

QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REVIEW

Opportunistic Income Strategy

Performance returns (USD)

ANNUALIZED RETURNS (QUARTER-END)	Quarter-End	YTD	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year	Since Inception
Opportunistic Income Strategy (net)	0.15	5.97	5.97	3.53	3.32	3.71	4.48
Opportunistic Income Strategy (gross)	0.29	6.56	6.56	4.10	3.89	4.26	4.98
Bloomberg U.S. Securitized+	-3.01	1.46	1.46	-1.98	-0.59	0.83	0.76
Value Add	+3.17	+4.51	+4.51	+5.51	+3.91	+2.89	+3.72

MAJOR PERFORMANCE DRIVERS

Securitized Product returns were positive during Q4 2024 led by sectors with exposure down the credit stack. Base rates (swap and Treasury yields) rose over the quarter with changes in sentiment over the Federal Reserve's future path. Higher base rates and continued constructive sentiment on credit helped floating rate products outperform fixed rate products within securitized products during Q4. Floating rate products such as Collateralized Loan Obligations (CLO), particularly BBB and BB rated profiles, outperformed peers within securitized products on both a quarter and year-to-date basis. Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities (CMBS), specifically floating rate Single Asset Single Borrower profiles, also outperformed peers, including the fixed rate cohort of that market. Agency Mortgage-Backed Securities (MBS) had negative total and excess returns this quarter on the whole, with higher coupon products posting modest gains compared to the majority of the coupon stack. In corporate credit markets, High Yield (HY) outperformed Investment Grade (IG) this quarter on both a total and excess basis as HY spreads continue to compress and IG suffered from exposure to longer duration.

Excess returns (vs. swaps) in structured products were mostly positive in Q4 2024. Credit Risk Transfer (CRT) deals on residential mortgages reported positive excess returns, ranging from 0.7% to +1.0% on various tranches. In the residential space, Non-Agency Residential Mortgage-Backed Securities (RMBS) had mixed performance across profiles. Single Family Rental (SFR), a somewhat hybrid member of the RMBS cohort, outperformed this quarter across credit tranches. In CMBS, a longer duration asset, overall performance was up +0.8% in excess on the quarter; lower rated BBB posted +2.3% in excess returns, outpacing Last Cash Flow (LCF) AAA profiles, which posted +0.7%. Shorter duration fixed rate Auto and Card ABS posted positive excess returns on the quarter on the order of +0.6% and +0.4%, respectively. Floating rate ABS excess performance from Student Loans was positive, returning +0.7%. Overall performance in the CLO market was up +1.1% in excess during the quarter; excess returns in the lower part of the capital structure were higher, with BBB posting +1.6% and BB posting +3.1%.

Composite Inception Date: 31-Oct-11

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MAJOR PERFORMANCE DRIVERS CONT.

Absolute performance in the portfolio was positive, driven by gains in the CMBS and Student Loans sectors. Detracting from overall performance were positions in Duration Management.

Approximately 69% of the portfolio was rated AAA with 78% rated single A or higher. 19% of the portfolio was invested in CMBS, with 16% in RMBS, 14.5% in Student Loans, 7% in CLO securities, 4% in Small Balance Commercial, 3% in Autos, and 6% in other ABS.

(Ratings are lowest of Moody's, Standard & Poor's, Fitch, DBRS, and Kroll. No rating is used if none of the five listed provides a rating.)

QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REVIEW

PRODUCT 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.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Comparator 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.

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