



Fund Manager Commentary

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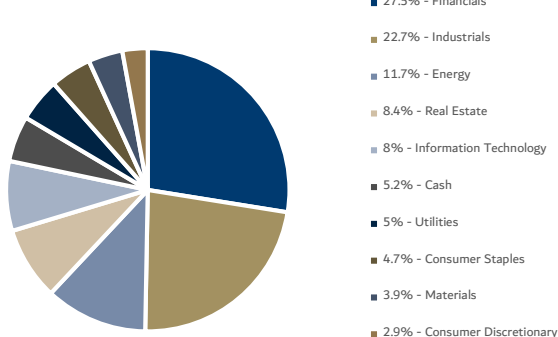
The UAE economy continues to grow steadily, with GDP projected to expand by 5% in 2025, supported by robust non-oil sector growth of around 4%. Fitch Ratings reaffirmed the UAE's sovereign rating at AA- with a Stable Outlook, citing strong fiscal buffers and prudent macroeconomic management. The S&P Global PMI stood at 55.5 in June, reflecting strong private sector momentum. Tourism remains a key growth engine, with Dubai welcoming 9.8 million visitors in the first five months of 2025, up 12% year-on-year, highlighting the UAE's growing appeal as a global destination and regional business hub.

In June, the DFM General Index rose over 3.5% month-on-month, driven by strength in financials and real estate. Year-to-date, DFM is up approximately 10.6%, significantly outperforming ADX, which is up around 5.7%. Banking and real estate stocks remained in focus, supported by rising credit demand and resilient property sales. Market volumes were stable, with investors adopting a selective approach ahead of H1 2025 earnings season.

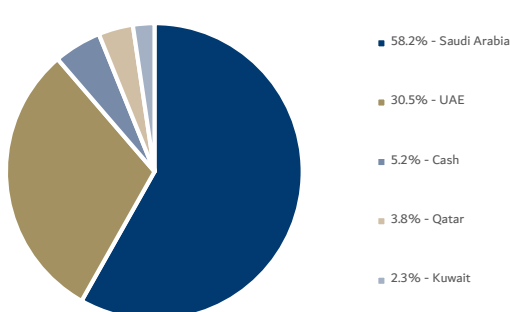
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Sector Allocation



Geographic Allocation



Objective

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

Performance ¹	Fund	Benchmark ²	Alpha
1 Month	3.2%	2.4%	0.8%
YTD*	-0.3%	1.6%	-1.9%
2024	3.0%	1.9%	1.1%
2023	23.1%	9.8%	13.3%
2022	-0.9%	-5.9%	5.0%
Since Inc.	68.2%	-15.5%	83.7%

¹ Performance is net of fees; return is cumulative

² S&P Pan Arab Composite Index

³ As of 30th June 2025

Holding	Top 5 Holdings	% of Fund
Emaar Properties		5.6
Saudi National Bank		5.0
Sustained Infrastructure Holding Co.		4.0
Saudi Ground Services Co.		4.0
ADNOC Logistics and Services		4.0

Fund Analysis

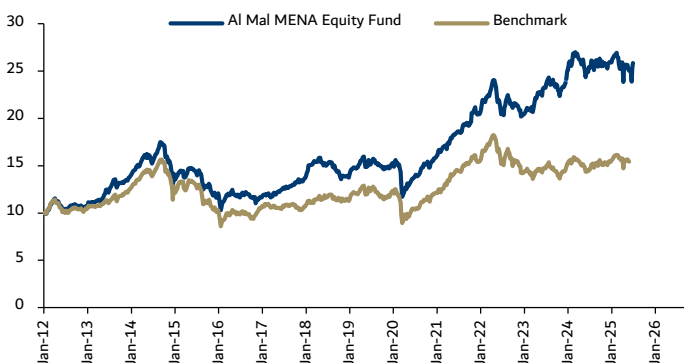
Matrix ⁴	Fund	Benchmark
Standard Deviation	13.4%	12.8%
Tracking Error	6.7%	
Beta	0.9	
No. of Holdings	31	

⁴ Calculated using 3-year weekly data

Fund Information

Fund Manager	Faisal Hasan, CFA
Inception Date	15th June 2008
Fund Size	USD 24 million
Strategy Size	USD 250 million
Domicile	Bahrain
Currency	USD
Subscription & Redemption	Weekly
Min Subscription	USD 50,000
Bloomberg Code	MALMENE BI
Management Fee	1.75%
Benchmark Index	S&P Pan Arab Composite
Fund Type	Open Ended
Administrator	Apex
Custodian	Standard Chartered

10Y Fund Strategy Performance



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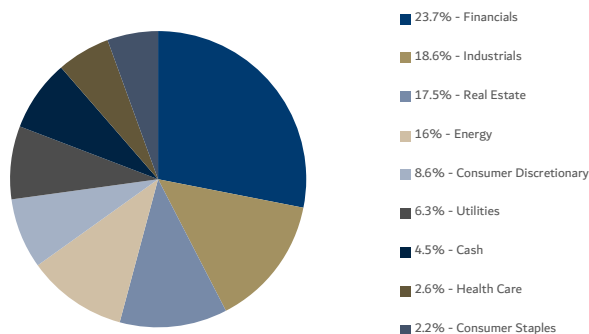
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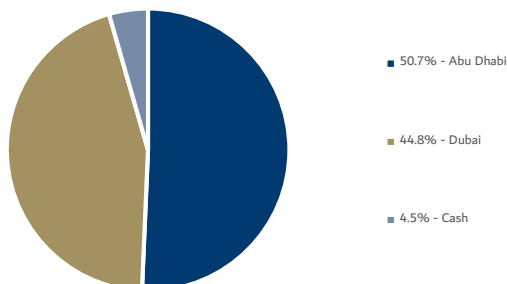
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Objective

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	2.9%	3.6%	-0.7%
YTD*	6.7%	11.4%	-4.7%
2024	17.9%	12.2%	5.7%
2023	14.5%	7.6%	6.9%
2022	6.2%	5.4%	0.8%
Since Inc.	198.5%	-6.5%	205.0%

¹ Performance is net of fees; return is cumulative

² S&P UAE Domestic 10% Capped Index

³ As of 30th June 2025

Top 3 Holdings

Holding	% of Fund
ADNOC Logistics and Services	6.0
Emaar Properties	5.8
ABU Dhabi Commercial Bank	5.4

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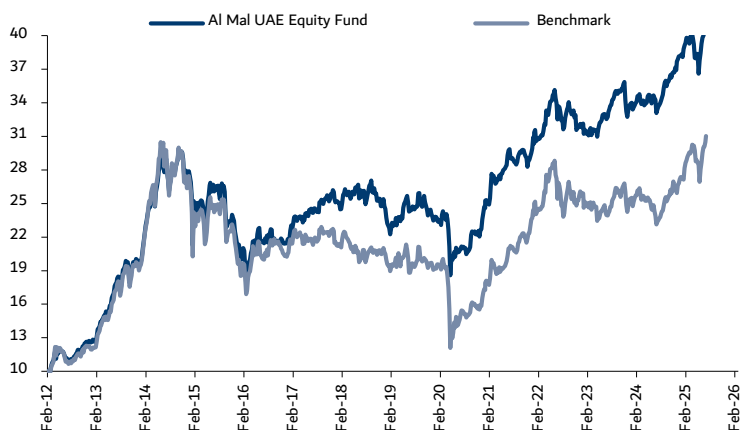
Matrix ⁴	Fund	Benchmark
Standard Deviation	10.6%	13.8%
Tracking Error	5.8%	
Beta	0.7	
No. of Holdings	24	

⁴ Calculated using 3-year weekly data

Fund Information

Fund Manager	Faisal Hasan, CFA
Fund Size	AED 55 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
Administrator & Custodian	Standard Chartered

10Y Fund Strategy Performance



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