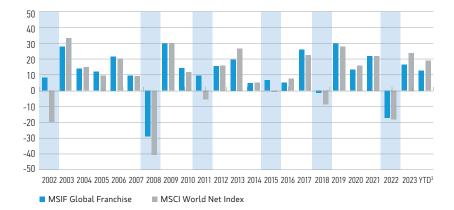


# The Importance of Quality

The team believes the best way to compound shareholder wealth over time is to invest in high quality companies run by high quality management teams, purchased at the right price. The economic robustness of quality companies helps to deliver returns when you need them most, namely during challenging market environments. This is important because the key to compounding shareholder wealth is to avoid the permanent loss of capital.

# Attractive Absolute Returns while Seeking to Manage Downside Risk Global Franchise Portfolio Calendar Year Returns<sup>2</sup>

(% Net of Fees) Class I Shares – USD Since inception on November 28, 2001



 $^1$ Morningstar Ratings: Overall Rating based on risk-adjusted return, out of 328 funds as of 09/30/2024 in the Global Large-Stock Blend Category – Class I shares. Ratings: 3 Year 3 stars (328 funds), 5 Year 3 stars (297 funds), 10 Year 5 stars (196 funds).

#### **SYMBOLS**

Class A	MSFBX	
Class C	MSGFX	
Class I	MSFAX	
Class R6	MGISX	

## **MSIF Global Franchise Portfolio**

**High Quality Focus** 

With a focus on compounders—those companies with the ability to consistently compound shareholder wealth over the long term—and on managing downside portfolio risk, the MSIF Global Franchise Portfolio has offered strong performance and risk characteristics for over 20 years.

**Powerful Brands** 

The team seeks high quality companies built on hard-to-replicate intangible assets, such as familiar brands, licenses and networks — household names that are part of people's everyday lives. These companies often have recurring revenues that underpin sustainability and resilience, as well as strong management teams that allocate capital efficiently.

**Strong Defense** 

The Portfolio has a history of reduced downside participation in weak markets, providing performance when it is needed most: e.g., the DotCom collapse, the Credit Crisis, the Sovereign Debt Crisis. Since inception, the Portfolio has returned 11.11% for 313 bps of outperformance versus the index.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Source: Morgan Stanley Investment Management. The portfolio results shown are for Class I shares and are net of investment advisory/management fees, are quoted in U.S.\$ and include the reinvestment of dividends and income. The comparison index is the MSCI World Index with Net dividends reinvested. 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. See next page for standardized performance.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Source: Morgan Stanley Investment Management, as of September 30, 2024.

#### **High Conviction Approach**

Top Ten Holdings (September 30, 2024)

SECURITY NAME	INTANGIBLE ASSETS	COUNTRY	(%)
Microsoft	Office, Windows, Xbox, Skype, Azure, Office365	United States	7.6
SAP	SAP, HANA, Concur, Ariba, SuccessFactors	Germany	6.9
VISA	Visa, Visa Direct	United States	5.5
Accenture	Accenture, Avanade, Fjord, Accenture Interactive	United States	4.0
Aon	Aon	United States	3.5
L'Oréal	L'Oréal Paris, Lancôme, Kiehl's, YSL Beauté, Maybelline, Garnier	France	3.3
UnitedHealth Group	Optum, UnitedHealthcare	United States	3.2
Intercontinental Exchange	ICE, NYSE, Encompass	United States	3.2
RELX	Elsevier, Lexis Nexis Risk Solutions, Reed Business Information, Reed Exhibitions	United Kingdom	3.2
Becton Dickinson	BD	United States	3.1
Total			43.4

#### History of Outperformance Particularly in Down Markets

Rolling 5-Year Periods vs. MSCI World Net Index (Since Inception through September 30, 2024)



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

Annualized Total Return (Periods ending September 30, 2024)

		1	5	10	SINCE INCEPTION
	3Q24 <sup>4</sup>	YEAR	YEAR	YEAR	(11/28/2001)
MSIF Global Franchise	9.56	23.40	9.90	10.60	11.11
MSCI World Net Index	6.36	32.43	13.04	10.07	7.98

#### <sup>4</sup> Cumulative return.

Source: Morgan Stanley Investment Management. Top 10 Holdings are provided for illustrative purposes only and should not be deemed as a recommendation to buy or sell the securities mentioned. Holdings are dated and subject to change daily.

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The gross expense ratio is **0.92**% for Class I shares and the net expense ratio is **0.92**%. Expenses are based on the fund's current prospectus, in effect as of the date of this material. For information on the applicable fund's current fees and expenses, please see the fund's current prospectus. The minimum initial investment is \$1,000,000 for Class I shares. Performance, expenses, and minimums for other share classes will vary.

**DEFINITIONS:** 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 Index is listed in U.S. dollars and assumes reinvestment of net dividends. The index is unmanaged and does not include any expenses, fees or sales charges. It is not possible to invest directly in an index. Any index referred to herein is the intellectual property (including registered trademarks) of the applicable licensor.

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