

Al Watani Fund (for Qatari) - Monthly Report for July 2024

Investment Objective

The primary aim of Al Watani Fund is to outperform the benchmark S&P Index while seeking to reduce the risks associated with the investment

Total Net Asset value (in QAR)

14,054,325.45

Total Net Asset value per unit (in QAR)

22.41

Fund Information	Particulars	Performance Summary	WF	Index
Fund Type	Open-End Fund	Since Inception (Oct'2005)	124.07%	-25.66%
Currency	Qatari Riyal	Year 2018	20.57%	15.53%
Regulator	Qatar Central Bank	Year 2019	2.25%	-3.27%
Fund Manager	QNB Suisse SA	Year 2020	7.71%	0.55%
Subscription/Redemption	Monthly	Year 2021	17.41%	12.70%
Management Fee	1.5% p.a	Year 2022	-8.17%	-10.87%
Auditor	Deloitte & Touche	Year 2023	8.49%	3.27%
Custodian	QNB	MTD (July 2024)	1.58%	1.41%
Benchmark Index:	Standard & Poor's	YTD (2024)	-2.07%	-6.32%
	Qatar Domestic Index (Custom)	Beta	0.75	1.00
		Standard Deviation*	19.99%	23.84%

Fund Manager Comment

Performance for the Month

The Qatar Exchange (QE) Index gained 1.87% for the second consecutive month in July; the Islamic QERI index outperformed its conventional peer, gaining 2.10%. The QE total return index gained 2.58%. Market breath remained robust as number of stocks trading above their 50-day moving average remained at 60% at the close of the month. Global equity markets extended the upward trajectory during the reporting month with the MSCI World index gaining 1.76%; the S&P 500 gained 1.21% followed by emerging market equities, represented by MSCI EM index, gaining 0.77%. Bloomberg commodity index shed 4.50% on broad weakness across the commodity space. Brent crude oil fell 5%. Foreign Institutional Investors net bought USD 100 Mn during the month. Regional markets all finished in the green.

Market Review

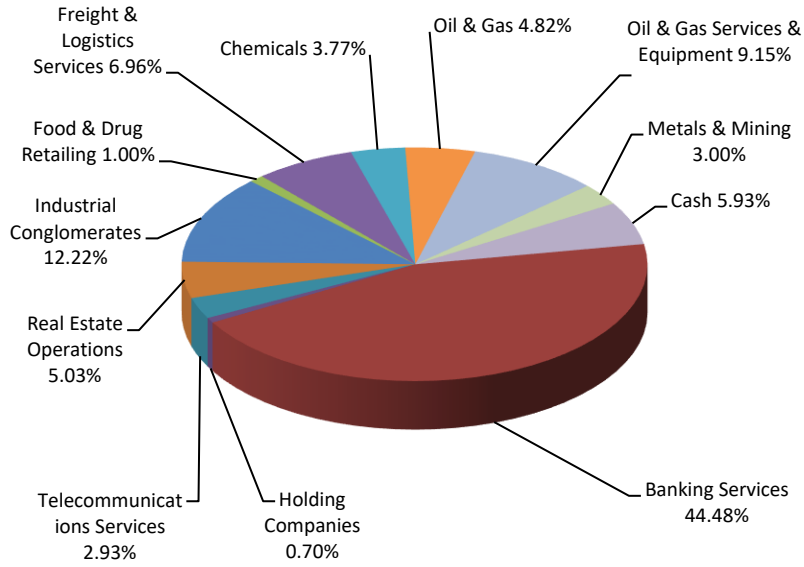
Index heavyweights were the primary drivers of the indices. Hence, the top three contributors to the monthly QE Index appreciation were QNB Group (QNBK), Qatar Islamic Bank (QIBK) and Industries Qatar (IQCD). On the other hand, Nakilat (QGTS), Commercial Bank of Qatar (CBQK) and Qatar Electricity and Water Company (QEWS) were the bottom three stocks that dragged the QE Index down month on month. For QERI Index, QIBK, IQCD and Baladna (BLDN) were the primary contributors while QEWS, QAMC and UDCD were the top three laggards for the QERI Index. On the LNG expansion front, things are moving in the right direction with sustained progress by Qatar Energy to fulfill the commitment to increase the LNG capacity to 142mn tonnes per year (MTPY) before the end of this decade, representing an increase of almost 85% from current production levels.

Portfolio Investment Strategy

After a strong 2 month bounce, seasonality turns against Qatar for the next few months so it is unlikely the index will make any positive headway in the short term. The sector outlook is balanced; falling oil prices and recessions fears should weigh on the Industrials sector whereas banks and real estate stocks could be supported by the falling interest rates. Many small cap stocks are looking cheap again so a switch back to smaller companies outperforming large caps is also possible.

Sector Allocation

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