# INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNISTIC VALUE FUND

## *Quarterly Investment Review*

### PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The GMO International Opportunistic Value Fund seeks to generate total return by investing primarily in international equities. The Fund measures its performance against the MSCI World ex-U.S.A. Value Index.

The Fund aims to profit from our Asset Allocation team's top-down insights as to the most attractively valued segment of developed markets outside the U.S. Currently, the team finds developed, non-U.S. "deep value" (cheapest 20%) stocks to be unusually cheap relative to their own history. This actively managed Fund concentrates exposure in the deep value segment by focusing on the international stocks that GMO's Systematic Equity team identifies as the most undervalued, using proprietary valuation models because we believe that relying on reported financials and index definitions of value may lead investors to misjudge the opportunity.

### 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.

In this environment, Deep Value performed well in developed markets outside the U.S., outperforming both Shallow Value and the broader market. Our strongest performing model was Composite Value, which is most similar to traditional value measures, but uses company financials restated by GMO.

Value added was primarily from Deep Value stock selection, with additional value added from sector allocation, including underweight positioning in Utilities. Areas of strong stock selection included Industrials, Energy, and Information Technology, which in turn contributed to positive stock selection in Norway and Spain. Stock selection within France also added value from overweight positioning in TotalEnergies and underweight positioning toward LVMH Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton.

Challenging areas for stock selection included Japanese Financials and Health Care. Within Health Care, both an overweight toward the UK and an underweight toward Australian Health Care detracted.

Portfolio weights, as a percent of equity, for the positions mentioned were: TotalEnergies (3.6%) and LVMH Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton(0.0%)

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

| | *Quarter-End* | *YTD* | *1-Year* | *3-Year* | *5-Year* | *10-Year* | *Since Inception* |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| International Opportunistic Value Fund (net) | 5.76 | 19.31 | 30.86 | 25.50 | 14.80 | 11.15 | 7.58 |
| International Opportunistic Value Fund (gross) | 5.93 | 19.91 | 31.74 | 26.35 | 15.58 | 11.95 | 8.32 |
| MSCI World ex USA Value | 3.71 | 14.96 | 24.33 | 23.70 | 14.72 | 10.40 | 6.42 |
| Value Add vs. MSCI World ex USA Value | +2.05 | +4.35 | +6.53 | +1.80 | +0.08 | +0.74 | +1.16 |
| MSCI World ex USA | 0.89 | 10.16 | 15.89 | 18.89 | 9.66 | 9.27 | 5.73 |
| Value Add vs. MSCI World ex USA | +4.86 | +9.14 | +14.97 | +6.61 | +5.14 | +1.88 | +1.85 |

Net of all fees and expenses after reimbursement by the Manager, but not transaction costs, if any. If certain expenses were not reimbursed, performance would be lower. Gross of fees, expenses and transaction costs, if any. If these fees, expenses and costs were included, performance would be lower. **Performance data quoted represents past performance and is not indicative of future results. The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance data may be lower or higher than the performance data provided herein. To obtain performance information to the most recent month-end, visit www.gmo.com.** The portfolio is actively-managed, is not managed relative to a benchmark and uses an index for performance comparison purposes only and, where applicable, to compute a performance fee. The performance information for all periods prior to May 22, 2023, was achieved prior to the change in the Fund's investment objective and principal investment strategies.The Index used for performance reporting purposes changed from MSCI World ex-USA to MSCI World ex-USA Value effective June 30th, 2024. Returns include a substantial, one-time litigation settlement recovery received on December 16, 2024. This event contributed 0.44% to 2024 annual performance. Performance for other periods, including this date, was also positively impacted, sometimes materially. Without this recovery, performance would have been lower in both absolute terms and relative to the benchmark. Additional information is available upon request.

Inception Date: 29-Jul-98

Performance for the year of inception is less than a full calendar year. Returns shown for periods greater than one year are on an annualized basis.

**Risks:** Risks associated with investing in the Fund 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. For a more complete discussion of these and other risks, please consult the Fund's Prospectus. **Performance Returns:** Annualized Returns may include the impact of purchase premiums and redemption fees. The GMO Trust funds are distributed in the United States by Funds Distributor LLC. GMO and Funds Distributor LLC are not affiliated.

**Net Expense Ratio: 0.68%; Gross Expense Ratio: 0.77% Net Expense Ratio reflects the reduction of expenses from fee reimbursements. The fee reimbursements will continue until at least 30 June 2027. Elimination of this reimbursement will result in higher fees and lower performance. Gross Expense Ratio is equal to the Funds Total Annual Operating Expenses set forth in the Funds most recent prospectus dated 30 June 2026.**

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**An investor should consider the fund's investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses before investing. This and other important information can be found in the funds prospectus. To obtain a prospectus please visit www.gmo.com. Read the prospectus carefully before investing.**

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