

# INTERNATIONAL QUALITY ETF

#### **OVERVIEW**

The GMO International Quality ETF seeks to generate total return by investing primarily in non-U.S. equities the Focused Equity team believes to be of high quality.

The team believes that companies with established track records of historical profitability and strong fundamentals – high quality companies – are able to outgrow the average company over time and are therefore worth a premium price. The GMO International Quality ETF's disciplined approach uses both quantitative and fundamental techniques to assess the relative quality and valuation of non-U.S. companies and aims to exploit a long-term investment horizon while withstanding short-term volatility in an actively managed ETF format.

### WHY GMO QUALITY

- GMO is a pioneer in quality investing with 40+ years of experience
- Our valuation focus seeks to enhance returns and mitigate risk
- The actively managed ETF structure may offer tax efficiency

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

|              | MTD   | QTD   | YTD   |
|--------------|-------|-------|-------|
| NAV          | -2.74 | -5.60 | -5.60 |
| Benchmark    | 0.24  | -1.32 | -1.32 |
|              |       |       |       |
| Market Price | -2.30 | -5.07 | -5.07 |
| Benchmark    | 0.24  | -1.32 | -1.32 |

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

|              | 1 Year | 3 Years | 5 Years | 10 Years | ITD   |
|--------------|--------|---------|---------|----------|-------|
| NAV          | -      | -       | -       | -        | -5.60 |
| Benchmark    | -      | -       | -       | -        | -1.32 |
| Market Price | _      | _       | _       | _        | -5.07 |
| Benchmark    | -      | -       | -       | -        | -1.32 |

NAV Inception Date: 28-Oct-24 Market Price Inception Date: 28-Oct-24

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. Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs) are bought and sold through exchange trading at market price (not NAV), and are not individually redeemed from the fund. Shares may trade at a premium or discount to their NAV in the secondary market. Brokerage commissions will reduce returns.

### **FACTS**

| Inception    | 28-Oct-24         |
|--------------|-------------------|
| Ticker       | QLTI              |
| CUSIP        | 90139K308         |
| Exchange     | NYSE              |
| Total Assets | \$5mm USD         |
| Benchmark    | MSCI World ex USA |

#### **ANNUAL EXPENSES (%)**

| Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses |      |
|--------------------------------------|------|
| Expense Ratio                        | 0.60 |

Expense Ratio is equal to the Fund's Total Annual Operating Expenses set forth in the Fund's most recent prospectus dated October 28, 2024.

# PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT



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# **CHARACTERISTICS**

|  | Portfolio | Benchmark |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| Price/Earnings - Forecast 1 Yr Wtd Mdn   | 20.8x     | 15.8x     |
| Return on Equity - Forecast 1 Yr Wtd Mdn | 26.1%     | 14.4%     |
| Market Cap - Wtd Mdn Bil                 | 83.4 USD  | 50.1 USD  |
| Number of Equity Holdings                | 35        | 790       |
| Net Debt/EBITDA - Hist 1 Yr Wtd Mdn      | 0.9x      | 1.3x      |

# SECTORS (%)

| Sector                 | Portfolio | Benchmark |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Communication Services | 0.0       | 4.5       |
| Consumer Discretionary | 17.9      | 9.8       |
| Consumer Staples       | 24.6      | 7.9       |
| Energy                 | 0.0       | 5.2       |
| Financials             | 0.0       | 23.6      |
| Health Care            | 18.5      | 11.4      |
| Industrials            | 15.9      | 17.0      |
| Information Technology | 17.1      | 8.8       |
| Materials              | 6.0       | 6.7       |
| Real Estate            | 0.0       | 1.9       |
| Utilities              | 0.0       | 3.2       |

# MARKET CAP BAND EXPOSURES (\$B)

|                                | Portfolio | Benchmark |
|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Small (5.4 & Below)            | 2.5       | 3.3       |
| Small - Medium (5.4 To 17.1)   | 8.3       | 18.7      |
| Medium (17.1 To 44.7)          | 23.6      | 26.1      |
| Medium - Large (44.7 To 129.7) | 26.0      | 32.5      |
| Large (129.7 & Above)          | 39.7      | 19.4      |

# TOP COUNTRIES (%)

| Country        | Portfolio | Benchmark |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|
| France         | 21.1      | 9.6       |
| United Kingdom | 15.4      | 13.2      |
| Switzerland    | 13.0      | 8.6       |
| Spain          | 8.8       | 2.4       |
| Germany        | 7.5       | 8.0       |
| Japan          | 6.2       | 20.1      |
| Taiwan         | 4.8       | 0.0       |
| Ireland        | 4.4       | 0.2       |
| Denmark        | 4.2       | 2.9       |
| Netherlands    | 3.9       | 4.0       |

# REGIONS (%)

| Region           | Portfolio | Benchmark |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Europe           | 83.7      | 57.0      |
| Rest of World    | 14.9      | 43.0      |
| Cash Equivalents | 1.5       | 0.0       |

# **TOP HOLDINGS**

| Company                                      | Country        | Sector                 | %    |
|--|----------------|------------------------|------|
| SAP SE                                       | Germany        | Information Technology | 4.9  |
| LVMH Moet Hennessy Louis<br>Vuitton SE       | France         | Consumer Discretionary | 4.8  |
| Taiwan Semiconductor<br>Manufacturing Co Ltd | Taiwan         | Information Technology | 4.8  |
| Novartis AG                                  | Switzerland    | Health Care            | 4.7  |
| Roche Holding AG                             | Switzerland    | Health Care            | 4.5  |
| Industria de Diseno Textil SA                | Spain          | Consumer Discretionary | 4.4  |
| Amadeus IT Group SA                          | Spain          | Consumer Discretionary | 4.3  |
| Novo Nordisk A/S                             | Denmark        | Health Care            | 4.2  |
| Compass Group PLC                            | United Kingdom | Consumer Discretionary | 4.1  |
| ASML Holding NV                              | Netherlands    | Information Technology | 3.9  |
| Total  |                |                        | 44.6 |



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#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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