

## QNB MENA DEBT FUND

Fund Fact Sheet – March 2024

Financial Information in USD		Investment Objective:			
Total Net Asset (US\$ mil) NAV 31 March 2024	63.2150 9.07	The Sub-Fund will seek to outperform the Benchmark Index by investing primarily in a diversified range of bonds with either a fixed or floating rate of interest, listed or traded on global recognized Markets and issued by (i) governments, government related entities and corporations in the Middle East and North Africa ("MENA") and Turkey; and/or (ii) by corporations which derive a significant proportion of their revenues or profits from, or have a significant portion of their assets in MENA countries or Turkey; and/or (iii) by entities in any other geographic area provided that the entity must be controlled by any such MENA or Turkey based entities. Up to 10% of the Net Asset Value of the Sub-Fund may be invested in the bonds of issuers in Turkey while a 10% allocation is set for exposure in Ex-MENA & Turkey region.			
NAV 29 February 2024	8.98				
Total Return performances (%)	)				
		Fund	Benchmark (Bloomberg EM USD Aggregate MENA)		
1 Month		1.00%	1.22%		
YTD (Since 31-December-23)		1.26%	0.57%		
1 Year		6.52%	5.45%		
3 Years (Annualised)		1.72%	-0.33%		
Inception to Date (Including Dividends)		16.10%	17.81%		
FY 2023		6.50%	6.19%		
FY 2022		-5.09%	-10.83%		
FY 2021		1.23%	0.43%		
FY 2020		1.76%	7.30%		
FY 2019		10.07%	13.10%		
FY 2018		-1.10%	-0.44%		
FY 2017 (From 04-July-17)		1.22%	2.03%		
Key Metrics of the Fund					
Gross Yield to Maturity/Call		6.40%	5.72%		
Duration to Maturity/Call		5.22	6.50		
No of Holdings		45	392		
Average Credit Rating of Issuers		A-	A-		
1 Year Volatility		3.25%	5.92%		
Sharpe Ratio		0.41	0.01		
Sector Allocation		Country Allocation	Duration Profile		
Financial	42.63 Sour				
Government 25.75	Sauce Sauce	ti Arabia UAE	34.54         1 - 3 yrs         35.07           30.73         7 - 10 yrs         18.66		
Energy 19.33		Kuwait 10.94	30.73 7 - 10 yrs 18.66 3 - 5 yrs 18.14		
Consumer, Non-cyclical 5.98		Qatar 10.61	10+ yrs 14.39		
Utilities 2.43		Oman 6.09 Bahrain 3.10	5 - 7 yrs 7.83		
Basic Materials 2.08		Egypt 2.33	0 - 1 yrs 5.09		
Industrial 1.46	1	Morocco 1.32	Not Classified 0.48		
Cash 0.34		Cash 0.34	Cash 0.34		

## **Fund Manager Comment**

Q1 '24 was not a favorable quarter for Fixed Income in general, with rate cut expectations dropping from seven to almost three within the quarter. This was due to stickier inflation print, resilient economic activity, and the US Fed being softer on the extra dovish tone they had in late 2023.

During Q1 24, the US 10-year Treasury yield elevated to 4.20% from 3.88% due to robust economic data, higher inflation print, and a resilient labor market. The overall yield curve remained inverted as of Q1 24. As per Bloomberg, a meaningful probability for a rate cut is in September. Overall, a soft landing scenario has been growing in probability during the year so far, and macro data suggest so.

During the month, Brent ended higher at c. USD 87.5 from c. USD 83.6. The increase came amid growing conflicts in the Middle East and Russia, along with ongoing supply cuts. However, the regional IG and HY space remains favorable to their global counterparts and will continue attracting flows from yield-seeking investors.

QNB MENA Debt Fund, after being launched in 2017, has paid 13 coupons. We remain focused on taking advantage of the opportunistic trades apparent in the market. The fund manager has been increasing the duration of the Fund gradually to position the fund to an eventual steeper yield curve. Assets of the Fund are satisfactorily deployed as per the investment guidelines and also in line with the selected benchmark, which the fund intends to outperform in the longer run.

Issuers of Top 5 Holdings					
Name			Weight %		
Kingdom of Saudi Arabia – Sov	ereign Bond	10.09 %			
Saudi Aramco			5.11 %		
Commercial Bank of Qatar		4.79 %			
GreenSaif Pipelines Bidco		4.64 %			
Al-Ahli Bank of Qatar		4.15 %			
Dividend History					
Nov - 2017		50 bps			
2018		350 bps			
2019		400 bps			
2020		400 bps			
2021		350 bps			
2022			375 bps		
2023			400 bps		
Fund Facts		Iroland			
Domicile		Ireland			
UCITs compliant		Yes			
Asset Class		Fixed Income			
Style			Active		
Subscription/Redemption		Daily			
Minimum Subscription / Subsec	uent Subscription / Minimum Redemption	US\$1,500.00 / US\$1,500.00 / US\$1,500.00			
Management Fee / Total Expen	se Ratio	0.75 % p.a./ 1.20% p.a			
Subscription / Redemption Fee		Nil	Nil		
Benchmark		Bloomberg EM USD Aggregate MENA			
Inception		04 July 2017			
Share Class		Class A Retail			
Distribution Policy		Expected Distributions in N	Expected Distributions in May and November		
Settlement Deadline		8:00 Noon (Irish time) on th	8:00 Noon (Irish time) on the Dealing Day		
Valuation Point		2:00 pm (Irish time) on eac	2:00 pm (Irish time) on each Business Day		
Fund base currency		USDs			
Fund Manager		QNB Suisse SA			
Administrator & Registrar:		Société Générale Securities Services Ireland			
Depositary:		Société Générale S.A., Dublin Branch			
		E&Y Ireland			
Auditor		Fund Identifiers			
Contact Details	OND Suizza SA	ISIN			
Investment Manager	QNB Suisse SA	-	IE00BD3GFR79 QNBMDBA ID Equity		
Fund Manager Address	Chanaka Dassanayaka CFA Quai du Mont-Blanc 1, 1201	Bloomberg Ticker WKN Code			
Telephone in Qatar	Genève, Switzerland +974 4440 7339				
Risk and Reward Profile	+9/4 4440 / 339				
Lower risk	Higher risk The lo	west category does not mean a	risk-free investment		
Potentially lower rewards	<ul> <li>3 4 5 6 7</li> <li>A base of the lisk and reward profile may change over time.</li> <li>Historical data may not be a reliable indication for the future.</li> <li>This fund is in category 4, since the bond prices have a low to moderate le of volatility A complete description of risk factors is set out in the prospectus of the ICAV (the set of the the set of the set of the set of the set of the the set of the</li></ul>				
Disclaimer:	Prospectus	s') in the section entitled 'Risk In	itormation'.		

## At all times prospective investors considering an investment in the Fund should carefully read the Prospectus, Sub-Fund Supplement, KIID and the Terms & Conditions of the Subscription form. Investors are reminded that past performance of any investment is not a guide to future returns.

All performance figures are net of administration and performance fees.