

# INTERNATIONAL EQUITY

## OVERVIEW

The GMO International Equity Strategy seeks to generate high total return by investing primarily in non-U.S. developed market equities. The Strategy measures its performance against the MSCI EAFE Index for performance comparison purposes.

The Strategy's investment approach is grounded in the Systematic Equity team's belief that, in the short term, equity markets exhibit exploitable inefficiencies as a result of irrational investor actions, the imperfect flow of information, and the participation of non-economic actors, while in the long-term returns are ultimately driven by economic reality. The Strategy aims to take advantage of this inefficiency by utilizing a multi-factor valuation model in conjunction with other methods, such as momentum and corporate alerts, to identify mispriced equity securities.

## FACTS

|                     |                 |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| Strategy Inception  | 31-Mar-87       |
| Composite Inception | 31-Mar-87       |
| Total Assets        | \$1.8bn USD     |
| Index               | MSCI EAFE +     |
| Alternate Index     | MSCI EAFE Value |

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

|                 | <i>MTD</i> | <i>QTD</i> | <i>YTD</i> | <i>2024</i> | <i>2023</i> | <i>2022</i> | <i>2021</i> | <i>2020</i> |
|-----------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Composite       | 1.84       | 7.02       | 7.02       | 13.32       | 20.60       | -10.58      | 12.07       | 7.24        |
| Index           | 1.94       | 7.30       | 7.30       | 3.82        | 18.24       | -14.45      | 11.26       | 7.82        |
| Alternate Index | 3.73       | 9.02       | 9.02       | 5.68        | 18.95       | -5.58       | 10.89       | -2.63       |

## RISK PROFILE (5-YEAR TRAILING)

|                    |       |
|--------------------|-------|
| Alpha (Jensen's)   | 3.41  |
| Beta               | 0.95  |
| R Squared          | 0.92  |
| Sharpe Ratio       | 0.54  |
| Standard Deviation | 17.10 |

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

|                 | <i>1 Year</i> | <i>3 Years</i> | <i>5 Years</i> | <i>10 Years</i> | <i>ITD</i> |
|-----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|------------|
| Composite       | 18.37         | 10.66          | 11.83          | 5.66            | 7.47       |
| Index           | 8.77          | 6.42           | 8.70           | 5.28            | 6.66       |
| Alternate Index | 15.09         | 9.09           | 9.87           | 4.61            | 6.42       |

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT



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## CHARACTERISTICS

|  | <i>Portfolio</i> | <i>Index</i> |
|--|------------------|--------------|
| Price/Earnings - Forecast 1 Yr Wtd Mdn | 11.7x            | 16.0x        |
| Price/Earnings - Hist 1 Yr Wtd Mdn     | 14.0x            | 22.2x        |
| Price/Book - Hist 1 Yr Wtd Avg         | 1.3x             | 1.9x         |
| Price/Cash Flow - Hist 1 Yr Wtd Mdn    | 9.7x             | 13.5x        |
| Return on Equity - Hist 1 Yr Mdn       | 12.5%            | 13.8%        |
| Debt/Equity - Wtd Mdn                  | 0.6x             | 0.7x         |
| Dividend Yield - Hist 1 Yr Wtd Avg     | 3.3%             | 2.9%         |
| Market Cap - Wtd Mdn Bil               | 31.1 USD         | 52.3 USD     |
| Number of Equity Holdings              | 189              | 704          |
| Active Share                           | 80.4%            | N/A          |

## MARKET CAP BAND EXPOSURES (\$B)

|                                | <i>Portfolio</i> | <i>Index</i> |
|--------------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| Small (5.3 & Below)            | 8.7              | 3.3          |
| Small - Medium (5.3 To 16.9)   | 20.9             | 17.8         |
| Medium (16.9 To 45.6)          | 32.0             | 23.9         |
| Medium - Large (45.6 To 131.2) | 29.5             | 33.9         |
| Large (131.2 & Above)          | 8.9              | 21.1         |

## TOP COUNTRIES (%)

| <i>Country</i> | <i>Portfolio</i> | <i>Index</i> |
|----------------|------------------|--------------|
| Japan          | 24.9             | 21.7         |
| United Kingdom | 13.2             | 15.1         |
| France         | 10.5             | 11.4         |
| Netherlands    | 8.4              | 4.5          |
| Germany        | 7.7              | 9.8          |
| Spain          | 6.8              | 3.0          |
| Switzerland    | 6.5              | 10.0         |
| Singapore      | 5.1              | 1.7          |
| Italy          | 4.9              | 3.0          |
| Australia      | 3.2              | 6.9          |

## REGIONS (%)

| <i>Region</i>                    | <i>Portfolio</i> | <i>Index</i> |
|----------------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| Europe (Developed)               | 64.3             | 66.7         |
| Asia Pacific (Developed)         | 35.6             | 32.4         |
| Cash Equivalents                 | 0.1              | 0.0          |
| Africa & Middle East (Developed) | 0.0              | 0.9          |

## SECTORS (%)

| <i>Sector</i>          | <i>Portfolio</i> | <i>Index</i> |
|------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| Communication Services | 7.9              | 5.0          |
| Consumer Discretionary | 14.8             | 11.1         |
| Consumer Staples       | 7.4              | 8.0          |
| Energy                 | 0.6              | 3.5          |
| Financials             | 27.4             | 23.0         |
| Health Care            | 9.0              | 12.6         |
| Industrials            | 17.1             | 17.5         |
| Information Technology | 13.1             | 8.4          |
| Materials              | 2.4              | 5.9          |
| Real Estate            | 0.2              | 1.9          |
| Utilities              | 0.1              | 3.1          |

## TOP HOLDINGS

| <i>Company</i>                     | <i>Country</i> | <i>Sector</i>          | <i>%</i>    |
|------------------------------------|----------------|------------------------|-------------|
| Roche Holding AG                   | Switzerland    | Health Care            | 3.7         |
| SAP SE                             | Germany        | Information Technology | 3.7         |
| Sanofi SA                          | France         | Health Care            | 2.9         |
| 3i Group PLC                       | United Kingdom | Financials             | 2.8         |
| Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria SA | Spain          | Financials             | 2.7         |
| Banco de Sabadell SA               | Spain          | Financials             | 2.6         |
| Cie de Saint-Gobain SA             | France         | Industrials            | 2.6         |
| Prosus NV                          | Netherlands    | Consumer Discretionary | 2.6         |
| Deutsche Bank AG                   | Germany        | Financials             | 2.5         |
| British American Tobacco PLC       | United Kingdom | Consumer Staples       | 2.3         |
| <b>Total</b>                       |                |                        | <b>28.4</b> |

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Index(es):** The MSCI EAFE + (Europe, Australasia, and Far East) Index is an internally maintained benchmark computed by GMO, comprised of (i) the MSCI EAFE (Europe, Australasia, and Far East) Value Index (MSCI Standard Index Series, net of withholding tax) through 06/30/2014 and (ii) the MSCI EAFE (Europe, Australasia, and Far East) Index (MSCI Standard Index Series, net of withholding tax) thereafter. MSCI data may not be reproduced or used for any other purpose. MSCI provides no warranties, has not prepared or approved this report, and has no liability hereunder. The MSCI EAFE (Europe, Australasia, and Far East) Value Index (MSCI Standard Index Series, net of withholding tax) is an independently maintained and widely published index comprised of international large and mid capitalization stocks that have a value style. Large and mid capitalization stocks encompass approximately 85% of each market's free float-adjusted market capitalization. Style is determined using a multi-factor approach based on historical and forward-looking characteristics. MSCI data may not be reproduced or used for any other purpose. MSCI provides no warranties, has not prepared or approved this report, and has no liability hereunder.

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## GLOSSARY

**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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