

UNITED GCC FUND

Investor Communiqué | NAV RO 1.588* Ytd +23.4%

December 2023

FUND DETAILS

Fund type

Open ended

Fund Objective

United GCC Fund is an open-ended fund incorporated in Oman. The objective of the fund is to generate capital appreciation by actively investing in companies listed in the GCC. It will maintain a diversified portfolio and use a flexible investment policy.

Launch date

13th June 2011

Base Currency

Omani Rial

Investment Manager

United Securities LLC

Administrator & Custodian

Gulf Custody Company (S.A.O.C)

Auditors

Crowe Oman

Legal Advisors

Rajab Al-Kathiri & Associates

Minimum investment

OMR 3000

NAV Frequency

Weekly

Subscription/ Redemption

Daily

Fees

2% Subscription Fee
3% Redemption fee for 3mths
0% Redemption fee after 3mths
1% Management fee
12% Performance fee in excess of 10% hurdle rate

Tickers

Bloomberg - UNITGCC OM Equity

Zawya - UNSUGCC.MF



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Market commentary for the month

The UGCC fund concluded 2023 with a stellar performance, delivering a 23.4% annual return and surpassing the benchmark by a considerable margin, evidencing its strength in a fluctuating market scenario. The resilience of global markets was a hallmark of the year, with notable recoveries across both developed and emerging sectors, ending the year with uplifted spirits, thanks to decreasing inflation and a supportive Federal Reserve approach. The MSCI indices for global and emerging markets yielded returns of 20.1% and 7.0%, respectively.

Oil markets, however, faced a downturn with Brent crude prices dipping by 10.3%, amid a complex interplay of OPEC+ production adjustments, tempered global demand, and increased output from the U.S.

The GCC markets mirrored the global uptick, gaining from stable oil prices and ongoing diversification strategies, with the S&P GCC index climbing 6.2%. The thrust towards non-oil industries and key reforms enhanced investor trust, with Dubai leading at a 21.7% gain and Saudi Arabia following with a 14.2% increase. Conversely, Oman and Abu Dhabi lagged with returns of 7.1% and 6.2%, respectively.

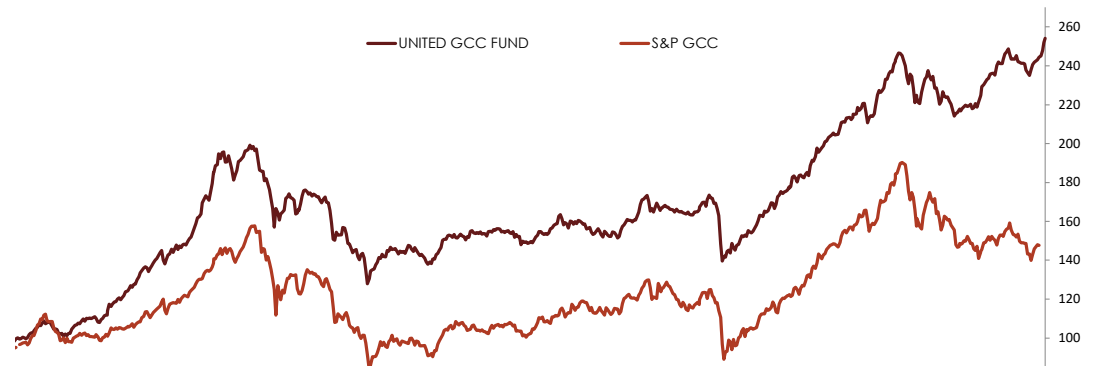
Looking ahead, the GCC region's vigorous drive for economic diversification, especially by Saudi Arabia and the UAE, is poised to keep fortifying and expanding the non-oil sectors, which is expected to be reflected in the GDP growth. Essential indicators like reduced unemployment, demographic expansion, and booming tourism are anticipated to propel this positive momentum. Major events on the horizon, such as the Riyadh Expo and FIFA 2034, are set to invigorate the investment environment, initiating substantial projects, and bolstering economic dynamism. The outlook for the oil market remains guardedly positive, with consensus pointing towards sustained demand growth until 2028 and OPEC+ anticipated to continue its critical role in maintaining market equilibrium. The fund remains dedicated to capitalizing on these opportunities, ensuring continued value for our investors.

As we step into the new year, we send our sincere good wishes for a thriving 2024 to all our valued investors. Happy New Year!

PERFORMANCE	YTD 2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	Since incep
UNITED GCC FUND	23.4%	0.9%	29.6%	5.5%	14.2%	3.2%	-2.9%	6.9%	-13.6%	7.2%	37.5%	11.4%	0.4%	154.1%
S&P GCC Index	6.2%	-7.2%	31.4%	-1.7%	8.3%	8.4%	-0.5%	4.2%	-17.4%	-2.5%	25.0%	2.2%	-2.2%	57.3%
Saudi Index	14.2%	-7.1%	29.8%	3.6%	7.2%	8.3%	0.2%	4.3%	-17.1%	-2.4%	25.5%	6.0%	-0.1%	86.3%
Qatar Index	1.4%	-8.1%	11.4%	0.1%	1.2%	20.8%	-18.3%	0.1%	-15.1%	18.4%	24.2%	-5.1%	4.9%	29.0%
Dubai Index	21.7%	4.4%	28.2%	-9.9%	9.3%	-24.9%	-4.6%	12.1%	-16.5%	12.0%	107.7%	20.5%	-11.8%	165.8%
Abu Dhabi Index	-6.2%	20.3%	68.2%	-0.6%	3.3%	11.8%	-3.3%	5.6%	-4.9%	5.6%	63.1%	11.2%	-10.7%	261.4%
Oman Index	-7.1%	17.6%	12.9%	-8.1%	-7.9%	-15.2%	-11.8%	7.0%	-14.8%	-7.2%	18.6%	1.4%	-1.4%	-21.6%
Kuwait Index	-6.5%	3.5%	27.0%	-11.7%	23.7%	5.2%	11.5%	2.4%	-14.1%	-13.4%	27.2%	2.5%	-4.6%	12.4%
Bahrain Index	4.00%	5.5%	20.3%	-7.5%	20.4%	2.4%	9.1%	0.4%	-14.8%	13.9%	17.2%	-6.9%	-10.8%	53.5%

*Kuwait Index has been discontinued since March and the ytd figures are since March for the new index

United GCC Fund Capital Growth



* Represents the subscription/redemption NAV after deducting the cash dividend, bonus and all other fees. As of last official NAV of the month.

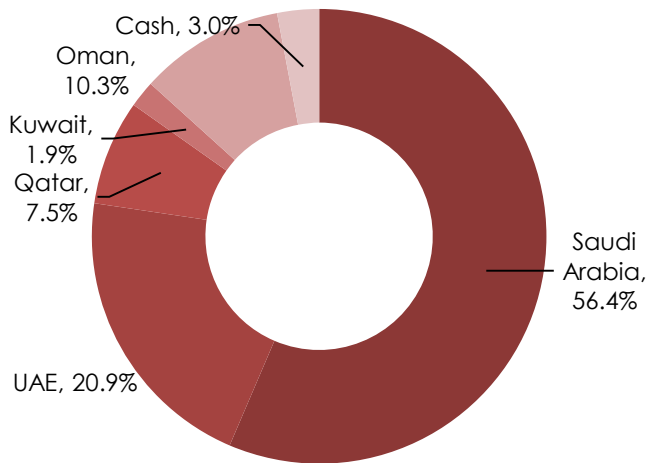
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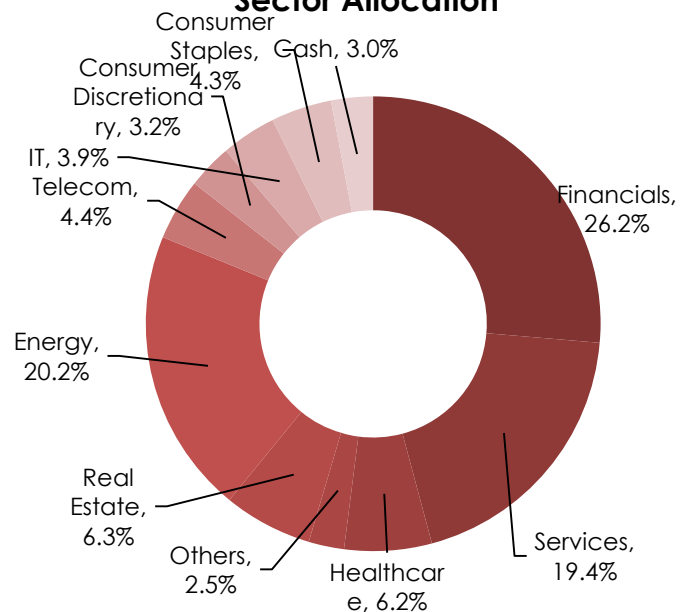
Comparative Statistics

	Total No. weeks	No. of (+) weeks	No. of (-) weeks	Max weekly gain	Max weekly loss	Average weekly	Weekly std dev	Sharpe ratio
UNITED GCC FUND	656	393	263	6.16%	-8.98%	0.15%	1.36%	0.39
S&P GCC P INDEX	657	381	276	13.51%	-12.51%	0.07%	2.05%	(0.02)
S&P GCC TR Index	657	388	269	13.51%	-12.46%	0.14%	2.06%	0.22
Saudi Index	657	372	285	13.89%	-12.92%	0.12%	2.49%	0.06
DSM Index	655	342	313	10.52%	-13.10%	0.04%	2.34%	(0.11)
DFM Index	651	349	302	26.36%	-21.89%	0.19%	3.10%	0.19
ADSM Index	655	358	297	15.35%	-19.74%	0.22%	2.27%	0.42
MSM Index	657	318	339	16.31%	-9.51%	-0.02%	1.71%	(0.48)

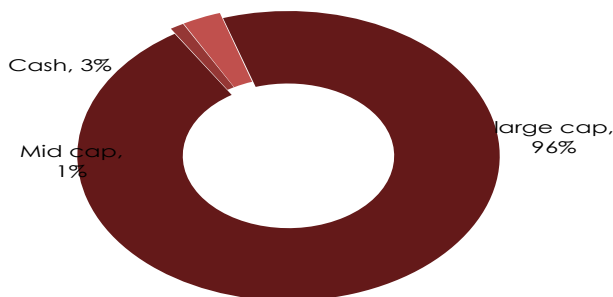
Countrywise allocation



Sector Allocation



Liquidity Analysis



Top 3 Holdings

Top 3 Holdings	% of NAV
OQGN Gas Networks	5.3%
Saudi National Bank	5.0%
ADES Holding	4.4%

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