

## HIGH YIELD

## OVERVIEW

The GMO High Yield Fund seeks to generate total return in excess of that of its benchmark, the Markit iBoxx USD Liquid High Yield Index, by applying a systematic, factor-based approach to portfolio construction. It is designed to capture alpha from top-down sources of risk premia, taking advantage of structural market inefficiencies, while maintaining a liquid portfolio. Our top-down, data-driven approach (in what is still largely a fundamentally managed asset class) brings a unique perspective that allows us to allocate capital across a range of high yield instruments in an effort to achieve optimal risk-adjusted returns in excess of the Fund's benchmark.

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

|           | MTD   | QTD   | YTD  | 2025 | 2024 | 2023  | 2022   | 2021 |
|-----------|-------|-------|------|------|------|-------|--------|------|
| Class VI  | -0.30 | -0.30 | 1.67 | 9.39 | 7.93 | 12.95 | -8.03  | 4.99 |
| Benchmark | -0.30 | -0.30 | 1.54 | 8.83 | 7.95 | 12.89 | -10.74 | 4.48 |

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

|           | 1 Year | 3 Years | 5 Years | 10 Years | ITD  |
|-----------|--------|---------|---------|----------|------|
| Class VI  | 5.34   | 8.41    | 4.77    | -        | 5.71 |
| Benchmark | 4.93   | 8.18    | 4.00    | -        | 4.89 |

## STANDARDIZED SEC RETURNS (USD, NET OF FEES, %)(AS OF 30-JUN-26)

|           | 1 Year | 3 Years | 5 Years | 10 Years | ITD  |
|-----------|--------|---------|---------|----------|------|
| Class VI  | 5.96   | 8.96    | 4.86    | -        | 5.81 |
| Benchmark | 5.69   | 8.78    | 4.10    | -        | 4.99 |

## FACTS

|                       |                                    |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------|
| Share Class           | Class VI                           |
| Share Class Ticker    | GHVIX                              |
| Share Class Inception | 25-Jun-18                          |
| Fund Inception        | 25-Jun-18                          |
| Total Assets          | \$131mm USD                        |
| Benchmark             | Markit iBoxx USD Liquid High Yield |

## RISK PROFILE (5-YEAR TRAILING)

|                    |      |
|--------------------|------|
| Alpha (Jensen's)   | 0.78 |
| Beta               | 0.97 |
| R Squared          | 0.98 |
| Sharpe Ratio       | 0.14 |
| Standard Deviation | 7.09 |

## ANNUAL EXPENSES (%)

|                     |      |
|---------------------|------|
| Net Expense Ratio   | 0.36 |
| Gross Expense Ratio | 0.57 |

Net Expense Ratio reflects the reduction of expenses from fee reimbursements. The fee reimbursements will continue until at least 30 June 2027. Elimination of this reimbursement will result in higher fees and lower performance.

Gross Expense Ratio is equal to the Funds Total Annual Operating Expenses set forth in the Funds most recent prospectus dated 30 June 2026.

Net of all fees and expenses after reimbursement by the Manager, but not transaction costs, if any. If certain expenses were not reimbursed, performance would be lower.

Performance data quoted represents past performance and is not indicative of future results. The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance data may be lower or higher than the performance data provided herein. To obtain performance information to the most recent month-end, visit [www.gmo.com](http://www.gmo.com).

**Risks:** Risks associated with investing in the Fund may include: (1) Management and Operational Risk: the risk that GMO's investment techniques will fail to produce desired results, including annualized returns and annualized volatility; (2) Market Risk - Fixed Income Investments: the market price of a fixed income investment can decline due to a number of market-related factors, including rising interest rates and widening credit spreads or decreased liquidity stemming from the market's uncertainty about the value of a fixed income investment (or class of fixed income investments); and (3) Credit Risk: the risk that the issuer or guarantor of a fixed income investment or the obligor of an obligation underlying an asset-backed security will be unable or unwilling to satisfy its obligation to pay principal and interest or otherwise to honor its obligations in a timely manner. For a more complete discussion of these and other risks, please consult the Fund's Prospectus. **Performance Returns:** Returns shown for periods greater than one year are on an annualized basis. Annualized Returns may include the impact of purchase premiums and redemption fees. The GMO Trust funds are distributed in the United States by Funds Distributor LLC. GMO and Funds Distributor LLC are not affiliated.

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT



Joe Auth, CFA  
Joined GMO in 2014  
MBA, University of  
Connecticut



Rachna  
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Joined GMO in 2019  
MS, City, University of  
London

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CHARACTERISTICS

|                       | <i>Portfolio</i> | <i>Benchmark</i> |
|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Spread Duration       | 3.4              | N/A              |
| Spread                | 253.7bps         | 290.9bps         |
| Effective Duration    | 2.9              | 3.0              |
| Weighted Average Life | 3.9              | 4.5              |

CREDIT RATINGS (%)

|     | <i>%</i> |
|-----|----------|
| BBB | 0.6      |
| BB  | 57.8     |
| B   | 31.9     |
| NR  | 1.5      |
| D   | 0.3      |
| CCC | 7.4      |
| CC  | 0.5      |

SECTORS (%)

| <i>Sector</i>          | <i>Portfolio</i> |
|------------------------|------------------|
| Agencies               | 0.2              |
| Financial Institutions | 12.3             |
| Industrial             | 83.5             |
| Utility                | 4.1              |

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**An investor should consider the fund's investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses before investing. This and other important information can be found in the funds prospectus. To obtain a prospectus please visit [www.gmo.com](http://www.gmo.com). Read the prospectus carefully before investing.**

**Benchmark(s):** The Markit iBoxx USD Liquid High Yield Index is an independently maintained index consisting of liquid USD high yield bonds, selected to provide a balanced representation of the broad USD high yield corporate bond universe.

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## GLOSSARY

**Credit Ratings:** The credit ratings above may encompass emerging debt, developed rates, and asset-backed exposures. Ratings for the developed rates exposures are derived by taking the lowest issue level rating between Standard and Poor's & Moody's scores and rolling these up into the portfolio's overall quality brackets. Ratings for emerging debt are determined using the middle of the Moody's, S&P, and Fitch ratings when all three are available, the lower of the two ratings when two ratings are available, and the sole rating when only one rating is available. Ratings for the asset-backed exposures are derived by using the lowest rating among rating agencies at the issue level. Final credit ratings are expressed based upon Standard and Poor's ratings scale. Standard & Poor's rates securities from AAA (highest quality) to C (lowest quality), and D to indicate securities in default; some securities are not rated and are included in the NR category. BB and below are considered below investment grade securities. Please refer to our website for additional information: <https://www.gmo.com/americas/benchmark-disclaimers/>

**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. Please refer to <https://www.gmo.com/americas/glossary-of-terms/> for additional portfolio characteristic definitions.

## ABOUT GMO

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## ADDITIONAL GLOSSARY OF TERMS

**Coupon**

The annual income received from a fixed-income security, expressed as a percentage of the par value of the security and par weighted on portfolio level.

**Credit (%)**

The proportion of a mutual fund's total net assets that is invested in credit instruments—such as corporate bonds, securitized debt, or other credit-related securities—expressed as a percentage. This metric indicates the fund's exposure to credit markets and associated credit risk.

**Effective Duration**

A measure of a portfolio's price sensitivity to interest rate changes, including expected changes in cash flows caused by embedded options. The higher the effective duration, the higher the sensitivity to interest rate changes.

**Maturity**

A weighted average of all the maturities of the bonds in a portfolio, computed by weighting each bond's effective maturity by the market value of the security.

**Modified Duration**

A measure of a portfolio's price sensitivity to changes in interest rates. It estimates the percentage change in price for a 1% (100 basis point) change in yield, assuming all other factors remain constant.

**Spread**

The difference between the yield on a bond or credit instrument and the yield on a benchmark security of similar maturity, typically a government bond. It reflects the additional compensation investors receive for taking on credit risk and is usually expressed in basis points.

**Spread Duration**

A measure of the portfolio's sensitivity to changes in credit spreads.

**Weighted Average Life**

A measure of average number of years until the principal of the securities is expected to be fully repaid.

**Yield to Maturity**

Represents the weighted average annualized return an investor would earn if the ETF's underlying bonds were held to maturity, assuming all interest payments are made as scheduled, bonds are held to maturity, coupons are reinvested at the same rate.