



Fund Manager Commentary

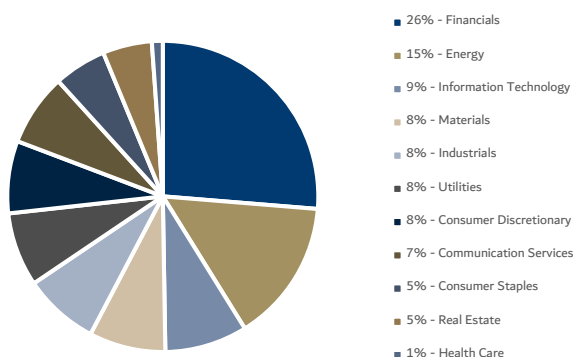
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During the month of July, global equity markets experienced growth as the investors showed buying interests, as reflected by the 3.3% growth in the MSCI World index. In US, the S&P 500 Index showed a monthly growth of 3.1% while the tech-heavy NASDAQ reported the monthly growth of 3.8%. In the GCC region, all the regional markets showed positive trend with the MSCI GCC Index up by around 4.1% in July. The S&P Pan Arab Index was also up 3.3% in July. Qatar Index was the leader this month with the growth of 8.8% led by large-cap stocks followed by DFM Index which reported monthly growth of 7% in July. We believe that there will be increased activity in the coming month as the investors consider the 1H-2023 corporate earnings.

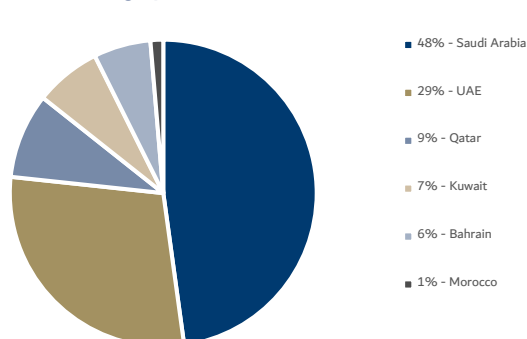
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Sector Allocation



Geographic Allocation



Objective

Achieve capital appreciation, primarily through investment in equity and equity related securities in the Middle East and North African markets.

Fund Performance

Performance ¹	Fund	Benchmark ²	Alpha
1 Month	4.7%	4.3%	0.4%
YTD ³	19.1%	7.4%	11.7%
1 Year	14.4%	-4.0%	18.4%
3 Year	77.3%	47.2%	30.1%
5 Year	61.3%	28.4%	32.9%
Since Inc.	61.0%	23.1%	37.9%

¹ Performance is net of fees; return is cumulative

² S&P Pan Arab Composite Index

³ As of 26th July 2023

Top 5 Holdings

Holding	% of Fund
Saudi Telecom Company	5.5
Al Rajhi Bank	5.2
Saudi National Bank	5.0
ELM Company	5.0
Adnoc Drilling Company	4.9

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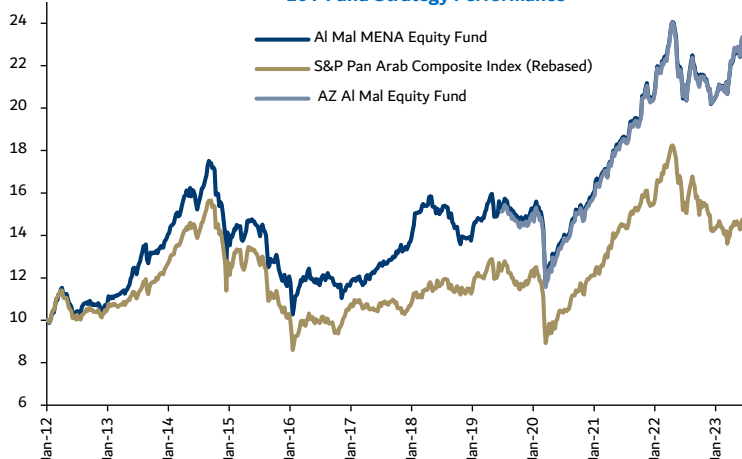
Matrix ⁴	Fund	Benchmark
Standard Deviation	10.7%	12.2%
Tracking Error	5.3%	
Beta	0.8	
No. of Holdings	36	

⁴ Calculated using 3-year weekly data

Fund Information

Investment Manager	Azimut (DIFC) Limited
Investment Advisers	Al Mal Capital PJSC
Fund Advisor	Faisal Hasan, CFA
Inception Date	June 26, 2019
Fund Size	USD 74 million
Strategy Size	USD 250 million
Domicile	Luxembourg
Currency	USD
Subscription & Redemption	Weekly
Min Subscription	USD 1 (Retail) -250,000 (Institutional)
Bloomberg Code	AZ3AZUA LX
Management Fee	Up to 2.0%
Benchmark Index	S&P Pan Arab Composite
Fund Type	Open Ended
Administrator & Custodian	BNP Paribas

10Y Fund Strategy Performance



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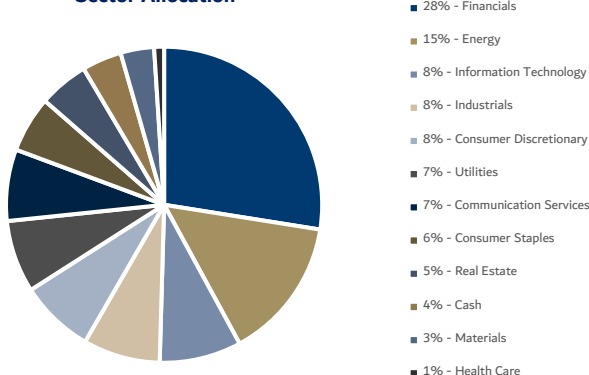
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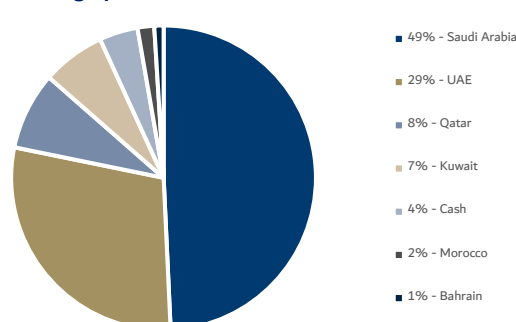
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3 Year	75.3%	47.2%	28.1%
5 Year	58.2%	28.4%	29.8%
Since Inc.	58.4%	-17.9%	76.3%

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³ As of 26th July 2023

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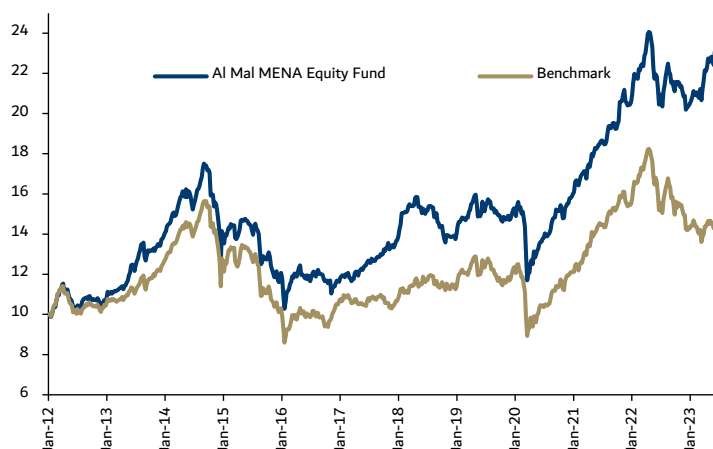
Matrix ⁴	Fund	Benchmark
Standard Deviation	10.4%	11.9%
Tracking Error	4.9%	
Beta	0.8	
No. of Holdings	35	

⁴ Calculated using 3-year weekly data

Fund Information

Fund Manager	Faisal Hasan, CFA
Inception Date	15th June 2008
Fund Size	USD 26 million
Strategy Size	USD 250 million
Domicile	Bahrain
Currency	USD
Subscription & Redemption	Weekly
Min Subscription	USD 250,000
Bloomberg Code	MALMENE BI
Management Fee	1.75%
Benchmark Index	S&P Pan Arab Composite
Fund Type	Open Ended
Administrator	Apex
Custodian	Standard Chartered

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As we enter the latter half of 2023, global capital markets continue to face an imbalance in economic forces. Persistent inflation, the tightening of central bank policies, and ongoing financial instability all present evident risks. However, despite these challenges, economies and markets have demonstrated unexpected resilience. Major economies have maintained growth while earnings results have surpassed expectations. In this uncertain environment, the importance of meticulous security selection cannot be overstated. The annual inflation rate has decreased significantly since hitting 40-year highs last summer but still sits above the Fed's desired level causing a persistence in tightening monetary policy efforts.

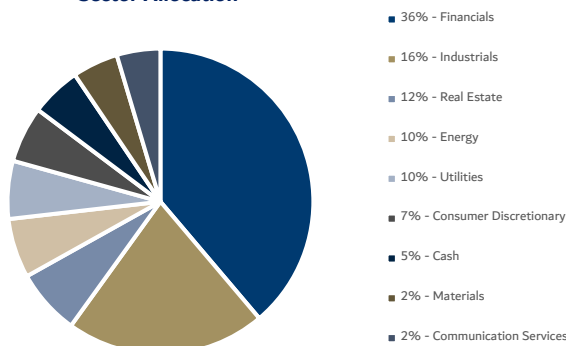
Stocks have shown strong growth in the first half of 2023 amid more signs of cooling from the Federal Reserve's preferred inflation gauge. All three major stock benchmarks logged strong performances for both the year's second quarter and first half. The Nasdaq is up more than 30% since the start of the year, which is its best first half of the year since 1983. The benchmark S&P 500 has gained around 16%, while the Dow has put up a more modest 4% gain, showing that the growth in indices is not broad-based.

In June 2023, the FTSE ADX index experienced performance of 1.5% while the DFM General Index achieved a significant monthly gain, with a 6.0% increase. This performance positioned it as the second-best performing market in the GCC for the month. As of the end of June 2023, the ADX Index showed a year-to-date decline of 6.5%, while the DFM Index displayed a growth of 13.7% over the same period. On the economic front, the UAE's GDP growth accelerated to 7.9% in 2022 supported by its non-oil sector as the country continues with its economic diversification strategy.

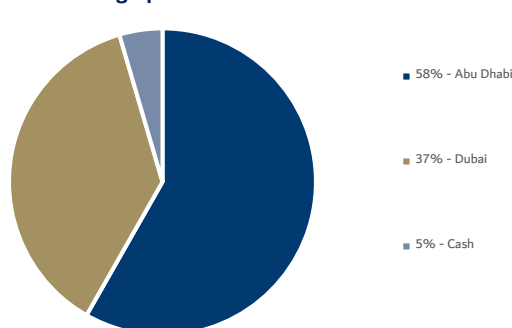
Portfolio Holding ADNOC Drilling announced that it was awarded a contract totaling USD2bn for the 10-year charter contracts of five high-specification jack-ups. Another holding AD Ports Group has announced completion of the acquisition of Noatum, whereby 100% of the company's stake was bought for an enterprise value of AED2.65bn (EUR660mn).

The fund remains well diversified with 23 names with financials accounting for 36% of the fund. The top-3 holdings constitute 21.7% of the fund. The fund registered a YTD growth of 13.1% till July-2023 as compared to index growth of 4.6% in the same period, registering an outperformance (alpha) of 8.5% till July-2023. In the month of July, the fund registered 3.5% as compared to 5.2% seen in the benchmark.

Sector Allocation



Geographic Allocation



Objective

Achieve medium to long-term capital growth by investing primarily in equities listed on the UAE Exchange.

Fund Performance

Performance ¹	Fund	Benchmark ²	Relative Perf.
1 Month	3.5%	5.2%	-1.7%
YTD*	13.1%	4.6%	8.5%
1 Year	10.5%	1.9%	8.6%
3 Years	97.5%	72.9%	24.6%
5 Year	55.7%	24.9%	30.8%
Since Inc.	134.5%	-24.3%	158.8%

¹ Performance is net of fees; return is cumulative

² S&P UAE Domestic 10% Capped Index

³ As of 26th July 2023

Top 3 Holdings

Holding	% of Fund
Abu Dhabi Ports	7.5
Emirates NBD	7.5
Adnoc Drilling Company	6.7

Fund Analysis

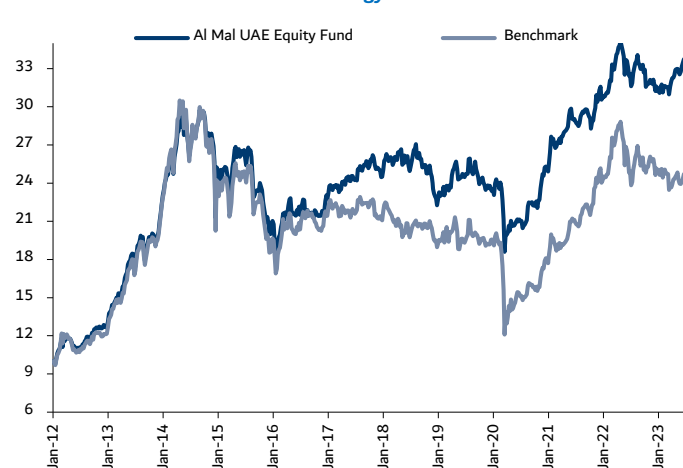
Matrix ⁴	Fund	Benchmark
Standard Deviation	11.9%	14.9%
Tracking Error	6.7%	
Beta	0.7	
Dividend Yield 2022	4.0%	
No. of Holdings	23	

⁴ Calculated using 3-year weekly data

Fund Information

Fund Manager	Faisal Hasan, CFA
Fund Size	AED 49 million
Domicile	UAE
Currency	AED
Subscription & Redemption	Weekly
Min Subscription	AED 40,000
Management Fee	1.50%
Performance Fee	20% over 10% hurdle with high watermark
Financial Year End	31st December
Benchmark Index	S&P UAE Domestic 10% Capped Index
Fund Type	Open Ended
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