

RESOURCE TRANSITION STRATEGY

Quarterly Investment Review

PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The GMO Resource Transition Strategy seeks to generate total return by investing primarily in equities of companies in the resource transition sector.

GMO's Focused Equity team believes that global population growth, the industrialization of emerging markets, and the clean energy transition will increase global demand for natural resources and that, given their finite supply, the prices of these resources will increase over time. The Strategy seeks to invest in the securities of companies that we believe will benefit from – and avoid companies we believe will be adversely affected by – this expected long-term rise in natural resource prices as well as the increasing demand for clean energy.

MAJOR PERFORMANCE DRIVERS

The second quarter saw a 180 degree shift in market sentiment, with risk-on enthusiasm driving appetite for AI hardware stocks along with more cyclical and speculative names broadly outside of commodity producers. The market largely shrugged off war in Iran by the start of the quarter, oil and gas prices fell significantly, as did many of the metals prices including precious metals, lithium and platinum. Outside of a few clean energy names that had AI datacenter spending hype driving their performance, that sector was also broadly down. Against this backdrop, the Resource Transition portfolio was down and roughly in line with the MSCI ACWI Commodity Producers ex-Energy Index.

Clean energy again proved a valuable diversifier within the portfolio given its comparatively stronger, off-benchmark performance.

Elsewhere in the portfolio, not holding pure-play gold and silver miners was again additive, as the sector continued to retrace the exceptional froth and sentiment that characterized 2025 – a pattern that has now persisted for a second consecutive quarter. Performance across the remaining metals complex was more mixed. Lithium markets were similarly pressured: demand signals from China disappointed as EV sales growth moderated, while the prospect of meaningful new supply coming online drove prices lower. We see this less as a reversal of the long-term electrification story and more of a valuation reset.

We are also seeing a valuation opportunity opening up in our agriculture and timber names as these commodities & related industries have derated on cyclical pressures.

Looking ahead, the long-term supply/demand dynamics in natural resource markets favor high and rising prices. Recent geopolitical events have only served as a reminder of just how imbalanced these markets can become under a supply shock. But the deeply discounted valuations still available in many parts of this sector mean that investors don't need commodity prices to rise in order to expect strong returns. We expect significant free cash flow generation over the coming years across a range of commodity producers.

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

	Quarter-End	YTD	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year	Since Inception
Resource Transition Strategy (net)	-4.03	13.37	64.21	4.39	-	-	2.17
Resource Transition Strategy (gross)	-3.81	13.90	65.77	5.38	-	-	3.13
MSCI ACWI Commodity Producers ex-Energy	-3.91	5.12	46.04	17.25	-	-	13.96
Value Add	-0.12	+8.24	+18.17	-12.86	-	-	-11.80

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Composite Inception Date: 28-Feb-23

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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