

## Monthly fact sheet

NAV – RO 1.028 | NAV (Adj.)\* – RO 1.258 | 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025

NBO GCC FUND | December 2025 Fact Sheet

### Manager's comments

In 2025, GCC equity markets underwent a significant “rebalancing,” marked by a sharp divergence between high-performing smaller markets and the region’s heavyweight, Saudi Arabia. While global indices like the S&P 500 saw double-digit gains, the GCC’s performance was localized, driven by domestic reforms rather than global trends.

#### Country Highlights (FY25):

**Muscat Stock Exchange – Oman (+28.2%) – Top Performer:** Driven by industrial growth and privatization.

**Qatar Stock Exchange – Qatar(+1.8%):** Broadly flat but stabilized by North Field LNG optimism.

**Tadawul – Saudi Arabia(-13.0%):** Underperformer driven by weak liquidity, lower oil prices and slow earnings growth

**Dubai & Abu Dhabi (DFM and ADX)(+17.2% and 6.0%):** Dubai - Real estate resilience and record tourism; highest level since 2014 reached in February. Abu Dhabi - Steady growth in financial services and investment holdings (e.g., IHC).

**Kuwait (Boursa Kuwait)(+21.2%):** Strong banking sector earnings and increased liquidity led by passage of debt law.

#### Portfolio performance

The benchmark declined by 1.47%, while the Fund limited losses to 0.57%, outperforming the benchmark. Overweight exposure to Saudi Arabia detracted from returns, partially offset by higher allocation to Oman and Kuwait Banks and positive contributions from UAE real estate and banking stocks.

#### Outlook – FY26

The GCC equity market outlook for 2026 is characterized by a “decoupling” from oil volatility, with regional stock markets increasingly driven by structural reforms, non-oil GDP growth, and a robust IPO pipeline. 2026 can be viewed as a consolidation year where the “Giga-projects” and diversification strategies of the last decade begin to yield mature corporate earnings.

#### Key themes to watch for in coming months:

**Above-Trend Growth:** GCC real GDP expected to grow 4.4–4.5%, driven by ~4% non-oil expansion, well ahead of global growth.

**Monetary Easing Tailwind:** Expected rate cuts in line with the US Fed should support credit growth and corporate earnings.

**Strong IPO & Tech Momentum:** Active IPO pipeline shifting toward private-sector tech, healthcare, and logistics, alongside rising AI investment in Saudi Arabia and the UAE.

**Key Risks:** Lower oil prices (\$60–65/bbl), regional geopolitical tensions, and delayed rate cuts if global inflation remains sticky.



## Top holdings

Name	Country	Portfolio weight
Al Rajhi Bank	KSA	8.18%
The Saudi National Bank	KSA	4.16%
Al Babbain Power	KSA	4.15%

## Key features\*

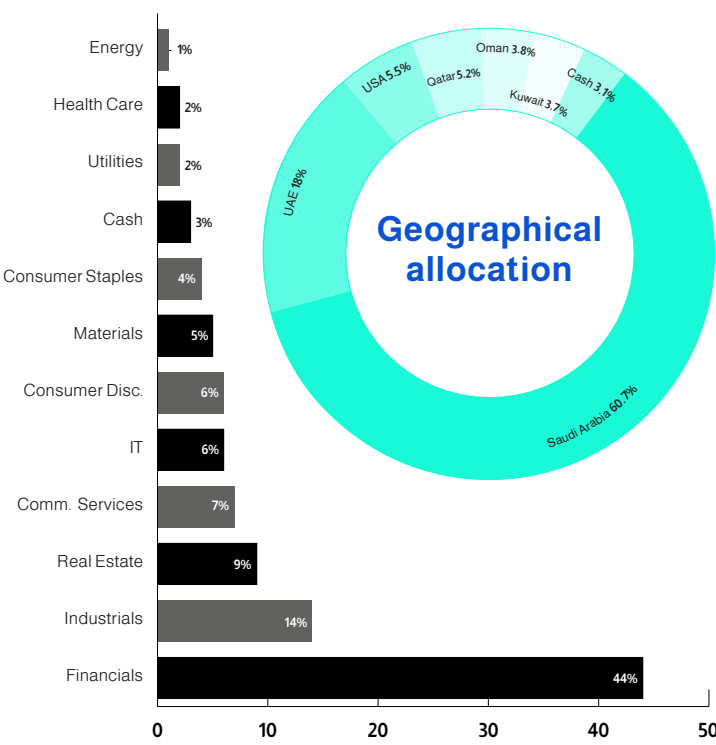
Domiciled in	Sultanate of Oman
Denomination	Omani Rial
Fund Structure	Open-Ended (Weekly NAV)
Objective	Dividend income and Capital Growth
Regulated by	Financial Services Authority, Oman
Managed by	National Bank of Oman SAOG
Administrated by	National Bank of Oman SAOG
Audited by	Moore Stephens LLC (Oman)
Legal Advisor	A&Q Law Firm
Management Fee	1.10% p.a.
Performance Fee	10% of return above hurdle rate of 10% p.a.
Dividend for 2014	4%
Dividend for 2015	2%
Dividend for 2018	3%
Dividend for 2019	3%
Dividend for 2023	5%
Dividend for 2024	6%

\*Please refer to the Prospectus for detailed terms & Fund features.

## Fund characteristics

Ratios	Fund	S&P GCC
Price to Earnings Ratio	13.69	14.22
Price to Book Ratio	2.55	1.86
Dividend Yield (%)	3.58	3.94

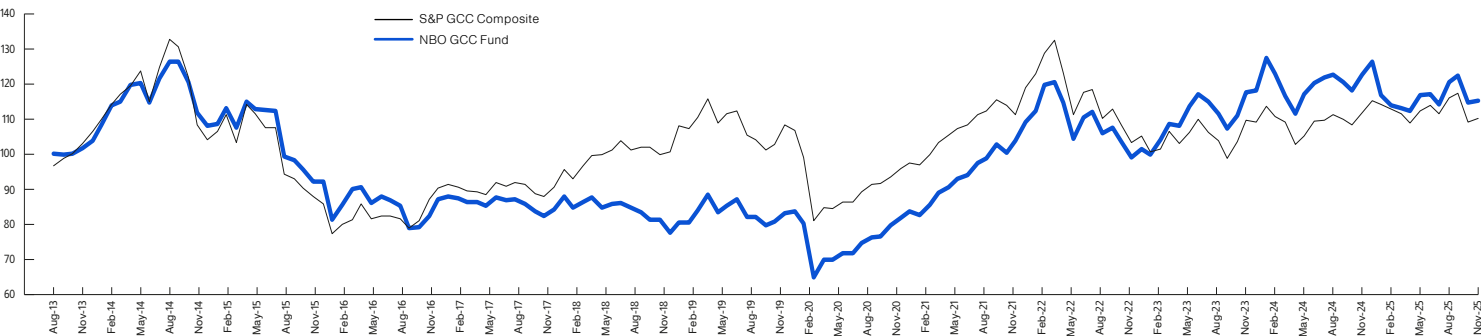
## Sector allocation



Historical performance (ad). for dividends

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD	Since Inception
2020	0.69%	-4.30%	-19.10%	7.76%	-0.16%	256%	0.23%	390%	2.38%	0.19%	4.32%	2.70%	-156%	-15.38%
2021	2.04%	-1.21%	3.73%	3.99%	1.88%	2.45%	1.08%	3.69%	143%	4.20%	-250%	3.59%	26.70%	7.43%
2022	5.07%	2.85%	6.73%	0.63%	-4.79%	-9.14%	5.85%	144%	-5.38%	164%	-3.89%	-4.23%	-4.79%	1.82%
2023	2.22%	-15.1%	4.19%	4.37%	-0.50%	5.16%	3.17%	-1.87%	-2.91%	-3.90%	3.59%	5.99%	18.81%	20.97%
2024	0.49%	7.68%	-3.40%	-5.34%	-4.22%	5.08%	2.69%	1.36%	0.54%	-1.71%	-2.08%	3.91%	8.99%	26.40%
2025	2.97%	-2.06%	-2.53%	-0.76%	-0.65%	4.10%	0.29%	-2.68%	5.70%	148%	-6.32%	0.56%	-0.57%	25.77%

NAV since inception



Analytics since inception

	NBO GCC Fund	S&P GCC Index
Volatility (Ann.)	14.03%	15.21%

Return comparison

	NBO GCC Fund	S&P GCC Index (Price)
1Month	0.56%	0.99%
3 Month	-4.40%	-5.06%
1Year	-0.57%	-1.47%
3 Year	8.39%	2.20%
2 Year	4.36%	0.26%
5 Year	8.64%	5.43%

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