

# QUALITY CYCLICALS

## OVERVIEW

The GMO Quality Cyclical Strategy seeks to generate total return by investing in leading cyclical businesses. Leveraging their long-term disciplined approach to investing in high quality companies, GMO's Focused Equity team selects from a high-conviction universe of cyclical businesses that are of higher quality than their industry peers. The team believes that quality cyclical businesses are structurally underappreciated by the market and that times of elevated stress can create extraordinary opportunities in quality cyclical.

## FACTS

Strategy Inception	3-Apr-20
Composite Inception	30-Apr-20
Total Assets	\$596mm USD
Index	MSCI ACWI

## 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>
Composite	5.80	7.35	7.35	22.61	-13.04	15.39	43.20
Index	3.09	8.14	8.14	22.20	-18.36	18.54	33.54

## RISK PROFILE (SINCE INCEPTION 30-APR-20)

Alpha (Jensen's)	0.51
Beta	1.20
R Squared	0.78
Sharpe Ratio	0.70

## 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	18.83	6.68	-	-	17.66
Index	23.15	6.94	-	-	14.64

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT



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Joined GMO in 1995  
MS, Rensselaer  
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**Risks:** Risks associated with investing in the Strategy may include Market Risk - Equities, Management and Operational Risk, Focused Investment Risk, Non-U.S. Investment Risk, and Currency 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](http://www.gmo.com).

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## CHARACTERISTICS

	<i>Portfolio</i>	<i>Index</i>
Price/Earnings - Hist 1 Yr Wtd Mdn	25.5x	26.7x
Price/Book - Hist 1 Yr Wtd Avg	2.9x	3.1x
Return on Equity - Hist 1 Yr Mdn	18.4%	18.8%
Dividend Yield - Hist 1 Yr Wtd Avg	1.7%	1.9%
Market Cap - Wtd Mdn Bil	55.0 USD	107.1 USD
Number of Equity Holdings	46	2728
Net Debt/EBITDA - Hist 1 Yr Wtd Mdn	0.3x	0.5x

## MARKET CAP BAND EXPOSURES (\$B)

	<i>Portfolio</i>	<i>Index</i>
Small (5.5 & Below)	4.1	3.5
Small - Medium (5.5 To 16.2)	15.2	10.0
Medium (16.2 To 41.9)	22.3	16.0
Medium - Large (41.9 To 115.9)	25.1	23.4
Large (115.9 & Above)	33.3	47.1

## TOP COUNTRIES (%)

<i>Country</i>	<i>Portfolio</i>	<i>Index</i>
United States	54.9	63.9
United Kingdom	10.0	3.4
Mexico	6.8	0.3
Spain	6.3	0.6
France	6.0	2.8
Canada	4.5	2.8
Ireland	3.6	0.1
Germany	2.3	2.0
Finland	1.6	0.2
Brazil	1.3	0.5

## REGIONS (%)

<i>Region</i>	<i>Portfolio</i>	<i>Index</i>
United States	54.9	63.9
Europe	30.3	15.5
Rest of World	13.7	20.7
Cash Equivalents	1.1	0.0

## GICS GROUP WEIGHTS (%)

<i>Sector</i>	<i>Portfolio</i>	<i>Index</i>
Consumer Services	16.2	3.1
Financial Services	10.6	9.5
Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment	10.1	13.4
Energy	9.7	7.0
Capital Goods	8.4	11.5
Consumer Discretionary Distribution & Retail	5.9	7.5
Food, Beverage & Tobacco	5.8	5.1
Materials	5.8	6.6
Media & Entertainment	5.7	9.5
Banks	5.6	10.5
Consumer Durables & Apparel	5.6	2.5
Transportation	3.6	2.9
Insurance	2.6	4.8
Household & Personal Products	2.4	2.3
Automobiles & Components	2.0	3.8

## TOP HOLDINGS

<i>Company</i>	<i>Sector</i>	<i>%</i>
Safran SA	Industrials	3.8
American Express Co	Financials	3.7
Industria de Diseno Textil SA	Consumer Discretionary	3.7
Fomento Economico Mexicano SAB de CV	Consumer Staples	3.7
Intercontinental Exchange Inc	Financials	3.6
Ryanair Holdings PLC	Industrials	3.6
Booking Holdings Inc	Consumer Discretionary	3.6
Compass Group PLC	Consumer Discretionary	3.5
Micron Technology Inc	Information Technology	3.5
Wells Fargo & Co	Financials	3.5
<b>Total</b>		<b>36.2</b>

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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**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.

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