

## QNB GLOBAL SUKUK FUND

Fund Fact Sheet – December 2023

Financial Information in USD		Investment Objective:	
Total Net Asset (US\$ mil) NAV 31 December 2023 NAV 30 November 2023	10.34 8.94 8.82	The Fund will seek to outperform the Benchmark Index by investing primarily in a diversified range of Sukuk with either a fixed or floating rate of income, listed or traded on global Recognized Markets and issued by governments, government-related entities and corporations globally.	
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		Fund	Benchmark (Bloomberg Global Aggregate USD Sukuk Unhedged USD)
1 Month		1.31%	2.61%
YTD		3.59%	5.45%
1 Year		3.59%	5.45%
3 Years (Annualised)		-0.70%	-0.66%
Inception to Date (Including Dividends)		8.82%	19.33%
FY 2023		3.59%	5.45%
FY 2022		-4.91%	-8.18%
FY 2021		-0.49%	1.09%
FY 2020		2.01%	8.79%
FY 2019		9.08%	10.80%
FY 2018 (since 16 October 2018)		-0.23%	1.14%
St. Deviation		1.35%	3.42%
Sharpe Ratio		-1.15	0.11
Key Metrics of the Fund			
Gross Yield to Maturity/Call		6.39	4.82
Duration to Maturity/Call		2.57	4.33
No of Holdings		27	105
Average Credit Rating of Issuers		BBB	A-
Sector Allocation		Country Allocation	Duration Profile



## **Fund Manager Comment**

Q4'23, including the month of December, was favorable for fixed income as US treasury rates dropped, with the longer end showcasing a material drop driven by the heightened expectation of several fed rate cuts in 2024. Inflation heading lower with moderating growth and a stable labor market has created optimism over the said rate cuts.

During December, the US-10-year Treasury yield dropped to 3.88% from 4.33%. The starting point of US-10-year Treasury yield for 2023 was 3.87% while it reached a high of c.5% during October. Fed comments during the month iterated that rates have peaked and are expected to have about three cuts in 2024. They do acknowledge that the inflation is easing but yet is at an elevated level. Therefore, investors are confident that we are approaching the peak of the rate hike cycle.

During the month, Brent ended lower at USD 77 from c. USD 79 compared to the C.USD 86 at the start of the year. Although the recent drop was mainly due to increased supply from the US and non-adherence to the quotas by some OPEC+ members, it is expected levels to rise hereon given the regional developments and stronger global demand. Regional IG and HY space remain favorable to their global counterparts and will continue attracting flows from yield-seeking investors.

QNB Global Sukuk Fund was launched in October 2018 and has distributed ten coupons. The fund manager continues to seek Sukuk Investments that would add value to the fund in the longer term. The Fund manager maintains a lower duration of c. 2.6 years until there is adequate normalization of rates.

Name	Weight %	
Qatar International Islamic Bank	7.03 %	
Kingdom of Saudi Arabia – Sovereign Bond	6.75 %	
Emirate of Sharjah – Sovereign Bond	5.39 %	
Varba Bank	5.39 %	
Kuwait International Bank	5.26 %	
	5.20 %	
Dividend History		
2019	400 bps	
2020 2021	400 bps 350 bps	
2022	375 bps	
2023	390 bps	
Fund Facts		
Domicile	Ireland	
JCITs compliant	Yes	
Asset Class	Fixed Income - Sukuk	
Style	Active	
Subscription/Redemption	Daily	
/inimum Subscription / Subsequent Subscription / Minimum Redemption	US\$1,500.00 / US\$1,500.00 / US\$1,500.00	
Nanagement Fee / Total Expense Ratio	0.75 % p.a./ 1.20% p.a	
Subscription / Redemption Fee	Nil	
Benchmark	Bloomberg Global Aggregate USD Sukuk Unhedged USD	
nception	16 October 2018	
Share Class	Class A Retail	
Distribution Policy	Expected Distributions in May and November	
Settlement Deadline	8:00 Noon (Irish time) on the Dealing Day	
/aluation 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	
Contact Details	Fund Identifiers	
nvestment Manager QNB Suisse SA	ISIN IE00BF18SZ84	
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Address Quai du Mont-Blanc 1, 1201		
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Telephone in Qatar +974 4440 7339 Risk and Reward Profile		
Lower risk Higher risk		
	lowest category does not mean a risk-free investment.	
• The	risk and reward profile may change over time.	
	orical data may not be a reliable indication for the future.	
	fund is in category 4, since the bond prices have a low to moderate leve platility	
	te description of risk factors is set out in the prospectus of the ICAV (the	

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