

# EMERGING MARKETS EX-CHINA

## OVERVIEW

The GMO Emerging Markets ex-China Strategy seeks total return by investing primarily in emerging (non-developed) market equities. The Strategy measures its performance against the MSCI Emerging Markets Index.

The Strategy's investment approach is grounded in the Systematic Equity team's belief that, in the short term, equity markets exhibit exploitable inefficiencies as a result of irrational investor actions, the imperfect flow of information, and the participation of non-economic actors, while in the long-term returns are ultimately driven by economic reality. The Strategy aims to take advantage of these inefficiencies by utilizing a multi-factor valuation model in conjunction with other methods, such as momentum and corporate alerts, to identify undervalued equity securities.

## CUMULATIVE TOTAL RETURNS (USD, NET OF FEES, %)

	<i>MTD</i>	<i>QTD</i>	<i>YTD</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2021</i>
Composite	3.34	6.33	20.09	0.57	27.40	-32.48	1.44
Benchmark	6.02	6.64	22.13	3.56	20.03	-19.26	1.26

## ANNUALIZED TOTAL RETURNS (USD, NET OF FEES, %)

	<i>1 Year</i>	<i>3 Years</i>	<i>5 Years</i>	<i>10 Years</i>	<i>ITD</i>
Composite	10.07	20.18	-	-	1.35
Benchmark	12.22	17.91	-	-	5.68

## FACTS

Strategy Inception	18-Oct-21
Composite Inception	31-Oct-21
Total Assets	\$358mm USD
Benchmark	MSCI Emerging Markets ex-China

## RISK PROFILE (SINCE INCEPTION 29-OCT-21)

Alpha (Jensen's)	-4.38
Beta	1.03
R Squared	0.83
Sharpe Ratio	-0.15
Standard Deviation	18.06

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT



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**Risks:** Risks associated with investing in the Strategy 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) Non-U.S. Investment Risk: the market prices of many non-U.S. securities (particularly of companies tied economically to emerging countries) fluctuate more than those of U.S. securities. Many non-U.S. markets (particularly emerging markets) are less stable, smaller, less liquid, and less regulated than U.S. markets, and the cost of trading in those markets often is higher than it is in U.S. markets; and (3) Currency Risk: fluctuations in exchange rates can adversely affect the market value of the Fund's non-U.S. currency holdings and investments denominated in non-U.S. currencies. This is not a complete list of risks associated with investing in the Strategy. Please contact GMO for more information.

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## CHARACTERISTICS

	<i>Portfolio</i>	<i>Benchmark</i>
Price/Earnings - Forecast 1 Yr Wtd Mdn	10.3x	17.6x
Price/Earnings - Hist 1 Yr Wtd Mdn	10.6x	20.7x
Price/Book - Hist 1 Yr Wtd Avg	1.3x	2.1x
Price/Cash Flow - Hist 1 Yr Wtd Mdn	7.5x	13.9x
Return on Equity - Hist 1 Yr Mdn	16.9%	18.5%
Debt/Equity - Wtd Mdn	0.3x	0.4x
Dividend Yield - Hist 1 Yr Wtd Avg	4.3%	2.5%
Market Cap - Wtd Mdn Bil	8.8 USD	19.0 USD
Number of Equity Holdings	193	612
Active Share	69.2%	N/A

## MARKET CAP BAND EXPOSURES (\$B)

	<i>Portfolio</i>	<i>Benchmark</i>
Small (6.0 & Below)	40.3	19.6
Small - Medium (6.0 To 19.0)	29.4	30.3
Medium (19.0 To 49.2)	8.7	15.8
Medium - Large (49.2 To 144.8)	4.1	13.7
Large (144.8 & Above)	17.4	20.6

## TOP COUNTRIES (%)

<i>Country</i>	<i>Portfolio</i>	<i>Benchmark</i>
Taiwan	32.4	28.2
South Korea	15.9	15.9
India	15.7	22.1
Indonesia	8.8	1.6
Thailand	5.5	1.5
Brazil	5.2	6.3
Hungary	4.6	0.4
United Arab Emirates	3.6	2.1
Mexico	3.0	2.9
Saudi Arabia	2.1	4.8

## REGIONS (%)

<i>Region</i>	<i>Portfolio</i>	<i>Benchmark</i>
East Asia (Emerging)	48.3	44.7
South Asia (Emerging)	30.3	26.9
Latin/South America (Emerging)	8.8	10.5
Mideast/Africa (Emerging)	7.5	14.2
Europe (Emerging)	5.6	3.7
Cash Equivalents	-0.5	0.0

## SECTORS (%)

<i>Sector</i>	<i>Portfolio</i>	<i>Benchmark</i>
Communication Services	1.8	4.6
Consumer Discretionary	8.2	6.0
Consumer Staples	4.6	4.4
Energy	5.3	4.6
Financials	23.8	25.2
Health Care	5.5	2.8
Industrials	12.4	7.7
Information Technology	28.5	33.0
Materials	5.1	7.8
Real Estate	1.4	1.4
Utilities	3.4	2.6

## TOP HOLDINGS

<i>Company</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Sector</i>	<i>%</i>
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Ltd	Taiwan	Information Technology	14.0
Samsung Electronics Co Ltd	South Korea	Information Technology	3.5
Hyundai Mobis Co Ltd	South Korea	Consumer Discretionary	3.0
OTP Bank Nyrt	Hungary	Financials	2.9
Astra International Tbk PT	Indonesia	Industrials	2.6
Evergreen Marine Corp Taiwan Ltd	Taiwan	Industrials	2.5
MediaTek Inc	Taiwan	Information Technology	2.1
Woori Financial Group Inc	South Korea	Financials	1.8
Asustek Computer Inc	Taiwan	Information Technology	1.7
Kia Corp	South Korea	Consumer Discretionary	1.6
<b>Total</b>			<b>35.7</b>

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Benchmark(s):** The MSCI Emerging Markets ex China Index is an independently maintained and widely published index which captures large and mid cap representation within Emerging Markets (EM) countries, excluding China. 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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## GLOSSARY

**Risk Statistics:** Risk profile data is net of fees. Alpha is a measure of risk-adjusted return. Beta is a measure of a portfolio's sensitivity to the market. R-Squared is a measure of how well a portfolio tracks the market. Sharpe Ratio is the return over the risk free rate per unit of risk. Std Deviation is a measure of the volatility of a portfolio.

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