## **GMO** QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REVIEW

### U.S. Opportunistic Value Fund

### Performance returns (USD)

| ANNUALIZED RETURNS (QUARTER-END)      | Quarter-End | YTD   | 1-Year | 3-Year | 5-Year | 10-Year | Since<br>Inception |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|---------|--------------------|
| U.S. Opportunistic Value Fund (net)   | 0.93        | 0.93  | 3.45   | -      | -      | -       | 11.52              |
| U.S. Opportunistic Value Fund (gross) | 1.03        | 1.03  | 3.85   | -      | -      | -       | 11.95              |
| MSCI USA Value (Gross)                | 2.91        | 2.91  | 7.87   | -      | -      | -       | 10.36              |
| Value Add vs. MSCI USA Value (Gross)  | -1.97       | -1.97 | -4.43  | -      | -      | -       | +1.15              |
| MSCI USA (Gross)                      | -4.51       | -4.51 | 8.17   | -      | -      | -       | 17.55              |
| Value Add vs. MSCI USA (Gross)        | +5.44       | +5.44 | -4.73  | -      | -      | -       | -6.03              |

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 the Index for performance comparison purposes only and, where applicable, to compute a performance fee. The Index used for performance reporting purposes changed from S&P Composite 1500 to MSCI U.S.A. Value effective June 30th, 2024.

### MAJOR PERFORMANCE DRIVERS

Global markets diverged again in the first quarter of 2025, with the U.S. underperforming the rest of the world, a reversal of the pattern seen in the fourth quarter of 2024. The environment was characterized by continued trade policy uncertainties and shifting investor sentiment, including diminished optimism for the future profitability of AI investments after the release of DeepSeek's effective and cost-efficient AI model in late January. Within the U.S., the largest cap names underperformed the broader market, including a faltering Magnificent 7.

Within the U.S., Value outperformed Growth, but most of the performance differential was driven by Value not holding the Magnificent 7 and the most expensive names that underperformed the broader market. The "deep value" cohort modestly outperformed the broader market across all three Value models used. However, there was considerable dispersion of returns within the cheapest names.

Stock selection drove underperformance in the quarter, with notable value lost from selection within Financials and Consumer Discretionary. Top detractors included a mix of "deep value" names held, like Alphabet (Communication Services) and Hewlett Packard Enterprise (Information Technology), and names not held, like Berkshire Hathaway (Financials).

In contrast, sector allocation was modestly positive from a mix of underweight positioning toward Industrials and overweight positioning toward Health Care and Energy.

Portfolio weights, as a percent of equity, for the positions mentioned were: Alphabet (1.6%), Hewlett Packard Enterprise (0.6%), Berkshire Hathaway (0.0%).

Inception Date: 13-Dec-22

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) 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; (2) Commodities Risk: commodity prices can be extremely volatile, and exposure to commodities can cause the value of the Fund's shares to decline or fluctuate more than if the Fund had a broader range of investments; and (3) 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. 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: 0.39%; Gross Expense Ratio: 0.43% 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.

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### PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The GMO U.S. Opportunistic Value Fund (the "Fund") seeks to generate total return by investing primarily in U.S. equities. The Fund measures its performance against the MSCI U.S. Value Index.

GMO's U.S. Opportunistic Value Fund seeks to profit from our Asset Allocation Team's top-down insights as to the most attractively valued segment of the U.S. market. Currently, the team finds "deep value" (cheapest 20%) stocks to be truly dislocated in the U.S. This actively managed Fund avoids the "shallow value" stocks, which are expensive relative to their own history, and focuses solely on the deep value names. With this Fund we focus on the U.S. stocks that GMO's Systematic Equity team identifies as the most undervalued, recognizing that relying on reported financials and index definitions of value can lead investors to misjudge the opportunity.

### 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 MSCI USA Value (Gross) Index is an independently maintained and widely published index comprised of large and mid cap US securities exhibiting overall value style characteristics. MSCI data may not be reproduced or used for any other purpose. MSCI provides no warranties, has not prepared or approved this report, and has no liability hereunder.

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