

## HIGH YIELD

## OVERVIEW

The GMO High Yield Fund seeks to generate total return in excess of that of its benchmark, the Markit iBoxx USD Liquid High Yield Index, by applying a systematic, factor-based approach to portfolio construction. It is designed to capture alpha from top-down sources of risk premia, taking advantage of structural market inefficiencies, while maintaining a liquid portfolio. Our top-down, data-driven approach (in what is still largely a fundamentally managed asset class) brings a unique perspective that allows us to allocate capital across a range of high yield instruments in an effort to achieve optimal risk-adjusted returns in excess of the Fund's benchmark.

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

	MTD	QTD	YTD	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Class VI	1.38	1.38	1.38	7.93	12.95	-8.03	4.99	5.47
Benchmark	1.44	1.44	1.44	7.95	12.89	-10.74	4.48	4.66

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

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	ITD
Class VI	9.24	5.32	4.74	-	5.55
Benchmark	9.73	4.34	3.89	-	4.67

## STANDARDIZED SEC RETURNS (USD, NET OF FEES, %)(AS OF 30-SEP-24)

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	ITD
Class VI	16.19	4.19	4.96	-	5.65
Benchmark	15.55	3.04	4.06	-	4.66

## FACTS

Share Class	Class VI
Share Class Ticker	GHVIX
Share Class Inception	25-Jun-18
Fund Inception	25-Jun-18
Total Assets	\$133mm USD
Benchmark	Markit iBoxx USD Liquid High Yield

## RISK PROFILE (5-YEAR TRAILING)

Alpha (Jensen's)	0.89
Beta	0.97
R Squared	0.98
Sharpe Ratio	0.24
Standard Deviation	9.02

## ANNUAL EXPENSES (%)

Net Expense Ratio	0.46
Gross Expense Ratio	0.52

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.

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. **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).**

**Risks:** Risks associated with investing in the Fund may include: (1) Management and Operational Risk: the risk that GMO's investment techniques will fail to produce desired results, including annualized returns and annualized volatility; (2) Market Risk - Fixed Income Investments: the market price of a fixed income investment can decline due to a number of market-related factors, including rising interest rates and widening credit spreads or decreased liquidity stemming from the market's uncertainty about the value of a fixed income investment (or class of fixed income investments); and (3) Credit Risk: the risk that the issuer or guarantor of a fixed income investment or the obligor of an obligation underlying an asset-backed security will be unable or unwilling to satisfy its obligation to pay principal and interest or otherwise to honor its obligations in a timely manner. For a more complete discussion of these and other risks, please consult the Fund's Prospectus. **Performance Returns:** Returns shown for periods greater than one year are on an annualized basis. 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.

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT



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Joined GMO in 2014  
MBA, University of  
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Rachna  
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Joined GMO in 2019  
MS, City University of  
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CHARACTERISTICS

	<i>Portfolio</i>	<i>Benchmark</i>
Spread Duration	3.3	N/A
Spread	249.2bps	278.8bps
Effective Duration	3.0	3.0
Weighted Average Life	4.1	4.5

SECTORS (%)

<i>Sector</i>	<i>Portfolio</i>
Agencies	0.6
Financial Institutions	10.3
Industrial	85.1
Utility	4.0

CREDIT RATINGS (%)

	%
A	0.2
BBB	1.7
BB	51.9
B	33.0
CCC	10.1
CC	1.2
C	0.4
D	0.1
NR	1.4

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**An investor should consider the fund's investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses before investing. This and other important information can be found in the funds prospectus. To obtain a prospectus please visit [www.gmo.com](http://www.gmo.com). Read the prospectus carefully before investing.**

**Benchmark(s):** The Markit iBoxx USD Liquid High Yield Index is an independently maintained index consisting of liquid USD high yield bonds, selected to provide a balanced representation of the broad USD high yield corporate bond universe.

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## GLOSSARY

**Credit Ratings:** The credit ratings above may encompass emerging debt, developed rates, and asset-backed exposure. Ratings for core portfolio holdings are derived by using the middle rating from Standard & Poor's, Moody's, and Fitch. Ratings for core holdings were adjusted during the January 2021 reporting period to conform with index provider methodology. Ratings for the emerging debt portion of the portfolio are derived by applying the Standard and Poor's or Moody's issue-level ratings (sequentially), and the S&P LT Foreign currency (FC) country issuer rating for the FC debt securities and/or S&P LT Local currency (LC) country issuer rating for LC securities where a security is not rated by either of the abovementioned credit rating agencies. Final credit ratings are expressed based upon Standard and Poor's ratings scale. Standard & Poor's rates securities from AAA (highest quality) to C (lowest quality), and D to indicate securities in default; some securities are not rated (NR). BB and below are considered below investment grade securities. Please refer to our website for additional information: <https://www.gmo.com/americas/benchmark-disclaimers>. **Risk Statistics:** Risk profile data is net of fees. Alpha is a measure of risk-adjusted return. Beta is a measure of a portfolio's sensitivity to the market. R-Squared is a measure of how well a portfolio tracks the market. Sharpe Ratio is the return over the risk free rate per unit of risk. Std Deviation is a measure of the volatility of a portfolio.

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