

Manager comments

Mixed set of US data and 3Q corporate numbers in the region directed the monthly trend in GCC markets, as they ended on a mixed note. Global cues turned positive from almost middle of the month as US markets rallied, factoring a hike of 75 bps followed by a narrower hike amidst expectation of softening inflation. Brent oil stood firm gaining almost 8.8% during the month. Global geo-political issues continue with rising concerns of a spillover, which could give another reason to shy away from equities. Overall sentiments remain challenging, until we get clear signals of tapering inflation or Fed's hawkishness.

The monthly rally in GCC was led by Abu Dhabi's 6.8% gains. Kuwait followed with a 3% increase, while KSA market failed to sustain at intra month highs and ended with only 2.3% gains. DFM and Bahrain lost 0.2% and 0.9% respectively. QE witnessed profit taking after few heavyweights posted disappointing Q3 results and ended 2.2% lower. MSX also witnessed selling pressure and gave up 3.6% during the month.

During October, the NBO GCC Fund increased 1.66% compared to a 2.31% increase in the S&P benchmark. On an YTD basis, the fund is up 3.44%, outperforming the benchmark by 2.09%.

Top holdings

Name	Country	Portfolio weight
Saudi National Bank	KSA	7.9%
Al Rajhi Bank	KSA	7.7%
ACWA Power	KSA	4.2%
ADCB	UAE	3.6%
Alinma Bank	KSA	3.4%

Key features

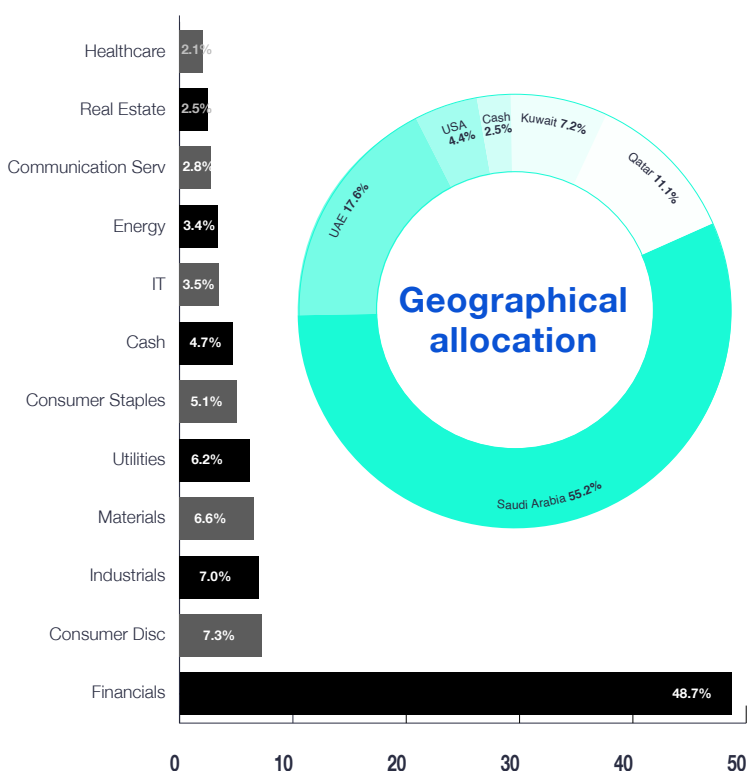
Domiciled in	Sultanate of Oman
Denomination	Rial Omani
Fund Structure	Open-Ended (Weekly NAV)
Objective	Dividend income and Capital Growth
Regulated by	Capital Market Authority, Oman
Managed by	National Bank of Oman SAOG
Administrated by	National Bank of Oman SAOG
Audited by	Moore Stephens LLC (Oman)
Legal Advisor	Rajab Al Kathiri & Associates
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%
Fund Size	OMR 11,326,945

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

Fund characteristics

Ratios	Fund	S&P GCC
Price to Earnings Ratio	15.37	16.49
Price to Book Ratio	2.54	2.06
Dividend Yield (%)	2.93	2.77

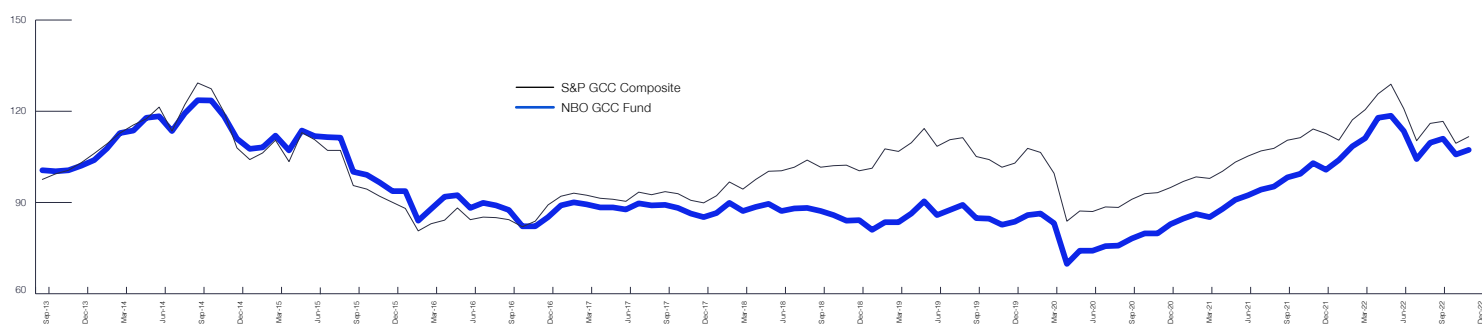
Sector allocation



Historical performance (ad). for dividends

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD	Since Inception
2013	Inception (NAV Starting 14th Aug 2013)							-0.08%	-0.26%	0.24%	1.71%	2.20%	3.84%	3.84%
2014	4.20%	5.30%	0.91%	4.12%	0.51%	-4.7%	5.90%	4.04%	-0.05%	-4.67%	-7.15%	-3.37%	4.01%	8.00%
2015	0.56%	4.09%	-4.94%	6.88%	-1.72%	-0.35%	-0.21%	-11.54%	-1.09%	-2.90%	-3.52%	0.08%	-14.75%	-7.93%
2016	-11.96%	5.379%	5.28%	0.61%	-5.17%	2.18%	-1.00%	-2.00%	-7.32%	0.01%	4.31%	5.57%	-5.70%	-13.17%
2017	1.17%	-0.77%	-1.29%	0.00%	-0.98%	2.74%	-0.97%	0.36%	-1.43%	-2.50%	-1.59%	1.97%	-3.37%	-16.10%
2018	4.49%	-3.47%	1.80%	1.45%	-3.21%	1.28%	0.19%	-1.34%	-1.84%	-2.51%	0.23%	-1.50%	-4.66%	-20.01%
2019	3.85%	-0.03%	4.10%	5.45%	-5.80%	2.21%	2.19%	-5.62%	-0.19%	-2.80%	1.47%	2.89%	7.19%	-14.25%
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%	-	-	3.44%	10.63%

NAV Since Inception



Analytic's since inception

	NBO GCC Fund	S&P GCC Index
Volatility (Ann.)	14.37%	17.87%
Ann. Return	1.10%	1.96%

Return comparison

	NBO GCC Fund	S&P GCC Composite
1Month	1.64%	2.31%
3 Months	-2.44%	-4.16%
1 Year	7.15%	5.38%
YTD	3.44%	1.35%
Since Inception	10.63%	19.58%

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