# BENCHMARK-FREE ALLOCATION CLASS R6

## OVERVIEW

The Fund seeks to generate positive total return by allocating dynamically across asset classes, free from the constraints of traditional benchmarks. Over a complete market cycle, the Fund seeks annualized returns of 5% (net of fees) above the Consumer Price Index and annualized volatility (standard deviation) of 5-10%.

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. GMO's proprietary 7-Year Asset Class Forecasts form the foundation of our investment process, providing a framework to assess the return opportunity embedded in different asset classes. We use that insight to allocate to what we believe are the most attractively priced asset classes. GMO's Asset Allocation approach is flexible, not pre-determined by static allocations or benchmark-related ranges, constrained only by our unwillingness to overpay for an asset. We also seek to add value through security selection within both traditional and alternative asset classes.

## FACTS

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|---|---|
| Share Class | Class R6 |
| Share Class Ticker | GBMSX |
| Share Class Inception | 01-May-20 |
| Fund Inception | 23-Jul-03 |
| Total Assets | $2.7bn USD |
| Index | CPI Index |

## RISK PROFILE (5-YEAR TRAILING)

| | |
|---|---|
| Sharpe Ratio | 0.68 |
| Standard Deviation | 8.60 |
| Max Port. Drawdown (31-Jan-22 - 30-Sep-22) | -11.79 |

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

| | MTD | QTD | YTD | 2025 | 2024 | 2023 | 2022 | 2021 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Class R6 | -1.51 | 2.89 | 12.47 | 22.89 | 4.29 | 13.40 | -2.25 | 2.92 |
| Class III | -1.53 | 2.88 | 12.48 | 22.87 | 4.27 | 13.40 | -2.26 | 2.96 |
| Index | 0.65 | 1.12 | 3.15 | 2.63 | 2.86 | 3.60 | 6.40 | 7.04 |

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

| | 1 Year | 3 Years | 5 Years | 10 Years | ITD |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Class R6 | 19.47 | 15.24 | 9.72 | - | 9.70 |
| Class III | 19.45 | 15.23 | 9.71 | 6.59 | 7.76 |
| Index | 3.68 | 3.03 | 4.17 | - | 4.35 |

## ANNUAL EXPENSES (%)

| | |
|---|---|
| Net Expense Ratio | 1.35 |
| Gross Expense Ratio | 1.50 |
| Adjusted Expense Ratio | 0.85 |

**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.**
**Adjusted expense ratio excludes certain direct and indirect investment related costs, such as dividend and interest expense on short sales and interest expense incurred through entering into reverse repurchase agreements. The total of these costs, where applicable, can be found in the most recent prospectus.**

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

| | 1 Year | 3 Years | 5 Years | 10 Years | ITD |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Class R6 | 19.47 | 15.24 | 9.72 | - | 9.70 |
| Class III | 19.45 | 15.23 | 9.71 | 6.59 | 7.76 |
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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.** The portfolio is actively-managed, is not managed relative to a benchmark and uses an index for performance comparison purposes only and, where applicable, to compute a performance fee. Returns include a substantial, one-time litigation settlement recovery received on December 16, 2024. This event contributed 2.45% to 2024 annual performance. Performance for other periods, including this date, was also positively impacted, sometimes materially. Without this recovery, performance would have been lower in both absolute terms and relative to the benchmark. Returns include a substantial, one-time proceed from the sale of certain Russian securities. The one-time sale of these securities contributed 0.93% (1-day performance impact). Performance for other time periods was also positively impacted. Without these proceeds, performance would have been lower. Additional information is available upon request. Performance is shown for both the applicable share class and the representative share class in the Fund.

**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 - 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; 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. **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



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



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Joined GMO in 2015
BA, Bowdoin College

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## PORTFOLIO ALLOCATIONS (%)

| Asset Class | Exposure |
|---|---|
| **EQUITY** | **43.7** |
| International Opportunistic Value | 8.6 |
| Japan Fundamental Value | 6.1 |
| Japan Small Value | 1.9 |
| Developed ex-US | 4.9 |
| US Opportunistic Value | 4.8 |
| Domestic Resilience | 1.0 |
| Resource Equity | 2.8 |
| Developed ex-US Small Cap Value | 4.8 |
| Emerging Markets | 8.8 |
| **ALTERNATIVE STRATEGIES** | **29.7** |
| Equity Dislocation | 14.6 |
| Emerging FX | 1.9 |
| Alternative Allocation | 13.1 |
| **FIXED INCOME** | **26.6** |
| ABS/Structured Products | 1.9 |
| US Nominals | 13.3 |
| US TIPS | 11.4 |

## EQUITY SECTORS (%)

| Sector | Portfolio |
|---|---|
| Communication Services | 3.8 |
| Consumer Discretionary | 10.6 |
| Consumer Staples | 6.1 |
| Energy | 8.3 |
| Financials | 22.9 |
| Health Care | 7.7 |
| Industrials | 14.8 |
| Information Technology | 16.4 |
| Materials | 7.2 |
| Real Estate | 1.8 |
| Utilities | 0.5 |

## EQUITY REGIONS (%)

| Region | Portfolio |
|---|---|
| Japan | 30.6 |
| Emerging | 21.9 |
| Europe ex UK (Developed) | 19.0 |
| United States | 12.8 |
| Other International | 10.5 |
| United Kingdom | 5.2 |

## EQUITY CHARACTERISTICS

| | Portfolio |
|---|---|
| Price/Earnings - Hist 1 Yr Wtd Mdn | 13.0x |
| Price/Book - Hist 1 Yr Wtd Avg | 1.5x |
| Return on Equity - Hist 1 Yr Mdn | 12.8% |
| Market Cap - Wtd Mdn Bil | 16.2 USD |

## EQUITY TOP COUNTRIES (%)

| Country | Portfolio |
|---|---|
| Japan | 30.7 |
| United States | 12.9 |
| Taiwan | 6.7 |
| Canada | 6.1 |
| United Kingdom | 5.3 |
| South Korea | 4.9 |
| France | 3.9 |
| China | 2.9 |
| Spain | 2.8 |
| Netherlands | 2.5 |

## FIXED INCOME CHARACTERISTICS

| | Portfolio |
|---|---|
| Effective Duration | 2.7 |

## FIXED INCOME CREDIT RATINGS (%)

| | % |
|---|---|
| AAA | 3.0 |
| AA | 95.6 |
| A | 0.1 |
| BBB | 0.1 |
| BB | 0.2 |
| B | 0.1 |
| NR | 0.2 |
| D | 0.1 |
| CCC | 0.3 |
| CC | 0.1 |
| C | 0.1 |

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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. Read the prospectus carefully before investing.**

**Index(es):** The CPI (Consumer Price Index) for All Urban Consumers US All Items is published monthly by the U.S. government as an indicator of changes in price levels (or inflation) paid by urban consumers for a representative basket of goods and services. CPI Index returns are typically reported on the 15th of the month. The CPI data reported may not include the most recent month-end which could impact the data that GMO has provided.

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## GLOSSARY

**Characteristics:** Based on equity holdings.Based on equity holdings. This portfolio continues to hold de minimis Russian exposure as a result of past positioning and ongoing illiquidity. GMO has suspended net new purchases of Russian securities firm-wide. **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/ **Portfolio Allocations:** Weightings are as of the date indicated and are subject to change. The groups indicated above represent exposures determined pursuant to proprietary methodologies and are subject to change over time. Totals may vary due to rounding. **Region Exposures:** Based on equity holdings.
**Risk Statistics:** Risk profile data is net of fees. 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. Drawdown is based on the portfolio's worst performance over the period based on monthly observations.
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