

Al Rayan GCC Fund



September 2023

NAV/unit: QAR 2.510

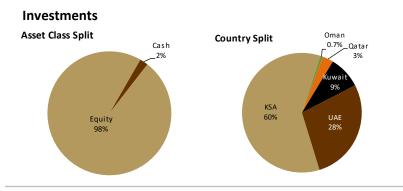
Performance YTD: +16.8%

Overview: Markets continued to sell off in September, as US interest rates are expected to remain higher for even longer with cuts pushed further out into 2024. US equities -5% and Europe -2% while in EM, Russia dropped 5%, India +2%, Brazil +1%, and China marginally down. 10-year US Treasury yields spiked 46bp over the month to 4.57%, while the US\$ gained 2-3% against major currencies. By contrary, most commodities were higher, with ethylene +8%, Brent crude +7% (\$92.2), aluminium +6% and Henry Hub gas +4%. Gold lost some shine, down 5% to \$1,848.

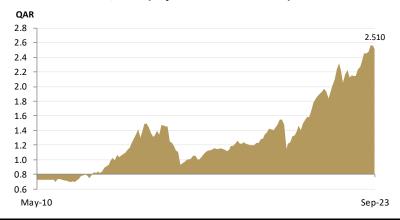
Most Gulf equities followed international markets, with Saudi Arabia -4%, Oman -3%, Kuwait -2%, while Dubai +2%, and Qatar +0.6%. Issuance picked up, despite the move higher in rates. \$7.85bn was issued from the region, of which \$3.25bn was sukuk (\$1.5bn DP World, \$1bn Energy Development Oman and \$750m Government of Sharjah). Within sukuk, average spreads were 11bp tighter, average yield to maturity +0.29% to 6.10%, and sukuk returned -0.8% over the month.

Emaar Properties, Company for Cooperative Insurance and Emaar Development helped the fund most in September; Saudi Airlines Catering, Saudi Ground Services and Seera Group Holding were key laggards.

Outlook: With further interest rate increases on the horizon, coupled with higher interest rates currently, companies with high leverage will continue to feel the pain. We remain unenthusiastic about banks (the largest sector). But with aggressive spending plans in many Gulf countries, we see ample opportunities, especially in Saudi and UAE. We see secular growth opportunities in sectors including tourism, health, education and hydrocarbon exploration.



Net Asset Value/Unit (adjusted for dividends)



| 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 | PricewaterhouseCoopers |
| Bloomberg/Lipper | ARYGCCQ QD/ 68048996 |
| Net Asset Value (NAV) | QAR 377.6m |
| Dividend Distribution | Semi-annual (January & July) |
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| Fund Indicators (Equity) | September 2023 | | |
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| P/E 2023E | 19.6x | | |
| P/BV 2023E | 4.8x | | |
| Dividend Yield 2023E | 2.7% | | |
| Weighted Market Cap (QAR) | 19.0bn | | |
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| Fund Indicators (Fixed Income) | September 2023 | | |
| Weighted yield to maturity | - | | |
| Weighted maturity (Years) | - | | |

Top 5 Holdings (% of total portfolio)

| Company | Country | Instrument | % | |
|----------------------------------|---------|------------|------|--|
| Emaar Properties | UAE | Equity | 7.9% | |
| Ali Alghanim sons automotive Co. | Kuwait | Equity | 5.4% | |
| Al Hammadi Holding | KSA | Equity | 5.4% | |
| Adnoc Drilling Co | UAE | Equity | 5.3% | |
| Saudi Airlines Catering | KSA | Equity | 5.1% | |

Performance net of fees

| 1 month | 3 months | Inception | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
|---------|----------|-----------|------|-------|------|-------|-------|
| -2.0% | 1.3% | 184.7% | 4.9% | 23.3% | 0.2% | 19.7% | 11.5% |

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