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# 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.

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

	MTD	QTD	YTD	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
USD Class	-3.65	-3.65	6.75	29.04	-15.56	25.53	17.49	30.40
Index	-3.69	-3.69	4.84	23.79	-18.14	21.82	15.90	27.67
Alternate Index	-4.11	-4.11	5.90	25.67	-18.51	28.16	17.75	30.70

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

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	ITD
USD Class	23.40	9.04	14.03	13.10	13.44
Index	18.39	5.63	10.45	8.87	9.51
Alternate Index	22.09	7.56	12.62	11.78	12.62

#### FACTS

Class	USD Class
ISIN	IE00B3SBSR82
Class Inception	10-Nov-10
Fund Inception	10-Nov-10
Total Assets	\$2.9bn USD
Management Fee	0.48% p.a.
Pricing Frequency	Daily
SFDR Classification	Article 6
Index	MSCI World
Alternate Index	S&P 500 (Net)

### **RISK PROFILE (5-YEAR TRAILING)**

Alpha (Jensen's)	4.35
Beta	0.91
R Squared	0.95
Sharpe Ratio	0.71
Standard Deviation	16.81

### PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT



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### CHARACTERISTICS

	Portfolio	Index	Alternate Index
Price/Earnings - Forecast 1 Yr Wtd Mdn	21.8x	21.1x	22.4x
Return on Equity - Forecast 1 Yr Wtd Mdn	26.7%	20.4%	26.5%
Dividend Yield - Hist 1 Yr Wtd Avg	1.5%	1.8%	1.4%
Free Cash Flow Yield - Hist 1 Yr Wtd Avg	3.5%	3.9%	3.3%
Market Cap - Wtd Mdn Bil	215.4 USD	113.1 USD	213.8 USD
Number of Equity Holdings	43	1441	497
Net Debt/EBITDA - Hist 1 Yr Wtd Mdn	0.2x	0.7x	0.3x

# SECTORS (%)

Sector	Portfolio	Index	Alternate Index
Communication Services	8.3	7.5	9.1
Consumer Discretionary	9.9	10.6	10.3
Consumer Staples	10.9	6.7	6.2
Energy	0.0	4.7	4.1
Financials	7.5	15.4	13.1
Health Care	25.0	12.0	12.3
Industrials	6.5	11.3	8.8
Information Technology	31.9	23.2	29.2
Materials	0.0	3.9	2.4
Real Estate	0.0	2.2	2.2
Utilities	0.0	2.5	2.3

## MARKET CAP BAND EXPOSURES (\$B)

	Portfolio	Index	Alternate Index
Small (5.4 & Below)	0.4	1.3	0.1
Small - Medium (5.4 To 15.5)	1.3	8.1	2.7
Medium (15.5 To 40.4)	3.6	15.7	11.1
Medium - Large (40.4 To 111.8)	16.6	24.4	20.4
Large (111.8 & Above)	78.2	50.4	65.6

# **TOP COUNTRIES (%)**

Country	Portfolio	Index	Alternate Index
United States	75.6	70.6	100.0
United Kingdom	6.9	4.0	0.0
France	4.6	3.2	0.0
Cash	3.5	0.0	0.0
Germany	3.4	2.3	0.0
Taiwan	3.0	0.0	0.0
Switzerland	2.4	2.4	0.0
Spain	0.6	0.7	0.0
Australia	0.0	1.9	0.0
Austria	0.0	0.1	0.0

# REGIONS (%)

Region	Portfolio	Index	Alternate Index
United States	75.6	70.6	100.0
Europe	18.0	17.2	0.0
Cash Equivalents	3.5	0.0	0.0
Rest of World	3.0	12.1	0.0

### **TOP HOLDINGS**

Company	Sector	%
Microsoft Corp	Information Technology	6.4
Alphabet Inc	<b>Communication Services</b>	4.6
UnitedHealth Group Inc	Health Care	4.0
Meta Platforms Inc	<b>Communication Services</b>	3.7
Apple Inc	Information Technology	3.5
Johnson & Johnson	Health Care	3.5
Safran SA	Industrials	3.3
SAP SE	Information Technology	3.2
Coca-Cola Co/The	Consumer Staples	3.1
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Ltd	Information Technology	3.1
Total		38.4

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**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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