

Global Equity Allocation Investment

Year Ending December 31, 2018

OVERVIEW:

The GMO Global Equity Allocation Investment Fund seeks total return by investing in global equities and equity-related securities. The Fund does not seek to allocate its investments in line with or seek to control risk relative to the MSCI All Country World Index or any other securities market index or benchmark.

Performance (%)

Net of Fees, GBP	-8.48
Gross of Fees, Unswung, GBP	-7.75
MSCI ACWI ¹	-3.79
Value Added	-3.97

GROUP ALLOCATION: -1.4%

Developed



Emerging



SECURITY SELECTION: -2.6%

Developed



Emerging



Major Performance Drivers

Emerging Markets

Characteristics: Our emerging market positioning emphasizes undervalued stocks. The portfolio has a distinct value tilt.

Positioning: Emerging markets accounted for 25.7% of our total portfolio weight on average during the year.

Results: Our overweight position in emerging markets resulted in a large negative allocation impact as they underperformed the MSCI ACWI by more than 5% for the year. Security selection was helpful, however, as it proved to be a decent year for a valuation-driven approach to investing. Strong stock selection in China and Brazil helped while an overweight to Turkey detracted from relative performance.

United States

Characteristics: Our allocation in the US includes stocks that we believe are attractively valued as selected by our quantitative valuation approach.

Positioning: We allocated 18.0% of our total portfolio weight on average during the year to US equities.

Results: US equities strongly outperformed the MSCI ACWI, so our underweight position detracted value from relative performance against the benchmark. Our stock selection impact was also negative, hindered by US value investing having a terrible year as the Russell 3000 Value Index underperformed the Russell 3000 Growth Index by almost 6.5%. Our underweight in Amazon was the biggest individual detractor from relative performance at the total portfolio level.

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 investors 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. Gross Expense Ratio of 0.00% is equal to the Funds Total Annual Operating Expenses set forth in the Funds most recent prospectus dated June 30, 2018.

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High Quality

Characteristics: More than 80% of our position in high quality equity is domiciled in the US, but it is comparatively multinational and carries less cyclical economic exposure than the broad US market.

Positioning: Our allocation to high quality accounted for 17.2% of our total portfolio weight on average during the year.

Results: Our position in high quality had a strong positive allocation impact for the year as the S&P 500 Index outperformed the MSCI ACWI by 5% for the year (although in aggregate we remain significantly underweight the US market). Further, high quality outperformed the S&P by an impressive 5.8% for the year. An underweight to Energy and overweight positions in Information Technology and Health Care, along with excellent stock selection within Health Care, were some of the key drivers of the strong performance.

Europe

Characteristics: Our position in Europe carries a fair amount of exposure to some of the more cyclically exposed segments of the market.

Positioning: Europe accounted for 22.3% of our total portfolio weight on average during the year.

Results: From a top-down allocation perspective, our small overweight position in European stocks had a negative impact on relative performance during the year as MSCI Europe performed significantly worse than MSCI ACWI. Stock selection also had a negative impact on relative performance, driven by Germany, Sweden, and the UK.

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