## Quarter Ending December 31, 2018

## OVERVIEW:

The GMO Risk Premium Fund aims to achieve a long-term total return commensurate with that of global equity markets by selling put options on major global equity indices.

## Performance (%)

Net of Fees, Class III, Fair Value, USD	-10.49
Gross of Fees, Class III, Local Close, USD	-10.37
CBOE S&P 500 PutWrite Index	-11.26
Value Added	+0.89

## **Major Performance Drivers**

Equity volatility returned during the last quarter of 2018. The sanguine market conditions during the second and third quarters were displaced by equity volatility more reminiscent of the first quarter. Implied and realized equity volatility rose, domestic and international equities swooned, sovereign yields declined, oil re-entered a bear market, and credit spreads widened. Worries about trade tensions and a China slowdown negatively impacted investor sentiment. Pricing of these market risk factors also occurred in the context of thin market liquidity and little depth. This naturally led to more days of large market moves. On the positive side of the ledger, the Federal Reserve began communicating a more flexible path forward for rates, economic fundamentals in the US remain sound, and the US dollar traded sideways for most of the last quarter.

Given that these cross currents drove volatility higher, this was a challenging period for volatility carry strategies. US and Asian short variance positions were punished, whereas European equity short volatility fared better in relative terms. Risk Premium benefited from exposure to the FTSE, which led to outperformance during the quarter, especially in December.

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Annualized Return (%) as of December 31, 2018 5.17 8 5.10 4.96 4.93 1.30 .96 3 -2 -7 5.93 -7.41 -12 1 YR 3YR 5YR ITD Fund (Class III) CBOE S&P 500 PutWrite Index

Inception date: 12/14/2012

Chart returns include purchase premiums and redemption fees impact if applicable.

North America | Europe | Asia-Pacific

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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 fund's prospectus. To obtain a prospectus please visit www.gmo.com. Read the prospectus carefully before investing.

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