

# QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REVIEW

## *SGM Major Markets Investment Fund USD Class A*

### *Performance returns (USD)*

ANNUALIZED RETURNS (QUARTER-END)	Quarter-End	YTD	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year	Since Inception
SGM Major Markets Investment Fund USD Class A (net)	1.95	1.95	6.23	1.48	1.08	–	1.33
SGM Major Markets Investment Fund USD Class A (gross)	2.21	2.21	7.33	2.52	2.11	–	2.37
FTSE 3-Mo. TBill	1.35	1.35	5.49	2.70	2.06	–	1.90
Value Add	+0.60	+0.60	+0.74	-1.21	-0.98	–	-0.56

### *Major Performance Drivers*

It was a strong start to equity markets for the year. Driven by stronger than expected economic growth in the U.S., developed market equities rose over 8%, while emerging market equities traded sideways. Fixed income markets had a more challenging start, as inflation seemed somewhat more stubborn than anticipated and expectations of Fed cuts became less optimistic. The lowering of cut expectations also helped the U.S. dollar, which rose close to 2.5% to the euro, and over 7% to the Japanese yen.

The portfolio had a good start to the year. Currencies were the main contributor over the quarter, with short positions in the Japanese yen and Swiss franc adding the most value. Equity positions were the biggest detractor, with gains from long U.S. positions offset by losses in long Hang Seng and emerging market positions.

Inception Date: 1-Feb-17

Performance for the year of inception is less than a full calendar year. Returns shown for periods less than one year are not annualized.

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## PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The GMO SGM Major Markets Investment Fund's investment objective is long-term total return. The Fund takes both long and short positions in a range of global equity, bond, currency, commodity markets, and over-the-counter (OTC) markets using exchange-traded OTC futures and forward foreign exchange contracts, as well as by making other investments.

The Systematic Global Macro team's investment process systematically applies value and sentiment strategies across global markets. We believe that markets are inefficient but, in the long term, that economic reality will prevail and markets will revert toward fair value; however, the timing of this is uncertain. We aim to profit from mean reversion by buying markets that we believe are depressed in price and shorting markets that we believe are trading at inflated values. To deal with the uncertainty of timing, we model investor sentiment.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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