

QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REVIEW

International Equity Strategy

Performance returns (USD)

ANNUALIZED RETURNS (QUARTER-END)	Quarter-End	YTD	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year	Since Inception
International Equity Strategy (net)	9.96	43.66	43.66	25.21	14.50	10.23	8.12
International Equity Strategy (gross)	10.16	44.70	44.70	26.12	15.32	11.03	8.88
MSCI EAFE +	4.86	31.22	31.22	17.22	8.93	8.18	7.07
Value Add vs. MSCI EAFE +	+5.10	+12.44	+12.44	+7.99	+5.57	+2.05	+1.05
MSCI World ex USA	5.20	31.85	31.85	17.64	9.47	8.55	5.95
Value Add vs. MSCI World ex USA	+4.76	+11.81	+11.81	+7.57	+5.03	+1.69	+2.17

MAJOR PERFORMANCE DRIVERS

Global equity markets ended the year on a high note, posting solid gains in the fourth quarter. The U.S. underperformed both emerging and developed markets outside the U.S., a trend consistent throughout the year and the quarter. While emerging markets led for the year, developed markets outside the U.S. led for the fourth quarter. Growth was fueled by a mix of drivers, including strong earnings and interest in AI-related stocks, despite ongoing geopolitical and tariff uncertainty.

MSCI EAFE Value beat MSCI EAFE Growth again in the fourth quarter, to leave value leading growth by more than 20% in 2025. Strong performance from our Value and Momentum models characterized the quarter and the year. In the fourth quarter, Bottom-up Value, stock-level Idiosyncratic Momentum, and Network Momentum all worked well. Stocks with few red flags from our Alerts suite of signals underperformed the broader market, but the model group headwinds were not enough to impact portfolio outperformance.

Stock selection was the key driver of outperformance in the fourth quarter, with the strongest performance in Information Technology and Communication Services. Top contributors were broad-based at the country level, including Nokia (Finland Information Technology), Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria (Spain Financials), and Sumitomo Electric Industries (Japan Consumer Discretionary).

Areas of underperformance were modest amid the favorable environment for our valuation orientation. Top detractors included overweight positioning in 3i Group (U.K. Financials), Prosus (Netherlands Consumer Discretionary), and Bandai Namco Holdings (Japan Consumer Discretionary).

Portfolio weights, as a percent of equity, for the positions mentioned were: Nokia (2.0%), Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentina (3.2%), Sumitomo Electric Industries (2.0%), 3i Group (1.6%), Prosus (1.3%), and Bandai Namco Holdings (1.0%).

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Composite Inception Date: 31-Mar-87

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PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The GMO International Equity Strategy seeks to generate high total return by investing primarily in non-U.S. developed market equities. The Strategy measures its performance against the MSCI EAFE Index for performance comparison purposes.

The Strategy's investment approach is grounded in the Systematic Equity team's belief that, in the short term, equity markets exhibit exploitable inefficiencies as a result of irrational investor actions, the imperfect flow of information, and the participation of non-economic actors, while in the long-term returns are ultimately driven by economic reality. The Strategy aims to take advantage of this inefficiency by utilizing a multi-factor valuation model in conjunction with other methods, such as momentum and corporate alerts, to identify mispriced equity securities.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Comparator Index(es): The MSCI EAFE + (Europe, Australasia, and Far East) Index is an internally maintained benchmark computed by GMO, comprised of (i) the MSCI EAFE (Europe, Australasia, and Far East) Value Index (MSCI Standard Index Series, net of withholding tax) through 06/30/2014 and (ii) the MSCI EAFE (Europe, Australasia, and Far East) Index (MSCI Standard Index Series, net of withholding tax) thereafter. 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 ex-USA Index (MSCI Standard Index Series, net of withholding tax) is an independently maintained and widely published index comprised of global developed markets, excluding the United States. 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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