

## INTERNATIONAL ALL COUNTRY EQUITY ALLOCATION STRATEGY

## Quarterly Investment Review

## ANNUALIZED RETURNS (USD, %) (QUARTER-END)

	Quarter-End	YTD	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year	Since Inception
International All Country Equity Allocation Strategy (net)	5.97	5.97	38.10	22.48	9.75	9.49	7.39
International All Country Equity Allocation Strategy (gross)	6.14	6.14	39.01	23.31	10.51	10.29	8.20
MSCI ACWI ex USA +	-0.71	-0.71	24.91	14.49	7.02	8.38	5.99
Value Add vs. MSCI ACWI ex USA +	+6.67	+6.67	+13.18	+7.99	+2.73	+1.11	+1.40
MSCI ACWI ex USA	-0.71	-0.71	24.91	14.49	7.02	8.38	5.79
Value Add vs. MSCI ACWI ex USA	+6.67	+6.67	+13.18	+7.99	+2.73	+1.11	+1.60

## MAJOR PERFORMANCE DRIVERS

- The portfolio is now reasonably aligned with the benchmark from a top-down regional perspective. The portfolio does have a notable overweight to Japan, however, and this had a small positive impact for the quarter as MSCI Japan outperformed MSCI ACWI ex USA.
- Security selection was strong as there was good outperformance in both developed and emerging markets.

Emerging market equities, with an emphasis on undervalued stocks within attractively valued countries and sectors, represented 29.8% of the total portfolio weight on average during the quarter. This represents a modest underweight in emerging market equities, which had no material impact on relative performance as the MSCI Emerging Markets Index returned -0.2%, just ahead of the MSCI ACWI ex USA return of -0.7%. Security selection was strong, as the portfolio returned 3.1%. No emerging market names featured in the top five biggest individual contributors to, or detractors from, relative performance at the total portfolio level.

## 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) 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; and (3) Management and Operational Risk: the risk that GMO's investment techniques will fail to produce desired results, including annualized returns and annualized volatility. This is not a complete list of risks associated with investing in the Strategy. Please contact GMO for more information.

Composite Inception Date: 28-Feb-94

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## MAJOR PERFORMANCE DRIVERS CONT..

Developed ex-U.S. equities accounted for an average weight of 69.0% of the portfolio for the quarter, including the dedicated Japan Value position. The portfolio was broadly neutral in developed ex-U.S. equities, and this had no impact on relative performance. Security selection was strong, as the portfolio returned 4.6% versus the MSCI World ex-USA Index return of -0.9%. Overweight positions in Equinor (Norway Energy), Panasonic Holdings (Japan Consumer Discretionary), Sumitomo Electric Industries (Japan Consumer Discretionary), Rio Tinto (United Kingdom Materials), and Inpex (Japan Energy) made up the top five biggest individual contributors to relative performance. An underweight position in Shell (United Kingdom Energy), along with overweight positions in Deutsche Bank (Germany Financials), NEC (Japan Information Technology), 3i Group (United Kingdom Financials), and Banco Bilbao (Spain Financials) featured among the top five biggest individual detractors from relative performance for the quarter.

Portfolio weights, as a percent of equity, for the positions mentioned were: Equinor (0.7%), Panasonic Holdings (1.5%), Sumitomo Electric Industries (1.1%), Rio Tinto (1.7%), Inpex (0.9%), Shell (0.1%), Deutsche Bank (1.1%), NEC (0.2%), 3i Group (0.6%), and Banco Bilbao (1.8%).

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## PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The Strategy seeks to generate total return greater than that of the MSCI All Country World ex-U.S. Index.

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 the long term. Using GMO's 7-Year Asset Class Forecasts, the Strategy 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 Strategy allocates to equity strategies that are actively managed by other GMO investment teams with expertise and experience in security selection within their respective markets.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Benchmark(s):** The MSCI ACWI ex USA + Index is an internally maintained benchmark computed by GMO, comprised of (i) GMO blended benchmark of International All Country Equity Allocation Composite through 6/30/2014 and (ii) MSCI ACWI ex USA Index (MSCI Standard Index Series, net of withholding tax) thereafter. The GMO blended benchmark of International All Country Equity Allocation Composite is comprised of a weighted average of account benchmarks; many of the account benchmarks consist of MSCI ACWI (All Country World) ex-U.S. Index (MSCI Standard Index Series, net of withholding tax) or some like proxy for each market exposure they have. For each underlying account benchmark, the weighting of each market index will vary slightly. The index is internally blended by GMO and maintained on a monthly basis. MSCI data may not be reproduced or used for any other purpose. MSCI provides no warranties, has not prepared or approved this report, and has no liability hereunder. The MSCI ACWI ex USA Index (MSCI Standard Index Series, net of withholding tax) is an independently maintained and widely published index comprised of international (excluding U.S. and including emerging) large and mid capitalization stocks. MSCI data may not be reproduced or used for any other purpose. MSCI provides no warranties, has not prepared or approved this report, and has no liability hereunder.

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