

QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REVIEW

Systematic Global Macro Major Markets Strategy

Performance returns (AUD)

ANNUALIZED RETURNS (QUARTER-END)	Quarter-End	YTD	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year	Since Inception
Systematic Global Macro Major Markets Strategy (net)	0.74	0.42	0.42	1.64	1.20	1.77	1.77
Systematic Global Macro Major Markets Strategy (gross)	1.00	1.47	1.47	2.70	2.25	2.81	2.81
Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill	1.12	4.47	4.47	3.19	1.98	1.95	1.95
Value Add	-0.38	-4.05	-4.05	-1.55	-0.78	-0.18	-0.18

MAJOR PERFORMANCE DRIVERS

The U.S. election was the centerpiece for the markets during the final quarter of the year. Global equity markets initially surged after the results, buoyed by expectations of lower taxes, however, the optimism was short-lived. Concerns over inflation, tariffs, and comments from a less accommodating Federal Reserve dampened market sentiment. By the end of the quarter, global equity markets had declined slightly, with emerging markets experiencing a sharper fall of over 8%. U.S. 10-year yields rose by 90 basis points to 4.6%, driving the U.S. dollar up more than 7%. Commodities also slipped, with the metals sector particularly hard hit.

The portfolio finished the quarter slightly positive, with strong returns made from equities accompanied by losses from the other main asset classes. Within equities, long positions in the Topix were the strongest contributor. Commodities was the key detractor for the period, with long positions in silver driving the losses. Currencies also detracted meaningfully, as long positions in the euro offset gains from short positions in the Swiss franc.

Composite Inception Date: 31-Dec-14

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PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The GMO Systematic Global Macro Major Markets Strategy's investment objective is long-term total return. The Strategy takes both long and short positions in a range of global equity, bond, currency, commodity, and over-the-counter (OTC) markets using exchange-traded OTC futures, forward non-U.S. currency contracts, swaps on commodity and equity indices, and index options.

The Systematic Global Macro team's investment process systematically applies value and sentiment strategies across global markets. We believe that markets are inefficient but, in the long term, that economic reality will prevail and markets will revert toward fair value; however, the timing of this is uncertain. We aim to profit from mean reversion by buying markets that we believe are depressed in price and shorting markets that we believe are trading at inflated values. To deal with the uncertainty of timing, we model investor sentiment.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Benchmark(s): The Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index is an independently maintained and widely published index comprised of short-term Australian bills.

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