

# Sun Life MFS Low Volatility International Equity Fund

## Series F

Additional series available

**\$9.8202 CAD**

Net asset value per security (NAVPS) as of December 08, 2021

**▲ \$0.0312 | 0.32%**

Mutual fund categories are maintained by the Canadian Investment Funds Standards Committee (CIFSC).

**Benchmark**  
MSCI EAFE C\$ Index

**Fund category**  
International Equity

**Morningstar™ Rating**  
★★

**Funds in category**  
619

## Investment objective

The Fund's investment objective is to seek long-term capital appreciation with low volatility by investing primarily in a diversified portfolio of equity securities of issuers outside Canada and the United States or indirectly by investing in mutual funds (including exchange-traded funds) that primarily invest in such securities.

## This Fund may be suitable for investors who:

- seek to add international geographic diversification with a focus towards lowering portfolio volatility;
- are long-term investors; and
- are comfortable with low to medium investment risk.

## Fund essentials

**Inception date** Feb 11, 2016

**Min initial inv \$** 500

**Min additional inv \$** 50

**MER % as at June 30, 2021** 1.02

**Management fee %** 0.75

### Management company

SLGI Asset Management Inc.

### Sub-advisor

MFS Investment Management Canada Limited

Class	Load structure	Currency	Fund Code
F	NL	CAD	SUN1406

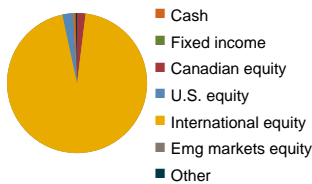
## Risk profile



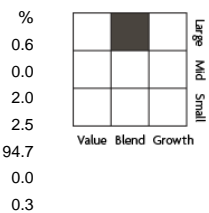
Refer to the Simplified Prospectus for greater detail.

## PORTFOLIO ANALYSIS (as of October 31, 2021)

### Composition



### Equity style



### Market cap

Market cap	%
Giant	47.9
Large	26.3
Medium	25.8
Small	0.0
Micro	0.0

### Geographic composition

Geographic composition	%
Japan	29.3
Switzerland	12.4
United Kingdom	9.6
France	9.2
Germany	7.7
Singapore	5.6
Denmark	3.8
Hong Kong	3.7
Netherlands	2.7
Australia	2.7
Others	13.2

### Global equity sectors\*

as of September 30, 2021

Global equity sectors*	% of equity allocation
Utilities	8.4
Energy	0.0
Financials	12.4
Materials	4.0
Consumer discretionary	8.1
Consumer staples	14.8
Telecommunication services	8.8
Industrials	14.1
Health care	17.2
Information technology	9.1
Real Estate	3.3

### Top ten holdings

as of August 31, 2021

Top ten holdings	%
DBS Group Holdings Ltd	3.5
Novartis AG	3.5
Novo Nordisk A/S Class B	3.3
Roche Holding AG	3.0
Experian PLC	2.4
KDDI Corp	2.4
Nestle SA	2.3
Schneider Electric SE	2.1
Japan Tobacco Inc	2.1
CLP Holdings Ltd	2.0
Total number of portfolio holdings	87

## PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS (as of October 31, 2021)

Calendar year	YTD	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
<b>Total assets \$M</b>	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Fund return %</b>	5.2	0.8	12.2	-0.6	12.9	-1.0	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Category return %</b>	8.2	6.5	17.1	-8.1	17.2	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Distribution \$/security</b>	0.00	0.13	0.22	0.20	2.13	0.29	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Quartile (within category)</b>	4	3	4	1	4	-	-	-	-	-	-

Trailing	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	1 yr	2 yr	3 yr	5 yr	10 yr	Since inception
<b>Fund return %</b>	-0.3	-1.0	5.0	13.5	3.9	6.3	5.5	-	5.0
<b>Category return %</b>	0.9	0.2	4.4	23.3	9.3	9.7	7.9	-	-
<b>Morningstar™ rating</b>	-	-	-	-	-	★★	★★	-	-
<b>Quartile (within category)</b>	4	4	2	4	4	4	4	-	-
<b># of funds in category</b>	731	731	724	708	664	619	459	-	-

\*For the period February 11 to December 31.

## 3-YEAR RISK MEASURES (as of October 31, 2021)

Annualized returns are used to calculate the risk metrics below.

<b>Standard deviation (fund)</b>	8.56	<b>Sharpe ratio</b>	0.65	<b>Alpha</b>	-0.37
<b>Standard deviation (category)</b>	13.15	<b>R<sup>2</sup></b>	78.79	<b>Beta</b>	0.62

**Standard deviation** is a measure of volatility; it shows how broadly returns have varied over a given time period. Generally, a high standard deviation implies greater volatility.

**Sharpe ratio** combines a risk measurement and a return measurement into a single number to determine a fund's risk-adjusted return. A higher value is better.

**R<sup>2</sup>**: reflects the percentage of a portfolio's movements that can be explained by movements in its benchmark. It is measured on a scale of 0-100.

**Alpha** measures the difference between a fund's return and its benchmark, taking into account volatility (beta). An alpha of 1 means a fund outperformed its benchmark by 1%; -1 means the fund underperformed by 1%.

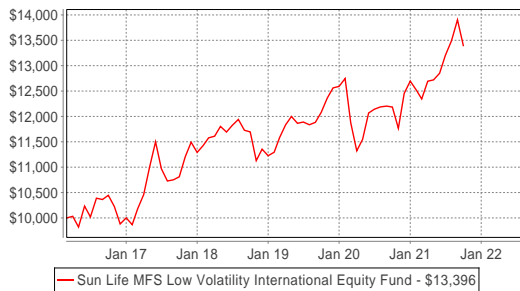
**Beta** measures the movement of a fund in relation to its benchmark. A beta over 1 means price moves are greater (up or down) than the benchmark's; below 1 means less extreme price moves; 1 means it moves in step with its benchmark.

### Management team

MFS Institutional Advisors:

- James Fallon - Portfolio Manager
- Jonathan Sage, CFA - Portfolio Manager
- Matthew Krummell, CFA - Portfolio Manager
- John Stocks, CFA - Portfolio Manager

## CURRENT VALUE OF A \$10,000 INVESTMENT



Initial investment amount:

\$10000

Time frame:

Start Mar 2016

End Oct 2021

The calculator generates an approximate rate of return using performance information as at the first business day of each month in your chosen time frame. Returns for funds less than 1 year old cannot be displayed. The default settings invest \$10,000 on the inception date of the fund, with an end date of January in the current year. For informational purposes, the initial investment amount and time frame can be adjusted according to your preference.

## INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT APPROACH

### MFS Investment Management

MFS Investment Management has guided investors through every market condition imaginable. From the highest highs to the lowest lows, the firm has spent decades refining its investment process according to four key principles: work from the bottom up, take a global perspective, collaborate, and manage risk.

**Bottom up.** MFS believes detailed fundamental analysis of individual companies is the cornerstone of successful investing.

**Global.** Analysts in many of the world's major financial centers scour the globe for opportunities.

**Collaborative.** MFS believes ideas improve when they're carefully reviewed and constantly challenged.

**Risk managed.** Risk management is intrinsic to MFS entire investment process.

MFS Investment Management joined forces with McLean Budden in Canada in November 2011. The two firms have 150 years of investing history between them. Now with a unified commitment to fundamental and balanced research from all corners of the globe, MFS is looking forward to 150 more.

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The Morningstar Style Box™ reveals a fund's investment strategy. For equity funds the vertical axis shows the market capitalization of the stocks owned and the horizontal axis shows investment style (value, blend or growth). For fixed-income funds the vertical axis shows the average credit quality of the bonds owned, and the horizontal axis shows interest rate sensitivity as measured by a bond's duration (short, intermediate or long).

Morningstar Market Capitalization Breakdown Stocks are first divided into seven style zones based on their country of domicile: United States, Latin America, Canada, Europe, Japan, Asia ex-Japan, and Australia/New Zealand. Capitalization assignments are determined as follows: 1) For all stocks in a style zone, the market cap of each stock is converted into a common currency. The stocks in each style zone are ordered in descending order by size, and a cumulative capitalization as a percentage of total sample capitalization is calculated as each stock is added to the list. 2) The stock that causes cumulative capitalization to equal or exceed 40% of the style zone's total cap is the final one assigned to the giant-cap group. 3) The largest of the remaining stocks are assigned to the large-cap group until cumulative capitalization equals or exceeds 70% of the total capitalization of the style zone. 4) The largest of the remaining stocks are assigned to the mid-cap group until cumulative capitalization equals or exceeds 90% of the total capitalization of the style zone. 5) The largest of the remaining stocks are assigned to the small-cap group until cumulative capitalization equals or exceeds 97% of the total capitalization of the style zone. 6) The remaining stocks are assigned to the micro-cap group. The Market Capitalization Breakdown at a fund level is a breakdown of the capitalization assignments of the fund's equity holdings.

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