## **AL AHLI GULF FUND**

#### Fact Sheet - June 2024



# NAV KWD 1.1258717

#### **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.

Fund type Open-ended Asset Class Equity

Investment UniverseGCC CountriesLaunch DateAugust 2003

Risk CategorizationHighCurrencyKWDMinimum SubscriptionKWD 1,000Subscription/RedemptionMonthly

Subscription Fee 2.00%
Management Fee 1.25%

**Incentive Fee** 10% over 10% Hurdle

Fund Manager ABK Capital

**Sub-Investment Manager (GCC ex. Kuwait)** Securities Investment Company (SICO)

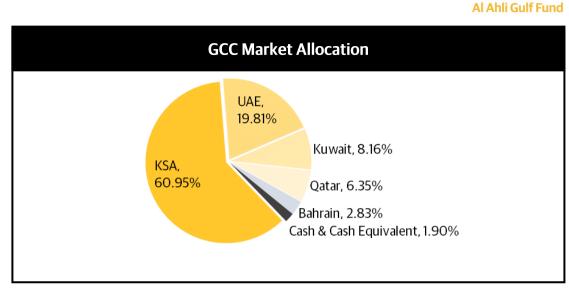
Custodian/Investment ControllerKuwait Clearing Co.AuditorDeloitte & Touche<br/>(Bader AlWazzan)

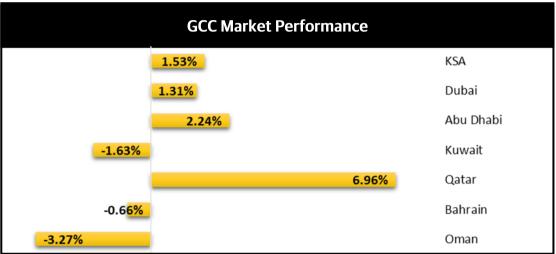
**Executive Committee**Rajesh George
Wajih Al-Boustany

Talal Al-Othman Khaled Al-Duaij



|         | Top 3 Positions per Market |                 |                 |  |  |  |
|---------|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--|--|--|
| Country | 1st                        | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 3 <sup>rd</sup> |  |  |  |
| Kuwait  | NBK                        | KFH             | GBK             |  |  |  |
| KSA     | SNB                        | RJHI            | BUPA            |  |  |  |
| UAE     | ADNOCDRI                   | DTC             | ADIB            |  |  |  |
| Qatar   | QNB                        | QGTS            | ORDS            |  |  |  |
| Bahrain | ALBA                       | -               | -               |  |  |  |





Source: Thomson Reuters Eikon

|   | Monthly Performance |         |         |         |         |         |  |  |
|---|---------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--|--|
| Ī | JAN '24             | FEB '24 | MAR '24 | APR '24 | MAY '24 | JUN '24 |  |  |
|   | 1.83%               | 5.44%   | -3.55%  | -1.14%  | -5.92%  | 3.81%   |  |  |
|   | JUL '23             | AUG '23 | SEP '23 | OCT '23 | NOV '23 | DEC '23 |  |  |
|   | 2.90%               | -1.06%  | -2.14%  | -2.34%  | 4.88%   | 3.62%   |  |  |

| Historical Performance (Last 5 Years) |        |         |        |        |  |  |  |
|---------------------------------------|--------|---------|--------|--------|--|--|--|
| 2019                                  | 2020   | 2021    | 2022   | 2023   |  |  |  |
| +14.38%                               | -4.41% | +28.61% | +1.15% | +12.3% |  |  |  |

Historical performance returns are inclusive of dividends/bonus distributed

| Profits Distributed |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |         |
|---------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------|
| 2004                | 2005     | 2005     | 2006     | 2007     | 2009     | 2010     | 20       | 12      |
| Cash                | Cash     | Units    | Cash     | Cash     | Cash     | Cash     | Ca       | sh      |
| 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     | 2023     | Since In | ception |
| Cash                | Cash     | Cash     | Units    | Units    | Units    | Units    | Cash     | Units   |
| KD 0.030            | KD 0.040 | KD 0.090 | 8.00%    | 10.00%   | 4.00%    | 6.00%    | KD 0.902 | 50.30%  |

### 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 <u>here.</u>

## **Market Commentary**

The S&P GCC Composite (Total Return) index posted a positive return of 2.63% in June 2024 driven by the positive capital market performances of Saudi Arabia (+2.25%), UAE (+3.68%), and Qatar (+7.53%) during the month. The annual inflation rate (CPI) in Saudi Arabia remained at 1.6% YoY in May 2024, according to Saudi Arabia's General Authority of Statistics, marking the third consecutive month with this rate. Actual housing rents increased by 10.5% YoY in May 2024, influenced by a 14.3% YoY increase in apartments rents. This increase was the significant driver of overall inflation in May 2024, due to the substantial weight of this category (21.0%). The lending momentum of Saudi banks was sustained in April 2024, growing by 11.0% YoY in April 2024 to reach SAR 2.68 trillion, according to the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency (SAMA). In May 2024, Dubai's Purchasing Manager's Index (PMI) slipped further to 54.7 (vs. 55.1 in April 2024), its lowest level in 5 months. However, it is still comfortably above the 50.0 threshold as new order growth and supplier performance witnessed modest recoveries during the month. Qatar's Consumer Price Index (CPI) registered a small uptick in May 2024, increasing by 0.93% YoY, compared to 0.71% in April 2024. The inflation was primarily driven by the 'Recreation and Culture' (11.97% YoY) and 'Food and Beverages' (4.62% YoY) segments. Oman's inflation surged by 0.94% YoY in May 2024 (vs. 0.40% in April 2024), the highest since September 2023. The inflation was driven by a 3.8% YoY increase in food & beverages prices, and a 3.3% YoY increase in prices of miscellaneous goods and services. The annual inflation rate (CPI) in Bahrain accelerated to 2.5% YoY in May 2024, the highest since December 2022 and up from a 1.2% increase in April, primarily driven by surges in prices of Restaurants (9% YoY) and Food & Nonalcoholic beverages (8.7% YoY). Banks in the GCC region continued to outperform their global peers, boasting exceptionally high return on equity (ROE) and some of the largest multiples globally, according to a recent report released by McKinsey & Co. The report also revealed that GCC banks have maintained net interest margins that significantly exceed the global banking average. In addition, their revenue-to-assets ratio was 3.2%, well above the global average of 2.3%. This gap reflects both the region's wider net interest margins and its superior net interest income of 2.3% compared with a global average of 1.4%. Overall, the GCC banks remain poised for strong performance in 2024.

Moving forward, the Fund will uphold its emphasis on long-term strategic targets, while adopting a tactical approach to effectively manage short-term market volatility.

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