

# QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REVIEW

## International Opportunistic Value Fund

### Performance returns (USD)

ANNUALIZED RETURNS (QUARTER-END)	Quarter-End	YTD	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year	Since Inception
International Opportunistic Value Fund (net)	-7.23	5.25	5.25	3.80	5.90	4.59	5.85
International Opportunistic Value Fund (gross)	-7.07	5.98	5.98	4.51	6.65	5.34	6.58
MSCI World ex USA Value	-6.55	6.65	6.65	6.04	5.50	4.54	4.89
Value Add vs. MSCI World ex USA Value	-0.69	-1.39	-1.39	-2.23	+0.40	+0.05	+0.96
MSCI World ex USA	-7.43	4.70	4.70	1.91	5.10	5.26	4.63
Value Add vs. MSCI World ex USA	+0.19	+0.55	+0.55	+1.89	+0.80	-0.67	+1.22

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).** The portfolio is not managed relative to a benchmark. References to an index are for informational purposes only. The performance information for all periods prior to May 15, 2023, was achieved prior to the change in the Fund's investment objective and principal investment strategies. In addition, the Fund's benchmark has changed from MSCI EAFE Index to MSCI World ex-USA. Returns include a substantial, one-time litigation settlement recovery received on December 16, 2024. This event contributed 0.39% to Q4 2024 and 0.44% to 2024 annual performance. Performance for other periods, including this date, was also positively impacted, sometimes materially. Without this recovery, performance would have been lower in both absolute terms and relative to the benchmark. Additional information is available upon request.

### MAJOR PERFORMANCE DRIVERS

Global equity markets diverged in the fourth quarter, as the U.S. had another solid return while the rest of the world struggled – although the returns for a USD investor look particularly lackluster outside the U.S. because of a surging dollar. In particular, with the return of President Trump to the White House, areas that are assumed to be beneficiaries of likely policy were favored, while areas that might be subject to tariffs were treated less kindly.

Within the MSCI World ex USA universe, Value outperformed by not quite 1%, and our performance modestly lagged the Value index. In this environment the stocks we identified as being expensive fared very badly, but this was offset by the very cheapest names not keeping up with their slightly less cheap "shallow value" counterparts. In particular, stocks favored by the Quality-Boosted-Value model underperformed.

From a country perspective, allocation had a marginal negative impact and security selection had a moderately bigger negative impact. Selection proved a little challenging in Japan, Australia, Switzerland, and the U.K., partly offset by good selection in Italy, along with several other small wins.

From a sector perspective, allocation was very mildly positive due to holding nearly no Utilities and being underweight Consumer Staples, both of which lagged. These gains were mostly offset by being overweight to the poorly performing Health Care sector. The portfolio had negative stock selection within sectors, driven primarily by underperformance in Financials, which has a particularly powerful impact as it accounts for almost one-third of the total portfolio; Consumer Discretionary; and Communication Services.

Inception Date: 29-Jul-98

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) 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, including annualized returns and annualized volatility. 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: 0.68%; Gross Expense Ratio: 0.80%** 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 International Opportunistic Value Fund seeks to generate total return by investing primarily in international equities. The Fund measures its performance against the MSCI World ex-U.S.A. Value Index.

The Fund aims to profit from our Asset Allocation team's top-down insights as to the most attractively valued segment of developed markets outside the U.S. Currently, the team finds developed, non-U.S. "deep value" (cheapest 20%) stocks to be unusually cheap relative to their own history. This actively managed Fund concentrates exposure in the deep value segment by focusing on the international stocks that GMO's Systematic Equity team identifies as the most undervalued, using proprietary valuation models because we believe that relying on reported financials and index definitions of value may lead investors to misjudge the opportunity.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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