

# QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REVIEW

## Event-Driven Strategy

### Performance returns (USD)

ANNUALIZED RETURNS (QUARTER-END)	Quarter-End	YTD	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year	Since Inception
Event-Driven Strategy (net)	0.05	-0.07	11.09	2.70	3.28	–	4.64
Event-Driven Strategy (gross)	0.29	0.43	12.68	3.86	4.55	–	6.06
FTSE 3-Mo. T-Bill	1.39	2.76	5.64	3.17	2.22	–	1.91
Value Add	-1.35	-2.82	+5.45	-0.47	+1.06	–	+2.73

### MAJOR PERFORMANCE DRIVERS

The major contributors to returns in Q2 were the DS Smith-International Paper spread, Altaba, and the Pioneer-Exxon spread.

The DS Smith-International Paper spread contributed to returns after Suzano abandoned its attempt to break the deal and acquire International Paper. Altaba contributed to returns after the Supreme Court's decision in the Moore case paved the way for another distribution in the coming weeks. The Pioneer-Exxon spread contributed to returns after the deal received U.S. antitrust approval and closed.

The major detractors from returns in Q2 were Albertsons, the Ansys-Synopsis spread, and U.S. Steel.

Albertsons detracted from returns as it awaits its federal and state antitrust cases. The Ansys-Synopsis spread detracted from returns as it awaits U.S. and Chinese antitrust decisions. U.S. Steel detracted from returns amid union and political pushback against the deal.

Composite Inception Date: 31-Jul-16

Performance for the year of inception is less than a full calendar year. Returns shown for periods less than one year are not annualized.

**Risks:** Risks associated with investing in the Strategy may include Merger Arbitrage Risks, Special Situation Investment Risks, Equities Risks, Options Risks, and Forward Contracts Risks. 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).

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## PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The GMO Event-Driven Strategy seeks to generate absolute return by investing in opportunities that arise from significant corporate events where there is generally some uncertainty about the outcome of the event in question and where the outcome will be known relatively soon. In practice, the Fund's portfolio generally includes a heavy focus on merger arbitrage transactions, supplemented by other opportunities that exhibit similar risk, return, and time horizon characteristics. GMO's Event-Driven team approaches this opportunity set with a strong emphasis on expected value, assessing the likelihood and returns of each outcome and focusing on situations where the team's assessment of the expected value is greater than that implied by the market.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Comparator Index(es):** The FTSE 3-Month Treasury Bill Index is an independently maintained and widely published index comprised of short-term U.S. Treasury bills.

**The above information is based on a representative account in the Strategy selected because it has the fewest restrictions and best represents the implementation of the Strategy.**

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