

### 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 2.6% in June, against 2.1% returned by the SPSHG TR benchmark. The month saw modest gains across KSA and the UAE (TASI +1.5%, DFM +1.3%, ADX +1.3%), reversing their May losses, and an exceptional rebound in Qatar (DSM +7.0%). Despite positive macro news flow, Kuwait shed 1.8% in June, while Oman's MSX shed 3.3% in its worst month YTD. The Fund remains constructive on near-term earnings growth in the UAE, underpinned by a robust macro backdrop, warranting our 9.4% overweight allocation. Conversely, the Fund is 7.0% underweight KSA, with allocations concentrated in select sectors.

In flow terms, June saw the largest influx of foreign buying in KSA (USD 3.5bn) in the past 2 years, largely via Qualified Foreign Investors (QFI). KSA nationals and GREs remained net sellers (USD 9.1bn). The secondary offering of Aramco shares during the month precipitated the above spikes in flow activity. Kuwait experienced its 3rd consecutive month of foreign net selling. At the macro level, OPEC production cuts, which have been extended into 2025, imply a downward revision to 2024 production assumptions for (KSA -5-6%, UAE -4%, Kuwait -7%), with a likely upsurge in 2025 (+7%, +10, +4% respectively).

Key May inflation data boosted the odds of a Fed cut this year, though jobs data suggested that the Fed may opt to hold off on any easing in the near term. All in, barring a spike in geopolitical risk premia, the oil outlook remains subdued. OPEC output rose in June for a 2nd consecutive month, offsetting the impact of voluntary production cuts. The median rate cut expectation remains at 25bps for 2024m and 100bps in 2025.

We are on the cusp of mid-year earnings releases, which should signpost the direction of GCC markets for the remainder of the year. Against a negative backdrop in May reflected in PMI slippages in KSA and UAE, the overall earnings outlook remains positive. GCC financials continue to reflect strong corporate lending growth and suggest that NIMs may not expand further this year (KSA). Credit quality remains strong on aggregate, with the sole source of earnings pressure this year being the introduction of corporate taxes in the UAE Property names in the UAE (and selectively in KSA) should report continued growth as residential buying appetite (+c.60% m/m in May) and occupancy rates continue to probe new highs. Petrochemical names, cyclically exposed, should return a mixed bag in H1, while insurers, despite demanding valuations, should reap price and volume growth benefits via exposure to medical inflation and mandatory coverage laws.

GCC IPOs, of which there have been 32 since Jan 2023, have raised north of USD 13.5bn over the period, in addition to absorbing a further USD 12.2bn via secondary offerings (Aramco, ADNOC Drilling). Almost two thirds of listings involved selling shareholders cashing out, which in turn likely contributed to the market's skepticism regarding the required valuation multiples, with particular reference to UAE listings in Q2.

We continue to position for select value across infrastructure, consumer, pharmaceutical, and chemicals names in KSA. In the UAE, utilities such as SALIK, DEWA, Tabreed and Empower remain in favor, while the ADNOC family of companies continues to reflect superior growth catalysts in the medium term. UAE banks offer substantial value, despite the likely compression in NIM and RoE emanating from lower policy rates.

## **Fund Returns Since Inception**



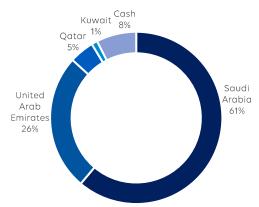
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	MTD	3M	6M	YoY	YTD	Inception
SHUAA SAUDI Equity Fund	2.6%	-3.8%	-2.6%	N/A	-2.6%	2.6%
S&P GCC Composite Shariah Total Return Index	2.1%	-3.7%	-1.6%	N/A	-1.6%	-0.1%

Fund Facts	
Inception Date	July 2023
Domicile	Abu Dhabi Global Markets
Fund Currency	USD/SAR/AED
Asset Class	Sharia compliant Equities
Geography	GCC
ISIN	AE000A3CSWU8
Number of Holdings	50
Subscriptions/Fees	Daily / 0%
Redemptions/Fees	Daily / 0%
Leverage	0%
TER /Management Fee	2.2% / 1.5%
Fund Manager	Mohammad Kamal
Co Fund Manager	Aarthi Chandrasekaran
Investment Manager	SHUAA GMC Limited
Portfolio Statistics	
Fund AUM	\$41.6m
NAV per Share	102.6
Performance	
Annualised return	2.8%
Sharpe ratio	-0.3
Standard deviation	6.2%
2023 Return*	5.3%*

<sup>\*</sup> Inception 31st July 2023

#### Country Allocation



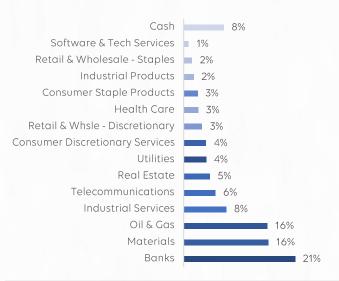


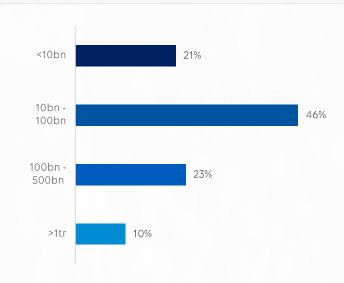
Top 5 holdings (excluding cash)	
Al-Rajhi Bank	11.0%
Saudi Arabian Oil Co	10.3%
Saudi Telecom Company	5.4%
Alinma Bank	5.1%
SABIC	3.7%

Fund Metrics	
RoE	22.4%
Earnings Yield	6.3%
PE (12m Forward)	15.8x
EV/EBITDA (12m Forward)	10.3x
Net Debt/EBITDA	0.6x

### Sector Allocation

# Equity Market Capitalization of Holdings (USD)





Top 5 Performers	
Al Hassan Ghazi Ibrahim Shaker Company	17.6%
National Medical Care Company	15.5%
Budget Saudi	13.8%
Aldar Properties	13.8%
Mouwasat Medical Services Company	13.2%

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