## QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REVIEW

### U.S. Value ETF

## Performance returns (USD)

ANNUALIZED RETURNS (QUARTER-END)	Quarter-End	YTD	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year	Since Inception
NAV	5.75	9.82	-	-	-	-	7.64
MSCI USA Value (Gross)	5.15	11.93	-	-	-	-	8.39
Market Price	5.76	9.76	-	-		-	7.67
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NAV Inception Date: 28-Oct-24 Market Price Inception Date: 28-Oct-24

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### MAJOR PERFORMANCE DRIVERS

Global equity markets performed well again in the third quarter, despite the fluid global tariff environment and geopolitical uncertainties. The U.S. posted positive returns amid continued optimism around AI and expectations that companies will be able to navigate the real-world impact of trade tensions.

While the MSCI USA Value Index underperformed the MSCI USA Growth Index again in the third quarter, within value, the deep value cohort we aim to capture outperformed across all three of our underlying value models. The Price to Fair Value model, which incorporates both a company's quality and growth prospects in its valuation estimate, was the strongest performer.

Value added in the quarter came from a mix of sector allocation and stock selection decisions. Areas of notable positive stock selection included the Communication Services and Consumer Discretionary sectors, the latter also added value from an overweight sector allocation. Top contributors included a mix of deep value names held and more expensive names not held, including underweight positions in Salesforce (Information Technology) and Philip Morris (Consumer Staples).

Areas where our deep value stock selection struggled included Health Care and Information Technology, where not holding names such as Oracle (Information Technology) and AbbVie (Health Care) hurt performance relative to the broader MSCI USA Value Index.

Portfolio weights, as a percent of equity, for the positions mentioned were: Salesforce (0.0%), Philip Morris (0.0%), Oracle (0.0%), and AbbVie (0.0%).

Performance for the year of inception is less than a full calendar year. Returns shown for periods greater than one year are on an annualized basis.

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### PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The GMO U.S. Value ETF seeks to generate total return by investing primarily in U.S. equities.

GMO's U.S. Value ETF seeks to profit from our Asset Allocation Team's top-down insights as to the most attractively valued segment of the U.S. market. Currently, the team finds "deep value" (cheapest 20%) stocks to be truly dislocated in the U.S. This actively managed ETF avoids the "shallow value" stocks, which are expensive relative to their own history, and focuses solely on the deep value names. With this portfolio we focus on the U.S. stocks that GMO's Systematic Equity team identifies as the most undervalued, recognizing that relying on reported financials and index definitions of value can lead investors to misjudge the opportunity.

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

An investor should consider the fund's investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses before investing. This and other important information can be found in the funds prospectus. To obtain a prospectus please visit www.gmo.com. Read the prospectus carefully before investing.

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