

## QUALITY CLASS I PROFILE

#### INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY

- Quality stocks have provided superior risk-adjusted returns. Quality companies have durable, resilient business models and high returns on capital.
- These companies typically trade at premium multiples, and in our view they usually deserve to.
   The persistence of Quality characteristics provides a strong foundation for a discounted cash flow valuation approach that incorporates the ability of a company to grow and compound at a high return
- We believe building that valuation analysis into an investment process can both enhance portfolio return and help to mitigate risk.
- Quality's persistence also means that systematic screening on Quality characteristics (e.g., profitability) is a productive step in identifying these opportunities.

#### **GMO APPROACH**

True High Quality with a Long-Term Focus:

We believe companies with sustainable competitive advantages that enable high, stable profits in the future win over time, with lower risk. GMO's Focused Equity team seeks to outperform broad markets with lower absolute risk by owning these high-quality businesses, holding them for the long term, and respecting valuation.

A Powerful Blend:

Our blended approach combines the discipline and consistency of GMO's quantitative framework with a forward-looking, fundamental vetting process that assesses the long-term relevance of each company's business model.

**Respect Valuation:** 

By avoiding over-hyped stocks and investing under temporary clouds, valuation enhances return and risk mitigation, offering lower-risk equity returns when you need it.

**Risk Control:** 

Fundamental risk is the threat of long-term impairment to a business' profitability. These can derive from competitive dynamics and company specific financial and management considerations as well as external pressures from macro events or stakeholder reactions to negative externalities.

Quality is in Our DNA: GMO is a pioneer in quality investing with 40+ years of experience.

#### A BOTTOM-UP, DIVERSIFIED APPROACH



The sectors are GMO groupings and not the S&P's GICS sector classifications

#### WHAT IS A QUALITY BUSINESS?

#### GENERATES HIGH AND SUSTAINABLE RETURN ON CAPITAL

# Identifiable High Returning Assets Return on capital

#### **Capital Discipline**

Management invests prudently and with a long horizon

#### Relevance

Long-term durability of business model

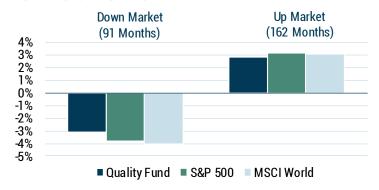
#### HIGH-QUALITY WINS OVER TIME WITH LOWER RISK





Bear market is the drop in prices of at least 20% from any peak over a period of at least 3 months. GMO Quality is the highest quality 1/3 of the U.S. market. Value within Quality is the low valuation half of that, relative to the broader U.S. market.

#### DOWN VS. UP MONTHS



Inception date: 2/6/04 (Share Class III)
Down Market: Average return for all down months.
Up Market: Average return for all up months.

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#### **OVERVIEW**

The GMO Quality Fund seeks to generate total return by investing primarily in equities the Focused Equity team believes to be of high quality.

The team believes that companies with established track records of historical profitability and strong fundamentals – high quality companies – are able to outgrow the average company over time and are therefore worth a premium price. The Fund's disciplined approach uses both quantitative and fundamental techniques to assess the relative quality and valuation of global companies and aims to exploit a long-term investment horizon while withstanding short-term volatility.

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

	MTD	QTD	YTD	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Class I	-4.94	-1.05	-1.05	18.81	29.85	-15.29	26.09	18.34
Class III	-4.95	-1.01	-1.01	18.92	30.01	-15.22	26.20	18.46
Index	-5.63	-4.27	-4.27	25.02	26.29	-18.11	28.71	18.40
Alternate Index	-4.45	-1.79	-1.79	18.67	23.79	-18.14	21.82	15.90

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

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	ITD
Class I	6.12	11.38	18.24	-	14.75
Class III	6.22	11.50	18.34	13.88	10.08
Index	8.25	9.06	18.59	-	13.98
Alternate Index	7.07	7.58	16.13	-	11.35

### STANDARDIZED SEC RETURNS (USD, NET OF FEES, %)(AS OF 31-MAR-25)

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	ITD
Class I	6.12	11.38	18.24	-	14.75
Class III	6.22	11.50	18.34	13.88	10.08
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#### **FACTS**

Share Class	Class I
Share Class Ticker	GQLIX
Share Class Inception	26-Sep-19
Fund Inception	06-Feb-04
Total Assets	\$10.4bn USD
Index	S&P 500
Alternate Index	MSCI World

#### RISK PROFILE (5-YEAR TRAILING)

Alpha (Jensen's)	1.05
Beta	0.92
R Squared	0.93
Sharpe Ratio	0.98
Standard Deviation	15.93

#### **ANNUAL EXPENSES (%)**

Net Expense Ratio	0.62
Gross Expense Ratio	0.63

Net Expense Ratio reflects the reduction of expenses from fee reimbursements. The fee reimbursements will continue until at least June 30, 2025. 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 June 30, 2024.

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. 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 the Index for performance comparison purposes only and, where applicable, to compute a performance fee. Performance is shown for both the applicable share class and the representative share class in the Fund.

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) Management and Operational Risk: the risk that GMO's investment techniques will fail to produce desired results, including annualized returns and annualized volatility; and (3) Focused Investment Risk: the Fund invests its assets in the securities of a limited number of issuers, and a decline in the market price of a particular security held by the Fund may affect the Fund's performance more than if the Fund invested in the securities of a larger number of issuers. For a more complete discussion of these and other risks, please consult the Fund's Prospectus. Performance Returns:

Returns shown for periods greater than one year are on an annualized basis. 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.

#### PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT



Tom Hancock Joined GMO in 1995 MS, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute; PhD, Harvard University



Ty Cobb, CFA Joined GMO in 1997 MS, Suffolk University



Anthony Hene, CFA Joined GMO in 1995 MS, University of Oxford



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#### **CHARACTERISTICS**

Portfolio	Index	Alternate Index
22.1x	23.1x	22.1x
26.5%	25.6%	20.6%
234.6 USD	236.1 USD	138.1 USD
45	497	1327
0.3x	0.3x	0.6x
	22.1x 26.5% 234.6 USD 45	22.1x 23.1x 26.5% 25.6% 234.6 USD 236.1 USD 45 497

## SECTORS (%)

Sector	Portfolio	Index	Alternate Index
Communication Services	7.8	9.2	7.9
Consumer Discretionary	9.6	10.3	10.2
Consumer Staples	8.5	6.1	6.5
Energy	0.0	3.7	4.1
Financials	7.8	14.7	17.3
Health Care	27.6	11.2	11.1
Industrials	5.8	8.5	11.1
Information Technology	32.9	29.6	23.6
Materials	0.0	2.0	3.4
Real Estate	0.0	2.3	2.2
Utilities	0.0	2.5	2.7

## MARKET CAP BAND EXPOSURES (\$B)

	Portfolio	Index	Alternate Index
Small (5.1 & Below)	0.0	0.1	0.7
Small - Medium (5.1 To 16.6)	0.4	2.7	7.3
Medium (16.6 To 44.3)	6.6	10.7	15.7
Medium - Large (44.3 To 127.6)	19.7	19.7	24.4
Large (127.6 & Above)	73.3	66.8	51.9

## TOP COUNTRIES (%)

Country	Portfolio	Index	Alternate Index
United States	76.3	100.0	72.0
United Kingdom	8.0	0.0	3.8
France	4.7	0.0	2.9
Germany	3.1	0.0	2.5
Taiwan	2.6	0.0	0.0
Switzerland	1.9	0.0	2.5
Cash	1.0	0.0	0.0
Denmark	0.8	0.0	0.6
Netherlands	0.8	0.0	1.1
Spain	0.8	0.0	0.8

## REGIONS (%)

Region	Portfolio	Index	Alternate Index
United States	76.3	100.0	72.0
Europe	20.1	0.0	16.6
Rest of World	2.6	0.0	11.4
Cash Equivalents	1.0	0.0	0.0

#### **TOP HOLDINGS**

Company	Sector	%
Microsoft Corp	Information Technology	6.0
Apple Inc	Information Technology	4.9
Alphabet Inc	<b>Communication Services</b>	4.0
UnitedHealth Group Inc	Health Care	4.0
Meta Platforms Inc	<b>Communication Services</b>	3.9
Abbott Laboratories	Health Care	3.6
Johnson & Johnson	Health Care	3.6
Visa Inc	Financials	3.5
Elevance Health Inc	Health Care	3.1
Oracle Corp	Information Technology	2.8
Total		39.4



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#### 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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#### **GLOSSARY**

Country Exposures: Based on equity holdings. Region Exposures: Based on equity holdings.

considered a recommendation to buy individual securities.

Risk Statistics: Risk profile data is net of fees. Alpha is a measure of risk-adjusted return. Beta is a measure of a portfolio's sensitivity to the market. R-Squared is a measure of how well a portfolio tracks the market. Sharpe Ratio is the return over the risk free rate per unit of risk. Std Deviation is a measure of the volatility of a portfolio.

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underlying funds in which the asset allocation funds invest and, where appropriate, individual security positions are aggregated. They are subject to change and should not be

#### **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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