

REAL RETURN GLOBAL BALANCED ASSET ALLOCATION

OVERVIEW

The GMO Real Return Global Balanced Asset Allocation Strategy seeks to generate total return greater than that of its benchmark of 60% MSCI World Index, 20% Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index, and 20% FTSE 3-Month Treasury Bill Index by allocating dynamically across asset classes. The Strategy invests in actively managed equity, fixed income, alternative, and cash strategies, and a GMO-managed hedge fund-of-funds, which seeks positive total return with low volatility relative to equity markets and low correlation over a full market cycle to traditional market indices.

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 the long term. 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. GMO's Asset Allocation approach is flexible, not pre-determined by static allocations or benchmark-related ranges, constrained only by our unwillingness to overpay for an asset. We also seek to add value through security selection within both traditional and alternative asset classes.

PRELIMINARY* CUMULATIVE TOTAL RETURNS (USD, NET OF FEES, %)

	MTD	QTD	YTD	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Composite	3.85	4.52	13.25	3.37	14.73	-7.58	7.98	2.81
Index	1.88	2.69	9.87	12.39	16.32	-13.09	12.40	11.84

PRELIMINARY* ANNUALIZED TOTAL RETURNS (USD, NET OF FEES, %)

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	ITD
Composite	9.25	11.42	7.57	5.77	5.93
Index	10.97	12.69	8.32	7.94	6.47

FACTS

Strategy Inception	30-Jun-04
Composite Inception	30-Jun-04
Total Assets	\$342mm USD
Index	GMO Real Return Global Balanced Asset Allocation Blended Index +

RISK PROFILE (PRELIMINARY 5-YEAR TRAILING)

Alpha (Jensen's)	0.33
Beta	0.80
R Squared	0.65
Sharpe Ratio	0.45
Standard Deviation	10.08

PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT



Ben Inker, CFA
Joined GMO in 1992
BA, Yale University



John Thorndike
Joined GMO in 2015
AB, Bowdoin College

Risks: Risks associated with investing in the Strategy may include the risk that one or more of the underlying portfolios will not perform as expected and that the Strategy will indirectly be exposed to all of the risks of an investment in the underlying portfolios. Other 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) Market Risk - Fixed Income Investments: the market price of a fixed income investment can decline due to a number of market-related factors, including rising interest rates and widening credit spreads or decreased liquidity stemming from the market's uncertainty about the value of a fixed income investment (or class of fixed income investments); 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>
EQUITY	57.4
US	7.0
Quality	3.0
Small Cap Quality	3.0
International Opportunistic Value	6.9
Japan Fundamental Value	5.9
Developed ex-US	14.6
US Opportunistic Value	7.1
Resource Equity	3.1
Emerging Markets	5.0
Emerging ex-China	2.0
ALTERNATIVE STRATEGIES	28.7
Equity Dislocation	16.1
Alternative Allocation	12.7
FIXED INCOME	10.9
Multi-Sector Fixed Income	2.9
US Treasury Notes	5.0
Emerging Debt	3.0
CASH/CASH PLUS	3.0
Cash & Equivalents	3.0

EQUITY SECTORS (%)

<i>Sector</i>	<i>Portfolio</i>	<i>Index</i>
Communication Services	7.2	8.5
Consumer Discretionary	11.6	10.4
Consumer Staples	6.8	5.7
Energy	4.6	3.5
Financials	21.9	17.2
Health Care	9.4	9.3
Industrials	16.9	11.3
Information Technology	15.1	26.3
Materials	4.7	3.3
Real Estate	1.0	2.0
Utilities	0.8	2.6

EQUITY REGIONS (%)

<i>Region</i>	<i>Portfolio</i>	<i>Index</i>
United States	36.1	72.1
Europe ex UK (Developed)	19.6	12.7
Japan	18.8	5.5
Emerging	13.3	0.0
United Kingdom	6.2	3.6
Other International	6.0	6.0

EQUITY CHARACTERISTICS

	<i>Portfolio</i>	<i>Index</i>
Price/Earnings - Hist 1 Yr Wtd Mdn	16.7x	29.5x
Price/Book - Hist 1 Yr Wtd Avg	1.7x	3.8x
Return on Equity - Hist 1 Yr Mdn	13.9%	22.0%
Dividend Yield - Hist 1 Yr Wtd Avg	3.0%	1.6%
Market Cap - Wtd Mdn Bil	29.6 USD	161.9 USD

EQUITY TOP COUNTRIES (%)

<i>Country</i>	<i>Portfolio</i>	<i>Index</i>
United States	36.1	72.1
Japan	18.8	5.5
United Kingdom	6.2	3.6
France	4.3	2.7
Taiwan	3.2	0.0
Germany	2.9	2.5
Switzerland	2.6	2.3
China	2.4	0.0
Netherlands	2.3	1.1
Spain	2.2	0.9

FIXED INCOME CHARACTERISTICS

	<i>Portfolio</i>
Effective Duration	1.3

FIXED INCOME CREDIT RATINGS (%)

	<i>%</i>
AAA	1.2
AA	66.7
A	2.5
BBB	7.6
BB	7.0
B	5.2
CCC	5.9
CC	0.6
C	0.2
D	0.9
NR	2.3

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Index(es): The GMO Real Return Global Balanced Asset Allocation Blended Index + is an internally maintained benchmark computed by GMO, comprised of (i) GMO blended benchmark of Real Return Global Balanced Asset Allocation Composite through 06/30/2014 and (ii) The GMO RRGBAL Blended Index thereafter. The GMO blended benchmark of Real Return Global Balanced Asset Allocation Composite is comprised of a weighted average of account benchmarks; many of the account benchmarks consist of MSCI World (MSCI Standard Index Series, net of withholding tax), Bloomberg Aggregate, and FTSE 3-Month T-Bill 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 RRGBAL Blended Index is comprised of 60% MSCI World Index (MSCI Standard Index Series, net of withholding tax), 20% Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index and 20% FTSE 3-Month Treasury Bill Index. The index is internally blended by GMO and maintained on a monthly basis. 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

Country Exposures: Based on equity holdings. This portfolio continues to hold de minimis Russian exposure as a result of past positioning and ongoing illiquidity. GMO has suspended net new purchases of Russian securities firm-wide. **Credit Ratings:** The credit ratings above may encompass emerging debt, developed rates, and asset-backed exposure. Ratings for core portfolio holdings are derived by using the middle rating from Standard & Poor's, Moody's, and Fitch. Ratings for core holdings were adjusted during the January 2021 reporting period to conform with index provider methodology. Ratings for the emerging debt portion of the portfolio are derived by applying the Standard and Poor's or Moody's issue-level ratings (sequentially), and the S&P LT Foreign currency (FC) country issuer rating for the FC debt securities and/or S&P LT Local currency (LC) country issuer rating for LC securities where a security is not rated by either of the abovementioned credit rating agencies. Final credit ratings are expressed based upon Standard and Poor's ratings scale. Standard & Poor's rates securities from AAA (highest quality) to C (lowest quality), and D to indicate securities in default; some securities are not rated (NR). BB and below are considered below investment grade securities. Please refer to our website for additional information: <https://www.gmo.com/americas/benchmark-disclaimers/>. **Portfolio Allocations:** Weightings are as of the date indicated and are subject to change. The groups indicated above represent exposures determined pursuant to proprietary methodologies and are subject to change over time. Totals may vary due to rounding.

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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