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## Focus Product: GMO Quality Investment Fund

GMO Quality: Safety and the Ability to Add Value

Description

The GMO Quality Investment Fund seeks to generate total return by investing primarily in high-quality equities.

Team

The Portfolio Management team has worked together for 20+ years, focused on long-horizon, high-conviction equity investing.

Differentiators

The Fund is differentiated through an additional focus on valuation, to enhance returns from a high-quality vetted universe.

## WHAT IS THE FUND?

The GMO Quality Investment Fund focuses on around 40 high-quality global companies with strong business models, aiming to provide superior risk-adjusted returns and downside protection.

## WHY THE FUND?

- 1. GMO is a pioneer in quality investing with 40+ years of experience.
- 2. Our focus on valuation can enhance return and risk mitigation.
- We use a powerful blend of quantitative discipline and fundamental analysis.

## WHY NOW?

- The GMO approach balances growth and value without tilting heavily toward either style. The best fit is for clients who are more concerned with absolute risk than relative tracking error.
- For those concerned with current macroeconomic conditions or stock market valuations, but need to maintain an allocation to equities. Quality companies have business models that are robust against economic stress.



- During the quarter, the Fund returned -1.32%, beating the benchmark MSCI World, which returned -1.79%.
- Key contributors included the healthcare sector, our biggest overweight, and strong performance from European companies like Knorr Bremse, Nestle, Safran, Dassault Systeme, Amadeus, and SAP.
- The primary detractors were Constellation Brands, impacted by factors like dry January and California fires, and several tech stocks such as Salesforce, Alphabet, Accenture, and Apple.

## Did you know?

GMO's Co-Founder Jeremy Grantham first recognized that high-quality stocks had lower volatility than low-quality stocks and better relative performance, particularly in down-markets, in the 1980s.

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### **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.

Inception Date: 10-Nov-10

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https://www.qmo.com/europe/product-index-page/equities/quality-strategy/quality-investment-fund---dqf/

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