



#### **Fund Information**

#### **Benchmark**

S&P GCC Large Cap Custom Index

#### **Domicile**

Bahrain

#### Launch Date

February 2005

## Structure

Open-Ended

## NAV

USD 177.0048

# **Current Fund Size**

USD146.303 mn

## Base Currency

US DOLLAR (USD)

## **Initial Investment**

USD 10,000

#### **Subsequent Investment**

USD 5,000

# NAV Frequency

Weekly

# Initial Charge

2%

# Fees

Management 1.5% p.a. Custodian 0.15% p.a.

Performance 10% over 8% p.a. Redemption None

# Custodian & Controller

HSBC Bank Middle East Limited / Bahrain

## Auditors

KPMG Fakhro / Bahrain

## **Bloomberg Code**

GLGLCFD

#### ISIN Code

BH000A0QZKF6

#### **Fund Manager**

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## Fund Objective & Strategy

The fund seeks to achieve long-term capital appreciation by investing in a diversified portfolio of large cap stocks listed on the GCC stock exchanges. The investment process is based on a bottom-up stock selection methodology along with a

macroeconomic overlay to identify growth opportunities throughout the GCC region.

The fund invests in multiple sectors and growth/value categories.

# USD100 Invested Since Inception



\*Note: We have changed the benchmark to S&P GCC Large Cap Capped Index on Sept 30, 2010

#### Cumulative Returns (%)

|            | · / |      |      |     |      |      |      |      |
|------------|-----|------|------|-----|------|------|------|------|
|            | 1M  | 3M   | 6M   | YTD | 1Y   | 3Y   | 5Y   | *SI  |
| Fund       | 2.8 | 9.4  | 15.9 | 2.8 | -0.1 | 15.4 | 42.5 | 77.0 |
| Benchmark  | 2.7 | 9.9  | 15.4 | 2.7 | -1.2 | 12.7 | 42.3 | -1.6 |
| Difference | 0.1 | -0.5 | 0.5  | 0.1 | 1.1  | 2.7  | 0.2  | 78.6 |

<sup>\*</sup>Since Inception (February 2005)

## Yearly Performance Ending 31st December (%)

|            | 2015  | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|------------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Fund       | -12.6 | 0.4  | 2.0  | 12.5 | 9.9  | -4.4 |
| Benchmark  | -17.4 | 6.8  | 0.7  | 14.3 | 7.6  | -5.2 |
| Difference | 4.8   | -6.4 | 1.3  | -1.8 | 2.3  | 0.8  |

#### Statistics over 5 years

| Tracking Error Beta |      | Information<br>Ratio | Sharpe Ratio | Standard<br>Deviation |
|---------------------|------|----------------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| 3.0%                | 0.92 | 0.01                 | 0.28         | 13.61                 |

## GCC Market I Equity

# Global GCC Large Cap Fund

#### **Fund Review**

The Global GCC Large Cap Fund returned 2.8% M/M in January, outperforming the benchmark which returned 2.7% during the same period.

#### **Positive Contributors:**

Positive contributors to the fund relative performance include our OW position in Arabian Cement as the stock gained 20%

## **Negative Contributors:**

Our UW position in KFH, as the stock rose 7% M/M, contributed negatively towards the fund relative performance.

#### Top 5 fund holdings

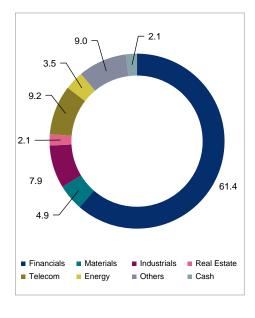
| Stock | Country      |  |
|-------|--------------|--|
| QNB   | Qatar        |  |
| NBK   | Kuwait       |  |
| Rajhi | Saudi Arabia |  |
| FAB   | UAE          |  |
| NCB   | Saudi Arabia |  |

## Country Weights (%)

| Country | Benchmark | Fund  |
|---------|-----------|-------|
| Saudi   | 49.13     | 47.19 |
| UAE     | 15.38     | 18.20 |
| Kuwait  | 14.87     | 14.29 |
| Qatar   | 17.16     | 18.25 |
| Oman    | 1.43      | 0.00  |
| Bahrain | 2.02      | 0.00  |
| Cash    | N/A       | 2.07  |
|         |           |       |

#### Market Cap Weightings 100% 80% 60% 49% 39% 40% 32% 30% 15% 14% 20% 0% 0% 5bn-10bn >20bn 10bn-20bn <5bn Cash ■Global GCC Large Cap Fund S&P GCC Large Cap Index

#### Sector Breakdown (%)



#### Top Three Overweight / Underweight versus Benchmark



#### Market Commentary

US returns were muted in January as S&P500 fell 1.1% during the month after touching all time high levels during the intra-month trade. In line with the market expectations, the Fed kept the interest rates unchanged during the month. Elsewhere, the MSCI EM Index gained 2.9% whereas MSCI EAFE index eased 1.1% during the last month. On the commodities front, Brent oil gained 7.9% in January as a combination of demand recovery and supply cut by OPEC supported the price.

Moving to the region, the MSCI GCC Index returned 1.8% in January- helped by the prospects of post COVID economic/ earnings recovery and stronger energy prices. In terms of the GCC earnings reported so far, it has been lower 19% y-o-y, but nonetheless managed to

beat the consensus estimates by 5%. The Saudi Arabian Tadawul Index remained flat during the month on 37% lower value traded compared to December 2020. On the contrary, Kuwait recorded strong gains returning 4.2%. In the UAE, both Dubai and Abu Dhabi returned healthy 6.5% and 10.9% respectively. Abu Dhabi markets were helped by a series of announcements including the foreign ownership relaxations in Etisalat and revised shareholding structure disclosures by FAB. Once implemented, these measures could potentially attract more than USD1.2bn of passive inflows in these stocks. In addition, a sharp pick-up in services sector in the UAE helped the stock rally in January. Finally, the Qatar Index remained muted during January recording a modest gain of 0.4%.

For the year 2021, our outlook for the GCC countries remains mixed due to the adverse impact of the moderate energy pricesrestricting the fiscal space- but supported by a strong non-oil recovery in the post-pandemic world. Although the regional markets have lagged global equities the valuations remain on the higher side. A spike in COVID-19 cases could increase volatility in the near term. Overall, we expect the GCC markets to deliver muted low single digit returns in 2021. Accordingly, our strategy for alpha generation is by positioning the markets selectively and opportunistically in the UAE, Saudi and Qatar.

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