

# EMERGING MARKETS EX-CHINA FUND

## Investment Review: Quarter Ending December 31, 2022

### OVERVIEW

The GMO Emerging Markets ex-China Fund seeks total return in excess of the MSCI EM ex-China Index by using proprietary quantitative techniques and fundamental analysis to evaluate and select countries, sectors, and equity investments based on valuation, quality, patterns of price movement and volatility, macroeconomic factors, and ESG (environmental, social and governance) criteria.

### PERFORMANCE (%)

Net of Fees, Class VI, Fair Value, USD	+13.31
Gross of Fees, Class VI, Local Close, USD	+13.05
MSCI Emerging Markets ex-China <sup>1</sup>	+7.98
<b>Value Added</b>	<b>+5.07</b>

### Major Performance Drivers

Emerging market equities posted a big quarter on the back of a jump in positive sentiment in China. Country returns varied, ranging from a 15.3% fall in Qatar to a 62.9% leap in Turkey. Sector returns were more clustered, varying from an increase of 4.2% in Energy to a rise of 13.8% in Communication Services.

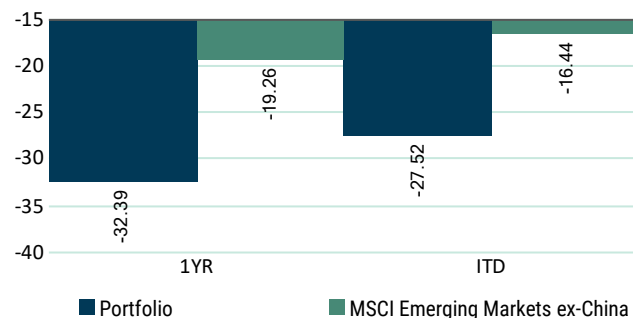
Brazilian equities began the quarter well, boosted by a smooth election and expectations of a centrist policy from the new administration. Later in the period, they retracted when confronted by the size of the incoming government's spending plans. Our underweight in Brazil Financials helped performance.

The stock market in India dropped as concern grew over expensive valuations, rising rates, and weakening global demand. Our underweight in India Consumer Staples contributed to performance.

Reports of above expected economic expansion boosted investor sentiment in Mexico. Toward the end of the quarter, sentiment took a hit from a proposed reform that was seen as weakening the power of the election commission. Our overweight in Mexico Financials added to performance.

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). Gross Expense Ratio of 0.88% is equal to the Funds Total Annual Operating Expenses set forth in the Funds most recent prospectus dated June 30, 2022.

### ANNUALIZED RETURN (%) AS OF 12/31/2022



Inception date: 10/18/2021

Includes purchase premiums and redemption fees impact if applicable.

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Risks associated with investing in the Fund may include Market Risk-Equities, Non-U.S. Investment Risk, Currency Risk, Management and Operational Risk and Illiquidity Risk. For a more complete discussion of these risks and others, please consult the Fund's prospectus. 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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