

# AL AHLI GULF FUND

## Fact Sheet - September 2023



**NAV**  
**KWD 1.1245813**

### Fund Objective

Achieve capital growth through investing in companies listed across all the GCC exchanges, and investing in funds in the GCC capital markets by realizing investment returns within an acceptable level of investment risk.

<b>Fund type</b>	Open-ended
<b>Asset Class</b>	Equity
<b>Investment Universe</b>	GCC Countries
<b>Launch Date</b>	August 2003
<b>Risk Categorization</b>	High
<b>Currency</b>	KWD
<b>Minimum Subscription</b>	KWD 1,000
<b>Subscription/Redemption</b>	Monthly
<b>Subscription Fee</b>	2.00%
<b>Management Fee</b>	1.25%
<b>Incentive Fee</b>	10% over 10% Hurdle
<b>Fund Manager</b>	ABK Capital
<b>Asset Manager (GCC ex. Kuwait)</b>	SICO
<b>Custodian/Investment Controller</b>	Kuwait Clearing Co.
<b>Auditor</b>	Deloitte & Touche (Bader AlWazzan)
<b>Executive Committee</b>	Rajesh George Wajih Al-Boustany Talal Al-Othman Khaled Al-Duaij

SEP '23	YTD '23	Since Inception	3 Year Return*	4 Year Return*
-2.14%	5.80%	197.45%	12.11%	7.80%

\*Annualized

Top 3 Positions per Market			
Country	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Kuwait	NBK	KFH	AGLTY
KSA	SNB	RJHI	ALINMA
UAE	ADNOCRI	FERTIGLB	ENBD
Qatar	QNB	IQCD	QLMI
Bahrain	ALBH	-	-

### Investment Risks

Some of the risks the Fund is exposed to:

- Capital Risk – Investment value and income generated may vary from the initial investment amount.
- Market risk – Due to market volatility.
- Economic Risk—at the government and geographical levels including Political Risk and Regulatory Risk.
- Currency Risk—due to exposure to different markets.
- Political Risk and Sovereign Risk

For more information on investment risks and features refer to the Fund's Articles of Association following the link [here](#).

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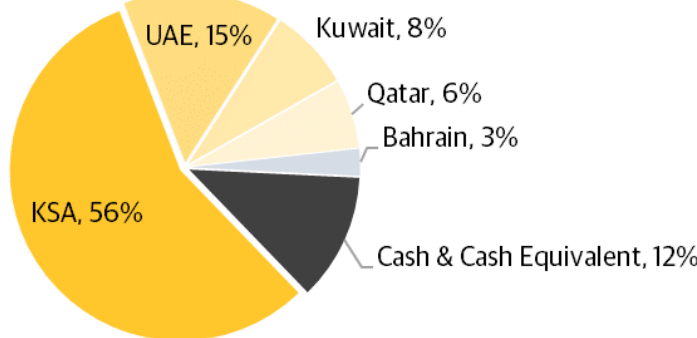


### Market Commentary

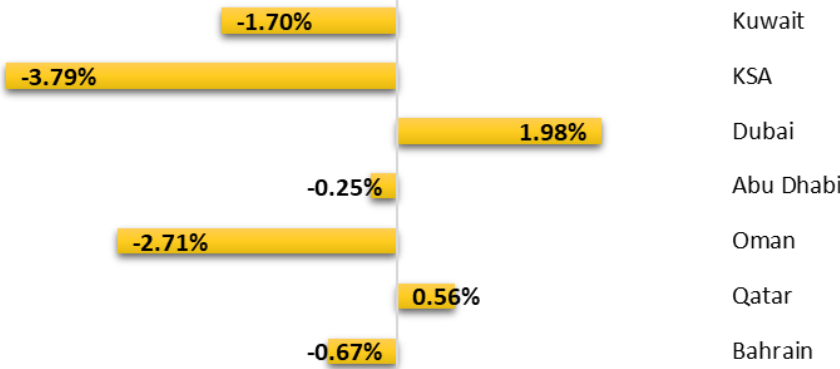
According to the General Authority for Statistics' revised estimates, Saudi Arabia's real GDP growth was up 1.2% YoY in Q2 2023, driven by a 6.1% YoY rise and 4.3% YoY decrease in non-oil and oil activities, respectively. In August 2023, Consumer Price Index (CPI) surged 2.0% YoY compared with a 2.3% YoY increase in July 2023. The main driver of CPI inflation in September were higher prices of housing, water, electricity, gas, and other fuels (9.0%) and prices of food and beverages (0.4%). Overall merchandise exports decreased 34.9% in July 2023 from that in July 2022. The value of total exports in July 2023 recorded SAR 91.3BLN compared with SAR 140.1BLN in July 2022. Oil products accounted for 80.6% in July 2023 compared to 76.8% in July 2022 of the country's total exports. According to S&P Global, Dubai's Purchasing Manager's Index (PMI) fell to 55.0 in August 2023 from 55.7 in July 2023, dropping for the second month in a row. The UAE's PMI fell to 55.0 in August 2023 from 56.0 in July 2023, while the headline index dropped to its lowest level since February, the index remained comfortably above the 50.0 threshold, signalling improvement in operating conditions. Qatar's CPI decreased to 106.2 points in August 2023 from 106.9 points in July 2023. According to the National Centre for Statistics and Information, Oman's inflation rose 0.8% in August 2023 compared with 0.4% in July 2023, whereas on a monthly basis CPI remained stable at 0.3% in August 2023 similar to July 2023. According to the Information & eGovernment Authority, the inflation rate in Bahrain remained flat in August 2023 versus a 0.1% YoY decline in July 2023. Consumer prices on a monthly basis rose by 0.3% in August 2023, reversing from a 0.4% rise in July 2023.

Despite the market's negative performance for the month, the Fund's long term strategy remains sound. With global geopolitical and macroeconomic uncertainties, as well as rising energy and consumer prices, some volatility is to be expected. Moving forward, we will continue to monitor market developments to reduce exposure to potential risks and take advantage of emerging opportunities tactically.

### GCC Market Allocation



### GCC Market Performance



Source: Thomson Reuters Eikon

### Monthly Performance

APR '23	MAY '23	JUN '23	JUL '23	AUG '23	SEP '23
4.43%	-2.39%	4.01%	2.90%	-1.06%	-2.14%
OCT '22	NOV '22	DEC '22	JAN '23	FEB '23	MAR '23
1.65%	-4.09%	-3.27%	-0.55%	-2.69%	3.50%

### Historical Performance (Last 5 Years)

2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
+13.62%	+14.38%	-4.41%	+28.61%	+1.15%

Historical performance returns are inclusive of dividends/bonus distributed

### Profits Distributed

2004	2005	2005	2006	2007	2009	2010	2012
Cash	Cash	Units	Cash	Cash	Cash	Cash	Cash
KD 0.180	KD 0.222	22.30%	KD 0.050	KD 0.130	KD 0.060	KD 0.070	KD 0.030
2013	2014	2018	2019	2021	2022	Since Inception	
Cash	Cash	Cash	Units	Units	Units	Cash	Units
KD 0.030	KD 0.040	KD 0.090	8%	10%	4%	KD 0.902	44.30%

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