INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPED EQUITY ALLOCATION STRATEGY

Quarterly Investment Review

PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The GMO International Developed Equity Allocation Strategy seeks to generate total return greater than that of the MSCI World ex USA 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

- The portfolio is aligned with the benchmark from a top-down regional perspective, investing solely in developed ex-U.S. equities. The portfolio does, however, have an overweight of over 8% to Japan, and this had a positive impact for the quarter as MSCI Japan outperformed MSCI World ex USA. The portion of the portfolio with an emphasis on deep value had a positive impact as value decently outperformed.
- Security selection was positive as the broad developed ex-U.S. and the International Opportunistic Value exposures comfortably beat their respective benchmarks.

Developed ex-U.S. equities accounted for all of the portfolio's equity exposure for the quarter, and so regional allocations had no impact on relative performance versus the MSCI World ex-USA benchmark. The dedicated Japan Value position and the wider emphasis on value were helpful for the quarter. Security selection was strong, and the portfolio returned 3.6% in aggregate (local close net of fees), ahead of the MSCI World ex USA Index return of 0.9%. Overweight positions in Yangzijiang Shipbuilding (Singapore Industrials), Equinor (Norway Energy), Toyota Tsusho (Japan Industrials), Komatsu (Japan Industrials), and Vodafone (UK Communication Services) made up the top five biggest individual contributors to relative performance. An underweight position in SAP (Germany Information Technology), Murata Manufacturing (Japan Information Technology), and Shell (UK Energy), along with overweight positions in STMicroelectronics (France Information Technology) and Nokia (Finland Information Technology) were the top five biggest individual detractors from relative performance for the quarter.

Portfolio ending weights, as a percent of equity, for the positions mentioned were: Yangzijiang Shipbuilding (1.0%), Equinor (2.0%), Toyota Tsusho (1.6%), Komatsu (1.4%), Vodafone (1.7%), SAP (0.0%), Murata Manufacturing (0.0%), Shell (0.0%), STMicroelectronics (0.8%), and Nokia (1.1%).

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

	Quarter-End	YTD	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year	Since Inception
International Developed Equity Allocation Strategy (net)	3.96	22.27	33.46	28.48	16.06	11.90	8.61
International Developed Equity Allocation Strategy (gross)	4.12	22.85	34.30	29.29	16.81	12.64	9.34
MSCI World ex USA ++	0.89	10.42	15.79	18.43	9.34	9.08	6.71
Value Add	+3.07	+11.85	+17.67	+10.05	+6.72	+2.82	+1.90

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) 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; and (3) Management and Operational Risk: the risk that GMO's investment techniques will fail to produce desired results, including annualized returns and annualized volatility. This is not a complete list of risks associated with investing in the Strategy. Please contact GMO for more information.

Composite Inception Date: 30-Nov-91

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Benchmark(s): The MSCI World ex USA ++ Index is an internally maintained benchmark computed by GMO, comprised of (i) GMO blended benchmark of International Developed Equity Allocation Composite through 06/30/2014, (ii) MSCI EAFE (Europe, Australasia, and Far East) Index (MSCI Standard Index Series, net of withholding tax) through 6/30/2026 and (iii) MSCI World ex USA Index Thereafter. The GMO blended benchmark of International Developed Equity Allocation Composite is comprised of a weighted average of account benchmarks; many of the account benchmarks consist of MSCI EAFE (Europe, Australasia, and Far East) (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.

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