



#### **Fund Information**

#### **Benchmark**

S&P KIA Kuwait Islamic Liquid Capped Index

#### **Domicile**

Kuwait

#### **Launch Date**

March 2004

#### Structure

Open-Ended

# NAV

KWD 2.488

#### **Current Fund Size**

KWD 55.05 mn

# **Base Currency**

Kuwaiti Dinar (KWD)

#### **Initial Investment** KD 100

# **NAV** Frequency

Weekly

### Fees

Management 1.0% p.a. Custodian & Controller 0.125% p.a. Redemption None

#### **Performance Fees**

15% of Alpha capped at 1.5% of NAV

Deloitte & Touche, Al Wazzan & Co.

#### **Bloomberg Code**

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# Fund Manager

Kamco Investment Company

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# Fund Objective & Strategy

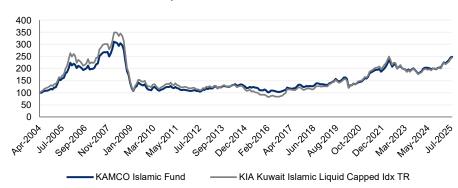
The fund seeks to achieve long-term capital appreciation by investing in a diversified portfolio of Shariah compliant stocks listed Boursa Kuwait.

The investment process is based on a

bottom-up stock selection methodology along with a macroeconomic overlay to identify growth opportunities in Kuwait.

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

### KWD100 Invested Since Inception



### Cumulative Returns (%)

|            | 1 M   | 3 M   | 6M    | YTD   | 1 Y   | 3Y    | 5Y    | *SI    |
|------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| Fund       | 1.4%  | 8.9%  | 14.9% | 21.9% | 24.3% | 14.3% | 85.0% | 148.8% |
| Benchmark  | 2.4%  | 9.9%  | 13.6% | 22.4% | 23.3% | 9.3%  | 81.9% | 145.4% |
| Difference | -0.9% | -1.0% | 1.3%  | -0.5% | 1.1%  | 5.0%  | 3.1%  | 3.5%   |

# Yearly Performance Ending 31st December (%)

|           | 2019  | 2020  | 2021  | 2022  | 2023  | 2024 |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| Fund      | 22.4% | -5.7% | 25.7% | 4.6%  | -7.4% | 9.2% |
| Benchmark | 23.1% | 1.4%  | 30.4% | -1.0% | -9.5% | 9.2% |

# Statistics over 5 years

| Tracking Error | Beta | Information Ratio | Sharpe Ratio | Standard<br>Deviation |  |
|----------------|------|-------------------|--------------|-----------------------|--|
| 2.78%          | 0.89 | 0.22              | 0.86         | 12.38%                |  |

# Kuwait Market I Equity

# Kamco Islamic Fund

#### Top Five Fund Holdings

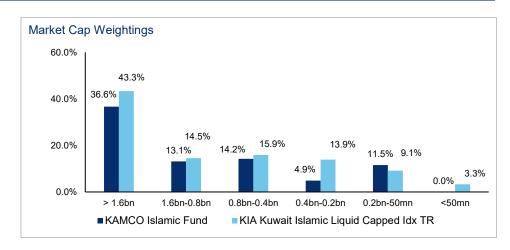
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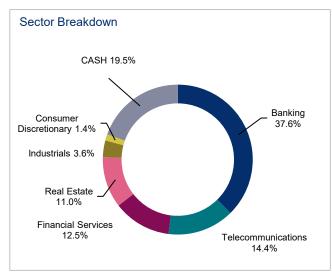
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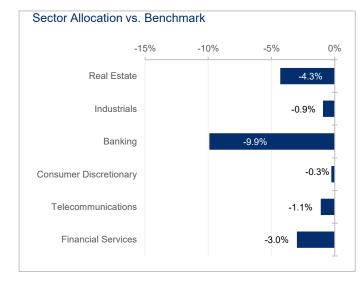
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KUWAIT FINANCE HOUSE







# **Market Commentary**

The S&P 500 increased 2.2% M-o-M in July, marking its third consecutive month of gains, despite paring some of the gains. Investors' optimism over strong corporate earnings pushed the index up, while weak iobs data and Trump's revamped plan for tariffs dampened the sentiment towards the month-end. The Federal Reserve kept the rate unchanged in July; however, the weak labor market data raises prospects for a rate cut in the upcoming meeting in September.

Brent Oil was up 7.3% M-o-M, driven by secondary tariff threats from the US on countries buying crude from Russia along with formal sanctions on Russian barrels. In early July, OPEC+ agreed to increase production by a larger than expected 548,000 barrels per day in August. Barring the geopolitical tensions, the oil prices might come under pressure owing to the expected continued hike in OPEC+

production and slowdown in the US economy.

The MSCI GCC index booked gains for the second consecutive month, rising by 2.2% M-o-M in July. The rally in the MSCI GCC index was led by the Dubai and Abu Dhabi indices, which were up 7.9% and 4.1% Mrespectively. Investors flocked towards UAE stock markets owing to strong corporate results, especially in the real estate and banking sectors. The Kuwait Premier Market Index was also up by 1.2% M-o-M led by the technology and telecommunications sectors. Ten sectors ended the month in green while only three sectors were in the red namely Healthcare, Industrials, and Consumer Discretionary. The Saudi Tadawul Index was a major drag on MSCI GCC index, dropping by 2.2% M-o-M. The fall in the index was broad-based, with Utilities (-10.7%),

Insurance (-9.1%), and Software Services (-8.6%) sectors declining the most. Apart from Telecom, all sectors declined on a M-o-M basis and index heavy names like ACWA Power, and Al Rajhi Bank led the drop. The 2QFY25 result season has been mixed with corporate earnings failing to impress the investors, while the banking sector posted good profitability growth Y-o-Y.

Trump's tariffs and geopolitical tensions shaped the investor sentiment in July. More clarity on tariff deals and subsiding geopolitical tensions will drive near-term performance in global equity markets. We maintain our strategy to invest in quality names with defensive growth, while opportunistically taking advantage of the prevalent mispricing in stocks that provide medium term growth attractive fundamental levels.

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