

# GLOBAL ASSET ALLOCATION

## OVERVIEW

The GMO Global Asset Allocation Strategy seeks to achieve a total return greater than that of its benchmark of 65% MSCI All Country World Index and 35% Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index, over a complete market cycle, by allocating dynamically across asset classes.

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 a complete market cycle. GMO's proprietary 7-Year Asset Class Forecasts form the foundation of our investment process, providing a framework to assess the return opportunity embedded in different asset classes. We use that insight to allocate to what we believe are the most attractively priced asset classes. We also seek to add value through security selection within both traditional and alternative asset classes.

## FACTS

Strategy Inception	30-Jun-88
Composite Inception	30-Jun-88
Total Assets	\$6.8bn USD
Benchmark	GMO Global Asset Allocation Index +

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

	<i>MTD</i>	<i>QTD</i>	<i>YTD</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>2020</i>
Composite	0.40	0.40	10.60	4.97	15.95	-12.78	6.97	6.31
Benchmark	0.79	0.79	8.85	11.60	16.21	-16.30	11.22	13.90

## RISK PROFILE (5-YEAR TRAILING)

Alpha (Jensen's)	-0.41
Beta	0.85
R Squared	0.85
Sharpe Ratio	0.36
Standard Deviation	10.57

## 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	8.72	10.07	6.78	5.37	8.31
Benchmark	11.46	10.43	7.92	7.27	7.83

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT



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Joined GMO in 1992  
BA, Yale University



John Thorndike  
Joined GMO in 2015  
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**Risks:** Risks associated with investing in the Strategy 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) 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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## PORTFOLIO ALLOCATIONS (%)

<i>Asset Class</i>	<i>Exposure</i>
<b>EQUITY</b>	<b>62.9</b>
US	8.1
Quality	3.0
Small Cap Quality	3.0
International Opportunistic Value	7.0
US Small Value	1.8
Japan Fundamental Value	6.1
Developed ex-US	15.0
US Opportunistic Value	6.9
Resource Equity	2.6
Emerging Markets	6.1
Emerging ex-China	3.2
<b>ALTERNATIVE STRATEGIES</b>	<b>13.1</b>
Alternative Allocation	13.1
<b>FIXED INCOME</b>	<b>22.1</b>
Multi-Sector Fixed Income	12.0
ABS/Structured Products	1.0
US Treasury Notes	6.0
Emerging Debt	3.1
<b>CASH/CASH PLUS</b>	<b>2.0</b>
Cash & Equivalents	2.0

## EQUITY CHARACTERISTICS

	<i>Portfolio</i>	<i>Benchmark</i>
Price/Earnings - Hist 1 Yr Wtd Mdn	15.7x	28.1x
Price/Book - Hist 1 Yr Wtd Avg	1.6x	3.4x
Return on Equity - Hist 1 Yr Mdn	13.9%	20.6%
Dividend Yield - Hist 1 Yr Wtd Avg	3.1%	1.7%
Market Cap - Wtd Mdn Bil	25.4 USD	134.9 USD

## FIXED INCOME CHARACTERISTICS

	<i>Portfolio</i>
Effective Duration	2.0

## FIXED INCOME CREDIT RATINGS (%)

	<i>%</i>
AAA	4.4
AA	70.0
A	2.9
BBB	8.2
BB	4.5
B	3.1
CCC	3.7
CC	0.5
C	0.3
D	0.8
NR	1.6

## EQUITY SECTORS (%)

<i>Sector</i>	<i>Portfolio</i>	<i>Benchmark</i>
Communication Services	7.3	8.6
Consumer Discretionary	12.0	10.4
Consumer Staples	7.5	5.6
Energy	4.2	3.6
Financials	22.0	17.7
Health Care	8.8	8.5
Industrials	16.2	11.0
Information Technology	15.4	26.6
Materials	4.5	3.4
Real Estate	1.1	1.9
Utilities	1.1	2.6

## EQUITY REGIONS (%)

<i>Region</i>	<i>Portfolio</i>	<i>Benchmark</i>
United States	37.3	64.9
Japan	17.7	4.7
Europe ex UK (Developed)	17.7	11.3
Emerging	15.9	10.5
United Kingdom	5.8	3.3
Other International	5.6	5.3

## EQUITY TOP COUNTRIES (%)

<i>Country</i>	<i>Portfolio</i>
United States	37.3
Japan	17.7
United Kingdom	5.8
Taiwan	3.9
France	3.9
Germany	2.9
China	2.6
Switzerland	2.3
Netherlands	2.3
South Korea	2.2

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Benchmark(s):** The GMO Global Asset Allocation Index + is an internally maintained benchmark computed by GMO, comprised of (i) GMO blended benchmark of Global Asset Allocation Composite through 06/30/2014 and (ii) The GMO Global Asset Allocation (Blend) Index thereafter. The GMO blended benchmark of Global Asset Allocation Composite is comprised of a weighted average of account benchmarks; many of the account benchmarks consist of S&P 500, MSCI ACWI (MSCI Standard Index Series, net of withholding tax) and Bloomberg Aggregate 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. The GMO Global Asset Allocation (Blend) Index is an internally maintained benchmark computed by GMO, comprised of 65% MSCI ACWI Index (MSCI Standard Index Series, net of withholding tax) and 35% the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index. S&P does not guarantee the accuracy, adequacy, completeness or availability of any data or information and is not responsible for any errors or omissions from the use of such data or information. Reproduction of the data or information in any form is prohibited except with the prior written permission of S&P or its third party licensors. 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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