

## GLOBAL ALLOCATION ABSOLUTE RETURN

## 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.

## FACTS

Strategy Inception	31-Jul-01
Composite Inception	31-Jul-01
Total Assets	\$1.1bn USD
Index	CPI Index

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

	MTD	QTD	YTD	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Composite	1.54	4.79	4.79	2.30	12.81	-2.17	2.33	-3.56
Index	-0.05	0.61	0.61	2.86	3.60	6.40	7.04	1.27

## RISK PROFILE (PRELIMINARY 5-YEAR TRAILING)

Sharpe Ratio	0.49
Standard Deviation	8.76
Max Port. Drawdown (31-May-21 - 30-Sep-22)	-13.96

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

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	ITD
Composite	4.15	6.42	6.95	3.23	6.61
Index	2.37	3.57	4.38	3.09	2.52

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT



Ben Inker, CFA  
Joined GMO in 1992  
BA, Yale University



John Thorndike  
Joined GMO in 2015  
AB, Bowdoin College

**Risks:** Risks associated with investing in the Strategy may include the risk that one or more of the underlying portfolios will not perform as expected and that the Strategy will indirectly be exposed to all of the risks of an investment in the underlying portfolios. Other risks associated with investing in the Strategy may include: (1) Market Risk - Equities: the market price of equities may decline due to factors affecting the issuer, its industries, or the economy and equity markets generally. Declines in stock market prices generally are likely to reduce the net asset value of the Fund's shares; (2) Market Risk - Fixed Income Investments: the market price of a fixed income investment can decline due to a number of market-related factors, including rising interest rates and widening credit spreads or decreased liquidity stemming from the market's uncertainty about the value of a fixed income investment (or class of fixed income investments); and (3) Non-U.S. Investment Risk: the market prices of many non-U.S. securities (particularly of companies tied economically to emerging countries) fluctuate more than those of U.S. securities. Many non-U.S. markets (particularly emerging markets) are less stable, smaller, less liquid, and less regulated than U.S. markets, and the cost of trading in those markets often is higher than it is in U.S. markets. This is not a complete list of risks associated with investing in the Strategy. Please contact GMO for more information.

**\*Preliminary Performance:** Final performance numbers are generally available on GMO's website within fifteen business days after month end. Investors should not rely on preliminary numbers to make investment decisions. **Performance Returns:** 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). **Performance data quoted represents past performance and is not predictive of future performance.** Net returns are presented after the deduction of a model advisory fee and incentive fee if applicable. These returns include transaction costs, commissions and withholding taxes on foreign income and capital gains and include the reinvestment of dividends and other income, as applicable. Fees paid by accounts within the composite may be higher or lower than the model fees used. GMO LLC claims compliance with the Global Investment Performance Standards (GIPS®). A Global Investment Performance Standards (GIPS®) Composite Report is available at [www.gmo.com](http://www.gmo.com) by clicking the GIPS® Composite Report link in the documents section of the strategy page. GIPS® is a registered trademark owned by CFA Institute. CFA Institute does not endorse or promote this organization, nor does it warrant the accuracy or quality of the content contained herein. Actual fees are disclosed in Part 2 of GMO's Form ADV and are also available in each strategy's Composite Report. Returns include a substantial, one-time litigation settlement recovery received on December 16, 2024. This event contributed 0.90% to 2024 annual performance, based on a representative account. Performance for other periods, including this date, was also positively impacted, sometimes materially. Without this recovery, performance would have been lower in both absolute terms and relative to the benchmark. Additional information is available upon request. The portfolio is actively-managed, is not managed relative to a benchmark and uses the Index for performance comparison purposes only and, where applicable, to compute a performance fee.

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## PORTFOLIO ALLOCATIONS (%)

<i>Asset Class</i>	<i>Exposure</i>
<b>EQUITY</b>	<b>48.6</b>
International Opportunistic Value	9.8
Japan Fundamental Value	6.2
Japan Small Value	3.1
Developed ex-US	6.4
US Opportunistic Value	4.7
Resource Equity	3.4
Developed ex-US Small Cap Value	5.3
Emerging Markets	9.7
<b>ALTERNATIVE STRATEGIES</b>	<b>28.3</b>
Equity Dislocation	15.0
Alternative Allocation	13.3
<b>FIXED INCOME</b>	<b>23.1</b>
ABS/Structured Products	2.0
US Treasury Notes	19.0
Emerging Debt	2.0

## EQUITY SECTORS (%)

<i>Sector</i>	<i>Portfolio</i>
Communication Services	5.2
Consumer Discretionary	13.2
Consumer Staples	6.2
Energy	7.4
Financials	23.8
Health Care	8.8
Industrials	15.6
Information Technology	10.2
Materials	6.8
Real Estate	1.6
Utilities	1.1

## EQUITY REGIONS (%)

<i>Region</i>	<i>Portfolio</i>
Japan	29.4
Emerging	21.7
Europe ex UK (Developed)	21.6
United States	11.8
Other International	9.3
United Kingdom	6.2

## EQUITY CHARACTERISTICS

	<i>Portfolio</i>
Price/Earnings - Hist 1 Yr Wtd Mdn	11.6x
Price/Book - Hist 1 Yr Wtd Avg	1.2x
Return on Equity - Hist 1 Yr Mdn	12.3%
Dividend Yield - Hist 1 Yr Wtd Avg	3.9%
Market Cap - Wtd Mdn Bil	12.9 USD

## EQUITY TOP COUNTRIES (%)

<i>Country</i>	<i>Portfolio</i>
Japan	29.4
United States	11.8
United Kingdom	6.2
Canada	4.9
Taiwan	4.4
France	4.4
China	3.1
Germany	2.8
Spain	2.6
South Korea	2.6

## FIXED INCOME CHARACTERISTICS

	<i>Portfolio</i>
Effective Duration	1.8

## FIXED INCOME CREDIT RATINGS (%)

	<i>%</i>
AAA	5.9
AA	83.5
A	0.7
BBB	1.6
BB	2.3
B	1.8
CCC	2.1
CC	0.3
C	0.3
D	0.5
NR	0.9

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Index(es):** 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. CPI Index returns are typically reported on the 15th of the month. The CPI data reported may not include the most recent month-end which could impact the data that GMO has provided.

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.

## GLOSSARY

**Equity Characteristics:** Based on equity holdings. **Country Exposures:** Based on equity holdings. This portfolio continues to hold de minimis Russian exposure as a result of past positioning and ongoing illiquidity. GMO has suspended net new purchases of Russian securities firm-wide. **Credit Ratings:** The credit ratings above may encompass emerging debt, developed rates, and asset-backed exposure. Ratings for core portfolio holdings are derived by using the middle rating from Standard & Poor's, Moody's, and Fitch. Ratings for core holdings were adjusted during the January 2021 reporting period to conform with index provider methodology. Ratings for the emerging debt portion of the portfolio are derived by applying the Standard and Poor's or Moody's issue-level ratings (sequentially), and the S&P LT Foreign currency (FC) country issuer rating for the FC debt securities and/or S&P LT Local currency (LC) country issuer rating for LC securities where a security is not rated by either of the abovementioned credit rating agencies. Final credit ratings are expressed based upon Standard and Poor's ratings scale. Standard & Poor's rates securities from AAA (highest quality) to C (lowest quality), and D to indicate securities in default; some securities are not rated (NR). BB and below are considered below investment grade securities. Please refer to our website for additional information: <https://www.gmo.com/americas/benchmark-disclaimers/> **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. **Region Exposures:** Based on equity holdings.

**Risk Statistics:** Risk profile data is net of fees. 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.

**Sector Exposures:** The Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS) is the exclusive intellectual property of MSCI Inc. (MSCI) and Standard & Poor's, a division of The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc. (S&P). Neither MSCI, S&P, nor any third party makes any representations or warranties, express or implied, with respect to GICS or the results to be obtained by the use thereof, and expressly disclaim all warranties, including of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose. Neither MSCI, S&P, nor any third party shall have any liability for any damages of any kind relating to the use of GICS. **Top Holdings:** Based on equity holdings. Holdings are subject to change and should not be considered a recommendation to buy individual securities. This portfolio continues to hold de minimis Russian exposure as a result of past positioning and ongoing illiquidity. GMO has suspended net new purchases of Russian securities firm-wide.

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