

# GMO GLOBAL ALLOCATION ABSOLUTE RETURN STRATEGY

## OVERVIEW

The Strategy seeks to generate positive total return, not relative return, by allocating dynamically across asset classes, free from the constraints of traditional benchmarks. The Strategy invests in a GMO-managed mutual fund, which in turn invests in actively managed equity, fixed income, alternative, and cash strategies, and a GMO-managed hedge fund-of-funds, which seeks positive total return with low volatility relative to equity markets and low correlation over a full market cycle to traditional market indices.

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT



### Ben Inker, CFA

- Joined GMO in 1992
- 28 yrs industry experience
- B.A. from Yale University



### John Thorndike

- Joined GMO in 2015
- 16 yrs industry experience
- A.B. from Bowdoin College

Performance Net of Fees (USD)

## TOTAL RETURN (%)

	<i>Portfolio</i>	<i>CPI Index</i>
MTD	0.40	0.17
QTD	0.40	0.17
YTD	0.40	0.17

## ANNUAL TOTAL RETURN (%)

2020	-3.56	1.27
2019	10.89	2.28
2018	-6.04	1.92
2017	13.89	2.03
2016	3.90	2.18
2015	-3.66	0.72
2014	1.81	0.67
2013	10.04	1.56
2012	9.42	1.87
2011	4.22	2.95

Returns shown for periods greater than one year are on an annualized basis.

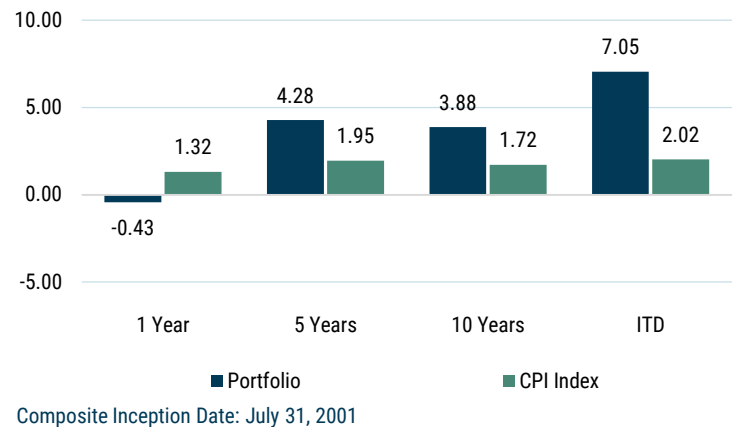
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## FACTS

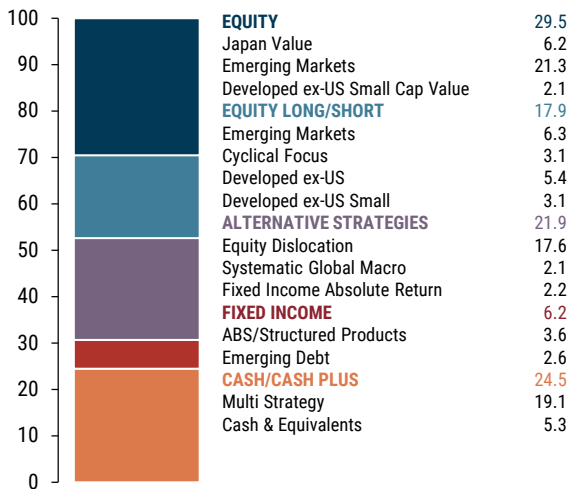
Strategy Inception Date	July 31, 2001
Benchmark	CPI Index
Total Assets as of 12/31/20	\$2.6bn USD

## ANNUALIZED RETURNS (%) AS OF 01/31/2021



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## PORTFOLIO ALLOCATIONS (%)

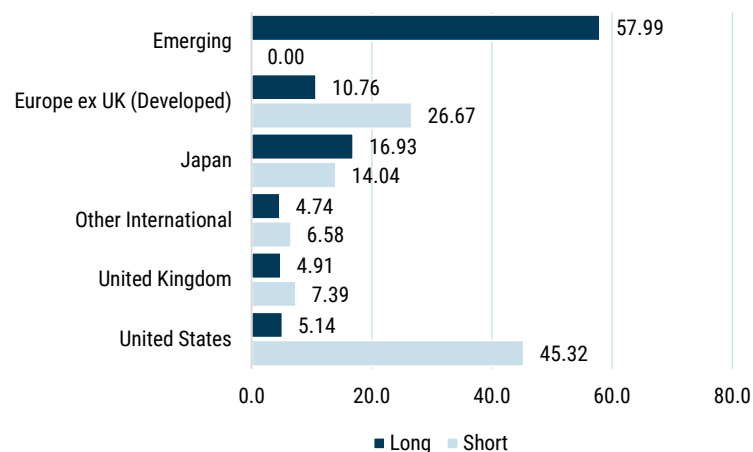


Weightings are as of the date indicated and are subject to change. The groups indicated above represent exposures determined pursuant to proprietary methodologies and are subject to change over time. Totals may vary due to rounding. Equities within the Equity Long/Short Asset Class are versus a basket of short S&P 500, MSCI EAFE, TOPIX, and Russell 2000 futures positions.

## EQUITY CHARACTERISTICS

	Long	Short
Price/Earnings - Hist 1 Yr Wtd Mdn	17.1x	34.6x
Price/Book - Hist 1 Yr Wtd Avg	1.1x	2.3x
Return on Equity - Hist 1 Yr Mdn	11.0%	11.7%
Dividend Yield - Hist 1 Yr Wtd Avg	3.4%	2.1%
Market Cap - Wtd Mdn Bil	7.2 USD	75.4 USD

## REGIONS (%)



Based on equity holdings. Exposures are shown as a % of the long/short book respectively.

The CPI (Consumer Price Index) for All Urban Consumers US All Items is published monthly by the U.S. government as an indicator of changes in price levels (or inflation) paid by urban consumers for a representative basket of goods and services.

## RISK PROFILE - 5-YEAR TRAILING

	Portfolio
Sharpe Ratio	0.37
Standard Deviation	8.52
Max Port. Drawdown (12/31/2019 - 03/31/2020)	-16.55

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. Drawdown is based on the portfolio's worst performance over the period based on monthly observations. Risk profile data is net.

## FIXED INCOME CHARACTERISTICS

	Portfolio
Interest Rate Duration	0.1

Interest rate duration is calculated on fixed income instruments and relative to the entire portfolio (inclusive of fixed income, equity, cash, alternative investments, etc.).

## CREDIT RATINGS (%)

AAA	23.7	B	12.7
AA	4.3	<B	12.7
A	24.1	NR	4.0
BBB	8.7	D	1.3
BB	8.5		

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