

### 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**

Our SHUAA Saudi fund was up 0.5% in November 2024 (versus -1.5% S&P GCC Composite Shariah Index) resulting in YTD performance of 1.6% (versus the benchmark of 3.4%).

DFM continued to be an outperformer in November with +5.2% m/m, followed by +1.7% on Kuwait, while saw some downward pressure of -0.7% in ADX, -3.2% in Saudi, and -3.3% in Oman. YTD, the DFM continues to be the best performing GCC market +24.78%, followed by Kuwait +8.9%.

In Saudi, The Ministry of Finance (MoF) announced KSA's 2025 budget, with the numbers coming identical to the Pre-Budget statement issued nearly a couple of months ago. The gov't is projecting a 3.7% drop in revenues to SAR1.18trn, driven mostly by a 6.8% decline in non-tax revenues (mostly oil revenues). It appears that gov't is budgeting for oil revenues of cSAR700bn in 2025; thereby, it is projecting an 8% Y-o-Y drop in oil revenues, equivalent to SAR64bn (USD17bn). This also would mean that performance-based dividends from Aramco is likely to be lower. We are also seeing some push back in spending on Neom projects, however the FIFA World cup 2034 sponsorship would mean that the country has to plan for an overhaul in hospitality and infrastructure. Overall, we are underweight Saudi with financials being the key holding.

In the UAE, Dubai Ruler Sheikh Mohamed bin Rashid Al Maktoum recently approved the 2025 budget for the emirate, maintaining a strong expansionary stance that is set to ensure a strong momentum for the emirate's economic growth story. Although the gov't is budgeting for slower growth in revenues and expenditures, we note that both are coming off from an elevated base. The approved budget stipulates an expenditure bill of AED86.3bn, representing 9% Y-o-Y growth. Although easing from the past two years' double-digit growth of 13% and 17%, respectively, the budget expenditure, nevertheless, still points to strong growth equivalent to real growth of c6%. We are overall overweight on UAE names, with real estate and GRE/Sovereigns being the key holders.

In the Kuwait, Kuwait Cabinet, which was appointed in Jun post the latest political changes, is yet to announce its four-year economic program. Nevertheless, monitoring Cabinet's measures over the past few months provides some indications to the future course of its economic policy. In the near term, the gov't seems to be focused on a relatively gradual reform path, one that aims to build credibility and buy-in from the public. Overall, economic activity remains subdued in 2024, amidst a backdrop of elevated interest rates and weak public investment expenditure. Consensus is expecting GDP growth to contract for the second straight year in 2024, driven mostly by a further reduction in crude oil production. Meanwhile, non-oil GDP is likely to recover after two negative years, thanks to a rebound in the manufacturing sector from a low base (two consecutive years of contraction). However, Credit growth remains in low single-digits, mirroring subdued consumer spending; private consumption is cooling off from a strong post-pandemic recovery and as a result of high interest rates. We have positions in transportation in Kuwait, however overall, we are underweight Kuwait.

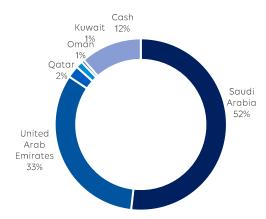
#### **Fund Returns Since Inception**



Return Statistics						
	MTD	3M	6M	YoY	YTD	Inception
SHUAA SAUDI Equity Fund	0.5%	0.2%	7.1%	6.7%	1.6%	7.1%
S&P GCC Composite Shariah Total Return Index	-1.5%	-0.8%	7.3%	9.8%	3.4%	5.1%

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	43	
Subscriptions/Fees	Daily / 0%	
Redemptions/Fees	Daily / 0%	
Leverage	0%	
TER /Mgmt Fee	2.2% / 1.5%	
Performance Fee	Zero	
Fund Manager	Aarthi Chandrasekaran	
Co Fund Manager	Aarthi Chandrasekaran	
Investment Manager	SHUAA GMC Limited	
Portfolio Statistics		
Fund AUM	\$38.7m	
NAV per Share	107.1	
Performance		
Annualised return	5.2%	
Sharpe ratio	0.2	
Standard deviation	6.9%	
2023 Return*	5.3%*	
* Inception July 2023		

## Country Allocation



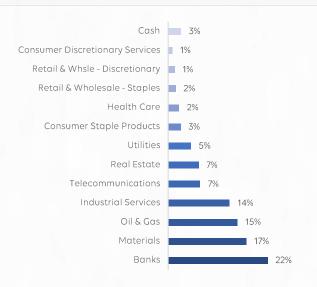


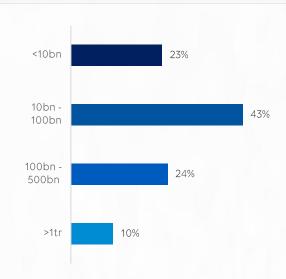
Top 5 holdings (excluding cash)	
Al-Rajhi Bank	12.3%
Saudi Arabian Oil Co	8.1%
Alinma Bank	5.1%
Dubai Islamic Bank	4.5%
Retal Urban Develoment Co	3.9%

Fund Metrics	
RoE	27.0%
Earnings Yield	6.0%
PE (12m Forward)	16.6x
EV/EBITDA (12m Forward)	10.8x
Net Debt/EBITDA	0.4x

## Sector Allocation

# Equity Market Capitalization of Holdings (USD)





Top 5 Performers	
Emaar Development PJSC	22.3%
Retal Urban Develoment Co	17.9%
SALIK CO PJSC	15.2%
Agility Global PLC	10.4%
Emaar Properties	9.9%

-14.9%
-11.2%
-10.5%
-9.1%
-8.9%

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