

# QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REVIEW

## Global Asset Allocation Strategy

### RETURNS (%) (LOCAL)

	Cumulative (%)		Annualized (%)				
	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	ITD
Net of Fees (Composite)	8.75	16.10	16.10	2.70	6.27	4.05	8.25
Gross of Fees (Composite)	8.94	16.91	16.91	3.38	6.90	4.62	8.76
GMO Global Asset Allocation Index +	9.57	16.21	16.21	2.66	8.19	5.97	7.60
Value Added (vs. GMO Global Asset Allocation Index +)	-0.82	-0.12	-0.12	0.04	-1.93	-1.93	+0.64

### Major Performance Drivers

– Top-down asset allocation was negative for the quarter. This was due primarily to the allocation to alternatives, which could not keep up with rebounding traditional assets.

– Security selection was negative for the quarter, as lots of small relative losses more than offset very strong performance in Emerging Markets.

Equities represented an average of 63.8% of the portfolio during the quarter, including 7.4% in Emerging Markets, 7.4% in Emerging Markets ex-China, 13.5% in Developed ex-U.S., 3.2% in Quality, 5.3% in U.S., 2.1% in U.S. Small Cap Value, 3.2% in U.S. Small Cap Quality, 3.1% in Quality Cyclical, 7.1% in U.S. Opportunistic Value, 4.2% in Japan Value, and 7.3% in International Opportunistic Value.

The equity portfolio returned 10.8% for the quarter, just trailing the MSCI ACWI return of 11.0%. Top-down regional exposures had limited impact for the quarter as the U.S. moderately beat developed ex-U.S., while an excellent showing from Emerging ex-China offset the effects of poor performance by China. Security selection was negative for the quarter as Value lagged Growth in Developed Markets. The Emerging Market equities portfolio returned 13.7%, which was 580 bps ahead of the MSCI Emerging Market index, and Emerging Markets ex-China returned 16.1%, which was 310 bps ahead of the MSCI Emerging Markets ex-China index return of 13.0%. In Developed ex-U.S. markets, the portfolio posted 8.7%, 180 bps behind the MSCI World ex-U.S. index, and International Opportunistic Value underperformed by 310 bps. In the U.S., the broad U.S. portfolio return of 11.3% trailed the S&P Composite 1500 by 50 bps while U.S. Opportunistic Value underperformed by 80 bps, but Quality outperformed the S&P 500 by 20 bps. Quality Cyclical outperformed, while the U.S. Small Value and U.S. Small Quality portfolios both underperformed. The Japan Value portfolio returned 6.9%, behind the TOPIX by 110 bps. Being very slightly underweight to equities had limited impact on relative performance as they just beat the blended benchmark.

Alternatives represented 13.0% on average through the quarter, which was all invested in the Alternative Allocation strategy. The Alternative Allocation strategy posted a return of 0.8% for the quarter, unable to keep pace as both equities and bonds soared. Within the Alternative Allocation strategy, put selling and Event Driven enjoyed strong quarters and Systematic Global Macro was also positive. The credit strategies and asset allocation spread trades had limited impact this quarter while Fixed Income Absolute Return detracted modestly. That left Equity Dislocation making the largest negative impact as it is a sizeable position and had a tough quarter. Our position in alternatives detracted from relative performance as they underperformed the blended benchmark.

Fixed income represented 23.0% on average through the quarter, including 3.1% in asset-backed securities, 3.4% in Emerging Country Debt, 12.4% in Multi-Sector Fixed Income, and 4.1% in a U.S. Nominal Treasury position. Our fixed income strategies returned 7.2% for the quarter, ahead of the Barclays U.S. Aggregate index return of 6.8%. Asset-backed securities were up nicely with a return of 3.1%, while Multi-Sector Fixed Income was better at 6.0% and the U.S. Nominal Treasuries did similarly, delivering 5.5%. The U.S. 10-year nominal yield finished the quarter a significant 71 bps lower than where it started, at 3.88%, round-tripping to the levels we saw at the end of June, which led to an excellent quarter for duration. Our Emerging Country Debt portfolio returned 12.1%, which was nicely ahead of the EMBI Global Diversified index return of 9.2%. Our underweight to fixed income had a positive impact on performance against the asset allocation benchmark.

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## PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The Strategy seeks to achieve a total return greater than that of its benchmark of 65% MSCI All Country World Index and 35% Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index, over a complete market cycle, by allocating dynamically across asset classes.

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