

# QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REVIEW

## Climate Change Fund

### Performance returns (USD)

ANNUALIZED RETURNS (QUARTER-END)	Quarter-End	YTD	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year	Since Inception
Climate Change Fund (net)	9.82	-6.54	-2.95	-7.34	7.14	-	6.93
Climate Change Fund (gross)	10.03	-5.99	-2.19	-6.61	7.97	-	7.76
MSCI ACWI	6.61	18.66	31.76	8.09	12.18	-	10.93
Value Add	+3.21	-25.20	-34.71	-15.42	-5.04	-	-4.00

Net of all fees and expenses after reimbursement by the Manager, but not transaction costs, if any. If certain expenses were not reimbursed, performance would be lower. Gross of fees, expenses and transaction costs, if any. If these fees, expenses and costs were included, performance would be lower. **Performance data quoted represents past performance and is not indicative of future results. The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance data may be lower or higher than the performance data provided herein. To obtain performance information to the most recent month-end, visit [www.gmo.com](http://www.gmo.com).** The portfolio is not managed relative to a benchmark. References to an index are for informational purposes only.

### MAJOR PERFORMANCE DRIVERS

The third quarter seemed to mark a turning point, or a kind of reversal, for some of the dynamics that have driven global equity markets thus far this year. Larger cap tech companies appeared to lose some of the steam that had been driving multiples higher. Names like Microsoft, Nvidia, and Amazon fell. That translated to better momentum in other areas but the Wilderhill Clean Energy index, a barometer of broad Clean Energy performance, was roughly flat for the quarter. That was all the more surprising as the U.S. Federal Reserve began its rate cutting cycle with a bumper 50 bp cut. Across climate-relevant commodity markets, copper prices rose slightly, and lithium prices fell again. Despite a broader rally in Clean Energy yet to materialize, the Climate Change portfolio was up for the quarter, outperforming its benchmark, the MSCI ACWI, by a healthy margin.

Our largest segment, Clean Energy, did significantly better than the broader sector, reinforcing the importance of a Quality mindset to find those companies with a long-term moat around their profitability. Our Clean Energy companies are, in many cases, starting to move past the cyclical trough that has pushed earnings down a little and pushed sentiment down a lot. The inventory glut in markets like solar is washing out. Interest rates are falling. The earnings growth trajectory is becoming clearer by the day. Sunrun, a residential solar installer, and Ameresco, a biofuel producer and clean tech integrator, were two of our strongest contributors this quarter. That said, valuations across Clean Energy still do not reflect expected growth and we have continued to add to those names where there is headroom to do so.

Outside of Clean Energy, the Copper and Electric Grid segments both had another strong quarter with Ivanhoe and Nexans, respective leaders in those areas, continuing to add value. In addition, weakness in copper prices at the start of the quarter allowed us to add to names like Ivanhoe at temporarily much more attractive levels.

In Energy Efficiency, our weakest segment for the quarter, the main detractor was our Technology subsegment. These are primarily semiconductor companies producing chips for clean technologies like electric vehicles. These chips are going through an inventory cycle of their own – a common occurrence in semis – and we have used some of this as an opportunity to rebalance that portfolio a little, including adding to Axcelis and On Semiconductors.

As the world makes the transition to clean energy and economies grapple with adapting to climate change, we continue to believe this portfolio is well positioned to benefit. The Climate Change portfolio continues to trade at a significant discount to broader global equities, a discount almost as large as it has ever been, indicating substantial upside to come for patient capital.

Portfolio weights, as a percent of equity, for the positions mentioned were: Ivanhoe (4.7%), Nexans (3.7%), Sunrun (6.1%), Ameresco (4.9%), Axcelis (0.9%), ON Semiconductors (1.4%).

Inception Date: 5-Apr-17

Performance for the year of inception is less than a full calendar year. Returns shown for periods greater than one year are on an annualized basis.

**Risks:** Risks associated with investing in the Fund 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. (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 risks and others, please consult the Fund's Prospectus. **Performance Returns:** Annualized Returns may include the impact of purchase premiums and redemption fees. The GMO Trust funds are distributed in the United States by Funds Distributor LLC. GMO and Funds Distributor LLC are not affiliated.

**Net Expense Ratio: 0.77%; Gross Expense Ratio: 0.82%** Net Expense Ratio reflects the reduction of expenses from fee reimbursements. The fee reimbursements will continue until at least June 30, 2025. Elimination of this reimbursement will result in higher fees and lower performance. Gross Expense Ratio is equal to the Funds Total Annual Operating Expenses set forth in the Funds most recent prospectus dated June 30, 2024.

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## PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The GMO Climate Change Fund seeks to deliver 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. The Fund invests globally across the capitalization spectrum, which allows GMO to pursue attractive investment opportunities wherever they may be.

The Focused Equity team believes 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 unique, diversifying source of return, historically available at attractive valuations given the secular tailwinds of change.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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