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 ex-China 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.

FACTS

Strategy Inception	18-Oct-21
Composite Inception	31-Oct-21
Total Assets	$288mm USD
Benchmark	MSCI Emerging Markets ex China

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

	MTD	QTD	YTD	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Composite	2.54	7.36	55.90	31.69	0.57	27.40	-32.48	1.44
Benchmark	0.48	-1.32	36.95	34.61	3.56	20.03	-19.26	1.26

RISK PROFILE (SINCE INCEPTION 29-OCT-21)

Alpha (Jensen's)	-1.29
Beta	1.04
R Squared	0.83
Sharpe Ratio	0.38
Standard Deviation	23.05

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

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	ITD
Composite	70.96	33.69	-	-	12.73
Benchmark	50.94	29.22	-	-	13.63

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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

	Portfolio	Benchmark
Price/Earnings - Forecast 1 Yr Wtd Mdn	9.7x	14.9x
Price/Earnings - Hist 1 Yr Wtd Mdn	12.7x	18.3x
Price/Book - Hist 1 Yr Wtd Avg	1.7x	3.0x
Price/Cash Flow - Hist 1 Yr Wtd Mdn	10.0x	15.4x
Return on Equity - Hist 1 Yr Mdn	18.6%	31.4%
Debt/Equity - Wtd Mdn	0.3x	0.2x
Dividend Yield - Hist 1 Yr Wtd Avg	3.0%	1.9%
Market Cap - Wtd Mdn Bil	17.5 USD	45.8 USD
Number of Equity Holdings	132	564
Active Share	61.2%	N/A

SECTORS (%)

Sector	Portfolio	Benchmark
Communication Services	0.2	2.9
Consumer Discretionary	8.3	3.7
Consumer Staples	2.9	2.5
Energy	9.0	3.4
Financials	18.1	18.9
Health Care	2.2	1.8
Industrials	10.9	6.6
Information Technology	44.5	51.8
Materials	3.6	5.8
Real Estate	0.0	0.8
Utilities	0.2	1.9

MARKET CAP BAND EXPOSURES ($B)

	Portfolio	Benchmark
Small (5.9 & Below)	32.0	10.6
Small - Medium (5.9 To 20.2)	24.0	23.8
Medium (20.2 To 51.9)	10.4	18.7
Medium - Large (51.9 To 161.5)	3.8	7.2
Large (161.5 & Above)	29.8	39.7

TOP HOLDINGS

Company	Country	Sector	%
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Ltd	Taiwan	Information Technology	17.4
Samsung Electronics Co Ltd	South Korea	Information Technology	7.8
SK hynix Inc	South Korea	Information Technology	4.5
Evergreen Marine Corp Taiwan Ltd	Taiwan	Industrials	3.2
LG Electronics Inc	South Korea	Consumer Discretionary	3.1
Asustek Computer Inc	Taiwan	Information Technology	2.6
Kasikornbank PCL	Thailand	Financials	2.5
Kia Corp	South Korea	Consumer Discretionary	2.5
Krung Thai Bank PCL	Thailand	Financials	2.5
WPG Holdings Ltd	Taiwan	Information Technology	2.4
Total			**48.5**

TOP COUNTRIES (%)

Country	Portfolio	Benchmark
Taiwan	39.6	36.1
South Korea	24.8	26.7
Thailand	8.3	1.1
India	7.5	13.3
Brazil	3.9	5.1
Saudi Arabia	3.7	2.9
Hungary	2.0	0.4
Viet Nam	2.0	0.0
Kuwait	1.7	0.7
Peru	1.6	0.5

REGIONS (%)

Region	Portfolio	Benchmark
East Asia (Emerging)	64.4	63.1
South Asia (Emerging)	17.8	16.1
Mideast/Africa (Emerging)	6.3	9.3
Latin/South America (Emerging)	5.5	8.3
Europe (Emerging)	4.7	3.2
Cash Equivalents	0.8	0.0
Developed	0.5	0.0

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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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