

# QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REVIEW

## Opportunistic Income Strategy

### Performance returns (USD)

ANNUALIZED RETURNS (QUARTER-END)	Quarter-End	YTD	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year	Since Inception
Opportunistic Income Strategy (net)	1.36	3.52	6.72	5.49	3.98	3.95	4.58
Opportunistic Income Strategy (gross)	1.50	3.81	7.31	6.07	4.55	4.50	5.08
Bloomberg U.S. Securitized+	1.18	4.22	6.58	2.44	-0.48	1.23	1.03
Value Add	+0.18	-0.70	+0.14	+3.05	+4.46	+2.72	+3.55

### MAJOR PERFORMANCE DRIVERS

Securitized Product total and excess returns were broadly positive during Q2 of 2025. Agency mortgages delivered positive total returns while excess returns were negative. Securitized credit sectors such as Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities (CMBS), Collateralized Loan Obligations (CLO), and Student Loans all posted positive total and excess returns during the quarter. Shorter duration Asset Backed Securities (ABS) also had positive total returns as excess returns were flat to slightly negative. The treasury curve steepened over the quarter as front end rates were lower and longer end rates rose as inflation expectations and Federal Reserve commentary continue to be a focus. Securitized Products saw spread widening post April tariff announcements, but spreads have since compressed and finished in line with last quarter levels. In agency mortgages, lower coupon products outperformed higher coupon peers on a total return basis, while higher coupon products had superior excess returns. Securitized credit outperformed agency mortgages with profiles down the stack continuing to outperform senior risk cohorts. BB rated CLO and Single Asset Single Borrower CMBS were notable outperformers during the quarter. In corporate credit markets High Yield (HY) outperformed Investment Grade (IG) on both a total and excess basis – both sectors posted strong total and excess returns, benefitting from spread compression following April widening.

### RISKS

Risks associated with investing in the Strategy may include: (1) Credit Risk: the risk that the issuer or guarantor of a fixed income investment or the obligor of an obligation underlying an asset-backed security will be unable or unwilling to satisfy its obligation to pay principal and interest or otherwise to honor its obligations in a timely manner; (2) Market Risk-Asset-Backed Securities Risk: the market price of asset-backed securities, like that of other fixed income investments with complex structures, can decline for a variety of reasons, including investor uncertainty about their credit quality and the reliability of their payment streams. Payment streams associated with asset-backed securities held by the Fund depend on many factors (e.g., the cash flow generated by the assets backing the securities, deal structure, and creditworthiness of any credit-support provider), and a problem in any of these factors can lead to a reduction in the payment stream GMO expected the Fund to receive when the Fund purchased the asset-backed security; and (3) Illiquidity Risk: low trading volume, lack of a market maker, large position size, or legal restrictions may limit or prevent the Fund from selling particular securities or closing derivative positions at desirable prices. This is not a complete list of risks associated with investing in the Strategy. Please contact GMO for more information.

Composite Inception Date: 31-Oct-11

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Excess returns (vs. swaps) in Securitized Products were mostly positive in the second quarter of 2025. Credit Risk Transfer (CRT) deals on residential mortgages reported positive excess returns, ranging from 0.8% to 1.3% on various tranches. In the residential space, Non-Agency Residential Mortgage-Backed Securities (RMBS) had positive total and excess performance across profiles. Single Family Rental (SFR), a somewhat hybrid member of the RMBS cohort, underperformed this quarter across credit tranches on an excess basis while posting positive total returns. In CMBS, a longer duration asset, overall performance was up +0.2% in excess on the quarter. Lower rated BBB posted +0.6% in excess returns, outpacing Last Cash Flow (LCF) AAA profiles, which posted +0.2%. Shorter duration fixed rate Auto and Card profiles within the ABS sectors had slightly positive excess returns at 0.1%. Floating rate ABS excess performance from Student Loans was slightly negative, posting -0.1% Overall performance in the CLO market was up +0.7% in excess during the quarter; excess returns in the lower part of the capital structure were higher, with BBB posting +1.3%.

Absolute performance in GMO Opportunistic Income portfolio was positive, driven by gains in CMBS, RMBS, and Student Loan positions.

Approximately 75% of the portfolio is rated single A or higher, including 43% securitized credit rated AAA and 19% U.S. Treasury Securities. 23% of the portfolio was invested in CMBS, with 19% in RMBS, 18% in Student Loans, 7% in CLO securities, 5.5% in Small Balance Commercial, 3% in Autos, and 5% in other ABS.

(Ratings are lowest of Moody's, Standard & Poor's, Fitch, DBRS, and Kroll. No rating is used if none of the five listed provides a rating.)

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## PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The GMO Opportunistic Income Strategy seeks capital appreciation and current income by investing in what we believe are the most attractively priced sectors and securities in the structured finance marketplace. The Structured Products team utilizes both top-down and bottom-up security selection methods to identify what we believe are the best opportunities from a pure risk/return perspective.

The structured finance asset class offers a range of opportunities due to both its inherently fragmented nature and the inefficiencies caused by market segmentation and structural anomalies. We believe that the marketplace's complexity, volatile historical performance, and very high number of discrete investment opportunities create considerable potential for alpha generation. Our relatively unconstrained approach to risk diversification, sub-sector allocation, and security selection is designed to identify and benefit from those opportunities.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Comparator Index(es):** The Bloomberg U.S. Securitized + Index is an internally maintained benchmark computed by GMO, comprised of (i) the J.P. Morgan U.S. 3 Month Cash through 12/30/2016 and (ii) the Bloomberg U.S. Securitized thereafter.

The above information is based on a representative account in the Strategy selected because it has the fewest restrictions and best represents the implementation of the Strategy.

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