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#### **EDUCATION BOND FUND FACTS**

# FUTURITY SECTORAL ACTIVE - INTERNATIONAL EQUITIES (MFS Fully Hedged Global Equity Trust)

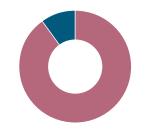
Fund Code	SA4		
Futurity APIR Code	FIG6924AU		
Category	Sector		
Investment Style	Active		
UMF PDS available at	mfs.com		

inception date	TI Julie 2020		
Total Management Fee <sup>1</sup>	1.26%		
Buy/Sell Spread	0.15% / 0.15%		
Underlying strategy APIR code	ETLOO41 AU		
Suggested Minimum Investment Time <sup>2</sup>	Five Years		

# Asset Allocation

■ Global Equities 90-100%

Cash & Cash Equivalents **0.0-10.0%** 



Inv	estr	nent	Risk	Rating	*
1.14	1	4			

High – 6

Inception date



# Investment Objective, Strategy and Benchmark

To outperform (before fees and tax) the Investment Option's Performance Benchmark – MSCI World Index fully hedged in AUD. It may invest in one or multiple UMFs and/or directly invest in Authorised Investments to have a diverse actively managed portfolio of predominately International Equity Investments on a hedged back to AUD basis.

#### **ABOUT THE INVESTMENT MANAGER**

### **MFS**

MFS International Australia Pty Ltd (MFSIA) is a member of the MFS Investment Management group of companies ('MFS'). Established in 1924, MFS is an active, global asset manager with investment offices in Boston, Hong Kong, London, Mexico City, São Paulo, Singapore, Sydney, Tokyo and Toronto.



MFSIA has delegated the investment management of the Trust to another member of MFS, MFS Institutional Advisors, Inc., a US SEC registered investment adviser. MFS is a member of the Sun Life Financial group of companies.

<sup>1.</sup> Total Management Fees is provided on an after-taxation basis and comprised of the Futurity Management Fees and UMF Investment Fees (includes the estimated UMF indirect costs) – see 'Fees and Other Costs' – Part A of PDS.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Longer investment timeframes maximise the benefits of investment compounding, especially for medium and higher taxed investors doing this under an Education Bond's Tax-Paid investment structure. Education Bonds also have an 'Investment Bond 10-Year Advantage' meaning the benefits of Tax-Free access to your Bond after 10 years from its Commencement Date, subject to certain conditions as explained in Part A of our PDS.

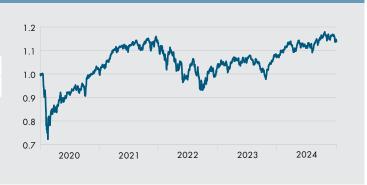
<sup>\*</sup> Performance is measured by Investment Option price movements (after Tax and Management fees). It is quoted using the sell (exit) price and is net of all portfolio taxes, management fees, and fund expenses, however does not take into account any stamp duty, transaction costs and management fee rebates. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.

# **PERFORMANCE HISTORY**

# Futurity Sectoral Active – International Equities at 31 December 2024<sup>3</sup>

1 Mth	3 Mths	6 Mths	1 Yr	2 Yrs	3 Yrs	4 Yrs
-2.17%	-2.18%	2.32%	5.15%	7.14%	-0.29%	2.89%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Other costs relating to the operation of the Investment Option can be charged directly to the Investment Option or reimbursed to Futurity if poid by the Management Fund e.g. acquisition, disposal, valuation and transaction costs, such as brokerage, state duty, insurance, custody, as well as auditor, actuary and legal fees. They are reflected in the Unit Price and capped to a maximum of 0.1% pa, with any excess absorbed by the Management Fund.



#### **GENERAL MARKET UPDATE**

Over the December 2024 quarter, investment markets have been driven by central bank interest rate adjustments, persistent inflation trends, rising bond yields, mixed equity market performance, economic indicators showing contraction, and political tensions impacting investor sentiment.

The December 2024 quarter saw mixed performances in global markets. Global equities rose, with the MSCI World index up 1.9% hedged to AUD and 12.1% unhedged to AUD, while emerging market equities rose by 3.0%.

Developed market bond yields increased, reflecting a shift in investor sentiment. The Federal Reserve's slower-than-expected rate-cutting cycle and political tensions in the U.S. contributed to market volatility.

In the U.S., 10-year Treasury yields rose to near 4.6%, nearing their annual peak. Rising yields negatively impacted bond

performance, particularly long-duration U.S. Treasuries, which saw a sharp decline.

Central banks made several policy adjustments: the Federal Reserve reduced its policy rate by 25 basis points to 4.5%, the European Central Bank cut its rate to 3%, and the Bank of Canada reduced its rate by 50 basis points to 3.25%. The Reserve Bank of Australia maintained its cash rate at 4.35%.

Australian equities fell by 0.8%, with the S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index lagging the S&P 500.

The Australian dollar depreciated against the U.S. dollar, with the AUD/USD ending the quarter 0.62. The Judo Bank Australia Manufacturing PMI indicated continued contraction, and consumer confidence declined.

#### **STAY IN TOUCH**

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- Cost of education calculator
- Financial Adviser calculator
- Market Insights

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