

# QUALITY INVESTMENT

## OVERVIEW

The GMO Quality Investment Fund seeks to generate total return by investing primarily in 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 Fund's disciplined approach uses both quantitative and fundamental techniques to assess the relative quality and valuation of global companies and aims to exploit a long-term investment horizon while withstanding short-term volatility.

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## FACTS

Class	USD Class
ISIN	IE00B3SBSR82
Class Inception	10-Nov-10
Fund Inception	10-Nov-10
Total Assets	\$5.4bn USD
Management Fee	0.48% p.a.
Pricing Frequency	Daily
SFDR Classification	Article 6
Index	MSCI World
Alternate Index	S&P 500 (Net)

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

	MTD	QTD	YTD	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
USD Class	-1.22	4.00	4.00	18.58	29.04	-15.56	25.53	17.49
Index	-0.72	2.78	2.78	18.67	23.79	-18.14	21.82	15.90
Alternate Index	-1.34	1.38	1.38	24.50	25.67	-18.51	28.16	17.75

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

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	ITD
USD Class	14.29	13.31	16.61	13.53	13.75
Index	15.63	10.21	13.91	9.82	10.10
Alternate Index	17.93	12.03	16.31	12.37	13.23

Data Source: GMO

## RISK PROFILE (5-YEAR TRAILING)

Alpha (Jensen's)	3.72
Beta	0.91
R Squared	0.94
Sharpe Ratio	0.86
Standard Deviation	16.23

## 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) Management and Operational Risk: the risk that GMO's investment techniques will fail to produce desired results, including annualized returns and annualized volatility; and (3) Focused Investment Risk: the Fund invests its assets in the securities of a limited number of issuers, and a decline in the market price of a particular security held by the Fund may affect the Fund's performance more than if the Fund invested in the securities of a larger number of issuers. For a more complete discussion of these and other risks, please consult the Fund's Prospectus.

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## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT



**Tom Hancock**  
Joined GMO in 1995  
MS, Rensselaer  
Polytechnic Institute;  
PhD, Harvard University



**Ty Cobb, CFA**  
Joined GMO in 1997  
MS, Suffolk University



**Anthony Hene, CFA**  
Joined GMO in 1995  
MS, University of Oxford

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## CHARACTERISTICS

	<i>Portfolio</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Alternate Index</i>
Price/Earnings - Forecast 1 Yr Wtd Mdn	25.6x	24.1x	26.1x
Return on Equity - Forecast 1 Yr Wtd Mdn	26.8%	20.9%	25.9%
Dividend Yield - Hist 1 Yr Wtd Avg	1.4%	1.7%	1.3%
Free Cash Flow Yield - Hist 1 Yr Wtd Avg	3.4%	3.5%	2.9%
Market Cap - Wtd Mdn Bil	266.6 USD	142.3 USD	275.6 USD
Number of Equity Holdings	44	1370	497
Net Debt/EBITDA - Hist 1 Yr Wtd Mdn	0.3x	0.5x	0.3x

## SECTORS (%)

<i>Sector</i>	<i>Portfolio</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Alternate Index</i>
Communication Services	8.7	8.2	9.5
Consumer Discretionary	10.4	10.6	10.5
Consumer Staples	8.4	6.2	5.9
Energy	0.0	3.8	3.3
Financials	7.8	17.0	14.5
Health Care	26.0	10.9	10.8
Industrials	6.0	10.8	8.3
Information Technology	32.7	24.6	30.7
Materials	0.0	3.3	2.0
Real Estate	0.0	2.1	2.2
Utilities	0.0	2.5	2.4

## MARKET CAP BAND EXPOSURES (\$B)

	<i>Portfolio</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Alternate Index</i>
Small (5.3 & Below)	0.0	0.9	0.0
Small - Medium (5.3 To 16.9)	0.3	7.1	2.5
Medium (16.9 To 45.6)	8.1	15.5	10.8
Medium - Large (45.6 To 131.2)	17.4	23.7	18.9
Large (131.2 & Above)	74.2	52.8	67.7

## TOP COUNTRIES (%)

<i>Country</i>	<i>Portfolio</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Alternate Index</i>
United States	75.0	72.9	100.0
United Kingdom	7.4	3.6	0.0
France	5.2	2.7	0.0
Germany	3.4	2.4	0.0
Taiwan	2.9	0.0	0.0
Switzerland	1.7	2.4	0.0
Cash	1.7	0.0	0.0
Denmark	1.1	0.7	0.0
Netherlands	1.0	1.1	0.0
Spain	0.7	0.7	0.0

## REGIONS (%)

<i>Region</i>	<i>Portfolio</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Alternate Index</i>
United States	75.0	72.9	100.0
Europe	20.4	16.1	0.0
Rest of World	2.9	11.0	0.0
Cash Equivalents	1.7	0.0	0.0

## TOP HOLDINGS

<i>Company</i>	<i>Sector</i>	<i>%</i>
Microsoft Corp	Information Technology	5.3
Apple Inc	Information Technology	5.2
Meta Platforms Inc	Communication Services	4.5
Alphabet Inc	Communication Services	4.1
Abbott Laboratories	Health Care	3.7
Visa Inc	Financials	3.7
Johnson & Johnson	Health Care	3.4
UnitedHealth Group Inc	Health Care	3.4
Oracle Corp	Information Technology	3.2
SAP SE	Information Technology	3.2
<b>Total</b>		<b>39.7</b>

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## GLOSSARY

**Country Exposures:** Based on equity holdings.

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