

SICO Gulf Equity Fund

Fact Sheet - April 2017

NAV US\$ 113.69 ↑ 1.2%

Adjusted (for dividends) NAV US\$159.55

Manager's Commentary

Most regional bourses posted negative returns during April. Following the large passive flows that entered the market at the end of March, the Qatari market languished and declined by 3% during April. Other markets such as Dubai and Kuwait were down around 1-2% due to low investor activity. Abu Dhabi was the exception and appreciated by 2% mainly due to interest in the merged entity First Abu Dhabi Bank predominantly from passive flows.

The fund appreciated by 1.2% in April and outperformed the benchmark that was flat. The fund benefited from the rise in our core investments across Kuwait and the UAE. Humansoft, an investment from the education sector within Kuwait, rose 23% on the back of significant interest from institutions and decent first quarter earnings. Similarly, Union National Bank rallied close to 15% on optimism regarding a possible merger with Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank given the successful completion of the FGB-NBAD merger.

We continue to monitor our investments closely given that first quarter results season is currently ongoing. The recent decline in the Kuwaiti market has thrown up some investment opportunities that we intend to capitalize upon primarily focusing on the large caps. At the same time, we intend to maintain minimal exposure to Qatar as the market lacks any positive catalyst in the short term. We anticipate that the merger and acquisition theme will continue to play out during the year which can further add to the fund's return.

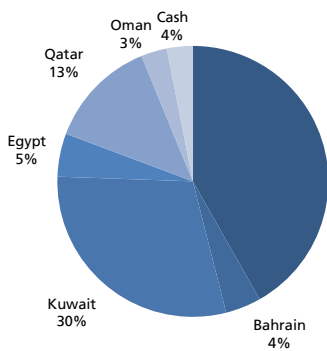
Investment Objective

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.

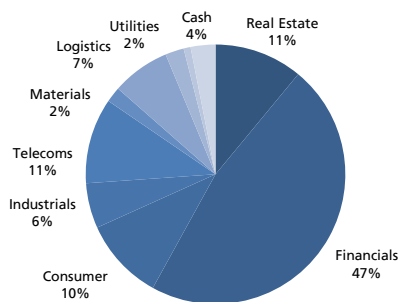
Returns (%)	Fund	Index*
April 2017	1.2	-0.1
YTD (April 2017)	4.9	4.1
2016	0.0	9.2
2015	1.8	-17.5
Last 3 Months	3.4	-0.6
Last 6 Months	8.8	9.5
Last 9 Months	0.7	7.7
Last 1 Year	3.2	7.9
Last 3 Years	-3.1	-14.1
Last 5 Years	47.6	37.7
Last 10 Years	61.2	6.7
Since Inception (Mar 06– Apr 17)	59.5	-6.9

*S&P GCC ex Saudi Total Return Index

Country Allocation



Sector Allocation



Key Statistics

	Fund	Index
Price to Earnings Multiple TTM (x)	11.3	14.0
Price to Book Multiple Latest (x)	1.3	1.4
Return on Equity TTM (%)	15.1	12.9
Dividend Yield—2015 (%)	4.3	4.3
Number of Holdings	33	154
Annualized Return (%) - Last 5 years	8.1	6.6
Annualized Standard Deviation (%) - Last 5 years	13.3	15.5
Largest Monthly Gain (%) - Last 5 years	9.0 (Apr 15)	9.3 (Jul 14)
Largest Monthly Loss (%) - Last 5 years	-9.0 (Jun 14)	-13.6 (Jun 14)
% Positive Months (%)	57	52
Success Ratio (%) - Last 5 years	56	NA
Latest Drawdown-Peak to Trough (%)	-20.3	-33.0
Duration of Drawdown (months)	(17mths) Aug 14 to Jan 16	(21mths) May 14 to Jan 16
Recovery from Latest Drawdown (%)	15.2 Feb 16 to Apr 17	25.6 Feb 16 to Apr 17

Fund Information

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

Top Holdings

Name	Country	(%)
Emaar Properties	UAE	6.6
National Bank of Kuwait	Kuwait	6.3
First Abu Dhabi Bank	UAE	6.1

Risk Statistics (last 5 years)

Standard Deviation (%)	13.3
Sharpe Ratio	0.4
Tracking Error (%)	5.9
Information Ratio	0.3
Alpha (%)	2.2
Beta	0.8

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