

QUALITY SPECTRUM

OVERVIEW

GMO's Focused Equity team believes that high quality companies have a sustainable competitive advantage that allows them to be excessively profitable for many years into the future, while low quality "junk" companies lack sustainable competitive advantages and generally have risky business models. The GMO Quality Spectrum Strategy contains a concentrated long book of high quality companies and levers the long portfolio by shorting a diverse portfolio of "junk" companies, with an emphasis on valuation. The Strategy expects to generate equity-like returns over time, with the long quality/short junk element designed to provide a bulwark against market drawdowns.

CUMULATIVE TOTAL RETURNS (USD, NET OF FEES, %)

	<i>MTD</i>	<i>QTD</i>	<i>YTD</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>2020</i>	<i>2019</i>
Composite	-2.11	-2.11	18.88	25.34	-1.69	42.43	-4.05	3.66
Index	-1.38	-1.38	3.26	13.75	-8.46	9.04	9.02	1.83
Alternate Index	-3.25	-3.25	4.63	22.20	-18.36	18.54	16.25	3.52

ANNUALIZED TOTAL RETURNS (USD, NET OF FEES, %)

	<i>1 Year</i>	<i>3 Years</i>	<i>5 Years</i>	<i>10 Years</i>	<i>ITD</i>
Composite	28.35	21.17	-	-	17.98
Index	11.65	3.90	-	-	6.15
Alternate Index	17.46	4.27	-	-	9.43

FACTS

Strategy Inception	31-Oct-19
Composite Inception	30-Nov-19
Total Assets	\$38mm USD
Index	50% ACWI 50% 3Mo TBill Blend
Alternate Index	MSCI ACWI

RISK PROFILE (SINCE INCEPTION 29-NOV-19)

Alpha (Jensen's)	10.31
Sharpe Ratio	0.84
Standard Deviation	19.00
Max Port. Drawdown (31-Dec-21 - 30-Sep-22)	-15.19

PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT



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Risks: Risks associated with investing in the Strategy may include: Equities Risk, Short Investment Exposure Risks, Focused Investment Risk, Currency Risks, and Smaller Company Risks. Returns shown for periods greater than one year are on an annualized basis. To obtain performance information to the most recent month-end, visit www.gmo.com.

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CHARACTERISTICS

	<i>Long</i>	<i>Short</i>	<i>Alternate Index</i>
Price/Earnings - Forecast 1 Yr Wtd Mdn	21.8x	38.0x	20.9x
Return on Equity - Forecast 1 Yr Wtd Mdn	26.7%	10.5%	19.2%
% Neg Earnings	0.0%	40.6%	3.7%
Price/Book - Hist 1 Yr Wtd Avg	5.8x	2.6x	2.9x
Dividend Yield - Hist 1 Yr Wtd Avg	1.5%	1.2%	1.9%
Free Cash Flow Yield - Hist 1 Yr Wtd Avg	3.5%	-0.4%	3.9%
Market Cap - Wtd Mdn Bil	215.4 USD	11.6 USD	101.2 USD
Number of Equity Holdings	43	357	2724
% Long/Short	172.6%	72.2%	N/A
Net Debt/EBITDA - Hist 1 Yr Wtd Mdn	0.1x	3.4x	0.5x

MARKET CAP BAND EXPOSURES (\$B)

	<i>Long</i>	<i>Short</i>
Small (5.4 & Below)	0.7	-15.7
Small - Medium (5.4 To 15.5)	2.2	-26.9
Medium (15.5 To 40.4)	6.2	-17.9
Medium - Large (40.4 To 111.8)	28.7	-10.3
Large (111.8 & Above)	134.8	-1.3

TOP COUNTRIES (%)

<i>Country</i>	<i>Long</i>	<i>Short</i>
United States	135.1	-54.9
United Kingdom	12.2	-1.3
France	8.3	-0.4
Germany	6.2	-0.3
Taiwan	5.4	-0.5
Switzerland	4.3	-0.5
Spain	1.2	-0.4

REGIONS (%)

<i>Region</i>	<i>Long</i>	<i>Short</i>
United States	135.1	54.9
Europe	32.1	4.5
Rest of World	5.4	12.8

SECTORS (%)

<i>Sector</i>	<i>Long</i>	<i>Short</i>
Communication Services	14.3	-4.1
Consumer Discretionary	17.1	-5.7
Consumer Staples	18.6	-0.7
Energy	0.0	-2.8
Financials	13.0	-12.4
Health Care	43.1	-5.7
Industrials	11.3	-7.4
Information Technology	55.1	-18.9
Materials	0.0	-4.0
Real Estate	0.0	-8.4
Utilities	0.0	-2.1

TOP HOLDINGS

<i>Company</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Sector</i>	<i>%</i>
Microsoft Corp	United States	Information Technology	11.0
Alphabet Inc	United States	Communication Services	8.0
UnitedHealth Group Inc	United States	Health Care	6.8
Meta Platforms Inc	United States	Communication Services	6.4
Apple Inc	United States	Information Technology	6.1
Johnson & Johnson	United States	Health Care	6.0
Safran SA	France	Industrials	5.8
SAP SE	Germany	Information Technology	5.5
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Ltd	Taiwan	Information Technology	5.4
Coca-Cola Co/The	United States	Consumer Staples	5.4
Total			66.4

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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GLOSSARY

Risk Statistics: Risk profile data is net of fees. Alpha is a measure of risk-adjusted return. Sharpe Ratio is the return over the risk free rate per unit of risk. Std Deviation is a measure of the volatility of a portfolio. Drawdown is based on the portfolio's worst performance over the period based on monthly observations.

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