## 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

Saudi Equity Fund returned $4.4 \%$ in November, as compared to the S\&P GCC Composite Sharia Index, which gained $5.6 \%$. The Fund reduced its cash allocation from $46 \%$ to $18 \%$ during the month, as it deployed heavily into the market's recovery. The Fund's residual cash tilt contributed to the underperformance relative to the Index, though this was mitigated by the Fund's stock selection and risk allocation during the period. The Fund continues to outperform the benchmark since inception ( $-0.4 \%$ vs. $-4.7 \%$ ), largely due to its defensive positioning and cash tilt. Going forward, we aim to deploy the remaining cash in quality cash generating names, coupled with a rotational tilt into sustainable yield plays in select sectors.

The Fund will seek to remain directionally agnostic, and as such has deployed $28 \%$ into 3 specific buckets: (i) defensive, secular growth stories in utilities, healthcare, education, and consumer staples (ii) partial neutralization of implied underweights relative to the benchmark, and (iii) value plays in the yield space (namely KSA REITs) that trade at belowhistorical multiples while offering distribution sustainability and positive response to eventual rate cuts down the line.

We remain comfortable in the trade-off of near term performance for medium-term value realization, in a market that faces a juxtaposition of immediate geopolitical risks, medium term fiscal challenges, but strong long term domestic growth themes. Additionally, the Fund intends to selectively engage in potential opportunities arising from the final phase of the regional IPO boom. Despite abstaining from participation in the November IPOs, the Fund anticipates more favourable valuation levels in subsequent opportunities, aiming to capitalize on potential buying prospects in the future.

Going forward, we see strong domestic growth catalysts in KSA that now include an additional project pipeline related to the Expo 2030 event that will engage multiple elements of the economy (construction, hospitality, real estate, retail, mobility, banking, and insurance). The Expo 2030 event should also serve to expedite the completion of several components of the Vision 2030 plan, including the King Salman Park, the Qiddiya Project, and the Diriyah Gate Project. Previous false dawns in the Saudi construction and building materials sectors may now have tangible medium term catalysts at hand.

## Fund Returns Since Inception



## Fund Facts

Inception Date
July 2023
Abu Dhabi Global Markets

USD/SAR
Sharia compliant Equities GCC

AE000A3CSWU8
Number of Holdings
63
Subscriptions/Fees Daily/0\%
Redemptions/Fees Daily/0\%
Leverage 0\%
TER /Management $\quad 2.4 \% / 1.5 \%$
Fee
Mohammad Kamal
Fund Manager

Aarthi
Chandrasekaran
Investment
SHUAA GMC
Limited

## Portfolio Statistics

Fund AUM
\$43.7m
NAV per Share

## Performance

Returns since Inception 0.4\%

| Annualised return | Nm |
| :--- | :--- |
| Year to Date (YTD) | $0.4 \%^{*}$ |
| Month to Date (MTD) | $4.4 \%$ |
| Sharpe ratio | Nm |
| Standard deviation | Nm |

* Inception 31st July 2023


## Country Allocation



| Top 5 holdings (excluding cash) |
| :--- |
| Al Rajhi Bank |
| Alinma Bank |
| Saudi Arabian Oil Co |
| Saudi Telecom Company |
| SABIC |

## Sector Allocation



## Top 5 Performer

Jahez International Co
27.0\%

Amanat
19.6\%

Al Hassan Ghazi Ibrahim Shaker Company 17.8\%
Ades Holding Co 15.8\%
National Medical Care Company $\quad 15.7 \%$

| Fund Metrics |  |
| :--- | :---: |
| RoE | $25.8 \%$ |
| Earnings Yield | $5.6 \%$ |
| PE (12m Forward) | $17.8 \times$ |
| EV/EBITDA (12m Forward) | 15.3 |
| Net Debt/EBITDA | 0.6 |

Equity Market Capitalization of Holdings (USD)


## Bottom 5 Performers

Aramex ..... -14.3\%
Jazeera Airways ..... -12.4\%
Americana Restaurants Internat ..... -8.9\%
Arabian Contracting Services $C$ ..... -8.2\%
ALKHABEER REIT ..... $-3.2 \%$
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