# MFS MERIDIAN® FUNDS -

# DIVERSIFIED INCOME FUND (Class WH1GBP)

a sub-fund of MFS Meridian Funds

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

ISIN: LU1130815035



## **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, with an emphasis on current income but also considering capital appreciation, measured in U.S. dollars.

#### **Investment Policy**

The fund invests primarily in a broad range of debt instruments and equity securities of issuers located in developed and emerging markets, including convertible securities and real estate-related investments. The fund allocates assets across these categories based on investment management's interpretation of economic and money market conditions, fiscal and monetary policy and asset class and/or security values. When the Investment Manager's assessment of the relative attractiveness of asset classes and markets is neutral, the fund's exposure to these asset classes is expected to be approximately 15% in debt instruments of issuers located in emerging markets (which may include below-investment-grade-debt instruments), 25% in other below-investment-grade-debt instruments, 15% in investment-grade corporate debt instruments, 10% in U.S. Government securities, 20% in dividend-paying equity securities, and 15% in real estate-related investments.

For the debt portion, the fund focuses on (i) U.S. Government securities (including mortgage-backed securities), (ii) below-investment-grade debt instruments, (iii) debt instruments of issuers located in emerging markets and (iv) investment-grade corporate debt instruments of issuers in developed markets. The Fund may invest up to 100% of the debt portion in below-investment-grade debt instruments.

For the equity portion, the fund focuses its investments in dividend paying equity securities of companies in developed and emerging markets. The fund generally focuses its equity investments in larger companies. Equity investments are selected primarily based on blending fundamental analysis of individual issuers and instruments, and quantitative research based on models that systematically evaluate issuers and instruments.

For the real estate-related portion, the fund primarily invests in equity interests in closed-ended real estate investment trusts (REITs) and equity securities of other companies principally engaged in the real estate industry, but may also invest in mortgage REITs and other transferable securities of companies principally engaged in the real estate industry. The fund will promote an environmental characteristic within the meaning of Article 8 of the Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 of 27 November 2019 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial sector ("SFDR"). Please refer to the fund's Prospectus and website for additional information. The Investment Manager may also consider environmental, social

and governance (ESG) factors in its fundamental investment analysis alongside other factors. The fund will not extensively or primarily use derivatives to achieve the fund's investment objective or for investment purposes.

The fund's benchmarks, Standard & Poor's 500 Stock Index (USD) and a custom blended benchmark, are 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 objectives and the investment strategy will not restrict the extent to which portfolio holdings may deviate from the benchmark. It is expected that the fund's deviation from the benchmark will be significant.

## **Currency Hedging**

MFS will generally enter into currency hedging transactions for this class with the aim to reduce exchange rate and return fluctuations between the class and U.S. dollars, the base currency class of the fund.

#### **Distributions**

Income will not be distributed to shareholders but reflected in the assets of the fund

## **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.

**Convertible securities** are securities that may be converted for shares of common stock.

Real estate-related investments include real estate investment trusts and other investments providing exposure to the real estate industry.

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

# **RISK AND REWARD PROFILE**

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.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7
Lower risk Higher risk

Typically lower rewards

**Higher risk** Typically higher rewards

The fund is in category 5 because there has been medium high fluctuations in the fund's return historically.

Strategy Risk: The Investment Manager's investment analysis, development and use of quantitative models, selection of investments and its strategy to blend fundamental and quantitative research for the fund's equity investments may not produce the intended results. Proprietary and third-party quantitative models used may not produce the intended results for a variety of reasons, including factors used in the models, the weight placed on each factor, changes from historical trends, changing sources of market return or market risk, and technical issues related to the models.

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 its investments, and to issuer, market, economic, industry, political, geopolitical, public health, and regulatory conditions. In addition, mortgage-backed securities and securitized instruments can vary in response to changes in the credit quality of underlying mortgages and the timing of payment of principal and interest. These risks may be higher where the fund invests in below investment grade debt instruments.

Sector Risk: Where the fund invests in a particular sector such as real estate, it is subject to risk from factors affecting that sector.

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

**Equity Risk:** Prices of equity securities can vary significantly in response to issuer, market, economic, industry, political, geopolitical, public health, 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 during certain stages of the market cycle.

**REITs Risk:** The risks of investing in REITs include certain risks associated with the direct ownership of real estate and the real estate industry. REITs utilize leverage, which increases investment risk and could adversely affect the issuer's operations and market value in periods of rising interest rates.

**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.

The hedging strategy for the Hedged Share Classes will not completely eliminate the exposure to currency movements. There can be no guarantee that returns of Hedged Share Classes will exceed those of Unhedged Classes.

## **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	 	0	)0%							
Exit charge										

This is the maximum that might be taken out of your money before it is invested and before the proceeds of your investments are paid out.

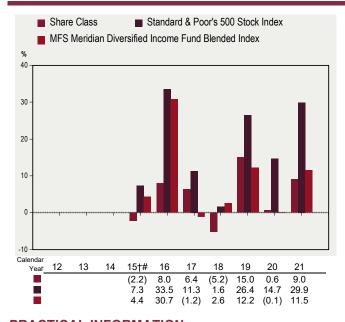
## Charges taken from the fund over a year

## Charges taken from the fund under certain specific conditions

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 2021. 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.

## **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 Sterling. Performance for the fund's primary and secondary benchmark is also shown. Performance of the benchmark is presented in the fund's base currency based on the hedging objective of this share class.

The fund was launched in 2014.

- † Performance for periods prior to 22 September 2015 reflects different investment policies.
- # Secondary Benchmark performance for periods prior to 1 July 2015 reflects the performance of the fund's prior benchmark, MVI KIID Blended Benchmark 2015.
- + The class noted above was re-designated as a Hedged Share Class as of 22 September 2015; Performance for periods prior to such date reflects performance of the class when the class was unhedged and does not reflect the current currency hedging techniques applied to the class.

# 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.l.

# **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 and MFS Investment Management Company (Lux) S.à r.l. 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 21 November 2022.