## Morgan Stanley

**INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT** 

## **Quarterly Applied Equity Advisors Team Spotlight**

APPLIED EQUITY ADVISORS TEAM | SPOTLIGHT | JUNE 30, 2025

**TEAM OVERVIEW**: The Applied Equity Advisors team is led by Andrew Slimmon and is an unconstrained, flexible global manager seeking to drive consistent excess returns with at-market risk regardless of style or regional market leadership. The process begins with quantitative factor timing models to determine desired style and regional positioning to attempt to capture excess returns at the market factor level before employing stock selection to attempt to deliver alpha at the individual stock level. Stock selection integrates a non-binding sustainability analysis of individual stocks, inclusive of environmental; social and human capital; and business model, innovation, leadership and governance ("ESG") issues.

| PRODUCT                                      | MSIF GLOBAL CONCENTRATED PORTFOLIO   |        | MSIF GLOBAL CORE PORTFOLIO           |        | MSIF US CORE PORTFOLIO               |          |
|--|--------------------------------------|--------|--------------------------------------|--------|--------------------------------------|----------|
| Investment Style                             | Core Equity                          |        | Core Equity                          |        | Core Equity                          |          |
| Share Class: Ticker                          | I: MLNIX A: MLNAX C: MLNCX R6: MLNSX |        | I: MLMIX A: MLMAX C: MLMCX R6: MLMSX |        | I: MUOIX A: MUOAX C: MUOCX R6: MUOSX |          |
| Fund Inception Date                          | May 27, 2016                         |        | May 27, 2016                         |        | May 27, 2016                         |          |
| Benchmark                                    | MSCI World Net Index                 |        | MSCI World Net Index                 |        | S&P 500 Total Return Index           |          |
| Market Capitalization                        | Large                                |        | Large                                |        | Large                                |          |
| Investment Universe                          | MSCI World/Russell 3000              |        | MSCI World/Russell 3000              |        | Russell 3000                         |          |
| Expense Ratio                                | Gross 1.06%   Net 1.00%              |        | Gross 1.72%   Net 1.00%              |        | Gross 0.84%   Net 0.80%              |          |
| Advisory Fee                                 | 0.75%                                |        | 0.75%                                |        | 0.60%                                |          |
| Morningstar Category                         | Global Large-Stock Growth            |        | Global Large-Stock Growth            |        | Large Blend                          |          |
| Investment Performance<br>(% net of fees)    | Class I Shares                       | Index  | Class I Shares                       | Index  | Class I Shares                       | Index    |
| 3 Months                                     | 13.55                                | 11.47  | 10.71                                | 11.47  | 11.33                                | 10.94    |
| YTD  | 11.56                                | 9.47   | 7.39                                 | 9.47   | 6.48                                 | 6.20     |
| 1 YR   | 16.44                                | 16.26  | 13.69                                | 16.26  | 11.69                                | 15.16    |
| 3 YR   | 22.08                                | 18.31  | 18.09                                | 18.31  | 18.04                                | 19.71    |
| 5 YR   | 15.87                                | 14.55  | 13.74                                | 14.55  | 17.29                                | 16.64    |
| INCEPTION                                    | 12.12                                | 11.98  | 10.36                                | 11.98  | 14.11                                | 14.63    |
| Characteristics                              | Fund                                 | Index  | Fund                                 | Index  | Fund                                 | Index    |
| Active share (%)                             | 85.34                                |        | 73.90                                |        | 62.67                                |          |
| Number of holdings                           | 20                                   | 1,325  | 43                                   | 1,325  | 32                                   | 504      |
| Price/earnings (NTM) <sup>1</sup>            | 22.95                                | 19.76  | 22.11                                | 19.76  | 26.04                                | 23.14    |
| Turnover (%) <sup>2</sup>                    | 43                                   |        | 39                                   |        | 32                                   |          |
| Weighted average market capitalization (\$B) | 915.02                               | 816.68 | 911.51                               | 816.68 | 1,302,39                             | 1,145,01 |

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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 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.

The minimum initial investment may be waived in certain situations. Please see the Fund's prospectus for additional information.

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Source: FactSet Research Systems Inc.; Morgan Stanley Investment Management. All data shown as of June 30, 2025, unless otherwise noted.

<sup>1</sup> NTM = Next Twelve Months.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Turnover is sourced from the fund's current prospectus.

**DEFINITIONS: Active share** is the fraction of the portfolio or fund that is invested differently than its benchmark as of the last day of the reporting period. **Price/earnings (NTM)** This forward P/E ratio estimates a company's likely earnings per share for the next 12 months. **R squared** measures how well an investment's returns correlate to an index. **Weighted average market capitalization** is an average of the market capitalization of stocks held by a portfolio or comprising an index, adjusted by each stock's corresponding weight in the portfolio or index.

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or investments are in or out of favor in the market. As a result, there is no assurance ESG strategies could result

in more favorable investment performance.

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 (which includes the applicable fund's current fees and expenses, if different from those in effect as of the date of this material), download one at morganstanley.com/im or call 1-800-548-7786. Please read the prospectus carefully before investing.

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