

# INTERNATIONAL QUALITY

## OVERVIEW

The GMO International Quality Strategy seeks to generate total return by investing primarily in non-U.S. equities 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 Strategy's disciplined approach uses both quantitative and fundamental techniques to assess the relative quality and valuation of non-U.S. companies and aims to exploit a long-term investment horizon while withstanding short-term volatility.

## FACTS

Strategy Inception	13-Aug-24
Composite Inception	31-Oct-24
Total Assets	\$56mm USD
Index	MSCI World ex USA

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

	<i>MTD</i>	<i>QTD</i>	<i>YTD</i>	<i>2024</i>
Composite	0.73	9.23	12.27	-5.65
Index	2.34	12.05	18.99	-2.45

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

	<i>1 Year</i>	<i>3 Years</i>	<i>5 Years</i>	<i>10 Years</i>	<i>ITD</i>
Composite	-	-	-	-	5.93
Index	-	-	-	-	16.08

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT



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**Risks:** Risks associated with investing in the Strategy 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. This is not a complete list of risks associated with investing in the Strategy. Please contact GMO for more information.

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## CHARACTERISTICS

	<i>Portfolio</i>	<i>Index</i>
Price/Earnings - Forecast 1 Yr Wtd Mdn	21.7x	15.8x
Return on Equity - Forecast 1 Yr Wtd Mdn	24.7%	14.5%
Dividend Yield - Hist 1 Yr Wtd Avg	2.1%	2.9%
Market Cap - Wtd Mdn Bil	85.9 USD	56.6 USD
Number of Equity Holdings	34	761
Net Debt/EBITDA - Hist 1 Yr Wtd Mdn	0.5x	1.1x

## SECTORS (%)

<i>Sector</i>	<i>Portfolio</i>	<i>Index</i>
Communication Services	0.0	4.9
Consumer Discretionary	16.8	9.1
Consumer Staples	22.3	7.5
Energy	0.0	4.7
Financials	0.0	25.4
Health Care	19.2	10.0
Industrials	15.8	18.1
Information Technology	20.3	8.8
Materials	5.7	6.4
Real Estate	0.0	1.7
Utilities	0.0	3.4

## MARKET CAP BAND EXPOSURES (\$B)

	<i>Portfolio</i>	<i>Index</i>
Small (5.5 & Below)	1.4	2.2
Small - Medium (5.5 To 18.1)	8.3	17.3
Medium (18.1 To 46.8)	27.0	25.3
Medium - Large (46.8 To 135.9)	26.3	36.2
Large (135.9 & Above)	36.9	19.0

## TOP COUNTRIES (%)

<i>Country</i>	<i>Portfolio</i>	<i>Index</i>
France	22.7	9.9
United Kingdom	14.0	13.0
Switzerland	9.8	8.5
Spain	9.1	3.0
Germany	9.0	9.2
Japan	5.9	19.3
Taiwan	5.4	0.0
Ireland	5.2	0.4
Netherlands	4.2	4.2
Denmark	3.7	2.0

## REGIONS (%)

<i>Region</i>	<i>Portfolio</i>	<i>Index</i>
Europe	83.2	58.8
Rest of World	15.6	41.2
Cash Equivalents	1.2	0.0

## TOP HOLDINGS

<i>Company</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Sector</i>	<i>%</i>
SAP SE	Germany	Information Technology	5.8
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Ltd	Taiwan	Information Technology	5.4
Amadeus IT Group SA	Spain	Consumer Discretionary	4.8
Safran SA	France	Industrials	4.6
Industria de Diseno Textil SA	Spain	Consumer Discretionary	4.3
ASML Holding NV	Netherlands	Information Technology	4.2
Haleon PLC	United Kingdom	Consumer Staples	4.0
L'Oreal SA	France	Consumer Staples	3.8
Unilever PLC	United Kingdom	Consumer Staples	3.8
Compass Group PLC	United Kingdom	Consumer Discretionary	3.7
<b>Total</b>			<b>44.4</b>

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