

# QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REVIEW

### International All Country Equity Allocation Strategy

### Performance returns (USD)

ANNUALIZED RETURNS (QUARTER-END)	Quarter-End	YTD	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year	Since Inception
International All Country Equity Allocation Strategy (net)	0.98	5.90	16.27	0.16	5.45	2.66	6.34
International All Country Equity Allocation Strategy (gross)	1.15	6.27	17.09	0.87	6.22	3.41	7.14
MSCI ACWI ex USA +	1.11	5.69	11.62	0.46	5.54	3.84	5.39
Value Add vs. MSCI ACWI ex USA +	-0.13	+0.21	+4.65	-0.30	-0.09	-1.19	+0.94
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#### MAJOR PERFORMANCE DRIVERS

- Top-down asset allocation had a positive impact for the quarter, as the overweight position in Emerging Market equities outperformed Developed ex-U.S. equities.
- Security selection was negative, driven by underperformance in Emerging Markets.

Emerging Market equities, with an emphasis on undervalued stocks within attractively valued countries/sectors, represented 33.1% of the total portfolio weight on average during the quarter. Our overweight position in Emerging Market equities added to relative performance as the MSCI Emerging Market index returned 5.3%, well ahead of the MSCI ACWI ex USA return of 1.1%, and the MSCI Emerging Market ex-China index returned 4.6%. Security selection was negative, as the broad Emerging Market exposure, which makes up the majority of the allocation, returned 4.3%. An overweight position in Yang Ming Marine (Taiwan Industrials) featured in the top five biggest individual contributors to relative performance at the total portfolio level. On the flipside, an overweight position in Grupo Financiero Banorte (Mexico Financials) and an underweight position in Tencent (China Communication Services) featured in the top five biggest individual detractors from relative performance at the total portfolio level.

Developed ex-U.S. equities accounted for an average weight of 67.0% of the portfolio for the quarter, including the dedicated Japan Fundamental Value position. This underweight position in Developed ex-U.S. had a small positive impact on relative performance as Developed Markets lagged Emerging Markets as the MSCI World ex USA index returned -0.5%. Security selection within Developed Markets was solid for the quarter and the portfolio returned 0.0% in aggregate. An overweight position in Banco de Sabadell (Spain Financials) and Itochu Corporation (Japan Industrials), along with an underweight position in Toyota Motor (Japan Consumer Discretionary) and LVMH (France Consumer Discretionary) featured in the top five biggest individual contributors. On the flipside, an overweight position in Stellantis (Italy Consumer Discretionary) and Banco Bilbao (Spain Financials), along with an underweight position in Novo Nordisk (Denmark Health Care) featured in the top five biggest detractors.

Portfolio weights, as a percent of equity, for the positions mentioned were: Yang Ming Marine (0.3%), Grupo Financiero Banorte (0.9%), Tencent (0.2%), Stellantis (1.2%), Banco de Sabadell (1.1%), Toyota Motor (0.0%), Banco Bilbao (1.5%), Novo Nordisk (0.0%), Itochu Corporation (1.3%), LVMH (0.0%).

Composite Inception Date: 28-Feb-94

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 Strategy seeks to generate total return greater than that of the MSCI All Country World ex-U.S. 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 the long term. 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.

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Benchmark(s): The MSCI ACWI ex USA + Index is an internally maintained benchmark computed by GMO, comprised of (i) GMO blended benchmark of International All Country Equity Allocation Composite through 6/30/2014 and (ii) MSCI ACWI ex USA Index (MSCI Standard Index Series, net of withholding tax) thereafter. The GMO blended benchmark of International All Country Equity Allocation Composite is comprised of a weighted average of account benchmarks; many of the account benchmarks consist of MSCI ACWI (All Country World) ex-U.S. Index (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. The MSCI ACWI ex USA Index (MSCI Standard Index Series, net of withholding tax) is an independently maintained and widely published index comprised of international (excluding U.S. and including emerging) large and mid capitalization stocks. 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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