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Al Rayan GCC Fund (F)



**April 2019** 

NAV/unit: USD 1.517 Performance YTD: +6.2%

**Overview:** Global risk assets remained strong in April, fueled by supportive comments from key central banks and upbeat expectations of Sino-American trade negotiations: US and European equities each rose 3%+. Within EM, India and Brazil both rose 1% while China was broadly flat. 10-year US Treasury yields ended 0.09% higher at 2.50%. The US Dollar was ½-1% stronger vs major developed and emerging market currencies. Within commodities, Brent crude added 7% (to \$72) while Gold closed 1% lower at \$1,283. Among other key commodities, urea +12%, ethylene +11%, while wheat, steel and aluminum were all 6-7% lower.

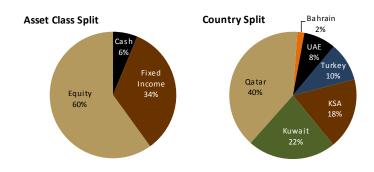
Equity markets across the Gulf rallied. Saudi was the star performer (+6%) on FTSE EM index passive inflows. This was followed by Dubai (+5%), Abu Dhabi (+3.6%) and Qatar (+3%). Inflow into EM credit continued, helping \$16bn of issuance during April. Only \$1.5bn was in sukuk, while Aramco accounted for \$12bn. Regional sukuk returned 1% in April.

Kuwait Finance House, DP World and Gulf Warehousing helped the fund most during the month while Qatar International Islamic Bank, Boubyan Bank and Mesaieed Petrochemical Holding were key laggards.

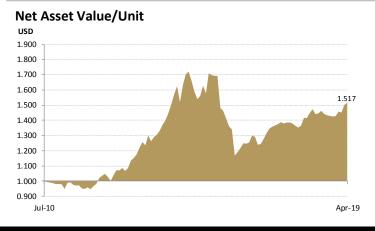
**Outlook**: Q1 results are out and were mostly uninspiring, across the region. Most companies continue to struggle with subdued demand. 28th May will see the first leg of Saudi's inclusion to the MSCI EM index (approximately \$6bn passive buying is expected). MSCI may also include Qatar's Woqod and Mesaieed Petrochemical to the EM index on the same day; each would see inflows of \$200m if included.

Fund Facts	
Asset class	Shari'a compliant GCC listed equities and sukuk
Investment Objective	18-24 month capital appreciation
Minimum investment	
- Individual	\$30,000 initially, \$1,500 thereafter
- Institution	\$300,000 initially, \$15,000 thereafter
Subscription Fees	up to 1%
Management Fees	1.25% pa
Performance Fees	20% of NAV increase above 24%, over 2-years
Lock-in period	Six months
Fund Duration	Open-ended
Founder	Masraf Al Rayan QPSC
Fund Manager	Al Rayan Investment LLC
Regulator	Qatar Central Bank
Custodian	HSBC Bank Middle East
Auditor	Deloitte & Touche
Bloomberg/ Lipper	ARYGCCF QD/ 68048992
Net Asset Value (NAV)	USD 14.4 m

## **Investments**



Fund Indicators (Equity)	April 2019			
P/E 2019E	16.6x			
P/BV 2019E	2.4x			
Dividend Yield 2019E	4.1%			
ROE 2019E	14.9%			
Weighted Market Cap (USD)	6.1bn			
Fund Indicators (Fixed Income)	April 2019			
Weighted maturity (years)	3.9			
Weighted yield to maturity	7.5%			



## Top 5 Holdings (% of total portfolio)

Company	Country	Instrument	%
Qatar Fuel	Qatar	Equity	10.7%
Dar Al Arkan 2023	KSA	Fixed Income	9.6%
Kuwait Finance House	Kuwait	Equity	8.5%
Qatar International Islamic Bank	Qatar	Equity	7.7%
Dar Al Arkan 2022	KSA	Fixed Income	7.4%

**Performance**<sup>#</sup> (since inception 51.7%)

Last	Last									
1mth	3mth	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
1.1%	4.1%	-1.9%	-1.5%	12.4%	26.2%	12.3%	-13.0%	-1.9%	3.9%	4.6%

<sup>\*</sup> Performance is calculated net of expenses

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