

## GLOBAL REAL RETURN (UCITS) USD CLASS A

## OVERVIEW

The Fund seeks to achieve a return in excess of that of its benchmark, the OECD G7 Consumer Price Index, by allocating dynamically across asset classes, free from the constraints of traditional benchmarks. The Fund seeks annualized excess returns of 5% (net of fees) above the OECD G7 Consumer Price Index, over a complete market cycle.

The philosophy that underlies all of GMO's Asset Allocation investment strategies is the belief that, at times and in the short term, the pricing of asset classes can deviate from true intrinsic value, but mean reverts to appropriate valuation levels over the long term. GMO's proprietary 7-Year Asset Class Forecasts form the foundation of our investment process, providing a framework to assess the return opportunity embedded in different asset classes. We use that approach to allocate to what we believe are the most attractively priced asset classes.

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## FACTS

|                     |              |
|---------------------|--------------|
| Class               | USD Class A  |
| ISIN                | IE00B4WTS758 |
| Class Inception     | 20-Aug-12    |
| Fund Inception      | 30-Nov-11    |
| Total Assets        | \$488mm USD  |
| Management Fee      | 0.80% p.a.   |
| Pricing Frequency   | Daily        |
| SFDR Classification | Article 8    |
| Benchmark           | OECD CPI G7  |

## 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> |
|-------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| USD Class A | 1.50       | 1.50       | 1.50       | 6.93        | 12.36       | -3.18       | 2.44        | -1.23       |
| Benchmark   | 0.00       | 0.00       | 0.00       | 2.74        | 3.25        | 6.81        | 5.59        | 0.70        |

## 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> |
|-------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|------------|
| USD Class A | 8.30          | 4.90           | 4.12           | 3.11            | 3.63       |
| Benchmark   | 2.42          | 4.02           | 3.77           | 2.69            | 2.32       |

Data Source: GMO

## RISK PROFILE (5-YEAR TRAILING)

|  |        |
|--|--------|
| Sharpe Ratio                               | 0.16   |
| Standard Deviation                         | 9.47   |
| Max Port. Drawdown (28-May-21 - 30-Sep-22) | -14.34 |

## 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 - 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; and (3) 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. 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. To obtain performance information to the most recent month-end, visit [www.gmo.com](http://www.gmo.com). **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.** 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. A dilution adjustment may be applied on a subscription or redemption of shares to reflect the costs of dealing in the Fund's assets. The return on investment in the Fund may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations if an investor's investment is made in a currency other than that used in the past performance calculation. If the Fund holds assets in currencies other than the base currency of the Fund and/or you invest in a share class that is denominated in a different currency than the base currency of the Fund, subject to any hedging at share class or Fund level, the value of your investment may be impacted by changes in the relative prices of the relevant currencies. The use of financial derivative instruments by the Fund may result in increased gains or losses within the Fund. Returns include a substantial, one-time litigation settlement recovery received on December 16, 2024. This event contributed 3.57% 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.

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT



Ben Inker, CFA  
Joined GMO in 1992  
BA, Yale University



John Thorndike  
Joined GMO in 2015  
AB, Bowdoin College

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## PORTFOLIO ALLOCATIONS (%)

| <i>Asset Class</i>                | <i>Exposure</i> |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>EQUITY</b>                     | <b>49.5</b>     |
| International Opportunistic Value | 9.1             |
| Japan Fundamental Value           | 5.6             |
| Japan Small Value                 | 2.8             |
| Developed ex-US                   | 6.1             |
| US Opportunistic Value            | 5.0             |
| Quality Cyclicals                 | 3.0             |
| Resource Equity                   | 3.5             |
| Developed ex-US Small Cap Value   | 5.0             |
| Emerging Markets                  | 9.2             |
| <b>ALTERNATIVE STRATEGIES</b>     | <b>29.5</b>     |
| Equity Dislocation                | 19.0            |
| Event Driven                      | 3.8             |
| Systematic Global Macro           | 6.6             |
| <b>FIXED INCOME</b>               | <b>21.1</b>     |
| ABS/Structured Products           | 3.9             |
| US Treasury Notes                 | 14.0            |
| Emerging Debt                     | 3.2             |

## EQUITY SECTORS (%)

| <i>Sector</i>          | <i>Portfolio</i> |
|------------------------|------------------|
| Communication Services | 5.7              |
| Consumer Discretionary | 13.8             |
| Consumer Staples       | 4.7              |
| Energy                 | 7.5              |
| Financials             | 23.3             |
| Health Care            | 8.3              |
| Industrials            | 15.7             |
| Information Technology | 11.3             |
| Materials              | 6.6              |
| Real Estate            | 1.5              |
| Utilities              | 1.4              |

## EQUITY REGIONS (%)

| <i>Region</i>            | <i>Portfolio</i> |
|--------------------------|------------------|
| Japan                    | 27.0             |
| Europe ex UK (Developed) | 20.9             |
| Emerging                 | 20.3             |
| United States            | 16.1             |
| Other International      | 9.5              |
| United Kingdom           | 6.2              |

## EQUITY CHARACTERISTICS

|                                    | <i>Portfolio</i> |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Price/Earnings - Hist 1 Yr Wtd Mdn | 13.0x            |
| Price/Book - Hist 1 Yr Wtd Avg     | 1.2x             |
| Return on Equity - Hist 1 Yr Mdn   | 12.3%            |
| Dividend Yield - Hist 1 Yr Wtd Avg | 3.5%             |
| Market Cap - Wtd Mdn Bil           | 13.8 USD         |

## EQUITY TOP COUNTRIES (%)

| <i>Country</i> | <i>Portfolio</i> |
|----------------|------------------|
| Japan          | 27.0             |
| United States  | 16.1             |
| United Kingdom | 6.2              |
| Canada         | 5.3              |
| Taiwan         | 4.7              |
| France         | 4.1              |
| China          | 3.1              |
| Germany        | 2.9              |
| Spain          | 2.8              |
| South Korea    | 2.6              |

## FIXED INCOME CHARACTERISTICS

|                    | <i>Portfolio</i> |
|--------------------|------------------|
| Effective Duration | 1.9              |

## FIXED INCOME CREDIT RATINGS (%)

|     | <i>%</i> |
|-----|----------|
| AAA | 13.1     |
| AA  | 68.3     |
| A   | 1.2      |
| BBB | 2.9      |
| BB  | 4.0      |
| B   | 3.0      |
| CCC | 3.7      |
| CC  | 0.6      |
| C   | 0.6      |
| D   | 1.4      |
| NR  | 1.1      |

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**Benchmark(s):** The OECD (Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development) CPI (Consumer Price Index) G7 is published monthly by the OECD for the G7 countries of Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the U.K. and the U.S. The index is compiled by aggregating the national consumer price indices in each period, using estimates of household private final consumption expenditure ("HFCE") as weights. The HFCE for each country is converted into a common currency using purchasing power parities ("PPPs") which are rates of currency conversion that eliminate the differences in price levels between countries. The PPP used in the zone estimates relate specifically to HFCE and are not the same as the PPP for gross domestic product, which are more commonly available. The benchmark return is published on a one month lag. Until this data is available all benchmark return calculations assume a 0% estimate for the missing month.

The Fund is a sub-fund of GMO Funds plc, an umbrella fund with segregated liability between sub-funds, which is authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland (the "Central Bank") as a UCITS pursuant to the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2011, as amended. The authorisation of GMO Funds plc is not an endorsement or guarantee of GMO Funds plc by the Central Bank. Neither the Central Bank nor the UK's Financial Conduct Authority has approved and or takes responsibility for the contents of this document or for the financial soundness of the Fund or for GMO Funds plc. GMO Funds plc is an EEA UCITS scheme which is recognised under Part 6 of The Collective Investment Schemes (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019, as amended.

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## GLOSSARY

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**Country Exposures:** Based on equity holdings. This portfolio continues to hold de minimis Russian exposure as a result of past positioning and ongoing illiquidity. GMO has suspended net new purchases of Russian securities firm-wide.

**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/>

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**Portfolio Allocations:** Weightings are as of the date indicated and are subject to change. The groups indicated above represent exposures determined pursuant to proprietary methodologies and are subject to change over time. Totals may vary due to rounding.

**Region Exposures:** Based on equity holdings. **Risk Statistics:** Risk profile data is net of fees. 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. Drawdown is based on the portfolio's worst performance over the period based on monthly observations.

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