

# BEYOND CHINA

#### **OVERVIEW**

The GMO Beyond China Strategy seeks to deliver total return by investing primarily in equities of companies GMO believes are positioned to benefit, directly or indirectly, from the expected trend of companies diversifying their supply chains. We believe this secular trend is an attractive investment opportunity driven by a combination of increasing labor costs in China, increasing geopolitical tensions, and increasing focus on supply chain diversification.

The Strategy will primarily invest in emerging market equities with the exception of Chinese securities. GMO uses a combination of proprietary quantitative and fundamental investment methods to identify emerging market equities that are well positioned to benefit from the expected trend of nearshoring. In addition, GMO will use investment methods that focus on growth, quality, valuation, and other drivers of fundamentals to further identity attractive securities.

#### **FACTS**

Benchmark	MSCI Emerging Markets ex-China
Total Assets	\$8mm USD
Composite Inception	28-Feb-25
Strategy Inception	20-Sep-24

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

	MTD	QTD	YTD	
Composite	-0.35	-0.35	-0.35	
Benchmark	0.04	0.04	0.04	

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

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	ITD
Composite	-	-	-	-	-0.35
Benchmark	-	-	-	-	0.04

### 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; and (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. 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 does not yet have a GIPS-compliant report for this composite since it has not managed accounts in this strategy for a full year.



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## **CHARACTERISTICS**

	Portfolio	Benchmark
Price/Earnings - Forecast 1 Yr Wtd Mdn	17.4x	14.5x
Price/Earnings - Hist 1 Yr Wtd Mdn	18.9x	19.4x
Price/Book - Hist 1 Yr Wtd Avg	1.9x	1.8x
Price/Cash Flow - Hist 1 Yr Wtd Mdn	11.4x	11.9x
Return on Equity - Hist 1 Yr Mdn	17.1%	17.2%
Debt/Equity - Wtd Mdn	0.5x	0.5x
Dividend Yield - Hist 1 Yr Wtd Avg	3.8%	2.8%
Market Cap - Wtd Mdn Bil	13.3 USD	15.6 USD
Number of Equity Holdings	69	620
Active Share	64.1%	N/A

# SECTORS (%)

Sector	Portfolio	Benchmark
Communication Services	1.0	5.0
Consumer Discretionary	8.3	6.5
Consumer Staples	4.6	5.2
Energy	2.2	5.3
Financials	36.4	27.6
Health Care	0.8	3.2
Industrials	10.0	7.3
Information Technology	28.1	27.9
Materials	2.3	7.4
Real Estate	5.2	1.6
Utilities	1.0	2.9

## MARKET CAP BAND EXPOSURES (\$B)

	Portfolio	Benchmark
Small (5.1 & Below)	30.0	20.5
Small - Medium (5.1 To 16.6)	22.8	31.9
Medium (16.6 To 44.3)	14.5	19.1
Medium - Large (44.3 To 127.6)	23.1	12.1
Large (127.6 & Above)	9.6	16.5

## **TOP HOLDINGS**

Company	Country	Sector	%
HDFC Bank Ltd	India	Financials	8.6
ICICI Bank Ltd	India	Financials	6.4
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Ltd	Taiwan	Information Technology	6.4
Bank Central Asia Tbk PT	Indonesia	Financials	3.3
Krung Thai Bank PCL	Thailand	Financials	3.2
Samsung Electronics Co Ltd	South Korea	Information Technology	3.2
MediaTek Inc	Taiwan	Information Technology	3.1
WEG SA	Brazil	Industrials	2.9
Mobile World Investment Corp	Viet Nam	Consumer Discretionary	2.6
Delta Electronics Inc	Taiwan	Information Technology	2.1
Total			41.8

## TOP COUNTRIES (%)

Country	Portfolio	Benchmark
India	32.2	26.9
Taiwan	20.0	24.5
South Korea	8.0	13.1
Thailand	6.9	1.7
Mexico	6.3	2.7
Indonesia	6.3	1.8
Viet Nam	5.7	0.0
Poland	3.6	1.5
United Arab Emirates	3.1	2.1
Brazil	2.9	6.4

# REGIONS (%)

Region	Portfolio	Benchmark
South Asia (Emerging)	51.9	32.4
East Asia (Emerging)	28.0	38.3
Latin/South America (Emerging)	9.2	10.4
Europe (Emerging)	7.7	3.8
Mideast/Africa (Emerging)	3.1	15.0
Cash Equivalents	0.1	0.0



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#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Benchmark(s):** The MSCI Emerging Markets ex China Index is an independently maintained and widely published index which captures large and mid cap representation within Emerging Markets (EM) countries, excluding China. 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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