

# OPPORTUNISTIC INCOME

## OVERVIEW

The GMO Opportunistic Income Strategy seeks capital appreciation and current income by investing in what we believe are the most attractively priced sectors and securities in the structured finance marketplace. The Structured Products team utilizes both top-down and bottom-up security selection methods to identify what we believe are the best opportunities from a pure risk/return perspective.

The structured finance asset class offers a range of opportunities due to both its inherently fragmented nature and the inefficiencies caused by market segmentation and structural anomalies. We believe that the marketplace's complexity, volatile historical performance, and very high number of discrete investment opportunities create considerable potential for alpha generation. Our relatively unconstrained approach to risk diversification, sub-sector allocation, and security selection is designed to identify and benefit from those opportunities.

## FACTS

Strategy Inception	03-Oct-11
Composite Inception	31-Oct-11
Total Assets	\$1.8bn USD
Index	Bloomberg U.S. Securitized+

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

	<i>MTD</i>	<i>QTD</i>	<i>YTD</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>2020</i>
Composite	0.49	2.13	2.13	5.97	7.03	-2.16	2.75	3.24
Index	0.00	3.00	3.00	1.46	5.08	-11.67	-1.04	4.18

## RISK PROFILE (5-YEAR TRAILING)

Alpha (Jensen's)	2.78
Beta	0.26
R Squared	0.61
Sharpe Ratio	0.88
Standard Deviation	2.20

## 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	6.81	4.63	4.62	3.87	4.56
Index	5.46	0.69	-0.52	1.12	0.97

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT



**Joe Auth, CFA**  
Joined GMO in 2014  
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Joined GMO in 2015  
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**Risks:** Risks associated with investing in the Strategy may include: (1) Credit Risk: the risk that the issuer or guarantor of a fixed income investment or the obligor of an obligation underlying an asset-backed security will be unable or unwilling to satisfy its obligation to pay principal and interest or otherwise to honor its obligations in a timely manner; (2) Market Risk-Asset-Backed Securities Risk: the market price of asset-backed securities, like that of other fixed income investments with complex structures, can decline for a variety of reasons, including investor uncertainty about their credit quality and the reliability of their payment streams. Payment streams associated with asset-backed securities held by the Fund depend on many factors (e.g., the cash flow generated by the assets backing the securities, deal structure, and creditworthiness of any credit-support provider), and a problem in any of these factors can lead to a reduction in the payment stream GMO expected the Fund to receive when the Fund purchased the asset-backed security; and (3) Illiquidity Risk: low trading volume, lack of a market maker, large position size, or legal restrictions may limit or prevent the Fund from selling particular securities or closing derivative positions at desirable prices. This is not a complete list of risks associated with investing in the Strategy. Please contact GMO for more information.

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## CHARACTERISTICS

	<i>Portfolio</i>
Spread Duration	1.4
Effective Duration	2.0
Average Credit Rating	A
Yield to Worst	5.4%
# of Bond Issues	266.0
Weighted Average Life	3.0

## CREDIT RATINGS (%)

	<i>%</i>
AAA	68.0
AA	7.3
A	2.3
BBB	1.8
BB	3.8
B	2.1
CCC	3.9
CC	1.6
C	2.8
D	3.3
NR	3.2

## SECTORS (%)

<i>Sector</i>	<i>Portfolio</i>	<i>Index</i>
Autos	3.5	0.0
Cash/Equiv.	24.2	0.0
CLO	6.7	0.0
CMBS	22.2	5.6
Other ABS	5.8	1.7
RMBS	16.5	92.7
Small Balance Commercial	4.8	0.0
Student Loans	16.3	0.0

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Index(es):** The Bloomberg U.S. Securitized + Index is an internally maintained benchmark computed by GMO, comprised of (i) the J.P. Morgan U.S. 3 Month Cash through 12/30/2016 and (ii) the Bloomberg U.S. Securitized thereafter.

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

**Fixed Income Characteristics:** Yield (i.e., Yield-to-Worst) is internally calculated as the weighted average yield on the cash bonds over the total market value of the portfolio. **Credit Ratings:** The credit ratings above may encompass emerging debt, developed rates, and asset-backed exposure. Ratings for core portfolio holdings are derived by using the middle rating from Standard & Poor's, Moody's, and Fitch. Ratings for core holdings were adjusted during the January 2021 reporting period to conform with index provider methodology. Ratings for the emerging debt portion of the portfolio are derived by applying the Standard and Poor's or Moody's issue-level ratings (sequentially), and the S&P LT Foreign currency (FC) country issuer rating for the FC debt securities and/or S&P LT Local currency (LC) country issuer rating for LC securities where a security is not rated by either of the abovementioned credit rating agencies. Final credit ratings are expressed based upon Standard and Poor's ratings scale. Standard & Poor's rates securities from AAA (highest quality) to C (lowest quality), and D to indicate securities in default; some securities are not rated (NR). BB and below are considered below investment grade securities. Please refer to our website for additional information: <https://www.gmo.com/americas/benchmark-disclaimers/> **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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