

# EMERGING MARKETS

#### **OVERVIEW**

The GMO Emerging Markets Strategy seeks total return in excess of that of its benchmark, the MSCI Emerging Markets Index. GMO uses proprietary quantitative techniques and fundamental analysis to evaluate and select countries, sectors, and equity investments based on factors including, but not limited to, valuation, quality, patterns of price movement and volatility, and macroeconomic factors. GMO also may consider ESG (environmental, social, and governance) criteria and expects the Strategy will have a value bias relative to its benchmark.

#### **FACTS**

Strategy Inception	09-Dec-93
Composite Inception	31-Dec-93
Total Assets	\$675mm USD
Benchmark	MSCI Emerging Markets +
Alternate Benchmark	MSCI Emerging Markets

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

	MTD	QTD	YTD	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Composite	-2.66	-6.99	4.19	19.70	-31.12	2.54	5.41	22.10
Benchmark	-3.59	-7.88	7.65	9.83	-20.09	-2.54	18.31	18.44
Alternate Benchmark	-3.59	-7.88	7.65	9.83	-20.09	-2.54	18.31	18.44

## RISK PROFILE (5-YEAR TRAILING)

Alpha (Jensen's)	-3.19
Beta	0.93
R Squared	0.89
Sharpe Ratio	-0.14
Standard Deviation	18.34

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

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	ITD
Composite	10.81	-3.77	-0.04	1.87	5.71
Benchmark	11.86	-1.27	3.20	3.52	5.19
Alternate Benchmark	11.86	-1.27	3.20	3.16	4.65

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT



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Risks: Risks associated with investing in the Strategy may include: (1) 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. (2) Non-U.S. Investment Risk: The market prices of many non-U.S. securities (particularly of companies tied economically to emerging countries) fluctuate more than those of U.S. securities. Many non-U.S. markets (particularly emerging markets) are less stable, smaller, less liquid, and less regulated than U.S. markets, and the cost of trading in those markets often is higher than it is in U.S. markets. (3) Currency Risk: Fluctuations in exchange rates can adversely affect the market value of the Fund's non-U.S. currency holdings and investments denominated in non-U.S. currencies. For a more complete discussion of these risks and others, please consult the Fund's Prospectus. For a more complete discussion of these risks and others, please consult the Fund's offering documents. This is not a complete list of risks associated with investing in the Strategy. Please contact GMO for more information. Performance Returns: 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 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®) Composite Report link in the documents section of the str



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## **CHARACTERISTICS**

	Portfolio	Benchmark
Price/Earnings - Forecast 1 Yr Wtd Mdn	9.1x	14.9x
Price/Earnings - Hist 1 Yr Wtd Mdn	10.7x	19.5x
Price/Book - Hist 1 Yr Wtd Avg	1.2x	1.7x
Price/Cash Flow - Hist 1 Yr Wtd Mdn	8.3x	12.9x
Return on Equity - Hist 1 Yr Mdn	17.9%	16.6%
Debt/Equity - Wtd Mdn	0.3x	0.4x
Dividend Yield - Hist 1 Yr Wtd Avg	4.8%	2.7%
Market Cap - Wtd Mdn Bil	5.3 USD	17.3 USD
Number of Equity Holdings	298	1169
Active Share	72.8%	N/A

## MARKET CAP BAND EXPOSURES (\$B)

	Portfolio	Benchmark
Small (5.4 & Below)	51.5	22.0
Small - Medium (5.4 To 17.1)	18.2	27.7
Medium (17.1 To 44.7)	7.4	17.0
Medium - Large (44.7 To 129.7)	9.0	14.0
Large (129.7 & Above)	13.9	19.2

## TOP COUNTRIES (%)

Country	Portfolio	Benchmark
Taiwan	24.2	18.9
China	23.6	27.0
India	11.6	19.9
Brazil	9.1	4.5
South Korea	7.7	9.7
Mexico	4.5	1.8
Hungary	4.3	0.2
Indonesia	3.7	1.5
Cash	2.4	0.0
Thailand	2.1	1.5

# REGIONS (%)

Region	Portfolio	Benchmark
East Asia (Emerging)	55.6	56.1
South Asia (Emerging)	20.0	24.4
Latin/South America (Emerging)	14.0	7.1
Europe (Emerging)	4.7	2.3
Mideast/Africa (Emerging)	3.4	10.0
Cash Equivalents	2.4	0.0

# SECTORS (%)

Sector	Portfolio	Benchmark
Communication Services	4.2	9.3
Consumer Discretionary	13.3	13.3
Consumer Staples	6.1	4.9
Energy	8.9	4.7
Financials	19.1	23.8
Health Care	4.7	3.5
Industrials	10.6	6.8
Information Technology	19.8	23.4
Materials	5.5	6.1
Real Estate	1.2	1.6
Utilities	6.5	2.7

## **TOP HOLDINGS**

Company	%
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Ltd	8.2
OTP Bank Nyrt	3.5
Cia Energetica de Minas Gerais	3.1
Hon Hai Precision Industry Co Ltd	3.1
Tencent Holdings Ltd	3.1
JD.com Inc	2.6
Kia Corp	2.4
Alibaba Group Holding Ltd	1.9
Vipshop Holdings Ltd	1.9
Yang Ming Marine Transport Corp	1.9
Total	31.7



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#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Benchmark(s): The MSCI Emerging Markets + Index is an internally maintained benchmark computed by GMO, comprised of (i) the S&P/IFCI Composite through12/31/2018 and (ii) the MSCI Emerging Markets Index (MSCI Standard Index Series, net of withholding tax) thereafter. 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. 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 Emerging Markets Index (MSCI Standard Index Series, net of withholding tax) is an independently maintained and widely published index comprised of global emerging markets large and mid capitalization stocks. 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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