

A Sub-Fund of Morgan Stanley Investment Funds

US Core Equity Fund

APPLIED EQUITY ADVISORS TEAM

Performance Review

In the three month period ending 30 September 2025, the Fund's I shares returned 7.48% (net of fees)¹, while the benchmark returned 8.12%.

As a core portfolio, US Core attempts to tilt toward the style of stock exposure (growth, value, defensive) that offers the best opportunity within the context of a typically 30- to 35-stock portfolio. With a limited number of stocks, diversification² among positions is a critical component of risk control.

Following are the most significant performance drivers relative to the S&P 500 Index benchmark for the third quarter of 2025:

1. Stock Selection:

- a. Alphabet was up + 38% for the quarter, adding +1.4%.
- b. NVIDIA was up +18% in the quarter, adding +1.0%.
- c. Apple was up +24% in the quarter, adding +0.9%.
- d. Tesla was up +40% in the quarter, adding +0.7%.
- e. Netflix was down -10% in the quarter, detracting -1.0%.
- f. Brown & Brown was down -15% in the quarter, detracting -0.9%.
- g. LPL Financial was down -11% in the quarter, detracting -0.7%.
- h. Progressive was down -8% in the quarter, detracting -0.7%.
- i. Ameriprise was down -8% in the quarter, detracting -0.6%.

2. Style Exposures:

- a. An overweight to the Magnificent 7 stocks added +0.5%.
- b. An underweight to highly volatile stocks detracted -0.6%.

3. Sector Exposures:

- a. An overweight to financials detracted -0.7%.

Past performance is no guarantee of future results. The attribution is presented gross of fees. Had these fees and expenses been deducted, returns would be lower. See the next page for performance.

¹ Source: Morgan Stanley Investment Management Limited. Data as of 30 September 2025.

² Diversification neither assures a profit nor guarantees against loss in a declining market.

Strategy and Outlook

1. Based on history, if an equity bull market made it to the fourth year, it was consistently positive.³
 - a. The current equity bull market is just beginning its fourth year.
2. Federal Reserve (Fed) monetary policy is turning "friendlier".
 - a. Don't fight the Fed.
3. Fiscal policy (One Big Beautiful Bill Act, in particular) will likely provide significant consumer stimulus starting in 2026.⁴
4. Investment sentiment historically follows price action.
 - a. Based on equity market strength, sentiment is surprisingly less optimistic than should be at this point.⁵
 - b. A sign more investors must be pulled into the equity markets before euphoria sets in.
5. Valuation is high; however:
 - a. Valuation methodologies are only as accurate as the accuracies of Wall Street predictions of company earnings.
 - b. In 2025, those predictions have proven to be too low.
 - c. Hence, valuations may not be as high as perceived.
6. Dollar weakness led to outperformance of non-U.S. equities in the first half of 2025.
 - a. Since this summer, the U.S. dollar has moderated and has outperformed non-U.S. currencies.
 - b. Investors may have swung their equity allocations away from the U.S. at just the wrong time.
7. The biggest risk to the current bull market cycle is the speed at which it moves through the "Euphoria" stage.

How our portfolio is positioned:

1. We continue to like a balance between growth and value stocks, and we remain focused on portfolio volatility to help mitigate the overall risk of the portfolio.
2. Financials and technology sectors are most favored, with health care as the least favored sector.

Past performance is no guarantee of future results. The market returns referred to in the commentary are those of representative indices and are not meant to depict the performance of a specific investment.

For further information, please contact your Morgan Stanley Investment Management representative.

Fund Facts

Launch date	05 July 2016
Base currency	U.S. dollars
Benchmark	S&P 500 Total Return Index

Calendar Year Returns (%)

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	YTD	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Class I Shares	13.31	28.91	19.26	-20.30	36.80	23.37	35.49	-12.18	19.68	--	--
S&P 500 Total Return Index	14.83	25.02	26.29	-18.11	28.71	18.40	31.49	-4.38	21.83	--	--

All performance data is calculated NAV to NAV, net of fees, and does not take account of commissions and costs incurred on the issue and redemption of shares. The sources for all performance and index data is Morgan Stanley Investment Management ('MSIM Ltd'). **Please visit our website www.morganstanley.com/im to see the latest performance returns for the fund's other share classes.**

³ Source: Strategas, Bloomberg L.P. Equity market is represented by the S&P 500 Index; data since 1957.

⁴ Source: Strategas

⁵ Source: American Association of Individual Investors (AAII) as of 30 September 2025. Equity market is represented by the S&P 500 Index.

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- The fund may be impacted by movements in the exchange rates between the fund's currency and the currencies of the fund's investments.
- The fund relies on other parties to fulfill certain services, investments or transactions. If these parties become insolvent, it may expose the fund to financial loss.
- Sustainability factors can pose risks to investments, for example: impact asset values, increased operational costs.
- There may be an insufficient number of buyers or sellers which may affect the fund's ability to buy or sell securities.

- Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results. Returns may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations. The value of investments and the income from them can go down as well as up and investors may lose all or a substantial portion of his or her investment.
- The value of the investments and the income from them will vary and there can be no assurance that the Fund will achieve its investment objectives.
- Investments may be in a variety of currencies and therefore changes in rates of exchange between currencies may cause the value of investments to decrease or increase. Furthermore, the value of investments may be adversely affected by fluctuations in exchange rates between the investor's reference currency and the base currency of the investments.

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