

## **QNB MENA DEBT FUND** Fund Fact Sheet – October 2024

Financial Information in USD		Investment Objective:	
Total Net Asset (US\$ mil) NAV 31 October 2024 NAV 30 September 2024	61.9073 9.2756 9.3754	The Sub-Fund will seek to outperform the Benchmark Index by investing primarily in diversified range of bonds with either a fixed or floating rate of interest, listed or traded o global recognized Markets and issued by (i) governments, government related entitie and corporations in the Middle East and North Africa ("MENA") and Turkey; and/or (ii) b corporations which derive a significant proportion of their revenues or profits from, or hav a significant portion of their assets in MENA countries or Turkey; and/or (iii) by entities i any other geographic area provided that the entity must be controlled by any such MEN, or Turkey based entities. Up to 10% of the Net Asset Value of the Sub-Fund may b	
			Turkey while a 10% allocation is set for exposure in
Total Return performances (%)			
		Fund	Benchmark (Bloomberg EM USD Aggregate MENA)
1 Month		-1.06%	-1.87%
YTD (Since 31-December-23)		5.95%	4.42%
1 Year		12.04%	14.13%
3 Years (Annualised)		2.35%	-0.22%
Inception to Date (Including Dividends)		21.48%	22.33%
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		6.27%	5.54%
Duration to Maturity/Call		5.77	6.53
No of Holdings		44	420
Average Credit Rating of Issuers		BBB+	A-
1 Year Volatility		3.37%	5.15%
Sharpe Ratio		2.04	1.84
Sector Allocation		Country Allocation	Duration Profile
Financial	10.10	Saudi Arabia UAE 22.63	32.52 1 - 3 yrs 30.80 3 - 5 yrs 20.74
Government 21.7		Kuwait 14.90 Qatar 8.88	3 - 5 yrs 20.74 10+ yrs 17.78
Energy 20.74	L .	Oman 6.75	7 - 10 yrs 16.01
Utilities 2.99		Bahrain 3.89 Cash 2.39	5 - 7 yrs 8.76

## Fund Manager Comment

Cash

Basic Materials 0.51

2.87

2.39

Consumer, Non-cyclical

October was not a positive month for Fixed Income as rates moved higher, with Fed cut expectations being lowered with better-than-expected employment data along with stickier inflation. Overall expectation beginning of the month was for two rate cuts in November and December totaling 50 bps but there is a tilt towards a single cut only in November 2024.

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Cash

Not Classified 0.49

Egypt

Turkey

Togo 2 02

Morocco

2.38

2.26 

1.39

During the month US 10 year moved from 3.78% to 4.28%, crossing that important 4% mark since last July. The overall curve from 2Y onwards moved higher by about 50-60 bps during the month and economic readings indicating overall US economy doing not so bad as expected in September. Furthermore, the uncertainty of a differing policy post-election also played a crucial role in elevating the rates during the month.

Many variables are in play, as the US budget deficit is expected to widen with either of the US administrations in power and a possible reversal in the inflation trend. Therefore, there is a remote possibility of a rate hike and a further elevation of the yield curve from current levels. During the month, Brent ended marginally higher at c. USD 73.16 from c. USD 71.77, with weight of expected lower global demand pulling lower more than the impact created by the geopolitical tensions. The regional IG and HY space remain 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 14 coupons. We remain focused on taking advantage of the opportunistic trades apparent in the market. The fund manager has gradually increased the fund's duration 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 %
GreenSaif Pipelines Bidco	8.59 %
EIG Pearl Holdings	7.00 %
Commercial Bank of Qatar	4.12 %
National Bank of Kuwait	3.53 %
Emirate of Sharjah – Sovereign bond	3.50 %
Dividend History	
May-2024	200 bps
2023	400 bps
2022	375 bps
2021	350 bps
2020	400 bps
2019	400 bps
2018	350 bps
Nov-2017	50 bps
Fund Facts	
Domicile	Ireland
UCITs compliant	Yes
Asset Class	Fixed Income
Style	Active
Subscription/Redemption	Daily
Minimum Subscription / Subsequent Subscription / Minimum Redemp	tion US\$1,500.00 / US\$1,500.00 / US\$1,500.00
Management Fee / Total Expense Ratio	0.75 % p.a./ 1.20% p.a
Subscription / Redemption Fee	Nil
Benchmark	Bloomberg EM USD Aggregate MENA
Inception	04 July 2017
Share Class	Class A Retail
Distribution Policy	Expected Distributions in May and November
Settlement Deadline	8:00 Noon (Irish time) on the Dealing Day
Valuation Point	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
Auditor	E&Y Ireland
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Risk and Reward Profile	
Lower risk Higher risk	The lowest category does not mean a risk-free investment.
Potentially lower rewards Potentially higher rewards	The risk and reward profile may change over time.
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Historical data may not be a reliable indication for the future.
1 2 3 4 5 6 7	This fund is in category 4, since the bond prices have a low to moderate leve of volatility
A co	mplete description of risk factors is set out in the prospectus of the ICAV (the
A co	spectus') in the section entitled 'Risk Information'.

At all times prospective investors should consult their own advisers on such matters. 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.