

SICO Gulf Equity Fund

Fact Sheet - April, 2011

NAV US\$112.54 ↑ 3.9%

Manager's Commentary

Regional Markets continued their upward momentum in April with the S&P GCC index increasing by 3.0% for the month mainly driven by Dubai, Abu Dhabi and Kuwait. Emirates NBD (+20%), National Bank of Abu Dhabi (+16%) and First Gulf Bank (+14%) contributed to the gains in the UAE while Kuwait benefited from increases in Zain (+6%) and Kuwait Projects Company (+18%). Oman and Saudi Arabia were up by 2-3% while Bahrain was down for the month (-1.4%).

Speculation and market rumours on the deal with Etisalat continue to dictate the direction of Zain's share price. In April Zain increased by 6% after shareholders excluded representatives from Al-Fawares Holding from the board, as Al-Fawares was opposed to the sale of Zain. Qatari financials were impacted in April after the Qatari Central bank announced new regulations on personal lending, which was on top of the regulations it had previously issued restricting the Sharia complaint operations of the conventional Banks. Markets were surprised by the haste in which these regulations were implemented.

Your fund appreciated by 3.9% during the month compared to a 4.4% increase in the benchmark. Our investments in Qatar and high cash allocation tapered the returns of the fund, however on a year to date basis the fund is up by 1.3% while the benchmark has declined by 3%. This out performance primarily accrued due to our stock selection and effective allocation of cash. After the gains reported over the past two months, we expect consolidation from regional markets enabling further reductions to our cash allocation.

Investment Objective

The Fund seeks to achieve long-term capital appreciation by investing principally in equity securities listed on the stock markets of the GCC countries excluding Saudi Arabia.

Fund Returns (%)

	Fund	S&P GCC Ex Saudi Index
Apr 2011	3.9	4.4
YTD 2011 (Jan - Apr)	1.3	-3.0
2010	11.6	18.4
2009	12.9	-1.1
2008	-30.8	-53.4
2007	37.2	38.2
2006 (Mar - Dec)	-7.2	-20.2
Last 3 months	1.8	-2.1
Last 6 months	7.1	0.0
Last 1 year	4.7	5.3
Last 3 years	-24.3	-50.1
Last 5 years	16.4	-35.9
Since Inception (Mar 06 - Apr 11)	12.5	-41.7

Fund Information

Launch Date	March 2006
Management Fee	1.5%
Performance Fee	10% over 10% pa
Subscription & Redemption	Weekly
Dealing Day	Wednesday
Subscription & Redemption Deadline	Two Business days before Dealing Day
Minimum Subscription	US\$100,000
Bloomberg Code	SICGULF BI
Zawya Code	SICOGF.MF
Fund ISIN Code	BH000A1CZ855
Custodian/ Administrator	HSBC Bahrain

Top Holdings

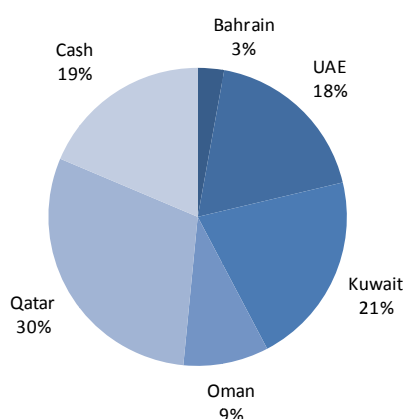
Name	Country	(%)
Qatar National Bank	Qatar	5.6
Industries Qatar	Qatar	5.2
National Bank of Kuwait	Kuwait	4.7

Risk Statistics

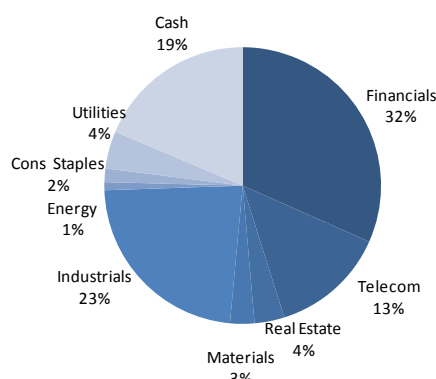
Annualised Standard Deviation (%)	19.9
Tracking Error (%)	11.5
Sharpe Ratio	NA
Information Ratio	1.1
Beta	0.7
Alpha (%)	8.2

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Country Allocation



Sector Allocation



Fund Statistics

Price Earnings Multiple TTM (x)	13.7
Price to Book Multiple Latest (x)	1.9
Dividend Yield 2010 (%)	3.4
Number of Holdings	26
Annualized Return (%)	2.3
Largest Monthly Gain (%)	12.6 (Apr 09)
Largest Monthly Loss (%)	-14.9 (Oct 08)
% of Positive Months	55
Maximum Drawdown- Peak to Trough (%)	-47.8
Length of Drawdown (months)	9
Recovery from recent trough (%)	42.0

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