February 2024

Investment objective

The Fund will seek to achieve attractive risk adjusted returns by investing in Sharia compliant Saudi equities based on bottom-up fundamental research and technical analysis. The fund also allows to add GCC Sharia compliant equity names.

Fund Manager Commentary

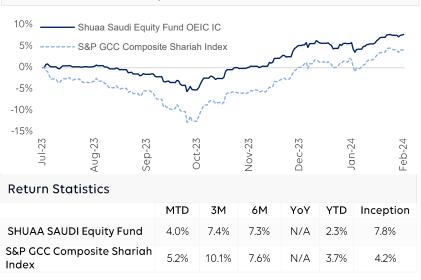
The Fund returned 4.0% in February, while the S&P GCC Composite Sharia Index in comparison returned 5.2%. KSA, constituting c.70.3% of the SPSHG benchmark, continued its momentum run throughout the month, registering only 2 sessions of trading losses, as the SASEIDX closed the month up 7.1%. Our 10.6% underweight positioning in KSA has contributed to the month's underperformance, though we remain value-oriented in our stock selection and tolerant of near-term deviation from the benchmark. Furthermore, we see restorative movement in several key positions in the fund that include off-benchmark names that offer uncorrelated returns, particularly towards the second half of the month. Coupled with UAE dividend related rallies and a cooling off in momentum-driven buying in KSA, along with eventual large-cap retracement in KSA as an Aramco secondary offering is brought to market in 2024, we expect value to overtake momentum in GCC markets in the medium term.

Oil markets remained relatively unchanged in February at USD 82/bbl Brent. In addition to continued geopolitical tensions in the region and disruptions to Red Sea-reliant supply chains, oil price remained affected by Fed rate expectations and demand overhangs. Aramco's surprise decision to halt expansions of to its Maximum Sustained Capacity (MSC) and to revise CapEx guidance in March was of greater materiality to the macroeconomic outlook in KSA, and the performance of several oil infrastructure plays on the TASI. The MSC is determined by the State under the Hydrocarbons Law, enacted by Royal Decree. In terms of Aramco stock, in which we are equal-weighted relative to the benchmark, CapEx cuts are supportive of dividend distributions, and in turn raise transfers to the government. The MSC growth suspension potentially implies that peak CapEx has already passed in 2023. We expect most of the CapEx surges Saudi Arabia's fiscal deficit (c.2%) by 0.4% of GDP. We expect medium term oil demand growth to be met by current spare capacity (3mn bpd in KSA) and non-OPEC+ oil supply growth.

The key macroeconomic development of the month was the announcement of USD 35bn worth of investments in Egypt, via a consortium led by ADQ, a UAE SWF. The total value of the project, over phases, adds up to USD 150bn; c.8-12% of Egypt's current GDP. The news arrives as the macroeconomic outlook in Egypt delivered a mixed bag in Feb, with the upfront payments providing an immediate catalyst for an adjustment of the EGP-USD rate, via a float of the exchange rate and a closure of the gap with the parallel market. The more material impact however is on the fiscal front, via a reduction of c.7% in the country's external debt, and reducing the government's gross financing needs and funding a significant part of the fiscal deficit for free. An FX range of EGP 40-45 to the USD would also have implications for inflation expectations, particularly as expected rate hikes (coupled with an FX overshoot prior to stability) would create the conditions for a resumption in carry trade flows into EGP denominated credit.

We continue to position the Fund for cash flow quality, value, and secular/defensive earnings characteristics.

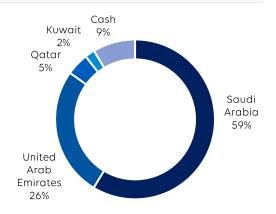
Fund Returns Since Inception



Fund Facts	
Inception Date	July 2023
Domicile	Abu Dhabi Global Markets
Fund Currency	USD/SAR
Asset Class	Sharia compliant Equities
Geography	GCC
ISIN	AE000A3CSWU8
Number of Holdings	70
Subscriptions/Fees	Daily / 0%
Redemptions/Fees	Daily / 0%
Leverage	0%
TER /Management Fee	2.4% / 1.5%
Fund Manager	Mohammad Kamal
Co Fund Manager	Aarthi Chandrasekaran
Investment Manager	SHUAA GMC Limited
Portfolio Statistics	
Fund AUM	\$45.5m
NAV per Share	107.8
Performance	
Annualised return	13.4%
Sharpe ratio	1.4
Standard deviation	6.8%
2023 Return*	5.3%*
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* Inception 31st July 2023

Country Allocation

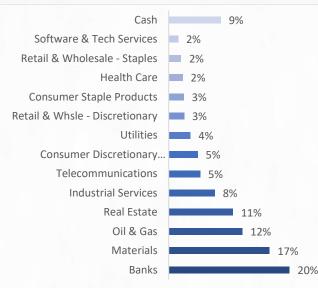


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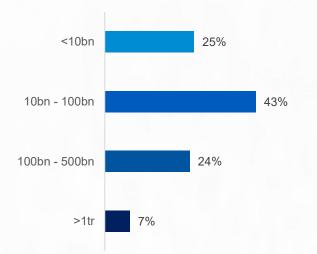
Top 5 holdings (excluding cash)	
Al-Rajhi Bank	14.4%
Saudi Arabian Oil Co	7.2%
Americana Restaurants International	4.2%
Saudi Telecom Company	4.2%
SABIC	3.8%

Sector Allocation



Fund Metrics	
RoE	25.1%
Earnings Yield	6.0%
PE (12m Forward)	16.6x
EV/EBITDA (12m Forward)	33.7
Net Debt/EBITDA	1.6

Equity Market Capitalization of Holdings (USD)



Top 5 Performers	
Power & Water Utility Co for J	22.4%
ALMUNAJE FOODS CO	21.7%
Jahez International Co	21.4%
Yamama Cement	18.6%
Saudi Catering Company	16.0%

Bottom 5 Performers	
Dana Gas	-14.5%
FERTIGLOBE PLC	-8.2%
Abu Dhabi Ports Co PJSC	-6.8%
EMIRATES CENTRAL COOLING SYS	-6.3%
Qatar Fuel Company	-4.7%
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