

Fund Overview

Base Currency for Fund	USD
Total Net Assets (USD)	3.41 Million
NAV	15.79
Number of holdings	41
Benchmark	S&P Pan Arab Composite Large Mid Cap (UCITS compliance) *

Summary of Investment Objective

The objective of the Sub-Fund is to provide long term capital appreciation through investment in equity securities on market located in the Middle East and North of Africa ("MENA") including Bahrain, Egypt, Jordan, Kuwait, Morocco, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia and the United Arab Emirates.

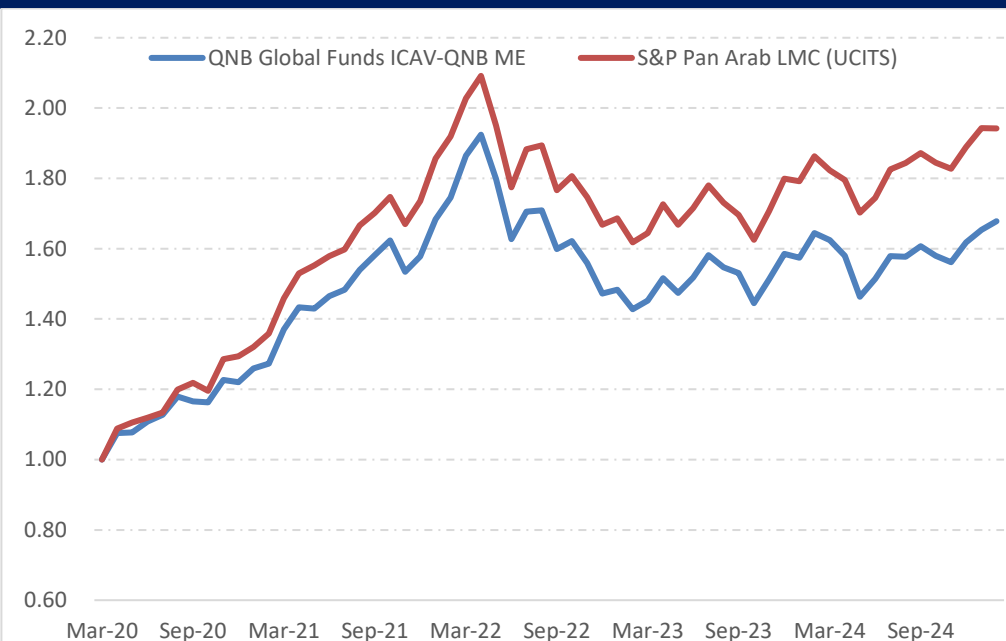
Fund Management

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Risk Considerations

- The Fund invests in emerging market securities, which are exposing to higher risk of economic, political and regulatory changes that may pose additional risk to the Fund.
- The Fund's value maybe affected by exchange control regulations and changes in exchange rates.
- This investment involves risks, which may result in loss of part or entire amount of your investment.
- Before you decide to invest, you should make sure the intermediary has explained to you that the Fund is suitable to you.
- Investors should not only base on this marketing material alone to make investment decisions.

Performance



Performance in Share Class Currency (%)

	Cumulative					
	1 Months	YTD	1 Yr.	3 Yrs.	5 Yrs.	Since Incept.***
Fund	1.47%	3.72%	2.07%	-3.86%	N/A	65.50%
Benchmark in USD	1.18%	4.05%	5.53%	2.42%	N/A	91.54%

Top Five Holdings (% of Total)

Issuer Name	
AL RAJHI BANK	9.17
EMAAR PROPERTIES	6.38
ARAMCO	5.15
STC	4.60
KFH	3.98

Fund Measures

Price to Earnings (12-mo Trailing)	13.8.x
Dividend Yield	4.2%
ROE	16.2
Price to Book	2.1x

Share Class Information

	Fund Inception Date	Mgmt. Fee (%)	Subs. / Redempt. Fee	Min. Initial Subscription Amount	Fund Identifiers
A (acc) USD	01.01.2017	1.0% p.a	2.0%	USD1,500	IE00BD3GLW41

*From 1st October 2019 the benchmark was changed to comply with UCITS regulation

**1 year and Since Inception performance calculations are computed using a blend of the old and new benchmark

***For the comparative performance end of Dec 2017 taken when the fund was fully invested as per benchmark due to lack of access to key markets

Composition of Fund

Geographic (% of Total)	Fund	Benchmark
Saudi Arabia	57.6	55.0
United Arab Emirates	23.0	20.9
Qatar	7.9	8.4
Kuwait	7.5	9.7
Cash & Equivalents	2.4	0.0
Morocco	1.5	2.7
Egypt	0.0	1.0
Bahrain	0.0	0.5
Jordan	0.0	0.6
Oman	0.0	0.9
Tunisia	0.0	0.3

Sector (% of Total)	Fund	Benchmark
Financials	52.3	51.7
Communication Services	9.4	9.3
Real Estate	9.3	6.0
Energy	8.8	9.1
Materials	7.9	8.5
Utilities	3.4	5.5
Industrials	3.3	3.4
Not Classified	2.4	0.0
Health Care	1.9	2.1
Information Technology	0.8	1.4
Consumer Discretionary	0.4	1.0
Consumer Staples	0.1	2.1

Fund Manager Comment

Market environment

MENA equities, represented by the S&P Pan Arab Composite Large Midcap index gained 1.18% in the reporting month. Relative to global markets, Mena equities outperformed the MSCI World by 1.32%. Global equities retreated from recent gains on concerns about the economic policies of the new United States administration. US equity market shed 1.27%. Emerging market equities gained 0.85% buoyed by Chinese equities. Commodity complex represented by the Bloomberg Commodity Index gained 0.45%.

Portfolio performance

The fund outperformed its benchmark primarily due to selection effects. The fund gained relative performance from stock selection effect in UAE and Saudi market. While the fund lost relative performance from Qatar and Kuwait due to allocation effects. From a sector perspective, the biggest contributors to relative performance were Real Estate, Financials and Telecoms. While Industrials were the biggest contributor to negative relative performance.

Outlook

Mena equity markets have underperformed global equity market peers in the 2024 due to increased geopolitical risk, higher interest rates and weakening global commodity prices. Global commodity prices influenced by slowing global demand outlook and increased supply following the normalization of supply chains. Crude oil prices remained range bound most of 2024 as OPEC+ kept market well supplied to meet demand. Mena market fundamentals are undemanding with earnings growth at lower single digit growth. Improvement in the geopolitical situation is key to unlock investor confidence to commit capital that could spur corporate earnings growth.