GLOBAL ASSET ALLOCATION STRATEGY

Quarterly Investment Review

PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The GMO Global Asset Allocation Strategy seeks to achieve a total return greater than that of its benchmark of 65% MSCI All Country World Index and 35% Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index, over a complete market cycle, by allocating dynamically across asset classes.

The philosophy that underlies all of GMO's Asset Allocation investment strategies is the belief that, at times and in the short term, the pricing of asset classes can deviate from true intrinsic value, but mean reverts to appropriate valuation levels over a complete market cycle. GMO's proprietary 7-Year Asset Class Forecasts form the foundation of our investment process, providing a framework to assess the return opportunity embedded in different asset classes. We use that insight to allocate to what we believe are the most attractively priced asset classes. We also seek to add value through security selection within both traditional and alternative asset classes.

MAJOR PERFORMANCE DRIVERS

Equities represented 62.1% of the portfolio on average through the quarter, with 7.1% in Emerging Markets, 3.1% in Emerging Markets ex-China, 13.0% in Developed ex-U.S., 3.0% in Quality, 7.1% in U.S., 2.0% in U.S. Small Cap Value, 1.9% in U.S. Small Cap Quality, 8.1% in U.S. Opportunistic Value, 6.0% in Japan Fundamental Value, 7.0% in International Opportunistic Value, 1.9% in Resources equity, and 1.8% in U.S. Domestic Resilience.

The equity portfolio returned 3.6% for the quarter, nicely ahead of the MSCI ACWI return of 1.6%. Top-down regional allocations were very unhelpful as the U.S. strongly outperformed both developed ex-USA and emerging markets, though this was somewhat offset by value outperforming growth for the quarter. Security selection was positive for the quarter. The Emerging Market portfolio returned 7.5%, which was 790 bps ahead of the MSCI Emerging Markets Index, and Emerging Markets ex-China returned 7.5%, which was 880 bps ahead of the MSCI Emerging Markets ex-China Index return of -1.3%. In Developed ex-U.S. markets, the portfolio posted 2.5%, which was 160 bps ahead of the MSCI World ex-USA Index, and International Opportunistic Value posted 6.4%, outperforming the MSCI World ex-USA Value Index by 270 bps. In the U.S., the broad U.S. portfolio return of 2.1% beat the S&P Composite 1500 by 50 bps, while the U.S. Opportunistic Value return of 6.5% outperformed the MSCI USA Value Index by 250 bps, and Quality beat the S&P 500 by 230 bps. U.S. Small Value outperformed, while U.S. Small Quality, Resource equity, and Domestic Resilience underperformed. The Japan Value portfolio returned 7.2%, exactly in line with the TOPIX. Our underweight exposure to equities had a small negative impact on performance relative to the asset allocation benchmark.

Alternative strategies averaged 16.5% through the quarter, which was all invested in the Alternative Allocation Strategy. The Alternative Allocation Strategy posted a 7.9% return for the quarter, well ahead of the return of both world equities and bonds. Within the Alternative Allocation Strategy, Equity Dislocation, Systematic Global Macro, World Market Neutral, and Trend Following contributed meaningfully to performance. Our overweight exposure to alternatives had a positive impact on relative performance as they outperformed the asset allocation benchmark.

Fixed income represented 17.4% of the portfolio on average through the quarter, including 3.0% in Asset-Backed Securities, 0.9% in Emerging Country Debt, and 13.5% in U.S. Treasury Notes. Our fixed income strategies returned -7.5% for the quarter, behind the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate return of -3.5%. Asset-Backed Securities were down, with a return of -0.3%, and the U.S. Treasury exposure did poorly, posting -9.2%. Our Emerging Country Debt portfolio returned -3.4%, which was ahead of the JP Morgan EMBIG Diversified Index return of -3.9%. Our underweight exposure to fixed income had a strong positive impact on performance relative to the asset allocation benchmark.

Cash stood at just under 4% on average over the quarter and had a marginal positive impact on performance.

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ANNUALIZED RETURNS (USD, %) (QUARTER-END)

	Quarter-End	YTD	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year	Since Inception
Global Asset Allocation Strategy (net)	1.64	12.96	19.19	16.70	8.48	7.72	8.70
Global Asset Allocation Strategy (gross)	1.79	13.50	19.97	17.50	9.22	8.37	9.23
GMO Global Asset Allocation Index +	-0.21	7.37	10.09	15.37	7.31	8.54	7.99
Value Add	+1.85	+5.58	+9.10	+1.33	+1.18	-0.81	+0.71

RISKS

Risks associated with investing in the Strategy may include: (1) Management and Operational Risk: the risk that GMO's investment techniques will fail to produce desired results, including annualized returns and annualized volatility; (2) 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; 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.

Composite Inception Date: 30-Jun-88

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Benchmark(s): The GMO Global Asset Allocation Index + is an internally maintained benchmark computed by GMO, comprised of (i) GMO blended benchmark of Global Asset Allocation Composite through 06/30/2014 and (ii) The GMO Global Asset Allocation (Blend) Index thereafter. The GMO blended benchmark of Global Asset Allocation Composite is comprised of a weighted average of account benchmarks; many of the account benchmarks consist of S&P 500, MSCI ACWI (MSCI Standard Index Series, net of withholding tax) and Bloomberg Aggregate or some like proxy for each market exposure they have. For each underlying account benchmark, the weighting of each market index will vary slightly. The index is internally blended by GMO and maintained on a monthly basis. The GMO Global Asset Allocation (Blend) Index is an internally maintained benchmark computed by GMO, comprised of 65% MSCI ACWI Index (MSCI Standard Index Series, net of withholding tax) and 35% the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index. S&P does not guarantee the accuracy, adequacy, completeness or availability of any data or information and is not responsible for any errors or omissions from the use of such data or information. Reproduction of the data or information in any form is prohibited except with the prior written permission of S&P or its third party licensors. MSCI data may not be reproduced or used for any other purpose. MSCI provides no warranties, has not prepared or approved this report, and has no liability hereunder.

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