HORIZONS STRATEGY

Quarterly Investment Review

PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The GMO Horizons Strategy is a global strategy reflecting the view that the world economy is transitioning to a lower carbon future, and that this process will create opportunities for investors to generate excess returns. The Strategy seeks to capture these opportunities and mitigate related risks through significant exposure to impactful climate solutions and reduced total carbon footprint (direct and indirect), while controlling for exposure to Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) risks.

The GMO Horizons Strategy is a fully systematic and diversified solution that provides:

- Materially lower total emissions than the benchmark as measured using scope 1 emissions and GMO's proprietary Indirect Emissions model, which estimates the indirect emissions embodied in end-to-end company value chains

- High levels of exposure to companies where revenue is derived from selling green products and services

- ESG risk mitigation via better ESG characteristics than the benchmark

MAJOR PERFORMANCE DRIVERS

Global equities posted modest gains in the third quarter, with value stocks outperforming as enthusiasm for AI infrastructure moderated after a strong second-quarter rally. Over the quarter, there was a high degree of variation in performance across sectors; Energy was buoyed as prices remained high amid persistent geopolitical tensions, Information Technology returns were mixed with software outperforming hardware, and rate-sensitive areas came under pressure as persistent inflation and fiscal concerns maintained upward pressure on yields.

The portfolio underperformed the MSCI ACWI ex Fossil Fuels Index. In the third quarter, companies with high levels of green revenue underperformed. Those with low levels of emissions performed slightly ahead of the benchmark but did not compensate for the green revenue headwind.

Stock selection was most challenging in Information Technology, Financials, and Chinese Industrials. Top detractors included overweight positions in Information Technology names Suzhou Maxwell Technologies (China), E Ink Holdings (Taiwan), and Infineon Technologies (Germany). Not holding Palantir Technologies (U.S.) also detracted.

Positive contributors in the quarter included stock selection in Utilities, U.S. Industrials, and Norwegian Consumer Staples. Top contributors included overweight positions in Information Technology names Hewlett Packard Enterprise Co. (U.S.), Microsoft Corporation (U.S.), and Lite-On Technology (Taiwan).

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

	Quarter-End	YTD	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year	Since Inception
Horizons Strategy (net)	0.35	9.87	11.90	-	-	-	13.69
Horizons Strategy (gross)	0.38	9.99	12.06	-	-	-	13.86
MSCI ACWI ex Fossil Fuels	1.27	12.59	16.29	-	-	-	17.10
Value Add	-0.93	-2.72	-4.39	-	-	-	-3.41

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: 30-Sep-24

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Benchmark(s): The MSCI ACWI ex Fossil Fuels Index (MSCI Standard Index Series, net of withholding tax) is an independently maintained and widely published index based on the MSCI ACWI Index, its parent index, and includes large and mid-cap stocks across 23 Developed Markets (DM) and 24 Emerging Markets (EM) countries. The index represents the performance of the broad market while excluding companies that own oil, gas and coal reserves. 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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