

# Resources Fund

Year Ending December 31, 2019

## OVERVIEW:

The GMO Resources Fund seeks to deliver total return by investing in the equities of companies in the natural resources sector.

## Performance (%)

Net of Fees, Class III, Fair Value, USD	+20.08
Gross of Fees, Class III, Local Close, USD	+21.16
MSCI ACWI Commodity Producers <sup>1</sup>	+13.06
<b>Value Added</b>	<b>+8.10</b>

## Major Performance Drivers

In 2019, the portfolio posted a solid return that was significantly better than that of its benchmark, the MSCI ACWI Commodity Producers Index. From an allocation perspective, our positioning produced mixed results depending on the sector, but was on balance positive. As has often been the case since the portfolio's inception, our performance was driven much more by stock selection than allocation impact. And, for the second year in a row, being overweight emerging markets and underweight the U.S. were positives in the Resources sector, despite a much different picture in the broader markets, where U.S. equities led the way.

### 2019 Contributors

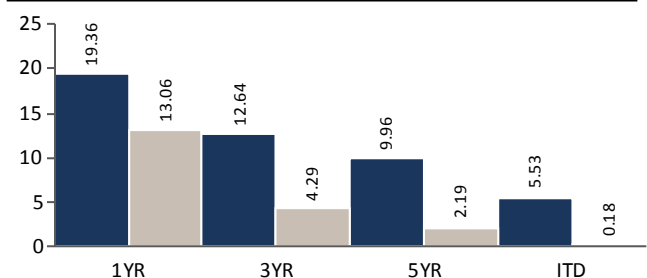
- We were substantially overweight Metals and underweight Energy. This positioning was additive, as the miners outperformed Energy companies.
- Strong stock selection within the Energy sector led the way, with positions in Russian Energy and Clean Energy performing particularly well for the second year in a row.
- Our positions in the precision agriculture and farming, delivered solid performance.
- The out-of-benchmark exposure to Water performed very well.

### 2019 Detractors

- Lithium producers generated losses in 2019 as lithium prices declined due to fears of oversupply.
- Agriculture Productivity fell as phosphate prices dropped to 10-year lows. Record Mississippi River flooding delayed plantings and limited fertilizer application.

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## Annualized Return (%) as of December 31, 2019



■ Fund (Class III)  
■ MSCI ACWI Commodity Producers

Inception date: 12/28/2011

Includes purchase premiums and redemption fees impact if applicable.

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