

# QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REVIEW

## Emerging Markets Select Equity Fund

### RETURNS (%) (USD)

	Cumulative (%)		Annualized (%)				
	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	ITD
Net of Fees (Class II)	-2.43	5.59	12.15	-4.84	0.14	1.24	2.30
Gross of Fees (Class II)	-2.10	6.35	13.20	-3.86	1.17	2.30	3.37
MSCI Emerging Markets	-2.93	1.82	11.70	-1.73	0.55	2.07	1.09
Value Added (vs. MSCI Emerging Markets)	0.49	3.77	0.45	-3.11	-0.41	-0.83	1.20

### Major Performance Drivers

Emerging markets echoed global dynamics, recording a correction of -2.9%. Concerns regarding increasing yields and a looming recession primarily drove this downturn. Against this backdrop, there was a distinct divergence among countries within the asset class.

Our overweights in India, Indonesia, and Vietnam jointly emerged as bright spots in our portfolio. These countries particularly benefited from being less exposed to the global tightening cycle, enhancing our overall performance.

Conversely, Brazil posed challenges. Our overweight in Brazil negatively impacted performance, registering a return of -3.5%. The country's sentiment was dragged down by the "high yields for longer" Fed policy and a robust U.S. dollar. These dynamics raised concerns about a potentially slower easing cycle in Brazil. Our strategic underweight in Energy hurt performance as the sector rallied, driven by higher energy prices, especially in Brazil's financials, which registered a return of -14%.

The North-East Asia Technology sector, having previously enjoyed an AI-driven rally in the first half of the year, faced a decline, yielding a return of -7.9%. While our overall overweight in Tech was detrimental, our underweight in Korea offered some respite, mitigating part of the drag from the overweight in Taiwan.

Inception Date: 1-Mar-11

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The performance information (before and after taxes) for all periods prior to October 26, 2022, was achieved prior to the change in the Fund's investment objective and principal investment strategies, effective October 26, 2022.

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## PRODUCT OVERVIEW

GMO's Emerging Markets Select Equity Fund seeks to outperform the MSCI Emerging Markets index by identifying secular growth trends in emerging markets and investing in quality businesses with pricing power that will benefit from those trends. We believe that the best way to capture opportunities and manage risk in emerging markets today is by balancing quality and sustainable growth across both companies and countries, using a fundamental approach that combines top-down country and sector allocation with bottom-up security selection.

Environmental, Social, and Governance issues have become increasingly relevant with emerging markets over the past several years. We view sustainability as an essential element of quality and integrate it at all levels of our analysis.

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