

# **Executive Summary**

As we celebrate our 100-year anniversary, we can also celebrate how far we've come on our DEI journey as we build our future together. In 2023, those efforts included enhancing our inclusive culture, expanding our efforts to attract, retain and develop diverse talent and focusing on being an even better version of ourselves in the century ahead. Below is an at-a-glance view of our DEI strategy and a progress update on our DEI initiatives across culture, talent and community.



### **CULTURE**

We foster inclusion to empower employees as individuals as we build a shared commitment to delivering the best results for clients. Below are some key 2023 culture initiatives:

- Completed our Human Rights
  Campaign Corporate Equality Index
  Survey with a score of 90%, reflecting
  our support of our LGBTQ+ employees
- Expanded our comprehensive ERG strategy to build our community of belonging by fortifying ERG program infrastructure, elevating ERG presence with a full branding strategy and refining our ERG governance models
- Deployed our enhanced DEI goal with level-specific accountabilities to make sure it remained relevant and engaged employees more deeply in our DEI initiatives



As we enter this next century for MFS, we need to stay focused on our *why*: DEI ultimately is all about inclusion and impact.

Michelle Thompson-Dolberry MFS Chief Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer



### **TALENT**

As we continue to build our diverse workforce, we focus our efforts on entry level and early career talent, looking at on-campus and early career programs through a diversity lens to increase the representation of candidates from historically underrepresented groups. Below are some key 2023 talent initiatives:

- Expanded external partnerships to broaden talent pools, which included the National Black MBA Association, Prospanica, SHPE, Grace Hopper and NSBE
- Expanded development partnerships to offer development opportunities that support a broader range of underrepresented cohorts, leveraging external resources such as the Partnership, Inc.'s development program for professionals of color
- Implemented our own Rising Star program to support diverse aspiring leaders as they develop and leverage their strengths to build an impactful career at MFS



### COMMUNITY

We're driving better corporate DEI practices through external partnerships with global organizations, and we're supporting underserved communities through long-term relationships with charitable partners. Below are some key 2023 community initiatives:

- Built out our supplier diversity strategy by adding dedicated staff and expanding our database of both certified and noncertified diverse vendors
- Leveraged our regional councils made up of employees who donated their time and effort to finding charitable partners aligned with our pillars and offering volunteer opportunities to support local communities
- Increased employee volunteerism and giving back through MFS Corporate Citizenship's Global Month of Giving Back, which featured 80 volunteer opportunities, 2571 volunteer hours tracked, 342 causes impacted and 721 employees participating

### 2023 Firmwide Highlights -**DEI Progress**

90%

INVESTMENT PROFESSIONAL HIRES WERE EITHER WOMEN OR RACIALLY AND ETHNICALLY DIVERSE

81%

OF OUR GLOBAL **EMPLOYEE POPULATION** PARTICIPATED IN ERG ACTIVITIES/ PROGRAMMING

OF OUR EXTERNAL HIRES IN THE US WERE WOMEN OR RACIALLY AND ETHNICALLY

**DIVERSE** 

**EMPLOYEE** POPULATION IS RACIALLY AND ETHNICALLY DIVERSE

50%

OF OUR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE WOMEN OR RACIALLY AND ETHNICALLY DIVERSE

**ETHNICALLY** 

**DIVERSE** 

OF OUR US INVESTMENT **PROFESSIONALS** ARE WOMEN OR **RACIALLY AND** 

OF OUR GLOBAL **EMPLOYEE POPULATION** ARE WOMEN

### Support underserved communities through decades long charitable partnerships

/ SELF-IDENTIFICATION METRICS /

■ Member of the Diversity Project UK

/ CONNECT WITH GLOBAL

CFA DEI Code Signatory

Inclusion signatory

supporter

Project

CEO Action for Diversity &

**DIVERSE COMMUNITIES /** 

Workforce Disclosure Initiative

(ShareAction) participant and

Member of Nicsa's Diversity

**ORGANIZATIONS AND SUPPORT** 

2.3% LGBTQ+ Identifying 8.7% Employees with Disabilities

0.6% Protected veteran

EMPLOYEES (147 PAIRINGS) PARTICIPATED IN OUR HIGH-POTENTIAL MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

EMPLOYEES (58 PAIRINGS) PARTICIPATED IN WEG MFS (WOMEN'S ERG) MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

## US Snapshot and Firm Metrics

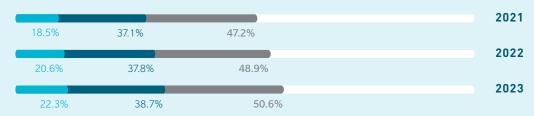
As we continue shaping our workforce to represent the world around us, self-awareness, accountability and transparency will allow us to evolve our firm accordingly. The efforts we make are focused on inclusion and impact.

### / MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE DIVERSITY /

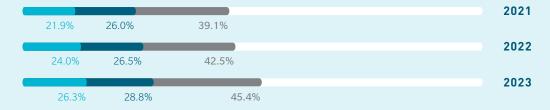


MFS is committed to increasing the representation of women and underrepresented minorities at all levels of the organization, and as we continue to do so, we expect the percentage of the firm owned by diverse populations to grow.

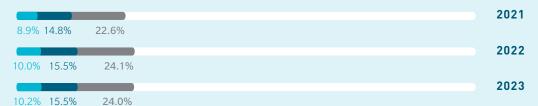
### / US TOTAL FIRM HEADCOUNT DIVERSITY /



#### / US INVESTMENT PROFESSIONAL HEADCOUNT DIVERSITY /



### / US EQUITY OWNERSHIP DIVERSITY - % OWNED /



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