

U.S. EQUITY

OVERVIEW

The GMO U.S. Equity Strategy seeks to generate high total return by investing primarily in U.S. equities. The Strategy measures its performance against the S&P Composite 1500+ Index.

The Strategy's investment approach is grounded in the Systematic Equity team's belief that, in the short term, equity markets exhibit exploitable inefficiencies as a result of irrational investor actions, the imperfect flow of information, and the participation of non-economic actors, while in the long-term returns are ultimately driven by economic reality. The Strategy aims to take advantage of these inefficiencies by utilizing a multi-factor valuation model in conjunction with other methods, such as cross-asset signals and corporate alerts, to identify undervalued equity securities.

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	-4.98	-4.98	6.62	21.89	-12.47	32.13	13.62	28.46
Index	-4.23	-4.23	5.64	25.47	-17.78	28.45	17.44	31.02

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	21.40	8.44	13.54	11.11	10.87
Index	22.07	7.56	12.67	11.90	10.71

FACTS

Strategy Inception	18-Sep-85
Composite Inception	28-Feb-89
Total Assets	\$130mm USD
Index	S&P Composite 1500 +

RISK PROFILE (5-YEAR TRAILING)

Alpha (Jensen's)	1.30
Beta	0.96
R Squared	0.96
Sharpe Ratio	0.63
Standard Deviation	18.23

PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT



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Risks: Risks associated with investing in the Strategy may include Market Risk - Equities, Management and Operational Risk, Focused Investment Risk, Illiquidity Risk, and Derivatives and Short Sales Risk. 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. **Performance Returns: Performance data quoted represents past performance and is not predictive of future performance.** Net returns are presented after the deduction of a model advisory fee and incentive fee if applicable. These returns include transaction costs, commissions and withholding taxes on foreign income and capital gains and include the reinvestment of dividends and other income, as applicable. Fees paid by accounts within the composite may be higher or lower than the model fees used. **GMO LLC claims compliance with the Global Investment Performance Standards (GIPS®). A Global Investment Performance Standards (GIPS®) Composite Report is available on GMO.com by clicking the GIPS® Composite Report link in the documents section of the strategy page. GIPS® is a registered trademark owned by CFA Institute. CFA Institute does not endorse or promote this organization, nor does it warrant the accuracy or quality of the content contained herein. Actual fees are disclosed in Part 2 of GMO's Form ADV and are also available in each strategy's Composite Report.** The portfolio is not managed relative to a benchmark. References to an index are for informational purposes only. The local market in which some accounts in the composite are priced was closed for Good Friday on March 29, 2024. Therefore, the performance for the strategy and corresponding benchmark will utilize March 28 for purposes of the ending valuation for the March return and the starting valuation for the April return.

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CHARACTERISTICS

	<i>Portfolio</i>	<i>Index</i>
Price/Earnings - Hist 1 Yr Wtd Mdn	23.4x	27.3x
Price/Book - Hist 1 Yr Wtd Avg	3.0x	4.2x
Price/Cash Flow - Hist 1 Yr Wtd Mdn	14.8x	19.2x
Return on Equity - Hist 1 Yr Mdn	23.9%	24.7%
Dividend Yield - Hist 1 Yr Wtd Avg	1.6%	1.4%
Market Cap - Wtd Mdn Bil	116.7 USD	175.1 USD
Number of Equity Holdings	161	1488

MARKET CAP BAND EXPOSURES (\$B)

	<i>Portfolio</i>	<i>Index</i>
Small (5.4 & Below)	9.4	3.8
Small - Medium (5.4 To 15.5)	4.3	6.6
Medium (15.5 To 40.4)	18.5	10.5
Medium - Large (40.4 To 111.8)	17.1	18.8
Large (111.8 & Above)	50.7	60.3

SECTORS (%)

<i>Sector</i>	<i>Portfolio</i>	<i>Index</i>
Communication Services	8.7	8.5
Consumer Discretionary	15.7	10.7
Consumer Staples	2.3	6.0
Energy	5.2	4.2
Financials	18.2	13.4
Health Care	7.2	12.0
Industrials	11.6	9.8
Information Technology	30.8	27.7
Materials	0.3	2.7
Real Estate	0.0	2.6
Utilities	0.0	2.4

TOP HOLDINGS

<i>Company</i>	<i>Sector</i>	<i>%</i>
Alphabet Inc	Communication Services	6.3
Microsoft Corp	Information Technology	5.7
Apple Inc	Information Technology	5.3
Amazon.com Inc	Consumer Discretionary	4.2
NVIDIA Corp	Information Technology	2.7
QUALCOMM Inc	Information Technology	2.5
Meta Platforms Inc	Communication Services	2.3
JPMorgan Chase & Co	Financials	2.2
Merck & Co Inc	Health Care	2.2
International Business Machines Corp	Information Technology	2.1
Total		35.5

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Index(es): The S&P Composite 1500 + Index is an internally maintained benchmark computed by GMO, comprised of (i) GMO blended benchmark of U.S. Equity Allocation Comp blended Benchmark through 06/30/2014, (ii) Russell 3000 through 3/31/2020, and (iii) S&P Composite 1500 thereafter. The GMO blended benchmark of U.S. Equity Allocation Comp blended Benchmark is comprised of a weighted average of account benchmarks; many of the account benchmarks consist of S&P 500, Russell 3000 or some like proxy for each market exposure they have. For each underlying account benchmark, the weighting of each market index will vary slightly. The index is internally blended by GMO and maintained on a monthly basis. S&P does not guarantee the accuracy, adequacy, completeness or availability of any data or information and is not responsible for any errors or omissions from the use of such data or information. Reproduction of the data or information in any form is prohibited except with the prior written permission of S&P or its third party licensors. Russell Investment Group is the source and owner of the trademarks, service marks and copyrights related to the Russell Indexes. Russell® is a trademark of Russell Investment Group.

The above information is based on a representative account in the Strategy selected because it has the fewest restrictions and best represents the implementation of the Strategy.

GLOSSARY

Risk Statistics: Risk profile data is net of fees. Alpha is a measure of risk-adjusted return. Beta is a measure of a portfolio's sensitivity to the market. R-Squared is a measure of how well a portfolio tracks the market. 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.

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