

# CLIMATE CHANGE

#### **OVERVIEW**

The Trust seeks to generate high total return by investing primarily in equities of companies GMO believes are positioned to benefit, directly or indirectly, from efforts to curb or mitigate the long-term effects of global climate change, to address the environmental challenges presented by global climate change, or to help the world adapt to climate change through improved efficiency of resource consumption. We invest globally across the capitalization spectrum, which allows us to identify attractive investment opportunities wherever they may be.

We are seeing exceptional opportunities for long-term investors abound in a world mobilizing to address climate change, and profitability associated with efforts to mitigate and adapt to climate change is largely independent of the global economy. Climate change investors can benefit from this, diversifying source of return, historically available at attractive valuations given the secular tailwinds of change.

### CUMULATIVE TOTAL RETURNS (AUD, NET OF FEES, %)

	MTD	QTD	YTD	2024	2023	2022	2021	
Portfolio	7.63	4.19	-6.06	-17.99	-5.74	-4.12	1.61	
Index	5.14	3.35	1.33	29.48	21.45	-12.48	6.68	
Alternate Index	13.65	9.39	-14.81	-24.76	-22.92	-42.23	-2.46	

#### **FACTS**

APIR Code	GM01979AU
ISIN	AU60GM019794
Inception	05-Oct-21
Total Assets	\$42mm AUD
Management Fee	0.759% p.a.
Buy/Sell Spread	0.30%
Pricing Frequency	Daily
Distribution Frequency	Quarterly
Liquidity	Daily
Index	MSCI ACWI
Alternate Index	Wilderhill Clean Energy Index

# ANNUALIZED TOTAL RETURNS (AUD, NET OF FEES, %)

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	ITD
Portfolio	-21.10	-10.84	-	-	-9.04
Index	17.45	16.43	-	-	11.49
Alternate Index	-18.78	-27.63	-	-	-29.54

### RISK PROFILE (SINCE INCEPTION 29-0CT-21)

Alpha (Jensen's)	-22.48
Beta	1.03
R Squared	0.28
Sharpe Ratio	-0.66
Standard Deviation	21.47

### **FUND RATINGS**

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#### PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT



Lucas White, CFA Joined GMO in 2006 BA, Duke University



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Risks: Risks associated with investing in the Trust may include: (1) Focused Investment Risk: the Fund invests its assets in the securities of a limited number of issuers, and a decline in the market price of a particular security held by the Fund may affect the Fund's performance more than if the Fund invested in the securities of a larger number of issuers; (2) Market Risk - Equities: the market price of equities may decline due to factors affecting the issuer, its industries, or the economy and equity markets generally. Declines in stock market prices generally are likely to reduce the net asset value of the Fund's shares; and (3) Management and Operational Risk: The risk that GMO's investment techniques will fail to produce desired results, including annualized returns and annualized volatility. For a more complete discussion of these and other risks, please consult the Trusts Product Disclosure Statement.

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# **CHARACTERISTICS**

	Portfolio	Index
Price/Earnings - Forecast 1 Yr Wtd Mdn	16.1x	22.8x
Price/Book - Hist 1 Yr Wtd Avg	1.4x	3.2x
Price/Cash Flow - Hist 1 Yr Wtd Mdn	10.0x	19.4x
Market Cap - Wtd Mdn Bil	6.0 USD	126.5 USD
Number of Equity Holdings	93	2442

# TOP COUNTRIES (%)

Country	Portfolio	Index
United States	48.4	64.2
France	10.6	2.5
South Korea	6.0	1.0
Denmark	4.9	0.5
Canada	4.5	2.9
Germany	4.3	2.4
Japan	3.5	5.0
Spain	2.8	0.7
Finland	2.7	0.2
Norway	2.7	0.1

# **EXPOSURE BY SEGMENT (%)**

Segment	Exposure
Clean Energy	51.5
Solar	17.1
Biofuels	11.7
Other Clean Energy	7.9
Power Generation	3.5
Batteries & Storage	11.2
Electric Grid	11.0
Copper	3.5
Energy Efficiency	20.6
Transportation	7.0
Buildings	4.5
Diversified Efficiency	2.6
Technology	6.6
Agriculture	5.4
Timber	1.3
Water	6.2
[Cash]	0.6

# SECTORS (%)

Portfolio	Index
0.0	8.4
5.2	10.7
6.9	6.2
6.7	3.6
0.0	18.0
0.0	9.2
37.0	11.0
16.5	24.7
16.5	3.5
0.0	2.0
11.1	2.7
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# **TOP HOLDINGS**

Company	Country	Segment	%
Sunrun Inc	United States	Solar	4.2
Darling Ingredients Inc	<b>United States</b>	Biofuels	4.2
LG Chem Ltd	Korea	Batteries & Storage	4.1
SolarEdge Technologies Inc	United States	Solar	4.0
Vestas Wind Systems A/S	Denmark	Other Clean Energy	4.0
Nexans SA	France	Electric Grid	3.8
Array Technologies Inc	United States	Solar	3.2
Valeo SE	France	Transportation	3.1
NEXTracker Inc	United States	Solar	2.5
Veolia Environnement SA	France	Water	2.3
Total			35.4

# REGIONS (%)

Region	Portfolio	Index
United States	48.4	64.1
Europe ex UK (Developed)	30.9	11.9
Emerging	11.0	10.2
Other International	4.7	5.4
Japan	3.5	5.0
United Kingdom	0.9	3.4
Cash Equivalents	0.6	0.0

# MARKET CAP BAND EXPOSURES (\$B)

	Portfolio	Index
Small (5.5 & Below)	45.3	2.7
Small - Medium (5.5 To 17.7)	33.8	9.5
Medium (17.7 To 46.7)	10.3	15.5
Medium - Large (46.7 To 130.0)	10.1	23.5
Large (130.0 & Above)	0.5	48.8



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