

# QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REVIEW

## International Equity Allocation Fund

### Performance returns (USD)

| ANNUALIZED RETURNS (QUARTER-END)             | Quarter-End | YTD   | 1-Year | 3-Year | 5-Year | 10-Year | Since Inception |
|--|-------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|---------|-----------------|
| International Equity Allocation Fund (net)   | 4.88        | 4.88  | 19.09  | 1.09   | 5.75   | 3.21    | 6.41            |
| International Equity Allocation Fund (gross) | 5.06        | 5.06  | 19.89  | 1.76   | 6.45   | 3.90    | 7.16            |
| MSCI ACWI ex USA                             | 4.53        | 4.53  | 13.09  | 1.89   | 5.93   | 4.24    | 5.19            |
| Value Add                                    | +0.35       | +0.35 | +6.00  | -0.79  | -0.18  | -1.02   | +1.22           |

### Major Performance Drivers

- Top-down asset allocation had a minor negative impact for the quarter, as the overweight position in emerging equities underperformed.
- Security selection was positive, driven by a good relative return in Developed Markets.

Emerging equities, with an emphasis on undervalued stocks within attractively valued countries/sectors, represented 37.7% of the total portfolio weight on average during the quarter. Our overweight position in emerging equities detracted from relative performance as the MSCI Emerging Market index returned 2.1%, behind the MSCI ACWI ex USA return of 4.5%, although the MSCI Emerging Market ex-China index returned a moderately better 3.7%. Security selection was also modestly negative, as the broad Emerging Market exposure returned 2.1% and the Emerging Market ex-China portfolio returned 2.3%. An overweight position in Oil & Natural Gas Corp (India Energy) featured in the top five biggest individual contributors to relative performance at total portfolio level, while an overweight position in Anglo American Platinum (South Africa Materials) featured in the top five biggest individual detractors from relative performance at total portfolio level.

Developed ex-U.S. equities accounted for an average weight of 61.8% of the portfolio for the quarter, including the dedicated Japan Value position. This underweight position in Developed ex-U.S. had a small negative impact on relative performance as Developed Markets beat Emerging Markets. Security selection within Developed was solid for the quarter and the portfolio returned 6.7% in aggregate. An overweight position in Banco Bilbao (Spain Financials), Banco de Sabadell (Spain Financials), and Stellantis (Italy Consumer Discretionary), along with an underweight position in Nestle (Switzerland Consumer Staples) featured in the top five biggest individual contributors. On the flipside, an underweight position in Novo Nordisk (Denmark Health Care), Toyota Motor (Japan Consumer Discretionary), and ASML (Netherlands Information Technology), along with an overweight position in STMicroelectronics (France Information Technology) featured in the top five biggest detractors.

Portfolio weights, as a percent of equity, for the positions mentioned were: Oil & Natural Gas Corp (0.88%), Anglo American Platinum (0.73%), Banco Bilbao (1.64%), Banco de Sabadell (0.92%), Stellantis (1.41%), Nestle (0.01%), Novo Nordisk (0.01%), Toyota Motor (0.01%), ASML (0.20%), STMicroelectronics (0.95%).

Inception Date: 11-Oct-96

Performance for the year of inception is less than a full calendar year. Returns shown for periods less than one year are not annualized.

**Risks:** Risks associated with investing in the Fund may include: (1) Market Risk - Equities: The market price of an equity may decline due to factors affecting the issuer or its industry 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) Management and Operational Risk: The risk that GMO's investment techniques will fail to produce desired results. For a more complete discussion of these risks and others, please consult the Fund's prospectus. Annualized Returns may include the impact of purchase premiums and redemption fees. 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](http://www.gmo.com).

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## PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The GMO International Equity Allocation Fund seeks to generate total return greater than that of the MSCI All Country World ex-U.S. 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 the long term. 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 ex USA Index (MSCI Standard Index Series, net of withholding tax) is an independently maintained and widely published index comprised of international (excluding U.S. and including emerging) 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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