

QNB MENA DEBT FUND Fund Fact Sheet – January 2023

Financial Information in USD		Investment Objective:	
Total Net Asset (US\$ mil)	63.5861	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	
NAV 31 January 2023	8.9506	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	
NAV 31 December 2022	8.8030	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.	

Total Return performances (%)			
	Fund	Benchmark (FTSE MENA BBI ex Israel issuers USD)	
1 Month	1.68%	2.36%	
YTD (Since 31-December-22)	1.68%	2.36%	
1 Year	-2.77%	-6.64%	
Inception to Date (Including Dividends)	9.46%	12.93%	
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%	
Gross Yield to Maturity/Call	5.88%	5.42%	
Duration to Maturity/Call	3.04	7.00	
No of Holdings	56	303	
Average Credit Rating of Issuers	BBB-	BBB+	
1 Year Volatility	4.98%	n.a.	
Sharpe Ratio	-0.98	n.a.	



Fund Manager Comment

Jan '23 extended the positive performance of the Fixed Income space that started in Q4'22. The rally was fueled by the expectation of an end/pause to the aggressive hikes of the US Fed, as the US economy seems to come in tune with what Central Banks needs with their restrictive policies. Inflation came lower at 6.5% for December '22 from previous figure of 7.1%. However, compared to December possibility of a rate cut by the Fed during 2023 has diminished materially as per our view.

During the Year US-10 Year moved lower from 3.87% to 3.50% driven by increasing demand for long dated treasuries on the fears of a possible recession during 2023. The yield curve remained inverted during January with shorter end strongly anchored in line with higher Fed rates. Inversion deepened during January with 2-10 ending at -69 bps from -56 in December 2022.

Brent ended marginally lower at c. USD 84.49 from USD 85.91 in December. Elevated price levels have impacted GCC Sovereign's financial strength materially with improved outlook and increased reserve levels compared to last year. Consequently, spread levels of GCC credits remain at low levels historically. Regional IG and HY space still appear favorable compared to the global counterparts and will continue to attract flows from yield seeking investors.

QNB MENA Debt Fund after being launched in 2017 has paid 11 coupons. We remain focused to take advantage of the opportunistic trades apparent in the market. The fund manager will continue to maintain a lower duration than the benchmark duration until a satisfactory normalization of policy rates and sustainable inflation outlook is reached. Assets of the Fund are satisfactorily deployed as per the investment guidelines and in line with the selected benchmark, which the fund intends to outperform in the longer run.

Issuers of Top 5 Holdings					
Name		Weight %			
Republic of Egypt - Sovereign Bond		5.41 %			
Kingdom of Bahrain - Sovereign Bond		5.27 %			
Saudi Aramco		5.09 %			
Commercial Bank of Qatar		4.83 %			
QNB Finansbank AS		4.56 %			
Dividend History					
Nov - 2017		50	50 bps		
May - 2018		150 bps			
Nov - 2018		200 bps			
May - 2019		200 bps			
Nov - 2019		200 bps			
May - 2020		200 bps			
Nov - 2020		200 bps			
May - 2021		175 bps			
Nov - 2021		175 bps			
May - 2022		175 bps			
Nov - 2022		200 bps			
Fund Facts					
Domicile		Ireland			
UCITs compliant		Yes			
Asset Class		Fixed Income			
Style		Active			
Subscription/Redemption		Daily			
Minimum Subscription / Subsequent Su	ubscription / Minimum Redemption	US\$1,500.00 / US\$1,500.00 / US\$1,500.00			
Management Fee / Total Expense Ration	0	0.75 % p.a./ 1.20% p.a			
Subscription / Redemption Fee		Nil			
Benchmark		Middle East and North Africa Broad Bond Index Excluding Israel (MENABBI Ex. Israel)			
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

Potentially lower rewards Potentially higher rewards

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- The lowest category does not mean a risk-free investment.
- The risk and reward profile may change over time.
- Historical data may not be a reliable indication for the future.
- This fund is in category 4, since the bond prices have a low to moderate level
 of volatility

A complete description of risk factors is set out in the prospectus of the ICAV (the 'Prospectus') in the section entitled 'Risk Information'.

Disclaimer:

The information herein is for illustrative purposes only and reflects current market practices and is not intended to constitute legal, tax, accounting, or financial advice; 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.