

AL AHLI GULF FUND

Fact Sheet - December 2023



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KWD 1.1935857

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 Universe	GCC Countries
Launch Date	August 2003
Risk Categorization	High
Currency	KWD
Minimum Subscription	KWD 1,000
Subscription/Redemption	Monthly
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 Controller	Kuwait Clearing Co.
Auditor	Deloitte & Touche (Bader AlWazzan)
Executive Committee	Rajesh George Wajih Al-Boustany Talal Al-Othman Khaled Al-Duajj

DEC '23	YTD '23	Since Inception	3 Year Return*	4 Year Return*
3.62%	12.29%	215.70%	13.46%	8.70%

*Annualized

Top 3 Positions per Market			
Country	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Kuwait	NBK	KFH	GBK
KSA	SNB	RJHI	ALINMA
UAE	ADNOCRI	FERTIGLB	ENBD
Qatar	QNB	IQCD	QGTS
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

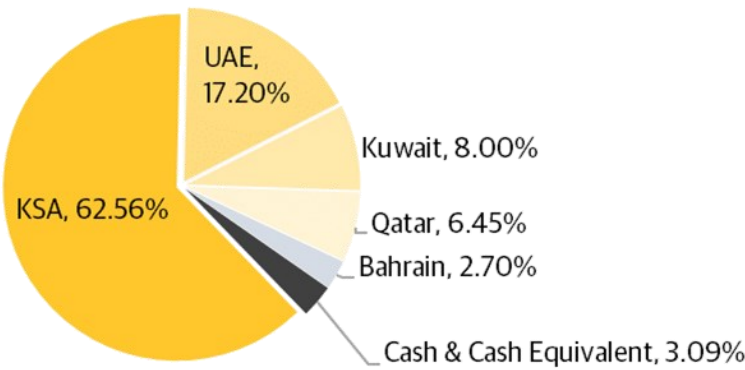
The S&P GCC Composite (Total Return) index posted a gain of 5.9% in December 2023 driven by the robust capital market performances of Saudi Arabia and Qatar. Saudi Arabia's Consumer Price Index (CPI) climbed by 1.7% YoY in November 2023 compared with a 1.6% YoY increase in October 2023, mainly due to high prices of housing, water, electricity, gas, and other fuels (7.8%) and prices of restaurants and hotels (2.3%). Saudi banks experienced a 10.1% YoY increase in lending in November 2023 to reach SAR 2.59 trillion, maintaining a consistent YoY growth rate for the sixth consecutive month, according to the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency (SAMA). Dubai's Purchasing Manager's Index (PMI) dropped for the first time in three months to 56.8 in November 2023 from 57.4 in October 2023 according to S&P Global. The UAE's PMI was at 57.0 in November 2023, falling from the October peak of 57.7 but still comfortably above the 50.0 threshold. New order growth slowed in November 2023 due to competitive pressures and softening exports but remains one of the fastest expansions in the past four and half years, according to S&P. Qatar's CPI increased by 1.29% YoY to 108.26 points in November 2023 (vs. 108.09 points in October 2023) due to spike in 'Communications' segment (14.27%). Oman's inflation reached 0.6% YoY in November 2023 compared with 0.3% in October 2023, driven mainly by the increase in prices of 'foodstuffs and non-alcoholic beverages' (2.9%), according to the National Centre for Statistics and Information. Bahrain witnessed deflation of 0.4% YoY in November 2023 (vs. 0% in October 2023) as 'Clothing and Footwear' prices fell by 7.7% YoY during the month according to the Information & eGovernment Authority. The central banks of Saudi Arabia (6.0%), UAE (5.4%), Oman (6.0%), and Bahrain (6.25%) kept their key policy rates unchanged in December 2023, in line with the U.S. Federal Reserve's decision, owing to their currency's peg to the U.S. dollar. However, with the U.S. Fed signalling three possible rate cuts in 2024, similar cuts can be expected from the above central banks, which bodes well for their respective economies.

The Fund delivered strong performance throughout the year, and we are pleased with the results. Looking ahead to the next year, we intend to continue to implement our strategic objectives and targets. Additionally, by capitalizing on tactical opportunities in the market, we aim to continue delivering favourable outcomes for our investors in the upcoming year.

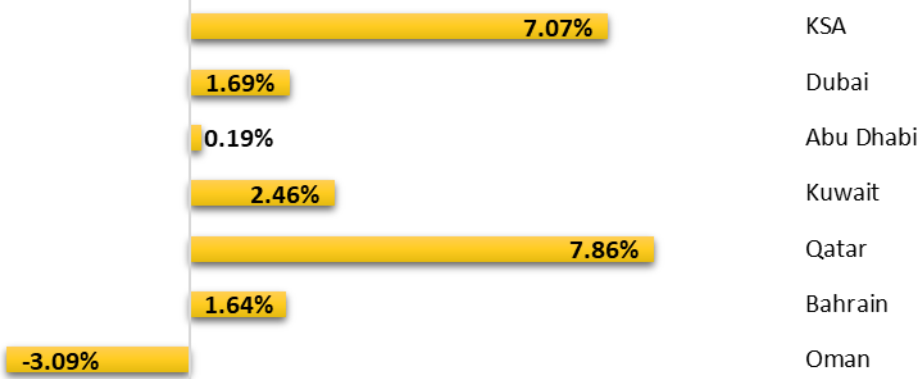
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GCC Market Allocation



GCC Market Performance



Source: Thomson Reuters Eikon

Monthly Performance

JUL '23	AUG '23	SEP '23	OCT '23	NOV '23	DEC '23
2.90%	-1.06%	-2.14%	-2.34%	4.88%	3.62%
JAN '23	FEB '23	MAR '23	APR '23	MAY '23	JUN '23
-0.55%	-2.69%	3.50%	4.43%	-2.39%	4.01%

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%