# Investment Review: Quarter Ending June 30, 2022

#### **OVERVIEW**

The GMO Tax-Managed International Equities Fund seeks to deliver high after-tax total return by investing primarily in international equities that GMO believes have positive return potential relative to other securities tied economically to international equity markets.

#### **PERFORMANCE (%)**

- Value Added	+1.00
MSCI EAFE <sup>1</sup>	-14.51
Gross of Fees, Class III, Local Close, USD	-13.52
Net of Fees, Class III, Fair Value, USD	-12.65

## **Major Performance Drivers**

The second quarter was a challenging one for global markets as investors assessed the impact of persistently high inflation, the higher interest rates needed to tame it, and the combined impact of both on future growth prospects. All of this occurred in the shadow of the continued Russian aggression in Ukraine and Covid lockdowns in China, with both impacting global supply chains. In this environment all MSCI EAFE sectors lost value, and only the Energy sector posted gains year to date.

EAFE Value outperformed EAFE Growth in the second quarter, but Value outperformance in April and May was tempered by underperformance in June. Value models were all strong performers in the quarter, driving portfolio outperformance, while Cross-Asset signals and Corporate Alerts also contributed to positive stock selection. In contrast, attractive Growth struggled, and Quality also underperformed the market.

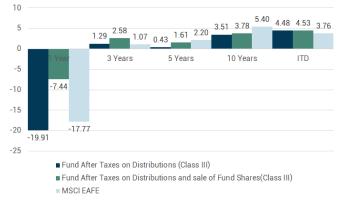
Strong stock selection across Consumer Staples, Information Technology, Communication Services, and Consumer Discretionary, the U.K., and Japan added value. Within Staples, the Food, Beverage, and Tobacco industry was an area of strength with top contributors including British American Tobacco (U.K.), Japan Tobacco (Japan), Imperial Brands (U.K.), and WH Group (Hong Kong). Not holding ASML (Netherlands) also contributed to the outperformance of the Information Technology sector.

Materials, Industrials, France, and Norway posed stock selection challenges. Top detractors included Norsk Hydro (Norway Materials), Compagnie de Saint-Gobain (France Industrials), Rio Tinto (Australia Materials), and Marubeni Corporation (Japan Industrials).

Portfolio weights, as a percent of equity, for the positions mentioned were: British American Tobacco (3.3%), Japan Tobacco (2.4%), Imperial Brands (2.2%), WH Group (0.6%), ASML (0.0%), Norsk Hydro (1.3%), Compagnie de Saint-Gobain (1.8%), Rio Tinto (2.5%), and Marubeni Corporation (1.8%).

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## ANNUALIZED RETURN (%) AS OF 6/30/2022



#### Inception date: 07/29/1998

Includes purchase premiums and redemption fees impact if applicable.

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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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