

# QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REVIEW

## Global Equity Allocation Fund

### Performance returns (USD)

ANNUALIZED RETURNS (QUARTER-END)	Quarter-End	YTD	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year	Since Inception
Global Equity Allocation Fund (net)	7.11	14.23	26.36	6.39	10.05	7.20	8.00
Global Equity Allocation Fund (gross)	7.27	14.72	27.07	7.00	10.68	7.81	8.61
MSCI ACWI +	6.61	18.66	31.76	8.09	12.18	9.38	7.26
Value Add vs. MSCI ACWI +	+0.50	-4.43	-5.40	-1.69	-2.13	-2.19	+0.75
MSCI ACWI	6.61	18.66	31.76	8.09	12.18	9.38	7.20
Value Add vs. MSCI ACWI	+0.50	-4.43	-5.40	-1.69	-2.13	-2.19	+0.80

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).**

### MAJOR PERFORMANCE DRIVERS

– Top-down asset allocation added to relative performance for the quarter as within Developed Markets, the portfolio is biased away from the U.S. market, which lagged. It was also a good quarter for Emerging Markets – although this was driven largely by a spectacular 23.5% return in China, while the rest of Emerging Markets did not fare so well.

– Security selection was modestly positive from a purely country perspective, although it is also worth noting that the Emerging Market exposure was not directly dialed into the China resurgence, and the U.S. Value positions did not keep pace with the Value rally in the U.S.

Emerging Market equities, with an emphasis on undervalued stocks within attractively valued countries/sectors, represented 13.3% of the total portfolio weight on average during the quarter. Our overweight position in Emerging Market equities added to relative performance as the MSCI Emerging Market index returned 8.7%, well ahead of the MSCI ACWI return of 6.6%, although the MSCI Emerging Market ex-China index returned a less stellar 4.0%. Security selection was mixed, as the broad Emerging Market exposure underperformed with a return of 5.9% but the Emerging Market ex-China portfolio outperformed with a return of 5.1%. No Emerging Market names featured in the top five biggest individual contributors to, or detractors from, relative performance at the total portfolio level.

U.S. equities accounted for 40.1% of the total portfolio on average through the quarter, comprising 3.1% in U.S. Small Cap Value equity, 5.1% in U.S. Small Cap Quality equity, 5.1% in broad U.S. equity, 13.3% in U.S. Opportunistic Value equity, and the remainder in the Quality, Quality Cyclical, and Resources strategies. This leaves the portfolio 24.4% underweight U.S. equities in total, and this had a positive impact on relative performance for the quarter as the MSCI USA index returned 5.8%, trailing MSCI ACWI. Security selection in the U.S. was flat as, in aggregate, our U.S. portfolio also returned 5.8%. Underweight positions in NVIDIA (Information Technology), Microsoft (Information Technology), Amazon (Consumer Discretionary), and Alphabet (Communication Services) featured in the top five biggest individual contributors to relative performance for the quarter. On the flipside, underweight positions in Tesla (Consumer Discretionary) and Apple (Information Technology) along with an overweight position in Lam Research (Information Technology) featured in the top five biggest individual detractors from relative performance at the total portfolio level.

Developed ex-U.S. equities accounted for an average weight of 45.4% of the portfolio for the quarter, including the dedicated Japan Value position and some exposure from the Quality, Resources, and Quality Cyclical strategies. This overweight position in Developed ex-U.S. had a positive impact on relative performance as the MSCI World ex-U.S. index returned 7.8%, nicely ahead of MSCI ACWI. Security selection within Developed Markets was decently positive for the quarter and the portfolio returned 9.5% in aggregate. An overweight position in Sumitomo Forestry (Japan Consumer Discretionary) featured in the top five biggest individual contributors, while an overweight position in STMicroelectronics (France Information Technology) and Stellantis (Italy Consumer Discretionary) featured in the top five biggest individual detractors from relative performance for the quarter.

Portfolio weights, as a percent of equity, for the positions mentioned were: Sumitomo Forestry (0.4%), Lam Research (0.5%), Alphabet (1.5%), Tesla (0.0%), Apple (1.0%), Stellantis (0.4%), NVIDIA (0.2%), Microsoft (1.0%), Amazon (0.5%), and STMicroelectronics (0.4%).

Inception Date: 26-Nov-96

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) 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) Management and Operational Risk: The risk that GMO's investment techniques will fail to produce desired results, including annualized returns and annualized volatility. (3) 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. 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: 0.57%; Gross Expense Ratio: 0.60%** 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 Global Equity Allocation Fund seeks to generate total return greater than that of the MSCI All Country World Index.

The philosophy that underlies all of GMO's Asset Allocation investment strategies is the belief that, at times and in the short term, the pricing of asset classes can deviate from true intrinsic value but mean reverts to appropriate valuation levels over a complete market cycle. Using GMO's 7-Year Asset Class Forecasts, the Fund seeks to allocate to areas of the global equity markets we believe are most attractively valued. Our approach combines the best of GMO's top-down Asset Allocation views and bottom-up equity research to identify mispricings at both the asset class and individual security levels. The Fund allocates to equity strategies that are actively managed by other GMO investment teams with expertise and experience in security selection within their respective markets.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Benchmark(s):** The MSCI ACWI (All Country World) + Index is an internally maintained benchmark computed by GMO, comprised of (i) the GMO Global Equity Index, an internally maintained benchmark computed by GMO, comprised of 75% S&P 500 Index and 25% MSCI ACWI ex-U.S. Index (MSCI Standard Index Series, net of withholding tax) through 5/31/2008 and (ii) the MSCI ACWI 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 ACWI (All Country World) Index (MSCI Standard Index Series, net of withholding tax) is an independently maintained and widely published index comprised of global developed and emerging markets. 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. Please visit <https://www.gmo.com/americas/benchmark-disclaimers/> to review the complete benchmark disclaimer notice.

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