

Al Rayan GCC Fund



February 2021

2020 ETF Provide

# NAV/unit: QAR 1.855

# Performance YTD: +1.6%

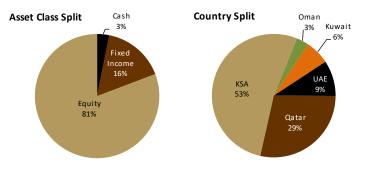
**Overview:** After a cagey start to the year, a fired up February as investors look to global recovery and reflation. Sovereign bonds yields jumped higher, starting to discount earlier increases in US and European interest rates. US and European equities gained 2% despite weakening near month-end as yield curves steepened on inflation concerns. EM equities were mixed: India +6%, Russia +2%, Brazil -4%. 10 year US Treasury yields surged 0.34% to 1.41% helping the US Dollar add another 1-3% against most major currencies. Commodities shone: Brent crude +18% (\$64.4), steel +17%, copper +16%, urea +10% and aluminium +9%. However, the higher US Dollar pushed gold down 6% to \$1,734.

Despite oil approaching \$65 in February, only Saudi equities really benefitted, jumping 5%. Other markets were subdued: Abu Dhabi +1%, Kuwait -2%, Qatar -3% and Dubai -4%. During the month, regional fixed income issuance remained healthy at \$5.6bn. Sukuk returned -0.15% in February; extreme resilience despite the jump in yields.

Saudi Ceramic Co, Al Anwar Ceramic Tiles Co and Aldar Properties helped the fund most during the month while Industries Qatar, City Cement and Ezdan 2021 were key laggards.

**Outlook**: The strong start to the year has been boosted by higher oil prices; if \$55-65 Brent is sustained throughout 2021, government spending would be higher than budgeted in many countries, helping markets. We continue to focus on secular investment trends across the UAE, Qatar and Saudi Arabia.

#### Investments



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Fund Facts	
Asset class	Shari'a compliant GCC listed equities and sukuk
Investment Objective	18-24 month capital appreciation
Minimum investment	
- Individual	QAR 35,000 initially, QAR 5,000 thereafter
- Institution	QAR 350,000 initially, QAR 50,000 thereafter
Subscription Fees	up to 1%
Management Fees	1.25% pa
Performance Fees	20% of NAV increase above 24%, over 2-years
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	ARYGCCQ QD/ 68048996
Net Asset Value (NAV)	QAR 245.9m

Fund Indicators (Equity)	February 2021
P/E 2021E	20.6x
P/BV 2021E	2.4x
Dividend Yield 2021E	4.2%
ROE 2020E	8.9%
Weighted Market Cap (QAR)	25.4bn
Fund Indicators (Fixed Income)	February 2021
Weighted yield to maturity	18.5%
Weighted maturity (Years)	2.5

## Top 5 Holdings (% of total portfolio)

Company	Country	Instrument	%	
Saudi Ceramic Co	KSA	Equity	8.4%	
Dar Al Arkan 2025	KSA	Fixed Income	7.7%	
Ezdan 2021	Qatar	Fixed Income	6.9%	
Industries Qatar	Qatar	Equity	5.6%	
Mabanee Co	Kuwait	Equity	5.0%	

### Performance<sup>#</sup> (since inception 85.5%)

	Last 3mth		2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
-0.3%	4.8%	-0.6%	12.0%	26.5%	12.6%	-13.2%	-2.0%	4.4%	4.9%	23.3%	0.2%
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# Performance is calculated net of fees

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## **Net Asset Value/Unit**

