0.08
Ameriprise Financial Inc	5.19	0.07
Eli Lilly & Co.	5.09	1.02
<b>Total</b>	<b>65.25</b>	<b>--</b>

### Sector Allocation (% of Total Net Assets)



	FUND	INDEX
Financials	22.80	15.43
Information Technology	22.54	24.77
Industrials	13.62	11.10
Health Care	9.55	11.71
Materials	9.31	3.77
Consumer Discretionary	7.27	10.25
Consumer Staples	6.11	6.49
Communication Services	4.87	7.55
Utilities	2.91	2.70
Energy	--	3.91
Real Estate	--	2.31
Cash	1.18	--

^ May not sum to 100% due to rounding.

### INDEX INFORMATION

The **MSCI World Net 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 Index is listed in U.S. dollars and assumes reinvestment of net dividends.

The **Standard & Poor's 500® Index (S&P 500®)** measures the performance of the large cap segment of the U.S. equities market, covering approximately 80% of the U.S. equities market. The Index includes 500 leading companies in leading industries of the U.S. economy.

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