

SICO Gulf Equity Fund

Fact Sheet - April 2012

NAV US\$108.7 **↓0.3%**

Manager's Commentary

Regional markets as measured by S&P GCC Index declined by 3.1% during the month primarily due to profit taking in Saudi Arabia (-3.5%). Industrials and Petrochemicals led the declines in the Kingdom. Kuwait and Oman managed to increase by approximately 3% during the month. While construction and cement companies contributed to the gains in Oman, Kuwait benefited from gains in investment companies. Qatar and UAE declined in the range of 1-1.5%

Real-estate related companies in the UAE reported 66% YoY increase in earnings for the 1q 2012 driven by the rebound in earnings in Aldar, Sorouh, and Emmar. This together with other anecdotal evidence on occupancy and land sales suggests that the real-estate market particularly in Dubai is bottoming out. In contrast, Qatari companies reported muted growth in earnings. While earnings of Industries Qatar declined by 10% YoY due to poor petrochemical pricing, earnings of Qatari Banks were impacted by lower than expected loan growth and higher margin pressure.

The NAV of SICO Gulf Equity Fund dipped by 0.3% for the month, versus a 1.9% decline in the benchmark. Your fund benefitted from a lower than benchmark exposure to Zain and no exposure to speculative stocks in the UAE and Kuwait. During the month, we capitalized on the declines in the market and increased our exposure to stocks with strong fundamentals that have lagged the recent rally. As a consequence our cash allocation reduced to 7% from 11% in March.

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	S&P GCC Ex Saudi Index
April 2012	-0.3	-1.9
YTD 2012 (Jan-April)	5.9	1.8
2011	-8.2	-14.0
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	5.6	2.6
Last 6 months	5.1	-0.2
Last 1 year	-4.0	-9.7
Last 3 years	28.2	27.4
Last 5 years	12.4	-32.4
Since Inception (Mar 06 - April 12)	8.1	-47.3

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	SICOGEF.MF
Fund ISIN Code	BH000A1CZ855
Custodian/ Administrator	HSBC Bahrain

Top Holdings

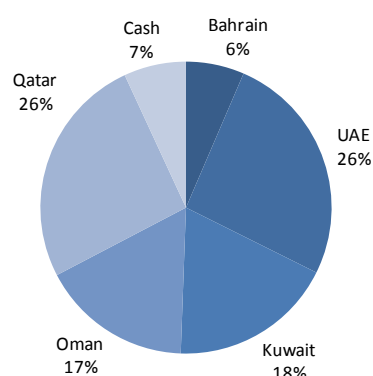
Name	Country	(%)
Bank Muscat	Oman	5.3
Industries Qatar	Qatar	5.2
Zain	Kuwait	4.9

Risk Statistics

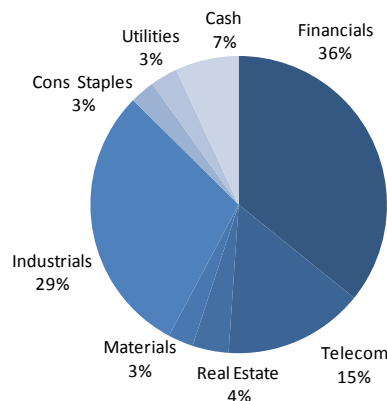
Annualised Standard Deviation (%)	18.5
Sharpe Ratio	NA
Tracking Error (%)	10.6
Information Ratio	1.1
Beta	0.7
Alpha (%)	7.3

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Country Allocation



Sector Allocation



Key Statistics

	Fund	Index
Price Earnings Multiple TTM (x)	12.1	12.0
Price to Book Multiple Latest (x)	1.7	1.4
Return on Equity TTM (%)	15.6	12.0
Dividend Yield - 2011 (%)	5.0	3.6
Number of Holdings	26	125
Annualized Return (%)	1.3	-9.9
Annualized Standard Deviation (%)	18.5	23.3
Largest Monthly Gain (%)	12.6 (Apr 09)	15.4 (May-09)
Largest Monthly Loss (%)	-14.9 (Oct 08)	-24.4 (Oct-08)
% of Positive Months	55	47
Maximum Drawdown- Peak to Trough (%)	-47.8	-67.5
Length of Drawdown (months)	9	12
Recovery from recent trough (%)	36.8	25.0

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