

SICO Arab Financial Fund

Fact Sheet - November 2011

NAV US\$11.24 ↓2.1%

Manager's Commentary

All markets apart from Bahrain (+1.3%) and Qatar (which ended flat) declined during the month. Egypt was the worst performing market in the region, dropping by -9% followed by Oman (-3%), Abu Dhabi (-2.3%) and Dubai (-2.1%). The rest of the markets declined in the range of 2%. Sporadic demonstrations coupled with deterioration in macroeconomic fundamentals continued to pressurize the Egyptian market. Galfar Engineering (-12%) and Renaissance Services (-15%) contributed to the losses in Oman while the markets in the UAE were impacted by real-estate related stocks.

Share prices of large cap financials such as EFG Hermes (-15%) Commercial International Bank (-13%), and Export Development Bank (-12%) were significantly impacted during the month. Declines were due to S&P downgrading Egypt's sovereign debt rating from 'BB-' to 'B+'. Egyptian banks are big investors in sovereign debt and the downgrade has increased investor concerns on the sovereign credit risk, while the macroeconomic fundamentals of Egypt continue to remain weak. The IMF predicts that Egypt's economy will only grow by 1.2 % in 2011, compared to 5% growth recorded in 2010. Furthermore, the Egyptian currency continues to be under pressure due to the drop in foreign reserves. Egypt's foreign reserves have declined to \$20 billion, from \$36 billion at the end of last year.

Your fund was down by 2.1% during the month, whereas the S&P Pan Arab Financial Index decreased by 2.6%. Year to date the fund continues to maintain significant out-performance compared to the index, having declined by 7.6% while the index is down 16%. Given the global economic uncertainty, we remain cautious investors in the short-term, and intend to maintain our defensive composition of the portfolio.

Investment Objective

The fund seeks long-term capital appreciation by investing primarily in financial sector equities listed in Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Tunisia, Jordan, Morocco and Lebanon.

Fund Returns (%)

	Fund	S&P Pan Arab Financial
Nov 2011	-2.1	-2.6
YTD 2011 (Jan-Nov)	-7.6	-16.0
2010	25.2	9.2
2009	14.8	4.8
2008	-29.9	-50.2
2007 (Aug'07-Dec 07)	20.7	33.0
Last 3 months	-0.9	-2.6
Last 6 months	-5.8	-10.5
Last 1 year	-4.4	-12.4
Last 3 years	7.1	-11.0
Since Inception (Aug 07- Nov 11)	12.4	-36.4

Fund Information

Launch Date	August 2007
Management Fee	1.5%
Performance Fee	10% over 10% pa
Subscription & Redemption	Weekly
Dealing day	Wednesday
Redemption/Subscription Deadline	Two Business days before dealing day
Minimum Subscription	US\$100,000
Bloomberg Code	SICARAF BI
Zawya Code	SICOAFF.MF
Fund ISIN Code	BH000A1CZ8Q9
Custodian/ Administration	HSBC Bahrain

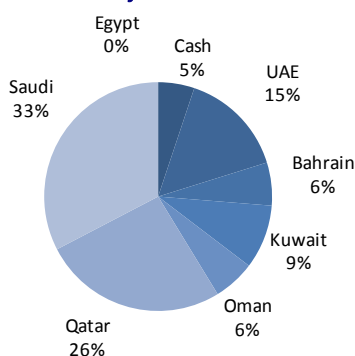
Top Holdings

Name	Country	(%)
Qatar National Bank	Qatar	5.9
Bank Muscat	Oman	5.9
Saudi Fransi	Saudi	5.8

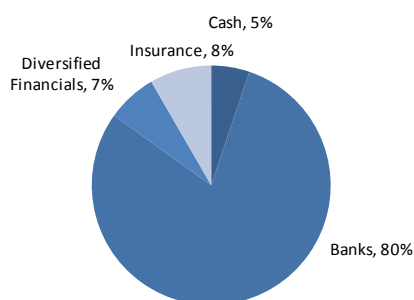
Risk Statistics

Annualised Standard Deviation (%)	18.2
Sharpe Ratio	nm
Tracking Error (%)	10.7
Information Ratio	1.2
Alpha (%)	9.1
Beta	0.73

Country Allocation



Sector Allocation



Fund Statistics

	Fund	Index
Price Earnings Multiple TTM (x)	11.4	11.7
Price to Book Multiple Latest (x)	1.6	1.5
Return on Equity TTM (%)	14.9	13.0
Dividend Yield 2010 (%)	4.0	3.3
Number of Holdings	22	86
Annualized Return (%)	2.7	-9.9
Largest Monthly Gain (%)	10.0 (Apr 09)	16.1 (Apr-09)
Largest Monthly Loss (%)	-16.4 (Oct 08)	-20.6 (Oct-08)
% of Positive Months	56	42
Maximum Drawdown- Peak to Trough (%)	-46.4	-60.1
Length of Drawdown (months)	9	12
Recovery from recent trough (%)	54.0	19.0

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