

RESOURCES STRATEGY

Quarterly Investment Review

PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The GMO Resources Strategy seeks to deliver total return by investing in the equities of companies in the natural resources sector. Long-term supply and demand dynamics in natural resource markets favor upward price trends – demand growth is being driven by population growth and the development of emerging markets, while supplies of cheap, easy to access natural resources are declining. To harness this trend, we focus on identifying companies in public equity markets that we believe will benefit from a broad rise in resource prices, across a diversified portfolio of energy, metals, agriculture, and water.

We can invest globally across the capitalization spectrum, including emerging markets, which allows us to identify attractive investment opportunities wherever they may be.

MAJOR PERFORMANCE DRIVERS

The second quarter saw a 180-degree shift in global equity market sentiment, with risk-on enthusiasm driving appetite for AI hardware stocks along with more cyclical and speculative names broadly outside of commodity producers. The market largely shrugged off the war in Iran by the start of the quarter. Oil and gas prices fell significantly, as did prices of many metals, including precious metals, lithium, and platinum. Outside of a few clean energy names that had AI datacenter spending hype driving their performance, that sector was also broadly down. Against this backdrop, the Resources portfolio was down, but materially less so than the MSCI ACWI Commodity Producers Index.

Within the oil and gas portfolio, we used the first quarter's war-driven rally as an opportunity to lock in profits. Early in the quarter, we trimmed higher-beta exploration and production names such as Kosmos Energy and ConocoPhillips, where valuation upside had narrowed considerably following their outsized Q1 outperformance, while also reducing integrated positions including BP and Shell. This discipline not only preserved some of the Q1 rally's gains but also left us with dry powder to redeploy into these names, and others in the space, should valuations become more compelling again on the promise of peace.

Clean energy again proved a valuable diversifier within the portfolio. With traditional energy down double digits, clean energy's comparatively resilient, off-benchmark performance helped cushion the portfolio against the reversal in fossil fuel prices.

Elsewhere in the portfolio, not holding pure-play gold and silver miners was again additive, as the sector continued to retrace the exceptional froth and sentiment that characterized 2025 – a pattern that has now persisted for a second consecutive quarter. Performance across the remaining metals complex was more mixed. Lithium markets were similarly pressured: demand signals from China disappointed as EV sales growth moderated, while the prospect of meaningful new supply coming online drove prices lower. We see this less as a reversal of the long-term electrification story and more as a valuation reset.

We are also seeing a valuation opportunity opening up in our agriculture and timber names as these commodities and related industries have derated on cyclical pressures.

Looking ahead, the long-term supply/demand dynamics in natural resource markets favor high and rising prices. Recent geopolitical events have only served as a reminder of just how imbalanced these markets can become under a supply shock. But the deeply discounted valuations still available in many parts of this sector mean that investors don't need commodity prices to rise in order to expect strong returns. We expect significant free cash flow generation over the coming years across a range of commodity producers.

Portfolio weights, as a percent of equity, for the positions mentioned were: Kosmos Energy (1.6%), ConocoPhillips (2.8%), BP (3.2%), and Shell (2.9%).

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

	Quarter-End	YTD	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year	Since Inception
Resources Strategy (net)	-9.34	17.47	47.73	6.35	3.56	11.74	7.09
Resources Strategy (gross)	-9.17	17.89	48.80	7.13	4.31	12.53	7.84
MSCI ACWI Commodity Producers	-11.79	9.91	33.35	13.57	12.43	9.26	4.68
Value Add	+2.45	+7.56	+14.37	-7.22	-8.87	+2.48	+2.41

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Composite Inception Date: 31-Dec-11

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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