

QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REVIEW

Resource Transition Strategy

Performance returns (USD)

ANNUALIZED RETURNS (QUARTER-END)	Quarter-End	YTD	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year	Since Inception
Resource Transition Strategy (net)	6.91	-9.27	-6.60	-	-	-	-13.69
Resource Transition Strategy (gross)	7.17	-8.62	-5.70	-	-	-	-12.89
MSCI ACWI Commodity Producers ex-Energy	8.12	5.25	14.92	-	-	-	5.35
Value Add	-1.21	-14.53	-21.52	-	-	-	-19.03

MAJOR PERFORMANCE DRIVERS

The third quarter seemed to mark a turning point, or a kind of reversal, for some of the dynamics that have driven global equity markets thus far. Larger cap tech companies appeared to lose some of the steam that had been driving multiples higher. Pervasive fears that China was on the brink of collapse subsided after a significant set of stimulus was announced. Many commodity prices - including iron ore, copper and aluminum - rose significantly at quarter end in line with what was expected to be a better resulting demand environment. One area where the momentum didn't translate was Clean Energy. The Wilderhill Clean Energy index, a barometer of broad Clean Energy performance, was roughly flat for the quarter. That was all the more surprising as the U.S. Federal Reserve began its rate cutting cycle with a bumper 50 bp cut. Against this backdrop, the Resource Transition portfolio was up for the quarter, slightly underperforming the MSCI ACWI Commodity Producers ex-Energy index.

Our Energy segment, roughly one-third of the portfolio, is essentially an off-benchmark position in Clean Energy. This segment did significantly better than the broader sector, reinforcing the importance of a Quality mindset to find those with a long-term moat around their profitability. Our Clean Energy companies are, in many cases, starting to move past the cyclical trough that has pushed earnings down a little and pushed sentiment down a lot. The inventory glut in markets like solar is washing out. Interest rates are falling. The earnings growth trajectory is becoming clearer by the day. Sunrun, a residential solar installer, and Ameresco, a biofuel producer and clean tech integrator, were two of our strongest contributors this quarter. That said, valuations across the Clean Energy still do not reflect the expected growth and we have continued to add to those names where there is headroom to do so.

Across Industrial Metals, higher prices helped the diversified miners while pure-play copper miners rose again. We used weakness in copper prices at the start of the quarter to add to Ivanhoe and other names, positioning that paid off. Lithium and platinum group metals miners had a tougher quarter, in line with the underlying commodity prices.

The long-term supply/demand dynamics in natural resource markets favor high and rising prices. But the deeply discounted valuations still available in some parts of this sector mean that investors don't need commodity prices to rise in order to expect strong returns. Flat commodity prices could still lead to a healthy return from a resource equity portfolio. In addition, valuations within the Clean Energy sector are now increasingly attractive.

Portfolio weights, as a percent of equity, for the positions mentioned were: SunRun(4.5%), Ameresco (5.0%), Ivanhoe (8.4%).

Composite Inception Date: 28-Feb-23

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PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The GMO Resource Transition Strategy seeks to generate total return by investing primarily in equities of companies in the resource transition sector. The Strategy's benchmark is the MSCI ACWI Commodity Producers ex-Energy Index.

GMO's Focused Equity team believes that global population growth, the industrialization of emerging markets, and the clean energy transition will increase global demand for natural resources and that, given their finite supply, the prices of these resources will increase over time. The Strategy seeks to invest in the securities of companies that we believe will benefit from – and avoid companies we believe will be adversely affected by – this expected long-term rise in natural resource prices as well as the increasing demand for clean energy.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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