U.S. EQUITY FUND

Quarterly Investment Review

PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The GMO U.S. Equity Fund seeks to generate high total return by investing primarily in U.S. equities. The Fund measures its performance against the S&P Composite 1500+ Index.

The Fund's investment approach is grounded in the Systematic Equity team's belief that, in the short term, equity markets exhibit exploitable inefficiencies as a result of irrational investor actions, the imperfect flow of information, and the participation of non-economic actors, while in the long-term returns are ultimately driven by economic reality. The Fund aims to take advantage of these inefficiencies by utilizing a multi-factor valuation model in conjunction with other methods, such as momentum and corporate alerts, to identify undervalued equity securities.

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, our Bottom-up Valuation models were the strongest performers in the U.S. In contrast, our Momentum models struggled as the stocks we identified as having the strongest momentum underperformed, with the underperformance concentrated in July.

Stock selection drove outperformance, with broad-based contributions across most sectors. Top contributors included overweight positioning in Hewlett Packard Enterprise (Information Technology) and Meta (Communication Services), and underweight positioning toward Tesla (Consumer Discretionary).

In contrast, Financials and underweight positioning toward Energy were the largest detractors. While the Information Technology sector added value overall, top stock level detractors included overweight positioning toward Applied Materials and Qnity, along with underweight positioning in Microsoft.

Portfolio weights, as a percent of equity, for the positions mentioned were: Hewlett Packard Enterprise (2.4%), Meta (3.9%), Tesla (0.0%), Applied Materials (2.4%), Qnity (0.9%), and Microsoft (4.6%).

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

	Quarter-End	*YTD*	*1-Year*	*3-Year*	*5-Year*	*10-Year*	*Since Inception*
U.S. Equity Fund (net)	1.96	16.81	24.57	24.28	15.43	14.97	11.85
U.S. Equity Fund (gross)	2.08	17.23	25.17	24.89	15.98	15.51	12.38
S&P Composite 1500	1.58	12.65	15.55	22.23	13.29	14.91	-
Value Add	+0.37	+4.16	+9.02	+2.05	+2.14	+0.06	-

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. Performance information presented is that of Class III shares of GMO U.S. Core Fund for all periods ending on or before September 16, 2005.

Inception Date: 18-Sep-85

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) 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:** 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: 0.49%; Gross Expense Ratio: 0.56% 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.

Comparator Index(es): The S&P Composite 1500 combines three leading indices, the S&P 500, the S&P MidCap 400, and the S&P SmallCap 600, to cover approximately 90% of U.S. market capitalization. It is designed for investors seeking to replicate the performance of the U.S. equity market or benchmark against a representative universe of tradable stocks.

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ABOUT GMO

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