

## QNB GLOBAL SUKUK FUND

Fund Fact Sheet – December 2024

Financial Information in USD		Investment Objective:	Investment Objective:	
Total Net Asset (US\$ mil) NAV 31 December 2024	10.65 8.97	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		
NAV 30 November 2024	9.00			
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		Fund	Benchmark (Bloomberg Global Aggregate USD Sukuk Unhedged USD)	
1 Month		-0.33%	-0.63%	
YTD		4.70%	3.34%	
1 Year		4.70%	3.34%	
3 Years (Annualised)		1.03%	0.02%	
Inception to Date (Including Dividends)		13.93%	23.31%	
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		1.65%	2.84%	
Sharpe Ratio		-0.26	-0.63	
Key Metrics of the Fund				
Gross Yield to Maturity/Call		6.08	5.09	
Duration to Maturity/Call		3.76	4.37	
No of Holdings		29	119	
Average Credit Rating of Issuers		A-	A	
Sector Allocation		Country Allocation	Duration Profile	



## **Fund Manager Comment**

2024 may not be considered one of the best years for the Fixed Income asset Class, as rates were elevated in the longer end despite Fed rate cuts. The high-yield segment did well within the Fixed-income space, while investment grade and long-term duration strategies underperformed. Even though the year started with the prediction of seven rate cuts for 2024, we witnessed only four rate cuts for the year, and the outlook as of 2024 end was not so dovish as the beginning of the year.

The US 10-year treasury rate moved from 3.87% to 4.6% during the Year, which was not ideal for Fixed Income space. The steepening of the yield curve was apparent, with the US 10Yr-2Yr gap moving from -37 bps to 32 bps. The steepening of the curve was mainly induced by the sticky inflation evident throughout the year and the renewed fiscal expansion expectation under the new US administration.

Given that rates are elevated compared to the start of 2024, we expect a moderately good year for fixed income space, provided no significant demons emerge during the year that may lead to spread widening. Currently, the Bloomberg MENA index has a gross yield of 5.8% with a duration of 6.3 years, which should be a decent entry level for fixed-income investors, given the downward trajectory of short-term rates.

During the Year, Brent moved marginally lower to c. USD 74.64 from c. USD 77.04, with the weight of expected lower global demand pulling 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 Global Sukuk Fund was launched in October 2018 and has distributed twelve coupons. The fund manager continues to seek Sukuk Investments that would add value to the fund in the longer term. We remain lower than the benchmark duration and will monitor to position the Fund to benefit from the curve movement over the long run.

Weight %   6.44 %   5.93 %   5.43 %   5.39 %   5.32 %   380 bps   390 bps   375 bps   350 bps   400 bps   400 bps	
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Fixed Income - Sukuk	
Active	
US\$1,500.00 / US\$1,500.00 / US\$1,500.00	
0.75 % p.a./ 1.20% p.a	
Nil	
Bloomberg Global Aggregate USD Sukuk Unhedged USD	
16 October 2018	
Class A Retail	
Expected Distributions in May and November	
8:00 Noon (Irish time) on the Dealing Day	
2:00 pm (Irish time) on each Business Day	
USDs	
QNB Suisse SA	
Société Générale Securities Services Ireland	
Société Générale S.A., Dublin Branch	
E&Y Ireland	
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