

MFS® Variable Insurance Trust III

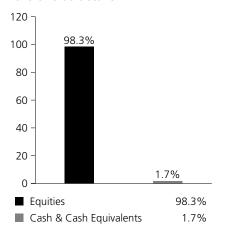
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PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION

Portfolio structure



GICS equity sectors (g)

Industrials	18.6%
Financials	16.5%
Consumer Discretionary	10.6%
Materials	9.1%
Information Technology	8.5%
Utilities	7.7%
Energy	7.1%
Real Estate	7.0%
Health Care	6.8%
Consumer Staples	5.4%
Communication Services	1.0%

Top ten holdings

PG&E Corp.	1.5%
KBR, Inc.	1.4%
Johnson Controls International PLC	1.3%
Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc.	1.3%
LKQ Corp.	1.3%
Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.	1.3%
Eaton Corp. PLC	1.2%
Toll Brothers, Inc.	1.2%
AmerisourceBergen Corp.	1.1%
Life Storage, Inc., REIT	1.1%

Cash & Cash Equivalents includes any cash, investments in money market funds, short-term securities, and other assets less liabilities. Please see the Statement of Assets and Liabilities for additional information related to the fund's cash position and other assets and liabilities.

Percentages are based on net assets as of June 30, 2023.

The portfolio is actively managed and current holdings may be different.

⁽g) The Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS[®]) was developed by and/or is the exclusive property of MSCI, Inc. and S&P Global Market Intelligence Inc. ("S&P Global Market Intelligence"). GICS is a service mark of MSCI and S&P Global Market Intelligence and has been licensed for use by MFS. MFS has applied its own internal sector/industry classification methodology for equity securities and non-equity securities that are unclassified by GICS.

EXPENSE TABLE

Fund expenses borne by the shareholders during the period, January 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023

As a shareholder of the fund, you incur ongoing costs, including management fees; distribution and/or service (12b-1) fees; and other fund expenses. This example is intended to help you understand your ongoing costs (in dollars) of investing in the fund and to compare these costs with the ongoing costs of investing in other mutual funds.

The example is based on an investment of \$1,000 invested at the beginning of the period and held for the entire period January 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023.

Actual Expenses

The first line for each share class in the following table provides information about actual account values and actual expenses. You may use the information in this line, together with the amount you invested, to estimate the expenses that you paid over the period. Simply divide your account value by \$1,000 (for example, an \$8,600 account value divided by \$1,000 = 8.6), then multiply the result by the number in the first line under the heading entitled "Expenses Paid During Period" to estimate the expenses you paid on your account during this period.

Hypothetical Example for Comparison Purposes

The second line for each share class in the following table provides information about hypothetical account values and hypothetical expenses based on the fund's actual expense ratio and an assumed rate of return of 5% per year before expenses, which is not the fund's actual return. The hypothetical account values and expenses may not be used to estimate the actual ending account balance or expenses you paid for the period. You may use this information to compare the ongoing costs of investing in the fund and other funds. To do so, compare this 5% hypothetical example with the 5% hypothetical examples that appear in the shareholder reports of the other funds.

Please note that the expenses shown in the table are meant to highlight the fund's ongoing costs only and do not take into account the fees and expenses imposed under the variable contracts through which your investment in the fund is made. Therefore, the second line for each share class in the table is useful in comparing ongoing costs associated with an investment in vehicles (such as the fund) which fund benefits under variable annuity and variable life insurance contracts and to qualified pension and retirement plans only, and will not help you determine the relative total costs of investing in the fund through variable annuity and variable life insurance contracts. If the fees and expenses imposed under the variable contracts were included, your costs would have been higher.

Share Class		Annualized Expense Ratio	Beginning Account Value 1/01/23	Ending Account Value 6/30/23	Expenses Paid During Period (p) 1/01/23-6/30/23
Initial Class	Actual	0.79%	\$1,000.00	\$1,060.94	\$4.04
IIIIIIai Gass	Hypothetical (h)	0.79%	\$1,000.00	\$1,020.88	\$3.96
Service Class	Actual	1.04%	\$1,000.00	\$1,058.50	\$5.31
Service Class	Hypothetical (h)	1.04%	\$1,000.00	\$1,019.64	\$5.21

⁽h) 5% class return per year before expenses.

⁽p) "Expenses Paid During Period" are equal to each class's annualized expense ratio, as shown above, multiplied by the average account value over the period, multiplied by 181/365 (to reflect the one-half year period).

PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS - 6/30/23 (unaudited)

The Portfolio of Investments is a complete list of all securities owned by your fund. It is categorized by broad-based asset classes.

Issuer	Shares/Par		Value (\$)
Common Stocks – 97.8%			
Aerospace & Defense – 4.1%			
Howmet Aerospace, Inc.	101,679	\$	5,039,211
KBR, Inc. L3Harris Technologies, Inc.	99,338 14,939		6,462,930
Leidos Holdings, Inc.	51,176		2,924,608 4,528,053
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Airlines – 1.1%			10,55 1,002
Alaska Air Group, Inc. (a)	37,041	\$	1,969,840
Delta Air Lines, Inc.	65,976	_	3,136,499
		\$	5,106,339
Apparel Manufacturers – 1.6%			
PVH Corp.	•	\$	3,048,129
Skechers USA, Inc., "A" (a)	62,541		3,293,409
VF Corp.	72,592	_	1,385,781
		\$	7,727,319
Automotive – 2.4%			
Aptiv PLC (a)	21,530	\$	2,197,998
Lear Corp. LKQ Corp.	19,604 106,132		2,814,154 6,184,312
EKQ COIβ.	100,132	<u>_</u>	11,196,464
Brokerage & Asset Managers – 2.9%		Ψ	11,130,404
Choe Global Markets, Inc.	16,715	\$	2,306,837
Evercore Partners, Inc.	24,586		3,038,584
Invesco Ltd.	97,077		1,631,864
Raymond James Financial, Inc. TPG, Inc.	45,960 57,544		4,769,269 1,683,738
IFQ, IIIC.	37,344	-	
Business Services – 1.2%		•	13,430,292
Amdocs Ltd.	34,578	\$	3,418,036
Global Payments, Inc.	21,235	7	2,092,072
		\$	5,510,108
Chemicals – 0.9%			
Eastman Chemical Co.	49,481	\$	4,142,549
Computer Software – 1.1%			
Black Knight, Inc. (a)	29,851	\$	1,783,000
Check Point Software Technologies Ltd. (a)	13,213		1,659,817
Dun & Bradstreet Holdings, Inc.	135,848	_	1,571,762
Computer Software, Systems, 1 204		\$	5,014,579
Computer Software - Systems - 1.3% Secreta Technology Holdings PLC	20.004	¢	1 701 017
Seagate Technology Holdings PLC Verint Systems, Inc. (a)	28,961 33,033	\$	1,791,817 1,158,137
Zebra Technologies Corp., "A" (a)	11,295		3,341,400
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		Þ	6,291,354

Portfolio of Investments (unaudited) – continued

Issuer	Shares/Par		Value (\$)
Common Stocks – continued			
Construction – 5.1%			
Essex Property Trust, Inc., REIT Fortune Brands Innovations, Inc. Masco Corp. Mid-America Apartment Communities, Inc., REIT	13,691 32,747 73,540 12,027	\$	3,207,801 2,356,147 4,219,725 1,826,420
Stanley Black & Decker, Inc. Toll Brothers, Inc. Vulcan Materials Co.	29,616 72,599 16,015		2,775,315 5,740,403 3,610,422
		\$	23,736,233
Consumer Products – 1.3%			
International Flavors & Fragrances, Inc. Kenvue, Inc. (a) Newell Brands, Inc.	32,137 71,443 205,216	\$	2,557,784 1,887,524 1,785,379
		\$	6,230,687
Consumer Services – 0.2%			
Avis Budget Group, Inc. (a)	5,101	\$	1,166,446
Containers – 2.5%			
Avery Dennison Corp. Crown Holdings, Inc. Graphic Packaging Holding Co. WestRock Co.	16,585 30,531 120,313 111,471	\$	2,849,303 2,652,228 2,891,121 3,240,462
		\$	11,633,114
Electrical Equipment – 3.4%			
Berry Global, Inc. Johnson Controls International PLC Sensata Technologies Holding PLC TE Connectivity Ltd.	56,207 91,242 63,559 24,187	_	3,616,358 6,217,230 2,859,520 3,390,050 16,083,158
Electronics – 4.1%		-	10,003,130
Corning, Inc. Flex Ltd. (a) Marvell Technology, Inc. NXP Semiconductors N.V. ON Semiconductor Corp. (a)	87,103 160,481 53,138 22,431 40,691	_	3,052,089 4,435,695 3,176,589 4,591,177 3,848,555
Energy - Independent – 4.8%		\$	19,104,105
Chesapeake Energy Corp. Devon Energy Corp. Diamondback Energy, Inc. Hess Corp. Pioneer Natural Resources Co. Valero Energy Corp.	40,112 65,761 27,345 38,784 18,702 26,783	\$	3,356,572 3,178,887 3,592,039 5,272,685 3,874,680 3,141,646 22,416,509
Energy - Renewables – 0.8%		_	,,
AES Corp.	174,063	\$	3,608,326
Engineering - Construction – 0.8%			
Quanta Services, Inc.	18,444	\$	3,623,324

Issuer	Shares/Par		Value (\$)
Common Stocks – continued			
Food & Beverages – 2.6%			
Coca-Cola Europacific Partners PLC Ingredion, Inc. J.M. Smucker Co.	51,850 44,914 27,656	\$	3,340,695 4,758,638 4,083,962
		\$	12,183,295
Food & Drug Stores – 0.6%			
Albertsons Cos., Inc., "A"	119,324	\$	2,603,650
Gaming & Lodging – 1.3%			
Hyatt Hotels Corp. International Game Technology PLC	23,006 102,104	\$	2,636,027 3,256,097
		\$	5,892,124
General Merchandise – 0.7%			
Dollar Tree, Inc. (a)	22,596	\$	3,242,526
Insurance – 8.7%			
American International Group, Inc. Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. Assurant, Inc. Cincinnati Financial Corp. Corebridge Financial, Inc. Equitable Holdings, Inc. Everest Re Group Ltd. Hanover Insurance Group, Inc.	57,738 26,652 36,684 19,596 107,870 151,314 9,160 13,236	\$	3,322,245 5,851,980 4,611,912 1,907,083 1,904,984 4,109,688 3,131,438 1,496,065
Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc. Voya Financial, Inc. Willis Towers Watson PLC	85,994 53,896 18,097		6,193,288 3,864,882 4,261,843
		\$	40,655,408
Leisure & Toys – 2.0%			
Brunswick Corp. Electronic Arts, Inc. Mattel, Inc. (a)	45,918 19,489 149,886	\$ 	3,978,336 2,527,723 2,928,772 9,434,831
Machinery & Tools – 5.6%			37.3.703.
Eaton Corp. PLC Ingersoll Rand, Inc. ITT, Inc. PACCAR, Inc. Regal Rexnord Corp. Wabtec Corp.	28,729 57,477 32,175 55,616 26,143 45,248	\$	5,777,402 3,756,697 2,999,032 4,652,278 4,023,408 4,962,348
Maior Parks - 0.00/		\$	26,171,165
Major Banks – 0.9%	450 400	+	2 020 507
Regions Financial Corp. State Street Corp.	159,180 20,215	\$ _ \$	2,836,587 1,479,334 4,315,921
Medical & Health Technology & Services – 3.3%		Þ	——————————————————————————————————————
AmerisourceBergen Corp.	27,811	\$	5,351,671
ICON PLC (a) Laboratory Corp. of America Holdings	13,568 11,120		3,394,713 2,683,590

Portfolio of Investments (unaudited) – continued

Issuer	Shares/Par		Value (\$)
Common Stocks – continued			
Medical & Health Technology & Services – continued			
Universal Health Services, Inc.	26,255	\$ \$	4,142,251 15,572,225
Medical Equipment – 3.0%		-	13/372/223
Agilent Technologies, Inc. Maravai Lifesciences Holdings, Inc., "A" (a) Revvity, Inc. STERIS PLC Teleflex, Inc. Zimmer Biomet Holdings, Inc.	19,168 49,985 17,458 12,787 9,598 27,619	_	2,304,952 621,314 2,073,836 2,876,819 2,323,004 4,021,326
Natural Gas - Distribution – 0.4%		\$	14,221,251
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Atmos Energy Corp.	16,156	Þ	1,879,589
Natural Gas - Pipeline – 1.4% Plains GP Holdings LP Targa Resources Corp.	200,652 46,089	\$	2,975,669 3,507,373 6,483,042
Network & Telecom – 0.9%			
Motorola Solutions, Inc.	13,793	\$	4,045,211
Oil Services – 0.9%			
Halliburton Co. TechnipFMC PLC (a)	73,422 100,327	\$	2,422,192 1,667,435
		\$	4,089,627
Other Banks & Diversified Financials – 3.6%			
Columbia Banking System, Inc. East West Bancorp, Inc. M&T Bank Corp. Northern Trust Corp. Prosperity Bancshares, Inc. SLM Corp. Zions Bancorporation NA	103,120 32,298 28,043 41,460 34,738 193,603 45,502	_	2,091,274 1,705,011 3,470,602 3,073,844 1,962,002 3,159,601 1,222,184
		\$	16,684,518
Pharmaceuticals – 0.4% Organon & Co.	00.411	•	1 001 452
	90,411	\$	1,881,453
Pollution Control – 1.2%	72.020		2 000 704
GFL Environmental, Inc. Republic Services, Inc.	73,938 18,297	\$ _ \$	2,868,794 2,802,552 5,671,346
Real Estate – 6.0%		.	J,071,340
Brixmor Property Group, Inc., REIT Host Hotels & Resorts, Inc., REIT Jones Lang LaSalle, Inc. (a) Life Storage, Inc., REIT Spirit Realty Capital, Inc., REIT STAG Industrial, Inc., REIT Sun Communities, Inc., REIT	136,836 151,141 13,924 39,881 49,757 59,976 26,549	\$	3,010,392 2,543,703 2,169,359 5,302,578 1,959,431 2,151,939 3,463,582
VICI Properties, Inc., REIT	144,825		4,551,850

Issuer	Shares/Par		Value (\$)
Common Stocks – continued			
Real Estate – continued			
W.P. Carey, Inc., REIT	39,326	\$	2,656,864
		\$	27,809,698
Restaurants – 2.2%			
Aramark	89,407	\$	3,848,971
U.S. Foods Holding Corp. (a)	67,028		2,949,232
Wendy's Co.	163,653	_	3,559,453
		>	10,357,656
Specialty Chemicals – 3.6%	25.440	_	2.070.265
Ashland, Inc. Axalta Coating Systems Ltd. (a)	35,419 93,749	\$	3,078,265 3,075,905
Celanese Corp.	19,424		2,249,299
Corteva, Inc.	68,165		3,905,854
DuPont de Nemours, Inc.	61,083		4,363,770
		\$	16,673,093
Specialty Stores – 0.6%			
Ross Stores, Inc.	25,555	\$	2,865,482
Telecommunications - Wireless – 0.5%			
Liberty Broadband Corp. (a)	28,491	\$	2,282,414
Trucking – 1.3%			
Knight-Swift Transportation Holdings, Inc.	46,367	\$	2,576,151
XPO Logistics, Inc. (a)	60,513		3,570,267
		\$	6,146,418
Utilities - Electric Power – 6.5%			
CenterPoint Energy, Inc.	103,615	\$	3,020,377
CMS Energy Corp. Edison International	59,028		3,467,895
Eversource Energy	38,050 38,499		2,642,573 2,730,349
PG&E Corp. (a)	412,384		7,125,996
Pinnacle West Capital Corp.	44,641		3,636,456
Public Service Enterprise Group, Inc.	66,533		4,165,631
Sempra Energy	23,831	_	3,469,555
			30,258,832
Total Common Stocks (Identified Cost, \$315,107,433)		\$4	56,396,483
Preferred Stocks – 0.5%			
Consumer Products – 0.5%			
Henkel AG & Co. KGaA (Identified Cost, \$2,338,974)	26,752	\$	2,138,590
Investment Companies (h) – 0.2%			
Money Market Funds – 0.2%			
MFS Institutional Money Market Portfolio, 5.04% (v) (Identified Cost, \$813,346)	813,416	\$	813,579
Other Assets, Less Liabilities – 1.5%			7,190,148
Net Assets – 100.0%		\$4	66,538,800

Portfolio of Investments (unaudited) - continued

- (a) Non-income producing security.
- (h) An affiliated issuer, which may be considered one in which the fund owns 5% or more of the outstanding voting securities, or a company which is under common control. At period end, the aggregate values of the fund's investments in affiliated issuers and in unaffiliated issuers were \$813,579 and \$458,535,073, respectively.
- (v) Affiliated issuer that is available only to investment companies managed by MFS. The rate quoted for the MFS Institutional Money Market Portfolio is the annualized seven-day yield of the fund at period end.

The following abbreviations are used in this report and are defined:

REIT Real Estate Investment Trust

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS | STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES (unaudited)

This statement represents your fund's balance sheet, which details the assets and liabilities comprising the total value of the fund.

At 6/30/23

Assets			
Investments in unaffiliated issuers, at value (identified cost, \$317,446,407)			\$458,535,073
Investments in affiliated issuers, at value (identified cost, \$813,346)			813,579
Receivables for			
Investments sold			7,885,106
Fund shares sold			241,579
Dividends			687,545
Other assets			1,714
Total assets			\$468,164,596
Liabilities			
Payables for			
Investments purchased			\$493,786
Fund shares reacquired			1,052,407
Payable to affiliates			
Investment adviser			18,611
Administrative services fee			418
Shareholder servicing costs			7
Distribution and/or service fees			2,911
Accrued expenses and other liabilities			57,656
Total liabilities			\$1,625,796
Net assets			\$466,538,800
Net assets consist of			
Paid-in capital			\$298,519,262
Total distributable earnings (loss)			168,019,538
Net assets			\$466,538,800
Shares of beneficial interest outstanding			48,223,101
		Shares	Net asset value
	Net assets	outstanding	per share
Initial Class	\$251,168,919	25,774,133	\$9.74
Service Class	215,369,881	22,448,968	9.59

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS | STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS (unaudited)

This statement describes how much your fund earned in investment income and accrued in expenses. It also describes any gains and/or losses generated by fund operations.

Six months ended 6/30/23

Net investment income (loss)	
Income	
Dividends	\$4,819,173
Dividends from affiliated issuers	170,701
Other	10,976
Income on securities loaned	120
Foreign taxes withheld	(15,242)
Total investment income	\$4,985,728
Expenses	
Management fee	\$1,698,975
Distribution and/or service fees	258,210
Shareholder servicing costs	3,971
Administrative services fee	38,184
Independent Trustees' compensation Custodian fee	5,435
Custodian ree Shareholder communications	14,829
Audit and tax fees	1,071 30,841
Legal fees	1,202
Miscellaneous	20,648
Total expenses	\$2,073,366
Reduction of expenses by investment adviser	(29,081)
Net expenses	\$2,044,285
Net investment income (loss)	\$2,941,443
Realized and unrealized gain (loss)	.,,-,-
Realized gain (loss) (identified cost basis)	
Unaffiliated issuers	\$4,784,627
Affiliated issuers	(33)
Foreign currency	1.132
Net realized gain (loss)	\$4,785,726
Change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation	
Unaffiliated issuers	\$19,016,251
Affiliated issuers	(289)
Translation of assets and liabilities in foreign currencies	142
Net unrealized gain (loss)	\$19,016,104
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	\$23,801,830
Change in net assets from operations	\$26,743,273

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS | STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

These statements describe the increases and/or decreases in net assets resulting from operations, any distributions, and any shareholder transactions.

	Six months ended 6/30/23 (unaudited)	Year ended 12/31/22
Change in net assets		
From operations		
Net investment income (loss)	\$2,941,443	\$6,891,066
Net realized gain (loss)	4,785,726	15,131,436
Net unrealized gain (loss)	19,016,104	(70,816,877)
Change in net assets from operations	\$26,743,273	\$(48,794,375)
Total distributions to shareholders	\$—	\$(47,086,062)
Change in net assets from fund share transactions	\$(7,033,709)	\$(1,713,064)
Total change in net assets	\$19,709,564	\$(97,593,501)
Net assets		
At beginning of period	446,829,236	544,422,737
At end of period	\$466,538,800	\$446,829,236

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS | FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The financial highlights table is intended to help you understand the fund's financial performance for the semiannual period and the past 5 fiscal years. Certain information reflects financial results for a single fund share. The total returns in the table represent the rate that an investor would have earned (or lost) on an investment in the fund share class (assuming reinvestment of all distributions) held for the entire period.

Initial Class	Six months ended	Year ended				
	6/30/23 (unaudited)	12/31/22	12/31/21	12/31/20	12/31/19	12/31/18
Net asset value, beginning of period	\$9.19	\$11.09	\$8.59	\$8.74	\$7.42	\$9.01
Income (loss) from investment operations						
Net investment income (loss) (d)	\$0.07	\$0.14	\$0.10	\$0.09	\$0.11	\$0.10
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	0.48	(1.10)	2.55	0.19	2.09	(1.03)
Total from investment operations	\$0.55	\$(0.96)	\$2.65	\$0.28	\$2.20	\$(0.93)
Less distributions declared to shareholders						
From net investment income	\$—	\$(0.10)	\$(0.08)	\$(0.10)	\$(0.12)	\$(0.08)
From net realized gain	_	(0.84)	(0.07)	(0.33)	(0.76)	(0.58)
Total distributions declared to shareholders	\$—	\$(0.94)	\$(0.15)	\$(0.43)	\$(0.88)	\$(0.66)
Net asset value, end of period (x)	\$9.74	\$9.19	\$11.09	\$8.59	\$8.74	\$7.42
Total return (%) (k)(r)(s)(x)	5.98(n)	(8.79)	30.99	3.87	31.12	(11.45)
Ratios (%) (to average net assets) and Supplemental data:						
Expenses before expense reductions	0.80(a)	0.80	0.80	0.81	0.81	0.81
Expenses after expense reductions	0.79(a)	0.79	0.79	0.80	0.80	0.80
Net investment income (loss)	1.41(a)	1.45	0.97	1.22	1.31	1.13
Portfolio turnover	10(n)	21	26	35	30	32
Net assets at end of period (000 omitted)	\$251,169	\$246,813	\$316,524	\$271,131	\$261,832	\$210,218

Service Class	Six months ended	Year ended				
	6/30/23 (unaudited)	12/31/22	12/31/21	12/31/20	12/31/19	12/31/18
Net asset value, beginning of period	\$9.06	\$10.95	\$8.50	\$8.65	\$7.35	\$8.93
Income (loss) from investment operations						
Net investment income (loss) (d)	\$0.05	\$0.12	\$0.07	\$0.08	\$0.09	\$0.08
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	0.48	(1.09)	2.52	0.18	2.06	(1.02)
Total from investment operations	\$0.53	\$(0.97)	\$2.59	\$0.26	\$2.15	\$(0.94)
Less distributions declared to shareholders						
From net investment income	\$—	\$(0.08)	\$(0.07)	\$(0.08)	\$(0.09)	\$(0.06)
From net realized gain		(0.84)	(0.07)	(0.33)	(0.76)	(0.58)
Total distributions declared to shareholders	\$—	\$(0.92)	\$(0.14)	\$(0.41)	\$(0.85)	\$(0.64)
Net asset value, end of period (x)	\$9.59	\$9.06	\$10.95	\$8.50	\$8.65	\$7.35
Total return (%) (k)(r)(s)(x)	5.85(n)	(9.00)	30.60	3.67	30.71	(11.61)
Ratios (%) (to average net assets)						
and Supplemental data:						
Expenses before expense reductions	1.05(a)	1.05	1.05	1.06	1.06	1.06
Expenses after expense reductions	1.04(a)	1.04	1.04	1.05	1.05	1.05
Net investment income (loss)	1.17(a)	1.24	0.74	1.01	1.06	0.86
Portfolio turnover	10(n)	21	26	35	30	32
Net assets at end of period (000 omitted)	\$215,370	\$200,016	\$227,898	\$142,916	\$74,018	\$55,837

⁽a) Annualized.

⁽d) Per share data is based on average shares outstanding.

⁽k) The total return does not reflect expenses that apply to separate accounts. Inclusion of these charges would reduce the total return figures for all periods shown.

⁽n) Not annualized.

⁽r) Certain expenses have been reduced without which performance would have been lower.

⁽s) From time to time the fund may receive proceeds from litigation settlements, without which performance would be lower.

⁽x) The net asset values and total returns have been calculated on net assets which include adjustments made in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles required at period end for financial reporting purposes.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (unaudited)

(1) Business and Organization

MFS Mid Cap Value Portfolio (the fund) is a diversified series of MFS Variable Insurance Trust III (the trust). The trust is organized as a Delaware statutory trust and is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, as an open-end management investment company. The shareholders of each series of the trust are separate accounts of insurance companies, which offer variable annuity and/or life insurance products, and qualified retirement and pension plans.

The fund is an investment company and accordingly follows the investment company accounting and reporting guidance of the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification Topic 946 Financial Services - Investment Companies.

(2) Significant Accounting Policies

General — The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of increases and decreases in net assets from operations during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. In the preparation of these financial statements, management has evaluated subsequent events occurring after the date of the fund's Statement of Assets and Liabilities through the date that the financial statements were issued.

Balance Sheet Offsetting — The fund's accounting policy with respect to balance sheet offsetting is that, absent an event of default by the counterparty or a termination of the agreement, the International Swaps and Derivatives Association (ISDA) Master Agreement, or similar agreement, does not result in an offset of reported amounts of financial assets and financial liabilities in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities across transactions between the fund and the applicable counterparty. The fund's right to setoff may be restricted or prohibited by the bankruptcy or insolvency laws of the particular jurisdiction to which a specific master netting agreement counterparty is subject. Balance sheet offsetting disclosures, to the extent applicable to the fund, have been included in the fund's Significant Accounting Policies note under the captions for each of the fund's in-scope financial instruments and transactions.

Investment Valuations — Subject to its oversight, the fund's Board of Trustees has delegated primary responsibility for determining or causing to be determined the value of the fund's investments to MFS as the fund's adviser, pursuant to the fund's valuation policy and procedures which have been adopted by the adviser and approved by the Board. In accordance with Rule 2a-5 under the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Board of Trustees designated the adviser as the "valuation designee" of the fund. If the adviser, as valuation designee, determines that reliable market quotations are not readily available for an investment, the investment is valued at fair value as determined in good faith by the adviser in accordance with the adviser's fair valuation policy and procedures.

Under the fund's valuation policy and procedures, equity securities, including restricted equity securities, are generally valued at the last sale or official closing price on their primary market or exchange as provided by a third-party pricing service. Equity securities, for which there were no sales reported that day, are generally valued at the last quoted daily bid quotation on their primary market or exchange as provided by a third-party pricing service. Short-term instruments with a maturity at issuance of 60 days or less may be valued at amortized cost, which approximates market value. Open-end investment companies are generally valued at net asset value per share. The values of foreign securities and other assets and liabilities expressed in foreign currencies are converted to U.S. dollars using the mean of bid and asked prices for rates provided by a third-party pricing service.

Under the fund's valuation policy and procedures, market quotations are not considered to be readily available for debt instruments, floating rate loans, and many types of derivatives. These investments are generally valued at fair value based on information from third-party pricing services or otherwise determined by the adviser in accordance with the adviser's fair valuation policy and procedures. Securities and other assets generally valued on the basis of information from a third-party pricing service may also be valued at a broker/dealer bid quotation. In determining values, third-party pricing services can utilize both transaction data and market information such as yield, quality, coupon rate, maturity, type of issue, trading characteristics, spreads and other market data. An investment may also be valued at fair value if the adviser determines that the investment's value has been materially affected by events occurring after the close of the exchange or market on which the investment is principally traded (such as foreign exchange or market) and prior to the determination of the fund's net asset value, or after the halt of trading of a specific security where trading does not resume prior to the close of the exchange or market on which the security is principally traded. Events that occur after foreign markets close (such as developments in foreign markets and significant movements in the U.S. markets) and prior to the determination of the fund's net asset value may be deemed to have a material effect on the value of securities traded in foreign markets. Accordingly, the fund's foreign equity securities may often be valued at fair value. The adviser generally relies on third-party pricing services or other information (such as the correlation with price movements of similar securities in the same or other markets; the type, cost and investment characteristics of the security; the business and financial condition of the issuer; and trading and other market data) to assist in determining whether to fair value and at what value to fair value an investment. The value of an investment

for purposes of calculating the fund's net asset value can differ depending on the source and method used to determine value. When fair valuation is used, the value of an investment used to determine the fund's net asset value may differ from quoted or published prices for the same investment. There can be no assurance that the fund could obtain the fair value assigned to an investment if it were to sell the investment at the same time at which the fund determines its net asset value per share.

Various inputs are used in determining the value of the fund's assets or liabilities. These inputs are categorized into three broad levels. In certain cases, the inputs used to measure fair value may fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy. In such cases, an investment's level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The fund's assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgment, and considers factors specific to the investment. Level 1 includes unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities. Level 2 includes other significant observable market-based inputs (including quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speed, and credit risk). Level 3 includes significant unobservable inputs, which may include the adviser's own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments. The following is a summary of the levels used as of June 30, 2023 in valuing the fund's assets and liabilities:

Financial Instruments	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Equity Securities	\$458,535,073	\$—	\$—	\$458,535,073
Mutual Funds	813,579	_	_	813,579
Total	\$459 348 652	\$ —	\$ <u></u>	\$459 348 652

For further information regarding security characteristics, see the Portfolio of Investments.

Foreign Currency Translation — Purchases and sales of foreign investments, income, and expenses are converted into U.S. dollars based upon currency exchange rates prevailing on the respective dates of such transactions or on the reporting date for foreign denominated receivables and payables. Gains and losses attributable to foreign currency exchange rates on sales of securities are recorded for financial statement purposes as net realized gains and losses on investments. Gains and losses attributable to foreign exchange rate movements on receivables, payables, income and expenses are recorded for financial statement purposes as foreign currency transaction gains and losses. That portion of both realized and unrealized gains and losses on investments that results from fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates is not separately disclosed.

Security Loans — Under its Securities Lending Agency Agreement with the fund, State Street Bank and Trust Company, as lending agent, loans the securities of the fund to certain qualified institutions (the "Borrowers") approved by the fund. Security loans can be terminated at the discretion of either the lending agent or the fund and the related securities must be returned within the earlier of the standard trade settlement period for such securities or within three business days. The loans are collateralized by cash and/or U.S. Treasury and federal agency obligations in an amount typically at least equal to the market value of the securities loaned. On loans collateralized by cash, the cash collateral is invested in a money market fund. The market value of the loaned securities is determined at the close of business of the fund and any additional required collateral is delivered to the fund on the next business day. The lending agent provides the fund with indemnification against Borrower default. In the event of Borrower default, the lending agent will, for the benefit of the fund, either purchase securities identical to those loaned or, when such purchase is commercially impracticable, pay the fund the market value of the loaned securities. In return, the lending agent assumes the fund's rights to the related collateral. If the collateral value is less than the cost to purchase identical securities, the lending agent is responsible for the shortfall, but only to the extent that such shortfall is not due to a decline in collateral value resulting from collateral reinvestment for which the fund bears the risk of loss. A portion of the income generated upon investment of the collateral is remitted to the Borrowers, and the remainder is allocated between the fund and the lending agent. On loans collateralized by U.S. Treasury and/or federal agency obligations, a fee is received from the Borrower, and is allocated between the fund and the lending agent. Income from securities lending is separately reported in the Statement of Operations. The dividend and interest income earned on the securities loaned is accounted for in the same manner as other dividend and interest income. At June 30, 2023, there were no securities on loan or collateral outstanding.

Indemnifications — Under the fund's organizational documents, its officers and Trustees may be indemnified against certain liabilities and expenses arising out of the performance of their duties to the fund. Additionally, in the normal course of business, the fund enters into agreements with service providers that may contain indemnification clauses. The fund's maximum exposure under these agreements is unknown as this would involve future claims that may be made against the fund that have not yet occurred.

Investment Transactions and Income — Dividends received in cash are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Certain dividends from foreign securities will be recorded when the fund is informed of the dividend if such information is obtained subsequent to the ex-dividend date. Dividend payments received in additional securities are recorded on the ex-dividend date in an amount equal to the value of the security on such date.

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The fund may receive proceeds from litigation settlements. Any proceeds received from litigation involving portfolio holdings are reflected in the Statement of Operations in realized gain/loss if the security has been disposed of by the fund or in unrealized gain/loss if the security is still held by the fund. Any other proceeds from litigation not related to portfolio holdings are reflected as other income in the Statement of Operations.

Investment transactions are recorded on the trade date. In determining the net gain or loss on securities sold, the cost of securities is determined on the identified cost basis.

Tax Matters and Distributions — The fund intends to qualify as a regulated investment company, as defined under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code, and to distribute all of its taxable income, including realized capital gains. As a result, no provision for federal income tax is required. The fund's federal tax returns, when filed, will remain subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service for a three year period. Management has analyzed the fund's tax positions taken on federal and state tax returns for all open tax years and does not believe that there are any uncertain tax positions that require recognition of a tax liability. Foreign taxes, if any, have been accrued by the fund in the accompanying financial statements in accordance with the applicable foreign tax law. Foreign income taxes may be withheld by certain countries in which the fund invests. Additionally, capital gains realized by the fund on securities issued in or by certain foreign countries may be subject to capital gains tax imposed by those countries.

Distributions to shareholders are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Income and capital gain distributions are determined in accordance with income tax regulations, which may differ from U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Certain capital accounts in the financial statements are periodically adjusted for permanent differences in order to reflect their tax character. These adjustments have no impact on net assets or net asset value per share. Temporary differences which arise from recognizing certain items of income, expense, gain or loss in different periods for financial statement and tax purposes will reverse at some time in the future.

Book/tax differences primarily relate to passive foreign investment companies and wash sale loss deferrals.

The tax character of distributions declared to shareholders for the last fiscal year is as follows:

	Year ended
	12/31/22
Ordinary income (including any short-term capital gains)	\$11,924,635
Long-term capital gains	35,161,427
Total distributions	\$47,086,062

The federal tax cost and the tax basis components of distributable earnings were as follows:

As of 6/30/23	
Cost of investments	\$322,834,145
Gross appreciation	149,381,572
Gross depreciation	(12,867,065)
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	\$136,514,507
As of 12/31/22	
Undistributed ordinary income	7,597,753
Undistributed long-term capital gain	15,465,226
Other temporary differences	(389)
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	118,213,675

The aggregate cost above includes prior fiscal year end tax adjustments, if applicable.

Multiple Classes of Shares of Beneficial Interest — The fund offers multiple classes of shares, which differ in their respective distribution and/or service fees. The fund's income, realized and unrealized gain (loss), and common expenses are allocated to shareholders based on the daily net assets of each class. Dividends are declared separately for each class. Differences in per share dividend rates are generally due to differences in separate class expenses. The fund's distributions declared to shareholders as reported in the Statements of Changes in Net Assets are presented by class as follows:

	Six months ended 6/30/23	Year ended 12/31/22
Initial Class	\$—	\$26,193,294
Service Class		20,892,768
Total	\$—	\$47,086,062

(3) Transactions with Affiliates

Investment Adviser — The fund has an investment advisory agreement with MFS to provide overall investment management and related administrative services and facilities to the fund. The management fee is computed daily and paid monthly at the following annual rates based on the fund's average daily net assets:

Up to \$1 billion	0.75%
In excess of \$1 billion	0.70%

MFS has agreed in writing to reduce its management fee by a specified amount if certain MFS mutual fund assets exceed thresholds agreed to by MFS and the fund's Board of Trustees. MFS has also agreed in writing to waive at least 0.01% of its management fee as part of this agreement. The agreement to waive at least 0.01% of the management fee will continue until modified by the fund's Board of Trustees, but such agreement will continue at least until April 30, 2024. For the six months ended June 30, 2023, this management fee reduction amounted to \$29,081, which is included in the reduction of total expenses in the Statement of Operations. The management fee incurred for the six months ended June 30, 2023 was equivalent to an annual effective rate of 0.74% of the fund's average daily net assets.

The investment adviser has agreed in writing to pay a portion of the fund's total annual operating expenses, excluding interest, taxes, extraordinary expenses, brokerage and transaction costs, certain tax reclaim recovery expenses (including contingency fees and closing agreement expenses), and investment-related expenses, such that total annual operating expenses do not exceed 0.92% of average daily net assets for the Initial Class shares and 1.17% of average daily net assets for the Service Class shares. This written agreement will continue until modified by the fund's Board of Trustees, but such agreement will continue at least until April 30, 2025. For the six months ended June 30, 2023, the fund's actual operating expenses did not exceed the limit and therefore, the investment adviser did not pay any portion of the fund's expenses related to this agreement.

Distributor — MFS Fund Distributors, Inc. (MFD), a wholly-owned subsidiary of MFS, is the distributor of shares of the fund. The Trustees have adopted a distribution plan for the Service Class shares pursuant to Rule 12b-1 under the Investment Company Act of 1940.

The fund's distribution plan provides that the fund will pay MFD distribution and/or service fees equal to 0.25% per annum of its average daily net assets attributable to Service Class shares as partial consideration for services performed and expenses incurred by MFD and financial intermediaries (including participating insurance companies that invest in the fund to fund variable annuity and variable life insurance contracts, sponsors of qualified retirement and pension plans that invest in the fund, and affiliates of these participating insurance companies and plan sponsors) in connection with the sale and distribution of the Service Class shares as well as shareholder servicing and account maintenance activities. MFD may subsequently pay all, or a portion, of the distribution and/or service fees to financial intermediaries. The distribution and/or service fees are computed daily and paid monthly.

Shareholder Servicing Agent — MFS Service Center, Inc. (MFSC), a wholly-owned subsidiary of MFS, receives a fee from the fund for its services as shareholder servicing agent. For the six months ended June 30, 2023, the fee was \$3,146, which equated to 0.0014% annually of the fund's average daily net assets. MFSC also receives reimbursement from the fund for out-of-pocket expenses paid by MFSC on behalf of the fund. For the six months ended June 30, 2023, these costs amounted to \$825.

Administrator — MFS provides certain financial, legal, shareholder communications, compliance, and other administrative services to the fund. Under an administrative services agreement, the fund reimburses MFS the costs incurred to provide these services. The fund is charged an annual fixed amount of \$17,500 plus a fee based on average daily net assets. The administrative services fee is computed daily and paid monthly. The administrative services fee incurred for the six months ended June 30, 2023 was equivalent to an annual effective rate of 0.0168% of the fund's average daily net assets.

Trustees' and Officers' Compensation — The fund pays compensation to independent Trustees in the form of a retainer, attendance fees, and additional compensation to Board and Committee chairpersons. Independent Trustees' compensation is accrued daily and paid subsequent to each Trustee Board meeting. The fund does not pay compensation directly to Trustees or officers of the fund who are also officers of the investment adviser, all of whom receive remuneration from MFS for their services to the fund. Certain officers and Trustees of the fund are officers or directors of MFS, MFD, and MFSC.

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Other — The fund invests in the MFS Institutional Money Market Portfolio which is managed by MFS and seeks current income consistent with preservation of capital and liquidity. This money market fund does not pay a management fee to MFS but does incur investment and operating costs.

During the six months ended June 30, 2023, pursuant to a policy adopted by the Board of Trustees and designed to comply with Rule 17a-7 under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "Act") and relevant guidance, the fund engaged in sale transactions with funds and accounts for which MFS serves as investment adviser or sub-adviser ("cross-trades") which amounted to \$38,060. The sales transactions resulted in net realized gains (losses) of \$18,867.

The adviser has voluntarily undertaken to reimburse the fund from its own resources on a quarterly basis for the cost of investment research embedded in the cost of the fund's securities trades. This agreement may be rescinded at any time. For the six months ended June 30, 2023, this reimbursement amounted to \$10,811, which is included in "Other" income in the Statement of Operations.

(4) Portfolio Securities

For the six months ended June 30, 2023, purchases and sales of investments, other than short-term obligations, aggregated \$45,154,141 and \$54,644,305, respectively.

(5) Shares of Beneficial Interest

The fund's Declaration of Trust permits the Trustees to issue an unlimited number of full and fractional shares of beneficial interest. Transactions in fund shares were as follows:

		Six months ended 6/30/23		ended 31/22
	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount
Shares sold				
Initial Class	2,042,296	\$19,146,183	4,681,871	\$47,560,208
Service Class	3,161,432	29,113,335	15,477,754	154,792,195
	5,203,728	\$48,259,518	20,159,625	\$202,352,403
Shares issued to shareholders in reinvestment of distributions				
Initial Class	_	\$	2,792,462	\$26,193,294
Service Class	_		2,256,238	20,892,768
	_	\$—	5,048,700	\$47,086,062
Shares reacquired				
Initial Class	(3,120,437)	\$(29,518,589)	(9,159,594)	\$(89,546,799)
Service Class	(2,789,066)	(25,774,638)	(16,462,055)	(161,604,730)
	(5,909,503)	\$(55,293,227)	(25,621,649)	\$(251,151,529)
Net change				
Initial Class	(1,078,141)	\$(10,372,406)	(1,685,261)	\$(15,793,297)
Service Class	372,366	3,338,697	1,271,937	14,080,233
	(705,775)	\$(7,033,709)	(413,324)	\$(1,713,064)

The fund is one of several mutual funds in which certain MFS funds may invest. The MFS funds do not invest in the underlying funds for the purpose of exercising management or control. At the end of the period, the MFS Moderate Allocation Portfolio, the MFS Growth Allocation Portfolio, and the MFS Conservative Allocation Portfolio were the owners of record of approximately 15%, 5%, and 3%, respectively, of the value of outstanding voting shares of the fund.

(6) Line of Credit

The fund and certain other funds managed by MFS participate in a \$1.45 billion unsecured committed line of credit of which \$1.2 billion is reserved for use by the fund and certain other MFS U.S. funds. The line of credit is provided by a syndicate of banks under a credit agreement. Borrowings may be made for temporary financing needs. Interest is charged to each fund, based on its borrowings, generally at a rate equal to the highest of 1) Daily Simple SOFR (Secured Overnight Financing Rate) plus 0.10%, 2) the Federal Funds Effective Rate, or 3) the Overnight Bank Funding Rate, each plus an agreed upon spread. A commitment fee, based on the average daily unused portion of the committed line of credit, is allocated among the participating funds. The line of credit expires on March 14, 2024 unless extended or renewed. In addition, the fund and other funds managed by MFS have established unsecured

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uncommitted borrowing arrangements with certain banks for temporary financing needs. Interest is charged to each fund, based on its borrowings, at rates equal to customary reference rates plus an agreed upon spread. For the six months ended June 30, 2023, the fund's commitment fee and interest expense were \$1,238 and \$0, respectively, and are included in "Miscellaneous" expense in the Statement of Operations.

(7) Investments in Affiliated Issuers

An affiliated issuer may be considered one in which the fund owns 5% or more of the outstanding voting securities, or a company which is under common control. For the purposes of this report, the following were affiliated issuers:

Affiliated Issuers	Beginning Value	Purchases	Sales Proceeds	Realized Gain (Loss)	Change in Unrealized Appreciation or Depreciation	Ending Value
MFS Institutional Money Market Portfolio	\$2,633,336	\$44,440,139	\$46,259,574	\$(33)	\$(289)	\$813,579
Affiliated Issuers					Dividend Income	Capital Gain Distributions
MFS Institutional Money Market Portfolio					\$170,701	\$—

STATEMENT REGARDING LIQUIDITY RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

The fund has adopted and implemented a liquidity risk management program (the "Program") as required by Rule 22e-4 under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended. The fund's Board of Trustees (the "Board") has designated MFS as the administrator of the Program. The Program is reasonably designed to assess and manage the liquidity risk of the fund. Liquidity risk is the risk that the fund could not meet requests to redeem shares issued by the fund without significant dilution of remaining investors' interests.

MFS provided a written report to the Board for consideration at its March 2023 meeting that addressed the operation of the Program and provided an assessment of the adequacy and effectiveness of the Program during the period from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 (the "Covered Period"). The report concluded that during the Covered Period the Program had operated effectively in all material respects and had adequately and effectively been implemented to assess and manage the fund's liquidity risk. MFS also reported that there were no liquidity events that impacted the fund or its ability to timely meet redemptions without dilution to existing shareholders during the Covered Period.

There can be no assurance that the Program will achieve its objectives in the future. Further information on liquidity risk, and other principal risks to which an investment in the fund may be subject, can be found in the prospectus.

PROXY VOTING POLICIES AND INFORMATION

MFS votes proxies on behalf of the fund pursuant to proxy voting policies and procedures that are available without charge, upon request, by calling 1-800-225-2606, by visiting *mfs.com/proxyvoting*, or by visiting the SEC's Web site at *http://www.sec.gov.*

Information regarding how the fund voted proxies relating to portfolio securities during the most recent twelve-month period ended June 30 is available by August 31 of each year without charge by visiting *mfs.com/proxyvoting*, or by visiting the SEC's Web site at http://www.sec.gov.

OUARTERLY PORTFOLIO DISCLOSURE

The fund files a complete schedule of portfolio holdings with the SEC for the first and third quarters of each fiscal year as an exhibit to its reports on Form N-PORT. The fund's Form N-PORT reports are available on the SEC's Web site at http://www.sec.gov. A shareholder can obtain the portfolio holdings report for the first and third quarters of the fund's fiscal year at mfs.com/vit3 by choosing the fund's name and then scrolling to the "Resources" section and clicking on the "Prospectus and Reports" tab.

FURTHER INFORMATION

From time to time, MFS may post important information about the fund or the MFS Funds on the MFS Web site (*mfs.com*). This information is available at *https://www.mfs.com/announcements* or at *mfs.com/vit3* by choosing the fund's name and then scrolling to the "Resources" section and clicking on the "Announcements" tab, if any.

INFORMATION ABOUT FUND CONTRACTS AND LEGAL CLAIMS

The fund has entered into contractual arrangements with an investment adviser, administrator, distributor, shareholder servicing agent, and custodian who each provide services to the fund. Unless expressly stated otherwise, shareholders are not parties to, or intended beneficiaries of these contractual arrangements, and these contractual arrangements are not intended to create any shareholder right to enforce them against the service providers or to seek any remedy under them against the service providers, either directly or on behalf of the fund.

Under the Trust's By-Laws and Declaration of Trust, any claims asserted against or on behalf of the MFS Funds, including claims against Trustees and Officers, must be brought in state and federal courts located within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

