

EMERGING MARKETS EX-CHINA FUND

Quarterly Investment Review

PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The GMO Emerging Markets ex-China Fund seeks total return by investing primarily in emerging (non-developed) market equities. The Fund measures its performance against the MSCI Emerging Markets Index.

The Fund's investment approach is grounded in the Systematic Equity team's belief that, in the short term, equity markets exhibit exploitable inefficiencies as a result of irrational investor actions, the imperfect flow of information, and the participation of non-economic actors, while in the long-term returns are ultimately driven by economic reality. The Fund aims to take advantage of these inefficiencies by utilizing a multi-factor valuation model in conjunction with other methods, such as momentum and corporate alerts, to identify undervalued equity securities.

MAJOR PERFORMANCE DRIVERS

Global equity markets continued to deliver positive absolute returns across regions, with emerging markets outside China outperforming developed markets, amid enthusiasm for AI infrastructure. This market strength persisted despite ongoing disruptions in the trade of energy, commodities, and other critical products from the Middle East. In this environment the Energy sector underperformed, after having rallied in March amid the Iran conflict.

In the second quarter the growth outperformed value in emerging markets outside of China. In this environment Value and Momentum model performance was mixed, with the strongest performance from stocks we identified as only somewhat cheap with moderately attractive momentum.

The key contributor to portfolio outperformance was the substantial, one-time proceed from the sale of certain Russian securities. Other positive contributors to performance included an overweight toward Taiwanese Information Technology, as well as underweight positioning toward India and South African Materials.

In contrast, the largest detractor was stock selection in Korea, including underweight positioning in Information Technology and Industrials. The top detractor was an underweight toward SK Hynix, a semiconductor company which has seen dramatic share price appreciation amid the demand for its chips. Overweight positioning toward Thailand, Brazil, Vietnam, and Indonesia also detracted from performance.

Portfolio weights, as a percent of equity, for the positions mentioned were: SK Hynix (4.4%)

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

	Quarter-End	YTD	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year	Since Inception
Emerging Markets ex-China Fund (net)	36.72	47.75	71.76	31.22	-	-	11.85
Emerging Markets ex-China Fund (gross)	36.93	48.22	72.90	32.10	-	-	12.61
MSCI Emerging Markets ex China	34.53	38.78	63.11	28.33	-	-	14.27
Value Add	+2.20	+8.97	+8.64	+2.89	-	-	-2.42

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. Gross of fees, expenses and transaction costs, if any. If these fees, expenses and costs were included, 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.** Returns include a substantial, one-time proceed from the sale of certain Russian securities. The one-time sale of these securities contributed 9.51% (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.

Inception Date: 18-Oct-21

Performance for the year of inception is less than a full calendar year. Returns shown for periods greater than one year are on an annualized basis.

Risks: Risks associated with investing in the Fund 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) Currency Risk: Fluctuations in exchange rates can adversely affect the market value of the Fund's non-U.S. currency holdings and investments denominated in non-U.S. currencies. For a more complete discussion of these and other risks, please consult the Fund's Prospectus. **Performance Returns:** 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.

Net Expense Ratio: 0.68%; Gross Expense Ratio: 0.98% Net Expense Ratio reflects the reduction of expenses from fee reimbursements. The fee reimbursements will continue until at least 30 June 2026. 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 2025.

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.

Benchmark(s): The MSCI Emerging Markets ex China Index is an independently maintained and widely published index which captures large and mid cap representation within Emerging Markets (EM) countries, excluding China. 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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