GLOBAL DEVELOPED EQUITY ALLOCATION STRATEGY

Quarterly Investment Review

PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The GMO Global Developed Equity Allocation Strategy seeks to generate total return greater than that of the MSCI World Index.

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. Using GMO's 7-Year Asset Class Forecasts, the Strategy seeks to allocate to areas of the global equity markets we believe are most attractively valued. Our approach combines the best of GMO's top-down Asset Allocation views and bottom-up equity research to identify mispricings at both the asset class and individual security levels. The Strategy allocates to equity strategies that are actively managed by other GMO investment teams with expertise and experience in security selection within their respective markets. The Strategy is allowed to invest up to 10% (at time of purchase) in emerging market equities.

MAJOR PERFORMANCE DRIVERS

- Top-down asset allocation was broadly flat. The headline position of emphasizing developed ex-U.S. over U.S. equities worked poorly, but this was largely offset by emphasizing value equities over growth equities.
- Security selection was positive for the quarter, with good outcomes in developed ex-U.S. and Quality.

U.S. equities accounted for 50.8% of the total portfolio on average through the quarter, comprised of 1.9% in Domestic Resilience, 2.9% in U.S. Small Cap Value, 4.7% in U.S. Small Cap Quality, 11.9% in broad U.S. equity, 15.4% in U.S. Opportunistic Value, and the remainder in Quality and Resource equity strategies. This leaves the portfolio 21.5% underweight U.S. equities in total, which had a small negative impact on relative performance as the MSCI USA Index returned 2.2%, just beating MSCI World. Security selection in the U.S. was also a little negative as, in aggregate, our U.S. portfolio returned 1.9%. Underweight positions in Tesla (Consumer Discretionary), Alphabet (Communication Services), and Micron Technology (Information Technology) featured in the top five biggest individual contributors to relative performance for the quarter. On the flipside, underweight positions in Palantir Technologies (Information Technology), NVIDIA (Information Technology), Apple (Information Technology), and Microsoft (Information Technology) featured in the top five biggest individual detractors from relative performance for the quarter.

Developed ex-U.S. equities accounted for an average weight of 44.8% of the portfolio for the quarter, including 6.1% in Japan Fundamental Value, 11.4% in International Opportunistic Value, 24.7% in Developed ex-U.S., and the remainder in Quality and Resource equity strategies. The overweight position in developed ex-U.S. had a negative impact on relative performance as the MSCI World ex-USA Index returned 0.9%, lagging MSCI World. Security selection within developed ex-U.S. markets was strong, as the portfolio returned 4.4% in aggregate. Overweight positions in Equinor (Norway Energy) and Yangzijiang Shipbuilding (Singapore Industrials) featured in the top five biggest individual contributors to relative performance for the quarter. On the flipside, an overweight position in STMicroelectronics (France Information Technology) featured in the top five biggest individual detractors from relative performance for the quarter.

The exposure to Emerging Market equities has reduced considerably and represented 3.2% of the total portfolio weight on average during the quarter. This represents a modest overweight in Emerging Market equities, which had a small negative impact on relative performance as the MSCI Emerging Markets Index returned -0.4%, behind the MSCI World return of 1.9%. Security selection was solid, as the portfolio returned 4.5% in aggregate. No Emerging Market names featured in the top five biggest individual contributors to, or detractors from, relative performance at the total portfolio level.

Portfolio weights, as a percent of equity, for the positions mentioned were: Tesla (0.0%), Alphabet (1.5%), Micron Technology (0.0%), Palantir Technologies (0.0%), NVIDIA (1.3%), Apple (1.6%), Microsoft (2.7%), Equinor (0.6%), Yangzijiang Shipbuilding (0.3%), and STMicroelectronics (0.4%).

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

	Quarter-End	YTD	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year	Since Inception
Global Developed Equity Allocation Strategy (net)	2.62	19.01	27.37	23.59	13.57	12.58	9.74
Global Developed Equity Allocation Strategy (gross)	2.76	19.48	28.04	24.26	14.22	13.28	10.42
MSCI World +	1.88	11.75	15.24	21.40	11.89	12.81	8.56
Value Add vs. MSCI World +	+0.74	+7.25	+12.13	+2.19	+1.67	-0.24	+1.18
MSCI World	1.88	11.75	15.24	21.40	11.89	12.81	8.17
Value Add vs. MSCI World	+0.74	+7.25	+12.13	+2.19	+1.67	-0.24	+1.57

RISKS

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) Management and Operational Risk: the risk that GMO's investment techniques will fail to produce desired results, including annualized returns and annualized volatility; 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: 31-Mar-87

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Benchmark(s): The MSCI World + Index is an internally maintained benchmark computed by GMO, comprised of (i) GMO blended benchmark of Global Developed Equity Allocation Composite through 06/30/2014 and (ii) MSCI World Index (MSCI Standard Index Series, net of withholding tax) thereafter. The GMO blended benchmark of Global Developed Equity Allocation Composite is comprised of a weighted average of account benchmarks; many of the account benchmarks consist of MSCI World (MSCI Standard Index Series, net of withholding tax) 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. 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.The MSCI World Index (MSCI Standard Index Series, net of withholding tax) is an independently maintained and widely published index comprised of global developed markets. 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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