

# SMALL CAP QUALITY

## OVERVIEW

The GMO Small Cap Quality Fund seeks to generate total return by investing primarily in equities of U.S. small cap companies that the Focused Equity team believes to be of high quality.

The team believes that companies with established track records of historical profitability and strong fundamentals – high quality companies – are able to outgrow the average company over time and are therefore worth a premium price. The Fund's disciplined approach uses both quantitative and fundamental techniques to assess the relative quality and valuation of U.S. small cap companies and aims to exploit a long-term investment horizon while withstanding short-term volatility.

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

|          | MTD  | QTD  | YTD   | 2024 | 2023  | 2022 |
|----------|------|------|-------|------|-------|------|
| Class VI | 4.61 | 2.87 | -7.22 | 9.36 | 32.79 | 8.15 |
| Index    | 5.23 | 0.82 | -8.18 | 8.70 | 16.05 | 1.90 |

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

|          | 1 Year | 3 Years | 5 Years | 10 Years | ITD   |
|----------|--------|---------|---------|----------|-------|
| Class VI | -4.12  | -       | -       | -        | 15.00 |
| Index    | -1.75  | -       | -       | -        | 6.35  |

## STANDARDIZED SEC RETURNS (USD, NET OF FEES, %)(AS OF 31-MAR-25)

|          | 1 Year | 3 Years | 5 Years | 10 Years | ITD   |
|----------|--------|---------|---------|----------|-------|
| Class VI | -6.72  | -       | -       | -        | 14.77 |
| Index    | -3.38  | -       | -       | -        | 6.43  |

## FACTS

|                       |             |
|-----------------------|-------------|
| Share Class           | Class VI    |
| Share Class Ticker    | GSBGX       |
| Share Class Inception | 20-Sep-22   |
| Fund Inception        | 20-Sep-22   |
| Total Assets          | \$558mm USD |
| Index                 | S&P 600     |

## RISK PROFILE (SINCE INCEPTION 30-SEP-22)

|                    |       |
|--------------------|-------|
| Alpha (Jensen's)   | 8.74  |
| Beta               | 0.80  |
| R Squared          | 0.83  |
| Sharpe Ratio       | 0.64  |
| Standard Deviation | 18.96 |

## ANNUAL EXPENSES (%)

|                     |      |
|---------------------|------|
| Net Expense Ratio   | 0.66 |
| Gross Expense Ratio | 0.87 |

Net Expense Ratio reflects the reduction of expenses from fee reimbursements. The fee reimbursements will continue until at least June 30, 2025. 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 June 30, 2024.

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).** 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.

**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) Smaller Company Risk: smaller companies may have limited product lines, markets, or financial resources, lack the competitive strength of larger companies, have less experienced managers or depend on a few key employees. The securities of companies with smaller market capitalizations often are less widely held and trade less frequently and in lesser quantities, and their market prices often fluctuate more, than the securities of companies with larger market capitalizations. 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



**Tom Hancock**  
Joined GMO in 1995  
MS, Rensselaer  
Polytechnic Institute;  
PhD, Harvard University



**Hassan Chowdhry**  
Joined GMO in 2007  
MBA, MIT; MPA, Harvard  
University



**James Mendelson**  
Joined GMO in 2019  
BA, Yale University

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## CHARACTERISTICS

|   | <i>Portfolio</i> | <i>Index</i> |
|---|------------------|--------------|
| Price/Earnings - Forecast 1 Yr Wtd Mdn      | 24.6x            | 16.4x        |
| Return on Equity - Forecast 1 Yr Wtd Mdn    | 16.6%            | 11.6%        |
| Sales/Share - Hist 5 Yr Wtd Mdn Growth Rate | 8.0%             | 6.6%         |
| Market Cap - Wtd Mdn Bil                    | 6.7 USD          | 2.8 USD      |
| Number of Equity Holdings                   | 37               | 587          |
| Net Debt/EBITDA - Hist 1 Yr Wtd Mdn         | -0.2x            | 1.4x         |

## MARKET CAP BAND EXPOSURES (\$B)

|                              | <i>Portfolio</i> | <i>Index</i> |
|------------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| Small (5.5 & Below)          | 38.8             | 88.9         |
| Small - Medium (5.5 To 17.7) | 61.2             | 11.1         |

## SECTORS (%)

| <i>Sector</i>          | <i>Portfolio</i> | <i>Index</i> |
|------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| Communication Services | 4.9              | 3.0          |
| Consumer Discretionary | 11.6             | 13.5         |
| Consumer Staples       | 9.3              | 3.3          |
| Energy                 | 1.4              | 3.9          |
| Financials             | 10.2             | 19.1         |
| Health Care            | 5.2              | 11.0         |
| Industrials            | 30.5             | 19.0         |
| Information Technology | 17.8             | 12.1         |
| Materials              | 9.1              | 4.9          |
| Real Estate            | 0.0              | 7.8          |
| Utilities              | 0.0              | 2.4          |

## TOP HOLDINGS

| <i>Company</i>         | <i>Sector</i>          | <i>%</i>    |
|------------------------|------------------------|-------------|
| New York Times Co/The  | Communication Services | 4.9         |
| Curtiss-Wright Corp    | Industrials            | 4.8         |
| AptarGroup Inc         | Materials              | 4.6         |
| Balchem Corp           | Materials              | 4.4         |
| Woodward Inc           | Industrials            | 4.4         |
| Aramark                | Consumer Discretionary | 4.1         |
| Allegion plc           | Industrials            | 3.7         |
| Dolby Laboratories Inc | Information Technology | 3.7         |
| Lancaster Colony Corp  | Consumer Staples       | 3.7         |
| AAON Inc               | Industrials            | 3.6         |
| <b>Total</b>           |                        | <b>41.9</b> |

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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.**

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## GLOSSARY

**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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