

GLOBAL EQUITY ALLOCATION INVESTMENT

OVERVIEW

The philosophy that underlies all of GMO’s Asset Allocation investment strategies is the belief that, at times and in the short term, the pricing of asset classes can deviate from true intrinsic value but mean reverts to appropriate valuation levels over a complete market cycle. Using GMO’s 7-Year Asset Class Forecasts, the Fund seeks to allocate to areas of the global equity markets we believe are most attractively valued. Our approach combines the best of GMO’s top-down Asset Allocation views and bottom-up equity research to identify mispricings at both the asset class and individual security levels. The Fund allocates to equity strategies that are actively managed by other GMO investment teams with expertise and experience in security selection within their respective markets.

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FACTS

Class	USD Class A
ISIN	IE00BRKD2N47
Class Inception	20-Oct-14
Fund Inception	07-Feb-02
Total Assets	\$135mm USD
Management Fee	0.60% p.a.
Pricing Frequency	Daily
SFDR Classification	Article 6
Index	MSCI ACWI

CUMULATIVE TOTAL RETURNS (USD, NET OF FEES, %)

	MTD	QTD	YTD	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
USD Class A	3.80	4.65	19.17	14.00	22.56	-10.29	17.05	7.27
Index	2.47	3.86	14.30	17.49	22.20	-18.36	18.54	16.25

ANNUALIZED TOTAL RETURNS (USD, NET OF FEES, %)

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	ITD
USD Class A	17.49	20.47	14.28	10.24	9.27
Index	15.79	17.65	11.94	11.02	10.27

Data Source: GMO

RISK PROFILE (5-YEAR TRAILING)

Alpha (Jensen's)	3.51
Beta	0.89
R Squared	0.87
Sharpe Ratio	0.91
Standard Deviation	14.32

RISKS

Risks associated with investing in the Fund may include: (1) Market Risk - Equities: the market price of equities may decline due to factors affecting the issuer, its industries, or the economy and equity markets generally. Declines in stock market prices generally are likely to reduce the net asset value of the Fund's shares; (2) Management and Operational Risk: the risk that GMO's investment techniques will fail to produce desired results, including annualized returns and annualized volatility; and (3) Non-U.S. Investment Risk: the market prices of many non-U.S. securities (particularly of companies tied economically to emerging countries) fluctuate more than those of U.S. securities. Many non-U.S. markets (particularly emerging markets) are less stable, smaller, less liquid, and less regulated than U.S. markets, and the cost of trading in those markets often is higher than it is in U.S. markets. For a more complete discussion of these and other risks, please consult the Fund's Prospectus.

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PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT



**Ben Inker, CFA**  
Joined GMO in 1992  
BA, Yale University



**John Thorndike**  
Joined GMO in 2015  
AB, Bowdoin College

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## PORTFOLIO ALLOCATIONS (%)

<i>Asset Class</i>	<i>Exposure</i>
<b>EQUITY</b>	<b>98.0</b>
US	30.5
Quality	10.4
Japan	7.3
Other International	6.9
Europe	24.9
Emerging Markets	17.9
<b>CASH/CASH PLUS</b>	<b>2.0</b>
Cash & Equivalents	2.0

## SECTORS (%)

<i>Sector</i>	<i>Portfolio</i>	<i>Index</i>
Communication Services	8.4	8.7
Consumer Discretionary	11.8	10.6
Consumer Staples	7.5	5.6
Energy	2.0	3.6
Financials	25.5	17.8
Health Care	8.2	8.7
Industrials	13.1	10.8
Information Technology	19.3	26.1
Materials	2.3	3.6
Real Estate	0.5	1.9
Utilities	1.5	2.6

## CHARACTERISTICS

	<i>Portfolio</i>	<i>Index</i>
Price/Earnings - Hist 1 Yr Wtd Mdn	16.4x	27.6x
Price/Book - Hist 1 Yr Wtd Avg	1.8x	3.4x
Price/Cash Flow - Hist 1 Yr Wtd Mdn	11.7x	20.4x
Return on Equity - Hist 1 Yr Mdn	16.4%	20.7%
Dividend Yield - Hist 1 Yr Wtd Avg	3.0%	1.7%
Market Cap - Wtd Mdn Bil	48.5 USD	134.8 USD
Number of Equity Holdings	559	2382

## REGIONS (%)

<i>Region</i>	<i>Portfolio</i>	<i>Index</i>
United States	38.7	64.6
Europe ex UK (Developed)	20.4	11.4
Emerging	18.5	10.4
Japan	7.4	4.9
Other International	6.9	5.4
United Kingdom	6.9	3.3
Cash Equivalents	1.2	0.0

## TOP HOLDINGS

<i>Company</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Sector</i>	<i>%</i>
Microsoft Corp	United States	Information Technology	2.7
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Ltd	Taiwan	Information Technology	2.2
Apple Inc	United States	Information Technology	2.1
Meta Platforms Inc	United States	Information Technology	1.4
Alphabet Inc	United States	Information Technology	1.3
Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria SA	Spain	Financials	1.3
Amazon.com Inc	United States	Consumer Discretionary	1.2
British American Tobacco PLC	United Kingdom	Consumer Staples	1.2
Deutsche Bank AG	Germany	Financials	1.2
Prosus NV	Netherlands	Consumer Discretionary	1.2
<b>Total</b>			<b>15.8</b>

## TOP COUNTRIES (%)

<i>Country</i>	<i>Portfolio</i>	<i>Index</i>
United States	38.7	64.6
Japan	7.4	4.9
United Kingdom	6.9	3.3
Taiwan	5.1	2.0
France	4.4	2.4
Canada	3.1	2.9
Netherlands	3.0	1.0
Italy	2.9	0.7
China	2.7	3.2
Germany	2.6	2.2

## MARKET CAP BAND EXPOSURES (\$B)

	<i>Portfolio</i>	<i>Index</i>
Small (5.8 & Below)	11.2	2.6
Small - Medium (5.8 To 18.9)	19.3	9.4
Medium (18.9 To 48.4)	18.5	15.0
Medium - Large (48.4 To 134.8)	21.7	23.1
Large (134.8 & Above)	29.3	49.9

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**Risk Statistics:** Risk profile data is net of fees. Alpha is a measure of risk-adjusted return. Beta is a measure of a portfolio's sensitivity to the market. R-Squared is a measure of how well a portfolio tracks the market. Sharpe Ratio is the return over the risk free rate per unit of risk. Std Deviation is a measure of the volatility of a portfolio.

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