

# MULTI-ASSET CREDIT PROFILE

#### INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY

In today's constantly shifting markets, investors increasingly need flexible credit strategies that can adapt quickly to an environment of shorter and more frequent market dislocations. But many lack the tools to find the right balance between maintaining full exposure to each credit sector and reallocating quickly as markets change. GMO Multi-Asset Credit addresses this challenge by building a diversified, global credit portfolio that can pivot dynamically based on changing economic conditions.

#### **GMO APPROACH**

#### Flexible/Nimble

Small, dedicated teams focused on employing quantitative and fundamental techniques to uncover alpha opportunities

Our process is the opposite of bureaucratic – we are quick to alter our opinions and act when conditions warrant

#### Differentiated

Unique investment approach and successful track record in:

- Emerging Country Debt
- Structured Products
- High Yield
- Investment Grade

### **High Conviction**

We have a long history of focusing on the highest riskadjusted return opportunities - even if it means straying far from a conventional benchmark

#### BEYOND THE FOUR CORE ALPHA ENGINES

We have deep expertise in many other credit markets, including:

- Leveraged Loans
- Agency MBS
- Emerging Markets Local Debt

#### Derivatives

- Credit U.S., Europe, Indexes, Tranches, Options
- Duration Management Treasury Futures, Interest Rate Swaps
- Foreign Exchange

We expect to take positions in these asset classes when they screen well on a relative basis

### BLENDS SYSTEMATIC AND FUNDAMENTAL STRATEGIES THAT EMPLOY HIGHLY DIFFERENTIATED INVESTMENT APPROACHES

High Yield (incepted 31-Jan-2017)

in the corporate High Yield sector

Quantitative factor-based investment approach that aims to exploit inefficiencies

Securitized Credit (incepted 31-Oct-2011)

Unconstrained securitized portfolio with low historical beta to the market and capital preservation ability during drawdown periods

Systematic U.S. Investment Grade (incepted 30-Sep-2020)

Bottom-up factor-based process leveraging extremely deep and long-running GMO quantitative investment process adapted to the corporate bond sector

Emerging Country Debt (incepted 30-Apr-1994)

Unconventional, bottom-up approach focused on "arbitrage-like" instrument selection and minimizing default risk

ITD Strategy Performance (net)	%
High Yield	5.67
Markit iBoxx USD Liquid High Yield	4.92
Value Add	+0.75

ITD Strategy Performance (net)	%
Opportunistic Income	4.61
Bloomberg U.S. Securitized+	1.19
Value Add	+3.42

ITD Strategy Performance (net)	%
Systematic Investment Grade Credit	1.16
Bloomberg U.S. Corporate Index	0.35
Value Add	+0.81

ITD Strategy Performance (net)	%
Emerging Country Debt	11.87
J.P. Morgan EMBI Global Diversified +	8.34
Value Add	+3.53

#### As of 30-Sep-25 | Source: GMO

Returns shown for periods greater than one year are on an annualized basis. Performance data quoted represents past performance and is not predictive of future performance. To obtain performance information to the most recent month-end, visit www.gmo.com. Net returns are presented after the deduction of a model advisory fee and incentive fee if applicable. These returns include transaction costs, commissions and withholding taxes on foreign income and capital gains and include the reinvestment of dividends and other income, as applicable. Fees paid by accounts within the composite may be higher or lower than the model fees used. A GIPS compliant presentation of composite performance has preceded this presentation in the past 12 months or accompanies this presentation, and is also available at www.gmo.com. Actual fees are disclosed in Part 2 of GMO's Form ADV and are also available in each strategy's compliant presentation. GMO LLC claims compliance with the Global Investment Performance Standards (GIPS®) Composite Report is included in the Important Information section at the back of this presentation. GIPS® is a registered trademark owned by CFA Institute. CFA Institute does not endorse or promote this organization, nor does it warrant the accuracy or quality of the content contained herein. Actual fees are disclosed in Part 2 of GMO's Form ADV and are also available in each strategy's Composite Report.

High Yield: The Markit iBoxx USD Liquid High Yield Index is an independently maintained index consisting of liquid USD high yield bonds, selected to provide a balanced representation of the broad USD high yield corporate bond universe.

Opportunistic Income: 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 Bloomberg U.S. Securitized + Index is an internally maintained benchmark computed by GMO, comprised of (i) the J.P. Morgan U.S. 3 Month Cash through 12/30/2016 and (ii) the Bloomberg U.S. Securitized thereafter.

Systematic Investment Grade Credit: The Bloomberg US Corporate Index measures the investment grade, fixed-rate, taxable corporate bond market. It includes USD denominated securities publicly issued by US and non-US industrial, utility, and financial issuers. The index includes securities with remaining maturity of at least one year.

Emerging Country Debt: The J.P. Morgan EMBI (Emerging Markets Bond) Index Global Diversified + is an internally maintained benchmark computed by GMO, comprised of (i) the J.P. Morgan EMBI+ Index through 12/31/1999. (ii) the J.P. Morgan EMBI Index Global through 2/28/2020, and the J.P. Morgan EMBI Index Global Diversified (iii) thereafter.

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#### **OVERVIEW**

The GMO Multi-Asset Credit Strategy seeks to maximize alpha potential by harvesting the most attractively priced credit risk premia through a dynamic allocation process across the credit spectrum. Our team utilizes a robust research framework that combines top-down and bottom-up analysis along with fundamental and quantitative techniques across various fixed income markets, including Emerging Country Debt, Structured Products, High Yield, Investment Grade, Loans, and Mortgages. Our investment process places a strong emphasis on relative value analysis, allowing us to employ a benchmark agnostic investment style that sets us apart. We have the agility to capitalize on fleeting relative value opportunities across fixed income markets, ensuring we stay ahead of market dynamics. Our Strategy maintains a balanced approach between risk and return by focusing on capital preservation during market downturns, and avoiding premium priced securities in overvalued markets.

#### **FACTS**

Strategy Inception	21-May-25
Composite Inception	31-May-25
Total Assets	\$90mm USD
Benchmark	GMO Multi-Asset Credit Blended Benchmark

### CUMULATIVE TOTAL RETURNS (USD, NET OF FEES, %)

	MTD	QTD	YTD
Composite	0.82	2.65	4.28
Benchmark	1.31	3.06	5.09

### ANNUALIZED TOTAL RETURNS (USD, NET OF FEES, %)

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	ITD
Composite	3			•	4.28
Benchmark			(*)		5.09

### PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT



Joe Auth, CFA Joined GMO in 2014 MBA, University of Connecticut



Kevin Breaux, CFA Joined GMO in 2008 BS, Duke University

Risks: Risks associated with investing in the Strategy may include: (1) Credit Risk: the risk that the issuer or guarantor of a fixed income investment or the obligor of an obligation underlying an asset-backed security will be unable or unwilling to satisfy its obligation to pay principal and interest or otherwise to honor its obligations in a timely manner; (2) Market Risk-Asset-Backed Securities Risk: the market price of asset-backed securities, like that of other fixed income investments with complex structures, can decline for a variety of reasons, including investor uncertainty about their credit quality and the reliability of their payment streams. Payment streams associated with asset-backed securities held by the Fund depend on many factors (e.g., the cash flow generated by the assets backing the securities, deal structure, and creditworthiness of any credit-support provider), and a problem in any of these factors can lead to a reduction in the payment stream GMO expected the Fund to receive when the Fund purchased the asset-backed security; and (3) Illiquidity Risk: low trading volume, lack of a market maker, large position size, or legal restrictions may limit or prevent the Fund from selling particular securities or closing derivative positions at desirable prices. This is not a complete list of risks associated with investing in the Strategy. Please contact GMO for more information.

Performance Returns: Returns shown for periods greater than one year are on an annualized basis. To obtain performance information to the most recent month-end, visit www.gmo.com. Performance data quoted represents past performance and is not predictive of future performance. Net returns are presented after the deduction of a model advisory fee and incentive fee if applicable. These returns include transaction costs, commissions and withholding taxes on foreign income and capital gains and include the reinvestment of dividends and other income, as applicable. Fees paid by accounts within the composite may be higher or lower than the model fees used. GMO does not yet have a GIPS-compliant report for this composite since it has not managed accounts in this strategy for a full year.



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## CHARACTERISTICS

Portfolio	Benchmark
2.3	5.5
112.7bps	147.8bps
3.5	5.3
BBB+	BBB
5.7%	5.6%
5.0%	5.0%
5.2	7.8
79.9%	100.0%
	2.3 112.7bps 3.5 BBB+ 5.7% 5.0%

# CREDIT RATINGS (%)

	%
AAA	16.9
AA	39.5
A	3.0
BBB	9.2
BB	11.2
В	7.4
CCC	6.1
CC	1.0
C	0.8
D	2.0
NR	2.9

# SECTORS (%)

Sector	Portfolio	Benchmark
Agency MBS	9.7	0.0
Cash/Equiv.	10.5	0.0
Emerging Debt	7.3	25.0
High Yield Corporates	12.0	25.0
Investment Grade Corporates	7.2	25.0
Securitized	43.4	25.0
Tactical Long/Short	0.0	0.0



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#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Benchmark(s): The Multi-Asset Credit Blended Benchmark is an internally maintained benchmark computed by GMO, comprised of (i) 25% Bloomberg U.S. Securitized Index, (ii) 25% Bloomberg U.S. Corporate High Yield Index, (iii) 25% Bloomberg U.S. Corporate Index, and (iv) 25% J.P. Morgan EMBI Global Diversified.

The above information is based on a representative account in the Strategy selected because it has the fewest restrictions and best represents the implementation of the Strategy.

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#### GLOSSARY

Fixed Income Characteristics: Yield (i.e., Yield-to-Worst) is internally calculated as the weighted average yield on the cash bonds over the total market value of the portfolio. Average Credit Rating is a market value weighted measure of bond holdings. Credit Ratings: The credit ratings above may encompass emerging debt, developed rates, and asset-backed exposure. Ratings for core portfolio holdings are derived by using the middle rating from Standard & Poor's, Moody's, and Fitch. Ratings for core holdings were adjusted during the January 2021 reporting period to conform with index provider methodology. Ratings for the emerging debt portion of the portfolio are derived by applying the Standard and Poor's or Moody's issue-level ratings (sequentially), and the S&P LT Foreign currency (FC) country issuer rating for the FC debt securities and/or S&P LT Local currency (LC) country issuer rating for LC securities where a security is not rated by either of the abovementioned credit rating agencies. Final credit ratings are expressed based upon Standard and Poor's ratings scale. Standard & Poor's rates securities from AAA (highest quality) to C (lowest quality), and D to indicate securities in default; some securities are not rated (NR). BB and below are considered below investment grade securities. Please refer to our website for additional information: https://www.gmo.com/americas/benchmark-disclaimers/

#### **ABOUT GMO**

Founded in 1977, GMO is a global asset manager committed to delivering superior performance and advice to our clients. We are privately owned, which allows us to singularly focus on our sole business – achieving outstanding long-term client investment outcomes. Offering multi-asset, equity, fixed income, and alternative strategies, we invest with a long-term, valuation-based philosophical approach.

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