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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM N-CSR

CERTIFIED SHAREHOLDER REPORT OF

REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES

Investment Company Act file number 811-05912

MFS SPECIAL VALUE TRUST

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

111 Huntington Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts 02199

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Susan S. Newton

Massachusetts Financial Services Company

111 Huntington Avenue

Boston, Massachusetts 02199

(Name and address of agents for service)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (617) 954-5000

Date of fiscal year end: October 31

Date of reporting period: April 30, 2014

ITEM 1. REPORTS TO STOCKHOLDERS.

SEMIANNUAL REPORT

April 30, 2014

MFS® SPECIAL VALUE TRUST

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Managed Distribution Policy Disclosure

The MFS Special Value Trust s (the fund) Board of Trustees has adopted a managed distribution policy. The fund seeks to pay monthly distributions based on an annual rate of 10.00% of the fund s average monthly net asset value. The fund s total return in relation to changes in net asset value is presented in the Financial Highlights. You should not draw any conclusions about the fund s investment performance from the amount of the current distribution or from the terms of the fund s managed distribution policy. The Board may amend or terminate the managed distribution policy at any time without prior notice to fund shareholders; however, at this time, there are no reasonably foreseeable circumstances that might cause the termination of the managed distribution policy.

With each distribution, the fund will issue a notice to shareholders and an accompanying press release which will provide detailed information regarding the amount and composition of the distribution and other related information. In accordance with the amounts and sources of distributions reported in the Notice to Shareholders—the Sources of Distributions are only estimates and are not being provided for tax reporting purposes. The actual amounts and sources of the amounts for tax reporting purposes will depend upon the fund—s investment experience during the remainder of its fiscal year and may be subject to changes based on tax regulations. The fund will send you a Form 1099-DIV for the calendar year that will tell you how to report these distributions for federal income tax purposes.

Under a managed distribution policy the fund may at times distribute more than its net investment income and net realized capital gains; therefore, a portion of your distribution may result in a return of capital. A return of capital may occur, for example, when some or all of the money that you invested in the fund is paid back to you. A return of capital does not necessarily reflect the fund s investment performance and should not be confused with yield or income.

MFS® SPECIAL VALUE TRUST

New York Stock Exchange Symbol: MFV

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LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN AND CEO

Dear Shareholders:

After gaining momentum late last year, the U.S. economy slipped this winter, as severe weather curtailed activity. More recently, however, labor market data, consumer

confidence, retail sales and industrial output have indicated that the U.S. economy could be regaining traction.

Europe emerged from its recession midway through 2013. However, its pace of growth has been slow, high unemployment persists and the risk of deflation exists. Asia remains vulnerable. China s economic growth has slowed, and Japan s early progress toward an economic turnaround continues to face obstacles. Emerging markets have also displayed much higher volatility, affected by the early transition from aggressive central bank monetary easing.

With so much uncertainty, global financial markets began 2014 with much greater volatility than last year s broad-based rally. For equity investors, attention to company fundamentals has taken on more importance. Bond investors have been attuned to heightened risks from possible interest rate increases.

As always at MFS®, active risk management is an integral part of how we manage your investments. We use a collaborative process, sharing insights across asset classes, regions and economic sectors. Our global team of investment professionals uses a multidisciplined, long-term, diversified investment approach.

We understand that these are challenging economic times. We believe that we can serve you best by applying proven principles, such as asset allocation and diversification, over the long term. We are confident that this approach can serve you well as you work with your financial advisors to reach your goals in the years ahead.

Respectfully,

Robert J. Manning

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

MFS Investment Management

June 13, 2014

The opinions expressed in this letter are subject to change, may not be relied upon for investment advice, and no forecasts can be guaranteed.

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PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION

Portfolio structure (i)

Top ten holdings (i)	
Johnson & Johnson	1.4%
JPMorgan Chase & Co.	1.3%
Philip Morris International, Inc.	1.3%
IBM Corp.	1.2%
Verizon Communications, Inc.	1.2%
Travelers Cos., Inc.	1.2%
Occidental Petroleum Corp.	1.2%
CVS Caremark Corp.	1.2%
United Technologies Corp.	1.2%
Nestle S.A., ADR	1.1%
Equity sectors	
Financial Services	7.4%
Health Care	5.1%
Consumer Staples	4.1%
Industrial Goods & Services	3.0%
Retailing	2.2%
Technology	2.2%
Leisure	1.9%
Basic Materials	1.5%
Utilities & Communications	1.2%
Energy	1.2%
Special Products & Services	0.8%
Autos & Housing (o)	0.0%
Fixed income sectors (i)	
High Yield Corporates	58.3%
Emerging Markets Bonds	4.6%
High Grade Corporates	1.7%
Floating Rate Loans	1.0%
Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities	0.6%
Non-U.S. Government Bonds	0.2%
Municipal Bonds	0.1%
Collateralized Debt Obligations (o)	0.0%
Composition including fixed income credit quality (a)(i)	
BBB	1.9%
BB	18.6%
В	34.6%
CCC	11.3%
CC (o)	0.0%
C	0.1%
Not Rated (o)	0.0%
Non-Fixed Income	30.6%
Cash & Other	2.9%

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Portfolio Composition continued

- (a) For all securities other than those specifically described below, ratings are assigned to underlying securities utilizing ratings from Moody s, Fitch, and Standard & Poor s rating agencies and applying the following hierarchy: If all three agencies provide a rating, the middle rating (after dropping the highest and lowest ratings) is assigned; if two of the three agencies rate a security, the lower of the two is assigned. Ratings are shown in the S&P and Fitch scale (e.g., AAA). Securities rated BBB or higher are considered investment grade. All ratings are subject to change. Not Rated includes fixed income securities, including fixed income futures contracts, which have not been rated by any rating agency. Non-Fixed Income includes equity securities (including convertible bonds and equity derivatives) and commodities. The fund may not hold all of these instruments. The fund is not rated by these agencies.
- (i) For purposes of this presentation, the components include the market value of securities, and reflect the impact of the equivalent exposure of derivative positions, if any. These amounts may be negative from time to time. Equivalent exposure is a calculated amount that translates the derivative position into a reasonable approximation of the amount of the underlying asset that the portfolio would have to hold at a given point in time to have the same price sensitivity that results from the portfolio s ownership of the derivative contract. When dealing with derivatives, equivalent exposure is a more representative measure of the potential impact of a position on portfolio performance than market value. The bond component will include any accrued interest amounts.

(o) Less than 0.1%.

Where the fund holds convertible bonds, these are treated as part of the equity portion of the portfolio.

Cash & Other includes cash, other assets less liabilities, offsets to derivative positions, and short-term securities.

Percentages are based on net assets as of 4/30/14.

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

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PORTFOLIO MANAGERS PROFILES

Portfolio Manager William Adams	Primary Role Lower Quality	Since 2011	Title and Five Year History
	Debt Instruments		A COST CATEGORIA
	Portfolio Manager		Investment Officer of MFS; employed in the investment management area of MFS since 2009.
Ward Brown	Emerging Markets	2012	
	Debt Instruments		
	Portfolio Manager		Investment Officer of MFS; employed in the investment management area of MFS since 2005.
Nevin Chitkara	Equity Securities	2012	
	Portfolio Manager		Investment Officer of MFS; employed in the investment management area of MFS since 1997.
David Cole	Lower Quality	2006	
	Debt Instruments		
	Portfolio Manager		Investment Officer of MFS; employed in the investment management area of MFS since 2004.
Matthew Ryan	Emerging Markets	2012	
	Debt Instruments		
	Portfolio Manager		Investment Officer of MFS; employed in the investment management area of MFS since 1997.

OTHER NOTES

The fund s shares may trade at a discount or premium to net asset value. Shareholders do not have the right to cause the fund to repurchase their shares at net asset value. When fund shares trade at a premium, buyers pay more than the net asset value underlying fund shares, and shares purchased at a premium would receive less than the amount paid for them in the event of the fund s liquidation. As a result, the total return that is calculated based on the net asset value and New York Stock Exchange price can be different.

The fund s monthly distributions may include a return of capital to shareholders to the extent that the fund s net investment income and net capital gains are insufficient to meet the fund s target annual distribution rate. Distributions that are treated for federal income tax purposes as a return of capital will reduce each shareholder s basis in his or her shares and, to the extent the return of capital exceeds such basis, will be treated as gain to the shareholder from a sale of shares. It may also result in a recharacterization of what economically represents a return of capital to ordinary income in those situations where a fund has long term capital gain and a capital loss carryforward. Returns of shareholder capital have the effect of reducing the fund s assets and increasing the fund s expense ratio.

The fund s target annual distribution rate is calculated based on an annual rate of 10.00% of the fund s average monthly net asset value, not a fixed share price, and the fund s dividend amount will fluctuate with changes in the fund s average daily net assets.

In accordance with Section 23(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, the fund hereby gives notice that it may from time to time repurchase shares of the fund in the open market at the option of the Board of Trustees and on such terms as the Trustees shall determine.

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PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS

4/30/14 (unaudited)

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

Bonds - 64.3%		
Issuer	Shares/Par	Value (\$)
Aerospace - 1.6%		
Alliant Techsystems, Inc., 5.25%, 10/01/21 (n)	\$ 30,000	\$ 31,090
Bombardier, Inc., 7.75%, 3/15/20 (n)	55,000	62,700
Bombardier, Inc., 6.125%, 1/15/23 (n)	40,000	40,900
CPI International, Inc., 8.75%, 2/15/18	115,000	120,463
Gencorp, Inc., 7.125%, 3/15/21	100,000	108,500
Huntington Ingalls Industries, Inc., 7.125%, 3/15/21	185,000	203,963
Kratos Defense & Security Solutions, Inc., 10%, 6/01/17	210,000	221,025
		\$ 788,641
Apparel Manufacturers - 0.3%		
Hanesbrands, Inc., 6.375%, 12/15/20	\$ 60,000	\$ 65,400
PVH Corp., 4.5%, 12/15/22	60,000	59,025
		\$ 124,425
Asset-Backed & Securitized - 0.5%		Ψ 12 1, 123
Banc of America Commercial Mortgage, Inc., FRN, 6.461%, 2/10/51 (z)	\$ 328,951	\$ 173,686
Citigroup Commercial Mortgage Trust, FRN, 5.892%, 12/10/49	220,000	30,976
Falcon Franchise Loan LLC, FRN, 14.747%, 1/05/25 (i)(z)	31,896	10,207
JPMorgan Chase Commercial Mortgage Securities Corp., C, FRN, 6.206%, 2/15/51	95,000	53,780
Morgan Stanley Capital I, Inc., FRN, 1.412%, 4/28/39 (i)(z)	158.233	991
Preferred Term Securities XII Ltd., CDO, 0%, 12/24/33 (a)(c)(z)	225,000	2
Preferred Term Securities XVI Ltd., CDO, 0%, 3/23/35 (a)(c)(z)	300,000	0
Preferred Term Securities XVII Ltd., CDO, 0%, 6/23/35 (a)(c)(z)	187,000	0
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Automotive - 1.9%		\$ 269,642
Accuride Corp., 9.5%, 8/01/18	\$ 150,000	\$ 156,000
Allison Transmission, Inc., 7.125%, 5/15/19 (n)	175,000	189,000
Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., 6.5%, 3/01/21	140,000	151,550
Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., 7%, 5/15/22	40,000	44,100
Jaguar Land Rover PLC, 8.125%, 5/15/21 (n)	300,000	339,375
Lear Corp., 8.125%, 3/15/20	28,000	30,520
Lear Corp., 4.75%, 1/15/23 (n)	25,000	24,563
		\$ 935,108
Broadcasting - 3.3%		Ψ >33,100
AMC Networks, Inc., 7.75%, 7/15/21	\$ 136,000	\$ 152,320
Clear Channel Communications, Inc., 9%, 3/01/21	202,000	214,625
Com Chamber Communications, Inc., 770, 3701121	202,000	217,023

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Portfolio of Investments (unaudited) continued

Issuer	Shares/Par	Value (\$)
Bonds - continued		
Broadcasting - continued		
Clear Channel Worldwide Holdings, Inc., 6.5%, 11/15/22	\$ 25,000	\$ 26,625
Clear Channel Worldwide Holdings, Inc., 6.5%, 11/15/22	85,000	90,950
Clear Channel Worldwide Holdings, Inc., A , 7.625%, 3/15/20	5,000	5,350
Clear Channel Worldwide Holdings, Inc., B , 7.625%, 3/15/20	35,000	37,713
GrafTech International Co., 6.375%, 11/15/20	80,000	81,800
IAC/InterActive Corp., 4.875%, 11/30/18	15,000	15,675
IAC/InterActive Corp., 4.75%, 12/15/22	55,000	54,038
Intelsat Jackson Holdings S.A., 6.625%, 12/15/22 (n)	75,000	77,063
Intelsat Jackson Holdings S.A., 6.625%, 12/15/22	105,000	107,888
Intelsat Luxembourg S.A., 8.125%, 6/01/23	135,000	141,750
Liberty Media Corp., 8.5%, 7/15/29	110,000	122,650
Liberty Media Corp., 8.25%, 2/01/30	35,000	38,325
Netflix, Inc., 5.375%, 2/01/21	70,000	72,800
Nexstar Broadcasting, Inc., 6.875%, 11/15/20	80,000	85,600
SIRIUS XM Radio, Inc., 4.25%, 5/15/20 (n)	10,000	9,600
SIRIUS XM Radio, Inc., 5.875%, 10/01/20 (n)	10,000	10,438
SIRIUS XM Radio, Inc., 4.625%, 5/15/23 (z)	15,000	13,875
Univision Communications, Inc., 6.875%, 5/15/19 (n)	25,000	26,719
Univision Communications, Inc., 7.875%, 11/01/20 (n)	100,000	109,875
Univision Communications, Inc., 8.5%, 5/15/21 (n)	130,000	143,000
		\$ 1,638,679
Brokerage & Asset Managers - 0.4%		
E*TRADE Financial Corp., 6.375%, 11/15/19	\$ 195,000	\$ 211,819
Building - 2.3%		
Allegion U.S. Holding Co., Inc., 5.75%, 10/01/21 (n)	\$ 70,000	\$ 74,200
Boise Cascade Co., 6.375%, 11/01/20	65,000	69,875
Building Materials Holding Corp., 7%, 2/15/20 (n)	45,000	47,813
Building Materials Holding Corp., 6.75%, 5/01/21 (n)	30,000	32,475
CEMEX Espana S.A., 9.25%, 5/12/20 (n)	75,000	81,563
CEMEX S.A.B. de C.V., 9.25%, 5/12/20	130,000	141,375
HD Supply, Inc., 8.125%, 4/15/19	60,000	66,450
HD Supply, Inc., 7.5%, 7/15/20	190,000	205,675
Headwaters, Inc., 7.25%, 1/15/19 (n)	35,000	36,838
Headwaters, Inc., 7.625%, 4/01/19	30,000	32,250
Nortek, Inc., 8.5%, 4/15/21	150,000	165,375
Roofing Supply Group LLC/Roofing Supply Finance, Inc.,	00.000	00.122
10%, 6/01/20 (n)	89,000	98,123
USG Corp., 7.875%, 3/30/20 (n)	45,000	50,175
USG Corp., 5.875%, 11/01/21 (n)	20,000	21,250
		\$