

Monthly fact sheet

NAV – RO 1.045 | NAV (Adj.*) – RO 1.272 | 31st July 2025

NBO GCC FUND | July 2025 Fact Sheet

Manager's comments

In July 2025, GCC equity markets posted overall positive performance, with the S&P GCC Composite Price Index rising by 1.55%. The momentum was driven by Q2 earnings optimism, particularly in the banking sector. Investor sentiment was cautiously optimistic amid macroeconomic uncertainty, stable oil prices, and the backdrop of ongoing regional diversification efforts.

Dubai led the region with a strong gain of 7.9% in July, supported by robust earnings—especially from banks. This brought its year-to-date return to an impressive 19.4%, the highest among all GCC markets. Oman and Qatar also performed strongly, with gains of 6.2% and 4.76% respectively. Both markets were driven by broad-based optimism and healthy earnings from the banking sector. Abu Dhabi recorded a moderate rise of 3.6%, supported by resilient corporate results and a stable macroeconomic environment. Kuwait was relatively flat, with mixed sentiment across sectors and limited earnings surprises.

Saudi Arabia, in contrast, saw its Tadawul index fall by 2.2%, continuing its year-to-date decline of 9.3%. This underperformance was attributed to investor concerns around the pace of economic diversification, underwhelming IPO activity, and ongoing liquidity constraints—despite stable oil prices and healthy earnings in some sectors.

Brent Crude: Brent crude prices remained volatile during the month with prices hovering around the \$70 per barrel mark. The downward pressure was mainly due to OPEC+ announcing an increase in production toward the end of the month, which created additional supply pressure on the markets.

Portfolio Performance

July 2025 - Benchmark: 1.55% & Fund Portfolio: 0.29%. Underperformed due to our allocation in Saudi Arabia.

Outlook – June 2025

The outlook for GCC equity markets remains cautiously optimistic. Going forward, investor focus is likely to shift towards earnings quality and margin resilience. Firms that demonstrate strong productivity gains and early adoption of new technologies are expected to do well, while those lagging in innovation and efficiency may face pricing pressure. Despite external risks like global trade policy uncertainty and geopolitical tensions, sector-specific opportunities remain. Government-led economic diversification and relatively stable inflation continue to provide structural support. A balanced and tactical investment strategy focused on selective sector and country exposure—will be crucial in navigating the remainder of 2025.

Top holdings

Name	Country	Portfolio weight
Al Rajhi Bank	KSA	6.69%
Electrical Industries Co.	KSA	4.27%
Saudi Reinsurance	KSA	3.57%

Key features

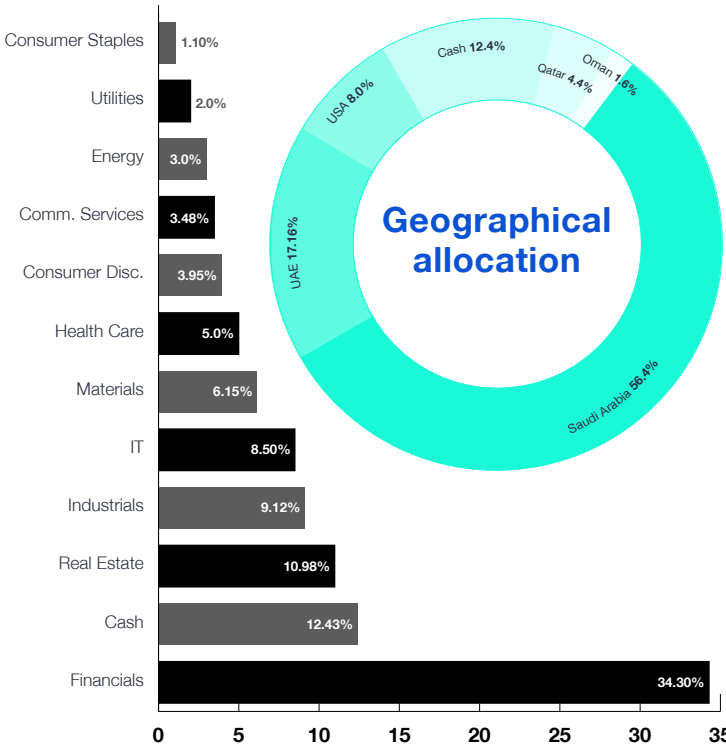
Domiciled in	Sultanate of Oman
Denomination	Rial Omani
Fund Structure	Open-Ended (Weekly NAV)
Objective	Dividend income and Capital Growth
Regulated by	Financial Services Authority, Oman
Managed by	National Bank of Oman SAOG
Audited by	Moore Stephens LLC (Oman)
Legal Advisor	A&Q Law Firm
Management Fee	1.10% p.a.
Performance Fee	10% of return above hurdle rate of 10%
Dividend for 2014	4%
Dividend for 2015	2%
Dividend for 2018	3%
Dividend for 2019	3%
Dividend for 2023	5%
Dividend for 2024	6%
Fund Size	OMR 11,485,720

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

Fund characteristics

Ratios	Fund	S&P GCC
Price to Earnings Ratio	15.69	15.25
Price to Book Ratio	2.83	1.90
Dividend Yield (%)	2.91	3.87

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%	2.56%	0.23%	3.90%	2.38%	0.19%	4.32%	2.70%	-1.56%	-15.38%
2021	2.04%	-1.21%	3.73%	3.99%	1.88%	2.45%	1.08%	3.69%	1.43%	4.20%	-2.50%	3.59%	26.70%	7.43%
2022	5.07%	2.85%	6.73%	0.63%	-4.79%	-9.14%	5.85%	1.44%	-5.38%	1.64%	-3.89%	-4.23	-4.79%	1.82%
2023	2.22%	-1.51%	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%						0.73%	27.20%

NAV Since Inception

