

# INTERNATIONAL EQUITY

## OVERVIEW

The GMO International Equity Strategy seeks to generate high total return by investing primarily in non-U.S. developed market equities. The Strategy measures its performance against the MSCI EAFE Index for performance comparison purposes.

The Strategy'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 Strategy aims to take advantage of this inefficiency by utilizing a multi-factor valuation model in conjunction with other methods, such as momentum and corporate alerts, to identify mispriced equity securities.

## FACTS

Strategy Inception	31-Mar-87
Composite Inception	31-Mar-87
Total Assets	\$1.8bn USD
Index	MSCI EAFE +
Alternate Index	MSCI EAFE Value

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

	MTD	QTD	YTD	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Composite	0.41	0.41	23.38	13.32	20.60	-10.58	12.07	7.24
Index	-1.40	-1.40	17.77	3.82	18.24	-14.45	11.26	7.82
Alternate Index	0.26	0.26	23.16	5.68	18.95	-5.58	10.89	-2.63

## RISK PROFILE (5-YEAR TRAILING)

Alpha (Jensen's)	4.92
Beta	0.92
R Squared	0.91
Sharpe Ratio	0.76
Standard Deviation	15.31

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

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	ITD
Composite	25.35	20.64	14.65	7.29	7.78
Index	12.77	13.56	10.34	6.14	6.85
Alternate Index	18.98	17.67	14.31	5.90	6.69

## 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) 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.

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## CHARACTERISTICS

	<i>Portfolio</i>	<i>Index</i>
Price/Earnings - Forecast 1 Yr Wtd Mdn	11.7x	15.8x
Price/Earnings - Hist 1 Yr Wtd Mdn	14.3x	20.1x
Price/Book - Hist 1 Yr Wtd Avg	1.5x	2.0x
Price/Cash Flow - Hist 1 Yr Wtd Mdn	9.6x	13.7x
Return on Equity - Hist 1 Yr Mdn	13.0%	14.0%
Debt/Equity - Wtd Mdn	0.7x	0.7x
Dividend Yield - Hist 1 Yr Wtd Avg	3.4%	2.9%
Market Cap - Wtd Mdn Bil	32.3 USD	55.6 USD
Number of Equity Holdings	169	678
Active Share	82.6%	N/A

## MARKET CAP BAND EXPOSURES (\$B)

	<i>Portfolio</i>	<i>Index</i>
Small (5.5 & Below)	12.1	2.5
Small - Medium (5.5 To 17.9)	20.7	17.6
Medium (17.9 To 48.7)	27.8	25.2
Medium - Large (48.7 To 133.0)	30.1	34.9
Large (133.0 & Above)	9.4	19.9

## TOP COUNTRIES (%)

<i>Country</i>	<i>Portfolio</i>	<i>Index</i>
Japan	23.6	21.8
United Kingdom	15.5	15.0
France	9.3	11.1
Germany	8.0	10.4
Netherlands	7.3	4.5
Switzerland	5.9	9.5
Italy	5.8	3.2
Spain	4.4	3.5
Singapore	4.1	1.8
Hong Kong	4.0	2.1

## REGIONS (%)

<i>Region</i>	<i>Portfolio</i>	<i>Index</i>
Europe (Developed)	61.4	66.1
Asia Pacific (Developed)	34.7	32.9
Cash Equivalents	3.9	0.0
Africa & Middle East (Developed)	0.0	0.9

## SECTORS (%)

<i>Sector</i>	<i>Portfolio</i>	<i>Index</i>
Communication Services	9.4	5.2
Consumer Discretionary	11.7	9.6
Consumer Staples	11.1	7.8
Energy	0.0	3.3
Financials	25.9	24.5
Health Care	7.1	11.1
Industrials	22.5	19.4
Information Technology	9.6	8.0
Materials	2.3	5.6
Real Estate	0.0	1.9
Utilities	0.3	3.5

## TOP HOLDINGS

<i>Company</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Sector</i>	<i>%</i>
Deutsche Bank AG	Germany	Financials	3.1
NEC Corp	Japan	Information Technology	3.0
British American Tobacco PLC	United Kingdom	Consumer Staples	2.9
Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria SA	Spain	Financials	2.8
Prosus NV	Netherlands	Consumer Discretionary	2.8
Roche Holding AG	Switzerland	Health Care	2.8
Cie de Saint-Gobain SA	France	Industrials	2.7
Siemens AG	Germany	Industrials	2.7
3i Group PLC	United Kingdom	Financials	2.6
AXA SA	France	Financials	2.4
<b>Total</b>			<b>27.8</b>

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Index(es):** The MSCI EAFE + (Europe, Australasia, and Far East) Index is an internally maintained benchmark computed by GMO, comprised of (i) the MSCI EAFE (Europe, Australasia, and Far East) Value Index (MSCI Standard Index Series, net of withholding tax) through 06/30/2014 and (ii) the MSCI EAFE (Europe, Australasia, and Far East) Index (MSCI Standard Index Series, net of withholding tax) thereafter. 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 EAFE (Europe, Australasia, and Far East) Value Index (MSCI Standard Index Series, net of withholding tax) is an independently maintained and widely published index comprised of international large and mid capitalization stocks that have a value style. Large and mid capitalization stocks encompass approximately 85% of each market's free float-adjusted market capitalization. Style is determined using a multi-factor approach based on historical and forward-looking characteristics. 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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## GLOSSARY

**Risk Statistics:** Risk profile data is net of fees. Alpha is a measure of risk-adjusted return. Beta is a measure of a portfolio's sensitivity to the market. R-Squared is a measure of how well a portfolio tracks the market. Sharpe Ratio is the return over the risk free rate per unit of risk. Std Deviation is a measure of the volatility of a portfolio.

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