As of 30 September 2023

# Fact Sheet

# MFS Meridian® Funds Emerging Markets Debt Fund



Investment in the fund may involve a high degree of risk and may not be suitable for all investors. Past performance does not predict future returns and your capital is at risk. The value of the fund can be volatile and could decrease substantially in a short period of time. Investors should consider the risks, including lower returns, related to currency movements between their investing currency and the portfolio's base currency, if different. Investors should not rely on this document alone to make investment decisions and the sales prospectus and KIIDs should be carefully considered before making any investment in the fund. The fund specific risks include: bond risk, emerging markets risk, derivatives risk and high yield risk. These relevant risks, as associated with this fund, are highlighted and defined at the end of this document.

# Investment team

# Portfolio Managers Neeraj Arora, CFA

- 12 years with MFS
- 18 years in industry

#### Ward Brown, CFA, Ph.D.

- 18 years with MFS
- 28 years in industry

# Matt Ryan, CFA

- 26 years with MFS
- 37 years in industry

### Institutional Portfolio Manager\*\* Katrina Uzun

- 5 years with MFS
- 22 years in industry

Effective April 30, 2024, Matt Ryan will no longer manage the portfolio.

#### Fund benchmark

JPMorgan Emerging Markets Bond Index Global Diversified

- Short positions, unlike long positions, lose value if the underlying asset gains value.
- \*\* Advises and communicates on the management of the portfolio, but is not responsible for day-to-day management. Top holdings, portfolio characteristics and weightings do not reflect the effect of exposure/weightings for hedging of hedged share classes. Full holdings and net assets do reflect this hedging. Portfolio characteristics are based on equivalent exposure, which measures how a portfolio's value would change due to price changes in an asset held either directly or, in the case of a derivative contract, indirectly. The market value of the holding may differ. The portfolio is actively managed, and current holdings may be different. MFS Meridian Funds from time to time may be registered for sale in other jurisdictions or otherwise offered where

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registration is not required.

Focuses primarily on US dollar-denominated sovereign/quasi-sovereign debt issued by emerging market countries, with the flexibility to invest in local currency debt, including emerging market currencies; the fund may also invest in corporate debt issued by companies located in emerging market countries. Key Points:

- Research-intensive approach focuses on outperformance through country and security selection, with an emphasis on managing downside risk
- Seeks to manage volatility and preserve flexibility through diversification and liquid holdings
- Team experience and continuity: Portfolio manager in place since 1998; Portfolio management team together since 2005

# Portfolio structure (%)

■ Bonds (103.3)

Cash & Cash Equivalents (6.6)



#### Stocks (-0.2%)

-9.7% Other. Other consists of: (i) currency derivatives and/or (ii) any derivative offsets.

# Top 10 holdings

UST Bond 10Yr Future DEC 19 23

UST Bond 5Yr Future DEC 29 23

UST 10Yr Ultra Bond Future DEC 19 23

UST Bond 30Yr Future DEC 19 23

Oman Government International Bond RegS 7% JAN 25 51
Oman Government International Bond RegS 6.75% JAN 17
48

Dominican Republic International Bond RegS 4.875% SEP 23.32

Angolan Government International Bond RegS 9.125% NOV 26 49

US Treasury Bond 2.5% FEB 15 46

Paraguay Government International Bond RegS 5.4% MAR  $30\,50$ 

17.2% of total net assets

# Top 10 EM countries (%)

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Mexico	7.8
India	5.0
Chile	4.4
Turkey	4.1
Saudi Arabia	3.9
Oman	3.7
Brazil	3.6
Dominican Republic	3.5
Indonesia	3.1
United Arab Emirates	2.9

# Top currency weights (%)

United States Dollar	97.5
Brazilian Real	0.7
Uruguay Peso	0.7
Mexican Peso	0.5
Turkish Lira	0.5
Chinese Renminbi	0.3
Peruvian Sol	0.2
British Pound Sterling	0.1
Czech Koruna*	-0.0
Chinese Yuan Offshore (HK)*	-0.3

# Portfolio facts

Net Assets (USD)	2.1 billion
Number of Issues	430
Number of Issuers	209
Avg. Eff. Maturity	11.4 years
Avg. Eff. Duration	6.7 years
Yield to Maturity	8.3%
Yield to Worst	8.3%

# Growth of a \$10,000 investment over 10 years and 1 year at NAV (%) as of 30-Sep-23 $\,$

- Class A2USD Shares
- JPMorgan Emerging Markets Bond Index Global Diversified



Fund returns assume the reinvestment of dividends and capital gain distributions but do not include a sales charge. Results would have been less favorable if the sales charge were included. This example is for illustrative purposes only and is not intended to represent the future performance of any MFS product. Past performance is not a reliable indicator for future results.

 $Please \, see \, reverse \, for \, complete \, performance \, information \, and \, important \, disclosures.$ 

# MFS Meridian® Funds - Emerging Markets Debt Fund

CALENDAR YEAR TOTAL RETURNS (%), NOT INCLUDING SALES CHARGE A2USD^										
	'13	'14	'15	'16	'17	'18	'19	'20	'21	'22
Fund	-6.74	3.84	-1.35	8.90	8.89	-5.68	13.31	7.05	-2.99	-15.85
Benchmark	-5.25	7.43	1.18	10.15	10.26	-4.26	15.04	5.26	-1.80	-17.78

ANNUALIZED RETURNS AT NAV (%) ^								SHARE CLASS INFORMATION					
Class	Ongoing Charges (%)†	Start of Class Perf. Record	10 yr	5 yr	3 yr	1 yr	YTD	Distribution Rate (%)	Sedol	WKN	ISIN	CUSIP	Bloomberg
A1EUR	1.52	27-Sep-05	3.95	1.44	-1.13	1.32	1.63	-	B08NDM3	A0F4W2	LU0219422606	L6365P115	MEMDAE1 LX
A2USD	1.52	30-Jun-99	1.38	-0.40	-4.46	9.19	0.40	5.50	7046290	625765	LU0125948280	L63653122	MFSEDA2 LX
AH1EUR <sup>2</sup>	1.55	02-Feb-11	-0.32	-2.58	-6.18	6.37	-1.41	-	B45FCX4	A1H6RG	LU0583240519	L6366G106	MFSEAH1 LX
I1USD	0.75	26-Sep-05	2.07	0.31	-3.74	9.99	0.97	_	B08NDS9	A0F49D	LU0219455952	L6365P156	MEMDIU1 LX
W1USD	0.90	08-Feb-10	1.92	0.17	-3.87	9.86	0.89	_	B5564Q1	A0YCTP	LU0458495388	L63667742	MEMDW1U LX
WH1EUR <sup>1,2</sup>	0.90	02-Feb-11	0.17	-1.93	-5.49	7.14	-0.61	_	BYZTTD5	A14180	LU1307987567	L6368T197	MEWH1EU LX
Benchmark: JPMorgan Emerging Markets Bond Index Global Diversified													
EUR			5.02	1.51	-1.26	1.80	2.58						
USD			2.47	-0.35	-4.56	10.01	1.76						

MIFID II PERFORMANCE STANDARD - 12 MONTH RATES OF TOTAL RETURN AT NAV (%) AS OF THE PERIOD ENDED									
	30-Sep-19	30-Sep-20	30-Sep-21	30-Sep-22	30-Sep-23				
A1EUR	16.01	-4.21	5.57	-9.64	1.32				
A2USD	9.07	3.06	4.53	-23.59	9.19				
AH1EUR	5.73	0.52	3.62	-25.07	6.37				
I1USD	9.75	3.74	5.32	-22.99	9.99				
W1USD	9.56	3.61	5.17	-23.12	9.86				
WH1EUR	6.14	1.23	4.07	-24.29	7.14				
Benchmark: JPMorgan Emerging Markets Bond Index Global Diversified									
EUR	18.87	-5.83	5.59	-10.43	1.80				
USD	11.57	1.29	4.36	-24.28	10.01				

Past performance is not a reliable indicator for future results. All financial investments involve an element of risk. The value of investments may rise and fall so you may get back less than originally invested.

Investors should consider the risks, including lower returns, related to currency movements between their investing currency and the portfolio's base currency, if different.

Other share classes are available for which performance and expenses will differ. Returns would have been lower had sales charges, of up to 6% of the net asset value (NAV), or any commissions, fees or other charges that your financial intermediary may charge been reflected.

Please note that this is an actively managed product.

The Fund's benchmark is indicated for performance comparison only.

Performance results reflect ongoing charges and any applicable expense subsidies and waivers in effect during the periods shown. All historic results assume the reinvestment of dividends and capital gains.

The source for all fund data is MFS. Source for benchmark performance: SPAR, FactSet Research Systems Inc.

Fund Inception Date: 01 October 2002

- ^ Results represent the percent change in NAV.
  - Periods less than one year are actual not annualized.
- Ongoing charges are expressed at an annual rate as a percentage of net assets and are based on expenses for the semi-annual period ending July 31 or annual period ending January 31. For a Class with less than the full period of data available, or where an adjustment is necessary to reflect current charges, the ongoing charges figure is an estimate. Ongoing charges may vary from year to year. Please see the KIID of the relevant Class for the most recent expense information.
- The MFS Meridian Funds offer several share classes each with different expenses. Performance reflects the performance of a relevant older class with the same currency until the actual start of class performance record of the class detailed. Performance for periods prior to that date may have been higher or lower had the actual share class fees and expenses been reflected.
- <sup>2</sup> Hedged share classes aim to reduce exchange rate and return fluctuations between the applicable non-base currency hedged share class and the unhedged base currency class of the fund. From time to time shareholder transactions in the share class could result in a gain or a loss, which could be significant, in the share class value

that is attributable to the adviser's hedging activities rather than to its investment management activities. Other share classes will not share in these gains or losses. Class I shares are only available to certain qualifying institutional investors.

Class W shares are available to discretionary portfolio management or independent advisory accounts, clients of financial intermediaries otherwise prohibited from receiving compensation from the Fund, and to employees of MFS and its affiliates.

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CREDIT QUALITY <sup>‡</sup> (% OF TOTAL NET ASSETS)	
U.S. Government	1.9
AA	2.7
A	9.2
BBB	23.5
BB	29.4
В	19.3
CCC and Below	6.1
Other Not Rated	11.1

Avg. credit quality: BB+

<sup>‡</sup> The Average Credit Quality (ACQR) is a market weighted average (using a linear scale) of securities included in the rating categories. For all securities other than those described below, ratings are assigned utilizing ratings from Moody's, Fitch, and Standard & Poor's and applying the following hierarchy: If all three agencies provide a rating, the consensus rating is assigned if applicable or the middle rating if not; if two of the three agencies rate a security, the lower of the two is assigned. If none of the 3 Rating Agencies above assign a rating, but the security is rated by DBRS Morningstar, then the DBRS Morningstar rating is assigned. If none of the 4 rating agencies listed above rate the security, but the security is rated by the Kroll Bond Rating Agency (KBRA), then the KBRA rating is assigned. Other Not Rated includes other fixed income securities not rated by any rating agency. Ratings are shown in the S&P and Fitch scale (e.g., AAA). All ratings are subject to change. The portfolio itself has not been rated by any rating agency. The credit quality of a particular security or group of securities does not ensure the stability or safety of an overall portfolio. The quality ratings of individual issues/issuers are provided to indicate the credit-worthiness of such issues/ issuer and generally range from AAA, Aaa, or AAA (highest) to D, C, or D (lowest) for S&P, Moody's, and Fitch respectively.

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# MFS Meridian® Funds - Emerging Markets Debt Fund

# TRAILING 3-YEAR RISK MEASURES VS. BENCHMARK (A2USD)

**Standard Deviation** 

10.08 vs. 10.20

**Standard Deviation** is an indicator of the portfolio's total return volatility, which is based on a minimum of 36 monthly returns. The larger the portfolio's standard deviation, the greater the portfolio's volatility.

RISK INDICATOR - CLASS A2USD									
<b>▲ Lower Risk</b> Higher Risk									
(typically lo	wer rewards)		(	typically high	er rewards)				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7			

The rating is based on past volatility of returns and may be different in the future or for other classes of the fund.

# See the fund's offering documents for more details, including information on fund risks and expenses.

The offering documents (sales prospectus and Key Information Documents (KIDs)), articles of incorporation and financial reports are available to investors at no cost in paper form or electronically at meridian.mfs.com, at the offices of the paying agent or representative in each jurisdiction or from your financial intermediary. KIDs are available in the following languages: Danish, Dutch, English, French, German, Italian, Norwegian, Portuguese, Spanish, and Swedish. The sales prospectus and other documents are available in English. For additional information, call 352.464.010.600 in Luxembourg or your local paying agent or representative. **Denmark:** Nordea Danmark, Filial af Nordea Bank Abp, Finland, Issuer Services, Securities Services, Hermes Hus, Helgeshøj Allé 33, Hoje Taastrup, DK-2630 Taastrup, Denmark. Tel: +45 33 33 33 Luxembourg: State Street Bank Luxembourg, 49 Avenue, J.F. Kennedy, L-1885 Luxembourg, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. Tel: 352.464.010.600 Netherlands: CACEIS Bank, Netherlands Branch, Gustav Mahlerlaan 310-B, 1082 ME Amsterdam, The Netherlands, Tel: +31-20-530-8300 Sweden: Securities Services, Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB, Global Funds, RA 6, Rissneleden 110, SE-106 40 Stockholm, Sweden. Tel: 46.8763.6906/5960 Ireland: Bridge Consulting Limited, Ferry House, 48-53 Mount Street Lower, Dublin 2, Ireland D02 PT98. Tel: +353 (0)1-566-9800 MFS Meridian Funds is an investment company with a variable capital established under Luxembourg law. MFS Investment Management Company (Lux) S.à.r.l. is the management company of the Funds, having its registered office at 4, Rue Albert Borschette, L-1246, Luxembourg, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg (Company No. B.76.467). The Management Company and the Funds have been duly authorised by

The funds have been registered with the Netherlands Authority for the Financial Markets referred to in Article 1:107 of the Act on Financial Supervision (Wet op het financieel toezicht), as an investment institution authorized pursuant to Article 2:72 of the aforementioned Act.

the CSSF (Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier) in Luxembourg.

The funds are established as a "restricted foreign scheme" in Singapore; therefore, material in connection with the offer or sale of the funds may only be distributed to persons in Singapore that are qualified under Sections 304 and 305(2) under Chapter 289 of the Securities and Futures Act. This document has not been reviewed by the Monetary Authority of Singapore.

#### Important risk considerations

The fund may not achieve its objective and/or you could lose money on your investment in the fund. **Bond:** Investments in debt instruments may decline in value as the result of, or perception of, declines in the credit quality of the issuer, borrower, counterparty, or other entity responsible for payment, underlying collateral, or changes in economic, political, issuer-specific, or other conditions. Certain types of debt instruments can be more sensitive to these factors and therefore more volatile. In addition, debt instruments entail interest rate risk (as interest rates rise, prices usually fall). Therefore, the portfolio's value may decline during rising rates. Portfolios that consist of debt instruments with longer durations are generally more sensitive to a rise in interest rates than those with shorter durations. At times, and particularly during periods of market turmoil, all or a large portion of segments of the market may not have an active trading market. As a result, it may be difficult to value these investments and it may not be possible to sell a particular investment or type of investment at any particular time or at an acceptable price. The price of an instrument trading at a negative interest rate responds to interest rate changes like other debt instruments; however, an instrument purchased at a negative interest rate is expected to produce a negative return if held to maturity. **Emerging Markets:** Emerging markets can have less market structure, depth, and regulatory, custodial or operational oversight and greater political, social, geopolitical and economic instability than developed markets. **Derivatives:** Investments in derivatives can be used to take both long and short positions, be highly volatile, involve leverage (which can magnify losses), and involve risks in addition to the risks of the underlying indicator(s) on which the derivative is based, such as counterparty and liquidity risk. ■ **High Yield:** Investments in below investment grade quality debt instruments can be more volatile and have greater risk of default, or already be in default, than higherquality debt instruments.  $\,\blacksquare\,$  Please see the prospectus for further information on these and other risk considerations.

#### Benchmark and vendor disclosures

JPMorgan EMBI Global Diversified Index tracks the total returns of USD-denominated debt instruments issued by emerging markets, sovereign and quasi-sovereign entities: Brady bonds, loans, and Eurobonds. The index, which is a uniquely-weighted version of the EMBI Global Index, limits the weights of those index countries with larger debt stocks by only including specified portions of these countries' eligible current face amounts of debt outstanding.

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