

# INTERNATIONAL EQUITY

## OVERVIEW

The GMO International Equity Strategy seeks to generate high total return by investing primarily in non-U.S. developed market equities. The Strategy measures its performance against the MSCI EAFE 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	-1.30	-1.30	5.69	20.60	-10.58	12.07	7.24	24.63
Index	-2.45	-2.45	3.08	18.24	-14.45	11.26	7.82	22.01
Alternate Index	-0.85	-0.85	3.41	18.95	-5.58	10.89	-2.63	16.09

## 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	16.69	4.95	8.44	3.68	7.24
Index	9.28	2.86	6.18	4.36	6.59
Alternate Index	12.49	5.56	5.68	3.16	6.26

## FACTS

Strategy Inception	31-Mar-87
Composite Inception	31-Mar-87
Total Assets	\$1.9bn USD
Index	MSCI EAFE +
Alternate Index	MSCI EAFE Value

## RISK PROFILE (5-YEAR TRAILING)

Alpha (Jensen's)	2.34
Beta	0.98
R Squared	0.95
Sharpe Ratio	0.35
Standard Deviation	17.93

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT



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**Risks:** Risks associated with investing in the Strategy may include Market Risk - Equities, Non-U.S. Investment Risk, Management and Operational Risk Currency 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](http://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](http://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	12.1x	19.6x
Price/Book - Hist 1 Yr Wtd Avg	1.4x	1.8x
Price/Cash Flow - Hist 1 Yr Wtd Mdn	10.0x	13.1x
Return on Equity - Hist 1 Yr Mdn	14.8%	14.5%
Dividend Yield - Hist 1 Yr Wtd Avg	3.5%	2.9%
Market Cap - Wtd Mdn Bil	29.0 USD	46.8 USD
Number of Equity Holdings	213	749

## MARKET CAP BAND EXPOSURES (\$B)

	<i>Portfolio</i>	<i>Index</i>
Small (5.4 & Below)	11.7	4.6
Small - Medium (5.4 To 15.5)	21.1	17.6
Medium (15.5 To 40.4)	31.4	23.7
Medium - Large (40.4 To 111.8)	24.6	31.1
Large (111.8 & Above)	11.2	23.0

## TOP COUNTRIES (%)

<i>Country</i>	<i>Portfolio</i>	<i>Index</i>
Japan	26.6	23.1
France	14.7	12.1
United Kingdom	11.5	15.2
Netherlands	7.4	5.0
Spain	6.8	2.7
Italy	6.4	2.8
Switzerland	5.4	9.1
Germany	5.0	8.6
Australia	3.2	7.2
Sweden	3.2	3.1

## REGIONS (%)

<i>Region</i>	<i>Portfolio</i>	<i>Index</i>
Europe ex UK (Developed)	54.8	51.0
Japan	26.6	23.1
United Kingdom	11.5	15.2
Other International	6.6	10.7
Cash Equivalents	0.5	0.0

## SECTORS (%)

<i>Sector</i>	<i>Portfolio</i>	<i>Index</i>
Communication Services	3.5	3.9
Consumer Discretionary	15.8	12.1
Consumer Staples	5.9	8.6
Energy	7.0	4.4
Financials	23.8	19.4
Health Care	8.8	13.0
Industrials	20.0	17.0
Information Technology	11.2	8.9
Materials	3.5	7.3
Real Estate	0.3	2.3
Utilities	0.2	3.2

## TOP HOLDINGS

<i>Company</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Sector</i>	<i>%</i>
TotalEnergies SE	France	Energy	3.2
Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria SA	Spain	Financials	2.8
3i Group PLC	United Kingdom	Financials	2.8
Cie de Saint-Gobain SA	France	Industrials	2.7
Roche Holding AG	Switzerland	Health Care	2.6
ITOCHU Corp	Japan	Industrials	2.3
GSK PLC	United Kingdom	Health Care	2.3
Banco de Sabadell SA	Spain	Financials	2.3
Japan Tobacco Inc	Japan	Consumer Staples	2.1
Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group Inc	Japan	Financials	2.1
<b>Total</b>			<b>25.2</b>

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Index(es):** The MSCI EAFE + (Europe, Australasia, and Far East) Index is an internally maintained benchmark computed by GMO, comprised of (i) the MSCI EAFE (Europe, Australasia, and Far East) Value Index (MSCI Standard Index Series, net of withholding tax) through 06/30/2014 and (ii) the MSCI EAFE (Europe, Australasia, and Far East) Index (MSCI Standard Index Series, net of withholding tax) thereafter. MSCI data may not be reproduced or used for any other purpose. MSCI provides no warranties, has not prepared or approved this report, and has no liability hereunder. The MSCI EAFE (Europe, Australasia, and Far East) Value Index (MSCI Standard Index Series, net of withholding tax) is an independently maintained and widely published index comprised of international large and mid capitalization stocks that have a value style. Large and mid capitalization stocks encompass approximately 85% of each market's free float-adjusted market capitalization. Style is determined using a multi-factor approach based on historical and forward-looking characteristics. MSCI data may not be reproduced or used for any other purpose. MSCI provides no warranties, has not prepared or approved this report, and has no liability hereunder.

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## 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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