

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)	7.08	7.08	20.41	6.36	9.34	4.12	7.30
International Equity Strategy (gross)	7.27	7.27	21.28	7.12	10.13	4.88	8.05
MSCI EAFE +	5.67	5.67	15.19	4.75	7.30	4.85	6.68
Value Add vs. MSCI EAFE +	+1.41	+1.41	+5.22	+1.61	+2.04	-0.73	+0.62
MSCI EAFE Value	4.30	4.30	17.11	6.53	6.35	3.47	6.30
Value Add vs. MSCI EAFE Value	+2.78	+2.78	+3.30	-0.17	+2.99	+0.65	+1.00

Major Performance Drivers

Global markets carried the positive performance seen at the end 2023 into 2024, despite heightened geopolitical tensions in the Middle East, rising oil prices, and sticky inflation. The U.S. posted the strongest returns, followed by Developed Markets outside the U.S. and Emerging Markets. Many Developed Markets posted double-digit returns, including Japanese equities where exporters benefited from the yen reaching multi-decade lows. Again, China was a notable exception to the global positivity as a mix of financial and policy challenges continues to weigh on sentiment for the country and its potential to contribute to global growth.

In the first quarter, MSCI EAFE Value modestly underperformed MSCI EAFE. In this environment Momentum and Alerts models posted the strongest performance. Value model performance was mixed, while the stocks we viewed as the cheapest modestly outperformed the broader market, the top performers were stocks we viewed as expensive.

Portfolio outperformance was driven by a mix of allocation and stock selection decisions. Financials stock selection was a top contributor with notable value added in Spain, Italy, the U.K., and Hong Kong. Stock selection within Japan Information Technology was also strong. While in aggregate allocation decisions added value, the impact of individual decisions was small, including value added from overweight positioning in Information Technology and underweight positioning toward Utilities.

Challenges in the quarter included stock selection in the Netherlands, France, Consumer Discretionary, Information Technology, overweight holdings in Norway Energy, and underweight positioning in Denmark Health Care.

Inception Date: 31-Mar-87

Performance for the year of inception is less than a full calendar year. Returns shown for periods less than one year are not annualized.

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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 cross-asset signals 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 EAFE (Europe, Australasia, and Far East) Value Index (MSCI Standard Index Series, net of withholding tax) is an independently maintained and widely published index comprised of international large and mid capitalization stocks that have a value style. Large and mid capitalization stocks encompass approximately 85% of each market's free float-adjusted market capitalization. Style is determined using a multi-factor approach based on historical and forward-looking characteristics. 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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