

## QUALITY

## OVERVIEW

The GMO Quality 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.

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

	MTD	QTD	YTD	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Class III	-3.07	-3.07	17.85	30.01	-15.22	26.20	18.46	31.69
Index	-0.91	-0.91	20.97	26.29	-18.11	28.71	18.40	31.49
Alternate Index	-1.98	-1.98	16.50	23.79	-18.14	21.82	15.90	27.67

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

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	ITD
Class III	32.25	10.07	15.70	14.25	10.30
Index	38.02	9.08	15.26	13.00	10.19
Alternate Index	33.68	6.38	12.02	9.78	8.15

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

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	ITD
Class III	35.98	13.43	17.17	14.88	10.51
Index	36.35	11.91	15.97	13.38	10.28
Alternate Index	32.43	9.08	13.04	10.07	8.29

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).** The portfolio is not managed relative to a benchmark. References to an index are for informational purposes only.

## FACTS

Share Class	Class III
Share Class Ticker	GQETX
Share Class Inception	06-Feb-04
Fund Inception	06-Feb-04
Total Assets	\$10.5bn USD
Index	S&P 500
Alternate Index	MSCI World

## RISK PROFILE (5-YEAR TRAILING)

Alpha (Jensen's)	1.66
Beta	0.90
R Squared	0.94
Sharpe Ratio	0.79
Standard Deviation	16.69

## ANNUAL EXPENSES (%)

Net Expense Ratio	0.50
Gross Expense Ratio	0.51

**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.**

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT



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Joined GMO in 1995  
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Polytechnic Institute;  
PhD, Harvard University



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



**Anthony Hene, CFA**  
Joined GMO in 1995  
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**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. (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 risks and others, 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.

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## CHARACTERISTICS

	<i>Portfolio</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Alternate Index</i>
Price/Earnings - Forecast 1 Yr Wtd Mdn	23.1x	25.3x	22.9x
Return on Equity - Forecast 1 Yr Wtd Mdn	27.1%	27.0%	21.5%
Market Cap - Wtd Mdn Bil	243.5 USD	259.2 USD	134.5 USD
Number of Equity Holdings	43	496	1385
Net Debt/EBITDA - Hist 1 Yr Wtd Mdn	0.3x	0.3x	0.5x

## SECTORS (%)

<i>Sector</i>	<i>Portfolio</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Alternate Index</i>
Communication Services	8.8	9.1	7.8
Consumer Discretionary	10.5	10.0	10.2
Consumer Staples	10.6	5.8	6.3
Energy	0.0	3.4	4.0
Financials	7.6	13.4	15.8
Health Care	23.6	11.2	11.4
Industrials	4.8	8.5	11.0
Information Technology	34.0	31.7	25.0
Materials	0.0	2.2	3.6
Real Estate	0.0	2.3	2.3
Utilities	0.0	2.5	2.7

## MARKET CAP BAND EXPOSURES (\$B)

	<i>Portfolio</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Alternate Index</i>
Small (5.5 & Below)	0.0	0.0	1.0
Small - Medium (5.5 To 16.4)	0.4	2.6	7.5
Medium (16.4 To 43.4)	7.3	10.6	15.3
Medium - Large (43.4 To 119.4)	17.3	19.6	24.0
Large (119.4 & Above)	74.9	67.1	52.2

## TOP COUNTRIES (%)

<i>Country</i>	<i>Portfolio</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Alternate Index</i>
United States	76.8	100.0	72.7
United Kingdom	7.6	0.0	3.6
France	4.3	0.0	2.7
Germany	3.4	0.0	2.2
Taiwan	3.3	0.0	0.0
Switzerland	2.6	0.0	2.4
Netherlands	0.9	0.0	1.1
Spain	0.7	0.0	0.7
Cash	0.2	0.0	0.0
Australia	0.0	0.0	1.8

## REGIONS (%)

<i>Region</i>	<i>Portfolio</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Alternate Index</i>
United States	76.8	100.0	72.7
Europe	19.6	0.0	15.8
Rest of World	3.3	0.0	11.5
Cash Equivalents	0.2	0.0	0.0

## TOP HOLDINGS

<i>Company</i>	<i>Sector</i>	<i>%</i>
Microsoft Corp	Information Technology	5.9
Apple Inc	Information Technology	5.2
Meta Platforms Inc	Communication Services	4.4
Alphabet Inc	Communication Services	4.4
Oracle Corp	Information Technology	3.6
UnitedHealth Group Inc	Health Care	3.5
Johnson & Johnson	Health Care	3.5
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Ltd	Information Technology	3.3
Abbott Laboratories	Health Care	3.2
Visa Inc	Financials	3.1
<b>Total</b>		<b>40.1</b>

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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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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**Top Holdings:** Portfolio holdings are percent of equity. Where applicable, the top holdings are derived by looking through to the underlying funds in which the asset allocation funds invest and, where appropriate, individual security positions are aggregated. They are subject to change and should not be considered a recommendation to buy individual securities.

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