GLOBAL REAL RETURN (UCITS) FUND USD CLASS A

Quarterly Investment Review

PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The Fund seeks to achieve a return in excess of that of its benchmark, the OECD G7 Consumer Price Index, by allocating dynamically across asset classes, free from the constraints of traditional benchmarks. The Fund seeks annualized excess returns of 5% (net of fees) above the OECD G7 Consumer Price Index, over a complete market cycle.

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 the long term. 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 approach to allocate to what we believe are the most attractively priced asset classes.

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MAJOR PERFORMANCE DRIVERS

Long-only equities represented 47.5% of the portfolio on average through the quarter, with 9.8% in Emerging Markets with a distinct value bias, 6.2% in Japan Fundamental Value, 4.9% in Developed ex-US Small Value, 5.9% in Developed ex-US, 4.0% in Resource equity, 5.0% in US Opportunistic Value, 8.9% in International Opportunistic Value, and 2.8% in Japan Small Value.

The equity portfolio returned 12.6% for the quarter, well behind the MSCI ACWI return of 14.9%. Top-down allocations were very unhelpful as the US strongly outperformed developed ex-USA, although this was somewhat offset by an excellent return from emerging markets, while value also underperformed growth for the quarter. Security selection was positive for the quarter. Our Emerging Markets portfolio returned 33.0%, ahead of the MSCI Emerging Markets Index return of 24.1%. The Japan Fundamental Value portfolio posted 17.1%, compared to the TOPIX return of 12.0%, while the Japan Small Value exposure posted -0.2%, and the Developed ex-USA Small Cap portfolio delivered 5.6%. The Developed ex-USA exposure posted 17.8%, which beat the MSCI World ex-USA Index by 760 bps, and beat the MSCI World ex-USA Value Index by 970 bps. Resource equity posted -6.2%. The US Opportunistic Value exposure returned 6.7%, which was 310 bps behind the MSCI USA Value Index return of 9.8%, and International Opportunistic Value posted 5.9%, behind the MSCI World ex-USA Value return of 8.1%.

Alternative strategies averaged 31.7% through the quarter, including 6.7% in Systematic Global Macro, 3.1% in Event-Driven, a 2.0% exposure to emerging market currencies, and 19.8% in Equity Dislocation. Alternative strategies returned -0.2% for the quarter, including the return on collateral. Equity Dislocation returned -0.6%, far ahead of the MSCI ACWI Value minus MSCI ACWI Growth comparator return of -9.2%. Systematic Global Macro posted -3.9%, Event-Driven was up 0.7%, and the emerging market currency exposure returned 4.0%.

Fixed income represented 20.8% of the portfolio on average through the quarter, including 2.9% in Asset-Backed Securities and 17.8% in US Treasuries. Our fixed income strategies returned -2.7% for the quarter, behind the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate return of 0.7%. Asset-Backed Securities posted 0.8%, ahead of the Bloomberg U.S. Securitized Index return of 0.6%. It was a tough quarter for traditional duration and the US Treasury exposure fell -3.2%.

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

	Quarter-End	*YTD*	*1-Year*	*3-Year*	*5-Year*	*10-Year*	*Since Inception*
Global Real Return (UCITS) Fund USD Class A (net)	4.41	9.11	22.38	15.11	8.45	6.45	5.27
Global Real Return (UCITS) Fund USD Class A (gross)	4.63	9.58	23.46	16.14	9.43	7.40	6.21
OECD CPI G7	1.24	2.74	3.27	2.84	4.03	2.98	2.45
Value Add	+3.17	+6.37	+19.11	+12.26	+4.41	+3.47	+2.81

Data Source: GMO

RISKS

Risks associated with investing in the Fund 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. For a more complete discussion of these and other risks, please consult the Fund's Prospectus.

Inception Date: 20-Aug-12

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Benchmark(s): The OECD (Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development) CPI (Consumer Price Index) G7 is published monthly by the OECD for the G7 countries of Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the U.K. and the U.S. The index is compiled by aggregating the national consumer price indices in each period, using estimates of household private final consumption expenditure ("HFCE") as weights. The HFCE for each country is converted into a common currency using purchasing power parities ("PPPs") which are rates of currency conversion that eliminate the differences in price levels between countries. The PPP used in the zone estimates relate specifically to HFCE and are not the same as the PPP for gross domestic product, which are more commonly available. The benchmark return is published on a one month lag. Until this data is available all benchmark return calculations assume a 0% estimate for the missing month.

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Investors and potential investors can also obtain the prospectus and key investor information, and a summary of investor rights and information on access to collective redress mechanisms, in English and local languages where the Fund is registered, under the Literature section at the following website:

https://www.gmo.com/europe/product-index-page/multi-asset-class/benchmark-free-allocation-strategy/global-real-return-ucits-fund---grruf/

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