

SICO Gulf Equity Fund

Fact Sheet - March 31, 2010

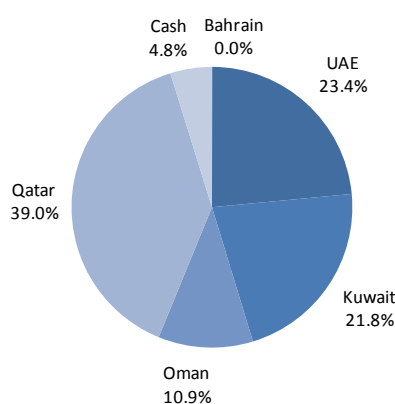
NAV US\$106.94 ↑ 6.2%

Manager's Commentary

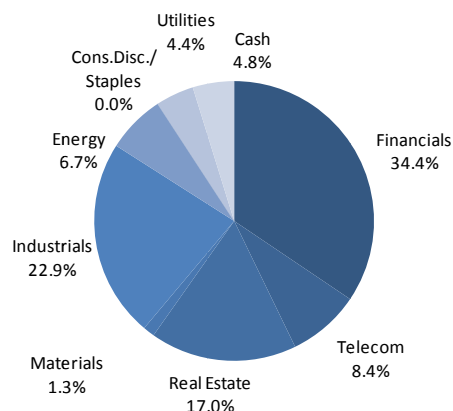
All GCC markets posted positive returns for the second consecutive month as investor sentiment remained upbeat. High oil prices along with the US\$9.5bn Dubai World's restructuring package instilled a fresh dose of confidence into the markets. The Dubai bourse, after remaining subdued since the start of the year, rose sharply (+15.7%) on account of the restructuring announcement. DP World (37%), Emaar (34%) and DFM (31%) were amongst the top performers. This positive sentiment spilled to Abu Dhabi and the benchmark increased by 7.6%. The Qatari market also saw buying interest within the banking and industrial sectors that resulted in its benchmark increasing by 8.6%. Kuwait rose 3.7%, while Bahrain and Oman were up 1.9% and 0.1%, respectively.

SICO Gulf Equity Fund appreciated by 6.2% for the month as compared to a rise of 7.9% for the benchmark. The fund benefited from its large allocation to Qatari based financials whose gains were in the range of 10-15%. In addition, our allocation to the Abu Dhabi real estate companies also contributed to the overall fund's return. During March, we trimmed our allocation to certain Kuwaiti based companies that we believed had reached their intrinsic values and deployed this cash to equities in the UAE to take advantage of the improved investor sentiment within the Emirate. As at the end of the month, the fund had approximately 5% in cash which we would look to deploy as and when investment opportunities arise. The start of the first quarter earnings season would be crucial in determining whether the momentum of these markets will lose steam or not.

Country Allocation



Sector Allocation



Fund Statistics

Price Earnings Multiple TTM (x)	12.7
Price to Book Multiple Latest (x)	1.6
Dividend Yield 2009 (%)	2.8
Number of Holdings	30
Annualized Return (%)	1.7
Largest Monthly Gain (%)	12.6 (Apr 09)
Largest Monthly Loss (%)	-14.9 (Oct 08)
% of Positive Months	51
Maximum Drawdown- Peak to Trough (%)	-47.8
Length of Drawdown (months)	9
Recovery from recent trough (%)	35.0

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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	MSCI GCC Ex Saudi Index*
Mar 2010	6.2	7.9
YTD (Jan – Mar '10)	7.4	13.3
Last 3 months	7.4	13.3
Last 6 months	-7.8	-4.4
Last 1 year	26.5	41.8
Last 3 years	10.9	-22.9
Last 5 years	n.a	n.a
2009	12.9	4.7
2008	-30.8	-52.7
2007	37.2	44.6
2006 (Mar – Dec)	-7.2	-19.6
Since Inception (Mar 06 – Mar10)	6.9	-34.7

*This refers to MSCI GCC Ex Saudi USD Total Return Gross

Fund Information

Launch Date	March, 2006
Management Fee	1.5%
Performance Fee	10% over 10% pa
Subscription & Redemption	Monthly
Subscription Deadline	Five Business days before month end
Redemption Deadline	Ten Business days before month end
Minimum Subscription	US\$100,000
Reuters Code	LP65038264
Zawya Code	SICOGF.MF
Fund Listing	Bahrain Stock Exchange
Custodian/ Administrator	HSBC Middle East, Bahrain

Top Holdings

Name	Country	(%)
Industries Qatar	Qatar	7.3
Commercial Bank of Qatar	Qatar	5.9
Doha Bank	Qatar	5.0

Risk Statistics

Annualised Standard Deviation(%)	20.8
Sharpe Ratio	-0.2
Information Ratio	0.9
Beta	0.7
Alpha (%)	6.5

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