# MFS MERIDIAN® FUNDS – GLOBAL TOTAL RETURN FUND (Class A3USD)



a sub-fund of MFS Meridian Funds

This fund is managed by MFS Investment Management Company (Lux) S.à r.l. ISIN: LU1280187516

# **KEY INVESTOR INFORMATION**

This document provides you with key investor information about this fund. It is not marketing material. The information is required by law to help you understand the nature and the risks of investing in this fund. You are advised to read it so you can make an informed decision about whether to invest.

# **OBJECTIVE AND INVESTMENT POLICY**

# Objective

The fund's objective is total return, measured in U.S. dollars.

# **Investment Policy**

The fund invests in a combination of equity securities and debt instruments of issuers located in developed and emerging market countries. Historically the fund has invested approximately 60% of its assets in equity securities and 40% of its assets in debt instruments, but these allocations may vary generally between 50% and 75% in equity securities and 25% and 50% in debt instruments. The fund generally focuses its equity investments in larger companies it believes to be undervalued compared to their perceived worth (value companies). The fund generally focuses its debt investments in corporate, government, and mortgage backed debt instruments. The fund invests substantially in investment grade debt instruments. The fund may use derivatives for hedging and/or investment purposes but will not primarily use derivatives to achieve the fund's investment objective.

The fund's custom blended benchmark is indicated for performance comparison only. Although the fund's investments will generally be represented in the benchmark, components are likely to be weighted differently from the benchmark and the fund is likely to invest outside of the benchmark to take advantage of attractive investment opportunities. The fund is actively managed within its objective and the investment strategy will not restrict the extent to which portfolio holdings may deviate from the

# **RISK AND REWARD PROFILE**

Typically lower rewards

This rating system is based on how much the returns of the class have varied over the past 5 years compared to the fund's current asset mix. Where 5 years' performance history is not available the data consists of historical returns representative of the fund, benchmark returns or returns for another class with the same currency as appropriate. Past returns may not be a reliable indicator of the future risk and reward profile of the class, and the rating may change over time based on the more recent returns. A fund in the lowest category does not mean a risk-free investment.



Typically higher rewards

The fund is in category 4 because there has been medium fluctuations in the fund's return historically.

**Equity Risk:** Prices of equity securities can vary significantly in response to issuer, market, economic, industry, political, and regulatory conditions. This risk may be higher where the fund invests in a specific country or region. The fund invests in larger value companies, which may underperform the broader market over time.

Debt Instruments Risk: Prices of debt instruments can vary significantly in response to changes in interest rates and the credit quality of the issuers of

benchmark. It is expected that the fund's deviation from the benchmark will be significant.

# Distributions

Income is distributed to shareholders quarterly before the deduction of relevant expenses, which may amount to a return or withdrawal of part of a shareholder's original investment or from any capital gains attributable to that original investment. Larger income distributions also may be paid by charging fees to the capital of the fund, which may result in a larger reduction in the fund's Net Asset Value per Share.

### **Redeeming Shares**

You may sell your shares on each business day when banks in Luxembourg are open for normal business and the New York Stock Exchange is open for trading.

### Terms to Understand

**Equity securities** represent an ownership interest, or the right to acquire an ownership interest, in a company or other issuer.

**Debt instruments** represent obligations of corporations, governments, and other entities to repay money borrowed.

**Derivatives** are financial contracts whose value is based on the value of one or more underlying indicators or the difference between underlying indicators.

its investments, and to issuer, market, economic, industry, political, and regulatory conditions. In addition, the prices of mortgage-backed instruments can vary in response to changes in the credit quality of underlying mortgages and the timing of payment of principal and interest.

**Emerging Markets Risk:** Emerging markets can be more volatile and less liquid than more developed markets.

**Currency Risk**: Changes in currency rates can significantly affect the value of your investment, and may also affect the financial condition of the issuers in which the fund invests.

**Derivatives Risk**: Derivatives can be highly volatile and can involve leverage. Gains or losses from derivatives can be substantially greater than the derivatives' original cost.

# Other Risks

The rating does not reflect the risk that these factors, as well as other factors such as liquidity, counterparty, and operational risks change over time and can affect the fund's returns differently in the future.

The fund may not achieve its objective and/or you could lose money on your investment in the fund. For more information about the fund's risks, please see "Fund Profiles" and "Risk Factors" in the prospectus.

# **CHARGES**

You pay the following costs for the marketing, distribution, and operation of the fund. These charges reduce the value of your investment.

# One-off charges taken before or after you invest

Entry charge	Up to 6.00%
Exit charge	0.00%
This is the maximum that might be taken out of your mone	v before it is

invested and before the proceeds of your investments are paid out.

# Charges taken from the fund over a year

Ongoing Charges.....1.93%

Charges taken from the fund under certain specific conditions

# PAST PERFORMANCE

Past performance is not a guide to future performance. Performance shown takes into account ongoing charges but not entry and exit fees, if any, and is calculated in U.S. Dollars. Performance for the fund's benchmark is also shown.

Performance fee.....0.00%

The entry and exit charges shown are the highest possible charges you would pay. Please consult your financial intermediary to find out your actual charges which might be less.

The ongoing charges figure shown here is based on annualised expenses for the six month period ended 31 July 2019. Ongoing charges may vary from year to year. For more information about the fund's expenses, please see "Fund Profiles" section in the prospectus, which is available at meridian.mfs.com.



\* Performance for periods prior to 22 September 2015 reflects the performance of another share class with the same currency.

^ Performance for periods prior to 8 February 2010 reflects the performance of the fund's prior benchmark, MFS Global Total Return Blended Index. The fund was launched in 2005.

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# **PRACTICAL INFORMATION**

### Depositary

State Street Bank International GmbH, Luxembourg Branch, is the depositary.

#### **Exchanging Between Funds**

You may exchange your shares into shares of another class of the same or another fund of MFS Meridian Funds having the same fee structure (and in certain cases, into classes with a different fee structure). An exchange within the same fund must be into a class with the same currency denomination.

#### **Further Information**

You may obtain copies of the prospectus and the annual and half-yearly reports of the fund in English free of charge from the MFS Meridian Funds, c/o State Street Bank International GmbH, Luxembourg Branch, 49, Avenue J.F. Kennedy, L-1855 Luxembourg, Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg. Other information about the fund, including share prices is available at *meridian.mfs.com* or in local media and/or with the fund's local agent in certain countries. Information about other classes of the fund available in your country is available at *meridian.mfs.com* or from your financial intermediary. Information on the remuneration policy, including a description of how remuneration and benefits are calculated and the composition of the remuneration committee, is available at *meridian.mfs.com*. A paper copy can be obtained free of charge in English from MFS Investment Management Company (Lux) S.à r.I.

### Notices

The fund is a sub-fund of MFS Meridian Funds. The assets and liabilities of this fund are segregated from other funds in the MFS Meridian Funds. The prospectus and periodic reports are in the name of the MFS Meridian Funds.

MFS Meridian Funds may be held liable solely on the basis of any statement contained in this document that is misleading, inaccurate or inconsistent with the relevant parts of the prospectus for the fund.

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The tax laws of Luxembourg, in addition to the tax laws of your country of residence, may impact how your investment in the fund is taxed.

This fund is authorised in Luxembourg and supervised by the Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier. This key investor information is accurate as at 14 February 2020.