

QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REVIEW

Resources Strategy

Performance returns (USD)

ANNUALIZED RETURNS (QUARTER-END)	Quarter-End	YTD	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year	Since Inception
Resources Strategy (net)	4.30	-1.95	-12.12	-4.04	7.97	6.62	4.56
Resources Strategy (gross)	4.49	-1.59	-11.47	-3.34	8.74	7.36	5.30
MSCI ACWI Commodity Producers	-0.63	9.18	-1.01	7.43	14.61	5.50	2.82
Value Add	+4.93	-11.13	-11.10	-11.47	-6.64	+1.12	+1.74

MAJOR PERFORMANCE DRIVERS

The second quarter held no shortage of drama. It was really four seasons in one day as the quarter shrugged off a “liberation day”/tariff bear market, potential spreading of conflict in the Middle East, and into a risk-on rally, with global equities ending significantly higher. Commodity markets also oscillated wildly on geopolitics and tariffs, with copper and uranium both rising while oil and iron ore ended slightly down. In the case of oil, the round trip was particularly surprising as the threat of a broader war in the Middle East initially appeared significant. In addition, the energy sector dealt with “will they, won’t they” volatility created by the passage of President Trump’s landmark piece of legislation – the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA). The final bill, despite removing some tax advantages for the energy industry, was not the worst case scenario many had feared with a material level of federal funding remaining in place across a range of technologies. Against this backdrop, the Resources portfolio was up, significantly outperforming the MSCI Commodity Producers index, which was down.

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Composite Inception Date: 31-Dec-11

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Our Energy segment drove all of the outperformance, due primarily to strong performance from our Clean Energy positions. Within our Oil & Gas portfolio, many producers had a tougher quarter of performance in part because of oil price volatility. Not owning Exxon and Chevron helped this quarter and there were bright spots across our portfolio like Galp, our biggest integrated producer position. Galp delivered strong production numbers, started getting output from a new project, and could demonstrate a de-risked exploration book. Earnings across our Clean Energy names were also generally strong, the majority reporting both revenue and earnings beats and being rewarded by significant share price re-ratings. In addition, policy headwinds have somewhat eased with the OBBBA getting passed and investor sentiment beginning to improve. Safe harboring provisions seem better for solar and wind projects than feared, although are still a little murky due to a subsequent executive order. This is broadly positive for solar names including our utility scale companies (NEXTracker, Array), residential solar installer SunRun, thin film solar panel manufacturer First Solar, and our wind turbine producer (Vestas). Carbon capture, nuclear, geothermal, hydro, and clean fuel provisions saw no material change or, if anything, an improvement under the bill, meaning there will continue to be a supportive tax credit environment. In addition to the implicit support from the new bill, the Biofuels portfolio also had one of its strongest quarters as two significant catalysts came to pass. First, the U.S. EPA is increasing its biomass-based biofuels demand by 67%, with a bias toward domestically produced biomass. Second, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) announced amendments to the low carbon fuel standards (LCFS) on July 1, 2025. The amendments require further decarbonization of transportation in California, either by using lower carbon intensity fuels like biofuels or through buying credits. This will create a tailwind for LCFS credit prices and that will significantly help biofuel margins.

Turning to the Metals and Diversified Miners portfolio, lower iron ore prices weighed on those with exposure. Conversely, skyrocketing platinum prices and higher uranium spot prices off the back of more positive government support for nuclear energy meant significant gains from our positions in each. We continued to trim our copper exposure, taking risk off the table given how distorted the market has become due to tariffs.

The long-term supply/demand dynamics in natural resource markets favor high and rising prices. But the deeply discounted valuations still available in some 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: Exxon (0.0%), Chevron (0.0%), NEXTracker (0.9%), Array (1.7%), Sunrun (2.6%), Vestas (1.5%), First Solar (2.1%) Galp (4.3%).

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PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The GMO Resources Strategy seeks to deliver total return by investing in the equities of companies in the natural resources sector. Long-term supply and demand dynamics in natural resource markets favor upward price trends – demand growth is being driven by population growth and the development of emerging markets, while supplies of cheap, easy to access natural resources are declining. To harness this trend, we focus on identifying companies in public equity markets that we believe will benefit from a broad rise in resource prices, across a diversified portfolio of energy, metals, agriculture, and water.

We can invest globally across the capitalization spectrum, including emerging markets, which allows us to identify attractive investment opportunities wherever they may be.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Comparator Index(es): The MSCI ACWI (All Country World) Commodity Producers Index (MSCI Standard Index Series, net of withholding tax) is an independently maintained and widely published index comprised of listed large and mid capitalization commodity producers within the global developed and emerging markets. 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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