

# QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REVIEW

## Resources UCITS Fund

### Performance returns (USD)

ANNUALIZED RETURNS (QUARTER-END)	Quarter-End	YTD	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year	Since Inception
Resources UCITS Fund (net)	14.90	12.48	0.36	0.96	-	-	-0.29
Resources UCITS Fund (gross)	15.11	13.11	1.12	1.73	-	-	0.47
MSCI ACWI Commodity Producers	12.24	22.55	10.41	12.39	-	-	11.38
Value Add	+2.66	-10.07	-10.05	-11.42	-	-	-11.67

Data Source: GMO

### MAJOR PERFORMANCE DRIVERS

The third quarter saw equity markets continue in a risk-on manner, with the S&P hitting an all-time high and many technology-linked sectors seeing the same. The U.S. Federal Reserve cut rates by 25 bps, and U.S. 10-year yields ended the quarter down. Commodity markets were mixed, with energy markets flat to down, but metals and minerals were broadly up, with markets such as precious metals significantly higher. Clean Energy was broadly up as the mix of risk-on, lower rates, and policy certainty continued to drive a re-rating of the sector. Against this backdrop, the Resources portfolio was up, outperforming the MSCI Commodity Producers Index, which was also up.

Our Energy segment remained the standout performer this quarter, driven by exceptional returns across our Clean Energy portfolio, with nearly every name re-rating and several posting triple-digit gains. The solar sector was top of the pack; Sunrun and SolarEdge were our two strongest contributors. This marked the third consecutive quarter of broad earnings beats, with cyclical pressures such as inventory gluts and high interest rates easing. Policy uncertainty has largely cleared, giving companies a clearer runway for planning and expansion.

Within our oil and gas portfolio, our integrated producers had a decent quarter, particularly BP, where we have built a sizeable position, seeing it pivot back to core oil and gas operations as value accretive, along with a significant offshore discovery in Brazil. Conversely, some of our exploration-focused holdings faced headwinds, particularly in Argentina, where political volatility weighed on performance.

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Inception Date: 29-Mar-21

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## MAJOR PERFORMANCE DRIVERS CONT.

Within metals and minerals, rising prices across copper, iron ore, lithium, and precious metals were a boon to the diversified miners and their pure-play equivalents. Some of this price moment reflected supply shocks – reduction in copper production from Indonesia and reduction in lithium production in China - a timely reminder of how imbalanced the supply of minerals can be with expected demand, and how much prices can respond as a result. In addition, China is increasingly restricting exports of rare earth metals. Most notably, our small holding in Sunrise Energy Metals, an Australian producer of critical minerals, was up over 500% for the quarter thanks to a doubled resource estimate and a letter of interest from the U.S. government. Frustratingly, given it sits outside of this portfolio's mandate, gold continued its rally and was a major driver of benchmark returns.

Finally, we have been adding to a range of names across our Agriculture and Timber portfolios as valuations have started to look more attractive.

The long-term supply/demand dynamics in natural resource markets favor high and rising prices. But the deeply discounted valuations still available in many parts of this sector mean that investors don't need commodity prices to rise in order to expect strong returns. Flat commodity prices could still lead to a healthy return from a Resource equity portfolio. In addition, valuations within the Clean Energy sector remain attractive, especially relative to expected earnings growth.

Portfolio weights, as a percent of equity, for the positions mentioned were: Sunrun (2.7%), SolarEdge (2.8%), BP (4.9%), and Sunrise Energy Metals (0.6%).

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## PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The GMO Resources UCITS Fund seeks to generate total return by investing in equities in the natural resources sector.

GMO's Focused Equity team believes that the increasing demand for natural resources, driven primarily by population growth in and industrialization of emerging markets, coupled with the limited supply of these resources, favors an upward trend in resource prices over time. The Fund seeks to invest in the securities of companies that we believe will benefit from this expected long-term rise in natural resource prices.

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