

UNITED GCC FUND

Investor Communiqué | NAV RO 1.488 Ytd +6.06%

January 2022

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

Abu Timam Grant Thornton

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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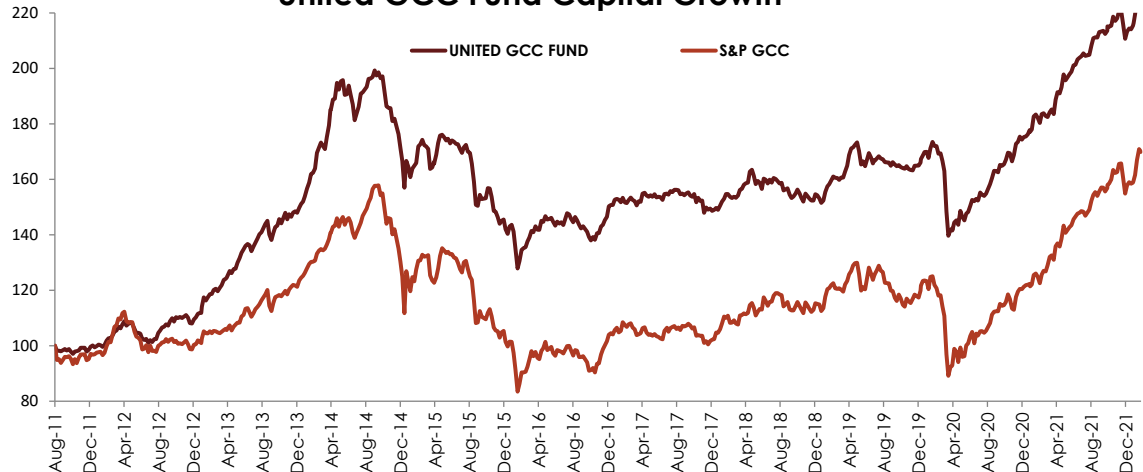
Market commentary for the month

January was a painful start to the year for global investors. US equities posted their worst monthly performance since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, S&P 500 was down 8.71%, while MSCI world index was down by 7.79%. A change in market expectations in relation to the path of US interest rates was the primary driver of market movements during the month. Uncertainty surrounding the economic impact of Omicron, rising inflation and ongoing Russian tensions over Ukraine added to market volatility. How far the Fed needs to tighten policy, and the path of inflation will likely be critical drivers of market performance in 2022.

On the contrary, crude oil posted its sixth straight weekly gain, with prices trading near a seven-year high as crude makes a roaring start to 2022. The price of Brent crude is just shy of USD 90/bbl – these levels have not been seen since October 2014. Moreover, now the attention will shift to the upcoming OPEC+ meeting scheduled for February to assess the market and decide on supplies for March. While OPEC+ has been steadily easing output curbs, there's concern members have been unable to deliver the promised volumes in full. On regional corporate and economic news front; Ras Al Khaimah announced that they are setting up a department to regulate gaming. Post this announcement, US resort operator Wynn has been awarded the license and is developing a multi-purpose resort in the Emirate which is guided to open in 2026. Meanwhile, ADQ announced the accelerated listing of AD ports – according to reports, the company is looking to raise USD 1.1bn with listing guided for Feb 8, 2022

As the earnings season kick-started in January, we witnessed strong set of results by United Electronics (Extra), likely supported by its microfinance subsidiary Tasheel. Furthermore, most earnings announcements were in line, albeit petrochemical sector, which delivered a mixed bag. Most GCC markets gained for the month. Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Kuwait, Abu Dhabi and Oman were the gainers among GCC, rising 7.98%, 7.36%, 3.83%, 2.71% & 0.91% respectively, while Dubai recorded modest loss of 0.72%.

United GCC Fund Capital Growth



PERFORMANCE	1mth	3mth	YTD 2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	Since incep
UNITED GCC FUND	6.1%	5.5%	6.1%	29.6%	5.5%	14.2%	3.2%	-2.9%	6.9%	-13.6%	7.2%	37.5%	11.4%	0.4%	126.4%
S&P GCC Index	6.5%	4.7%	6.5%	31.4%	-1.7%	8.3%	8.4%	-0.5%	4.2%	-17.4%	-2.5%	25.0%	2.2%	-2.2%	69.9%
Saudi Index	8.0%	3.2%	8.0%	29.8%	3.6%	7.2%	8.3%	0.2%	4.3%	-17.1%	-2.4%	25.5%	6.0%	-0.1%	89.6%
Qatar Index	7.4%	7.0%	7.4%	11.4%	0.1%	1.2%	20.8%	-18.3%	0.1%	-15.1%	18.4%	24.2%	-5.1%	4.9%	48.6%
Dubai Index	-0.7%	10.8%	-0.7%	28.2%	-9.9%	9.3%	-24.9%	-4.6%	12.1%	-16.5%	12.0%	107.7%	20.5%	-11.8%	107.7%
Abu Dhabi Index	2.7%	11.0%	2.7%	68.2%	-0.6%	3.3%	11.8%	-3.3%	5.6%	-4.9%	5.6%	63.1%	11.2%	-10.7%	228.9%
Oman Index	0.9%	2.9%	0.9%	12.9%	-8.1%	-7.9%	-15.2%	-11.8%	7.0%	-14.8%	-7.2%	18.6%	1.4%	-1.4%	-27.6%
Kuwait Index	3.8%	3.9%	3.8%	27.0%	-11.7%	23.7%	5.2%	11.5%	2.4%	-14.1%	-13.4%	27.2%	2.5%	-4.6%	20.5%
Bahrain Index	0.8%	4.3%	0.8%	20.3%	-7.5%	20.4%	2.4%	9.1%	0.4%	-14.8%	13.9%	17.2%	-6.9%	-10.8%	41.1%

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

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

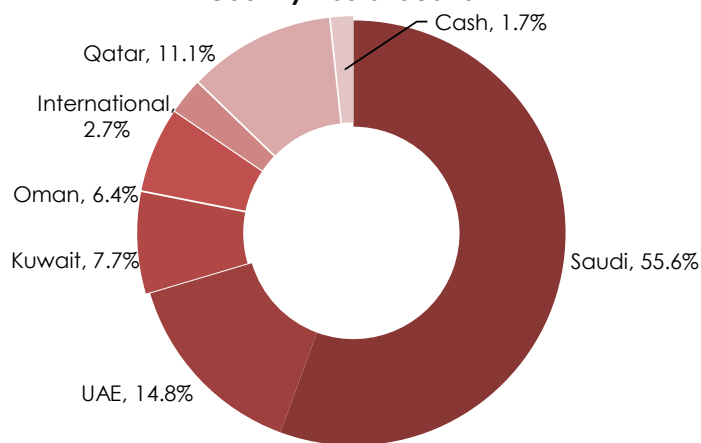
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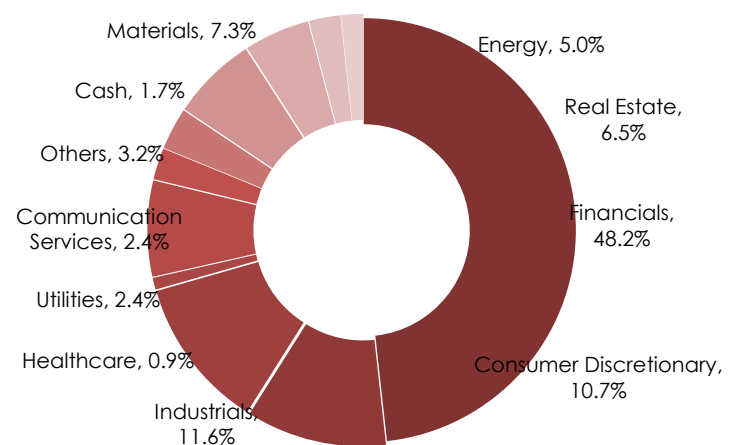
Comparative Statistics

	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	536	318	218	6.16%	-9.92%	0.15%	1.42%	0.40
S&P GCC P INDEX	536	314	222	13.51%	-12.51%	0.11%	2.03%	0.08
Saudi Index	536	304	232	13.89%	-12.92%	0.14%	2.57%	0.12
DSM Index	536	289	247	10.52%	-9.46%	0.12%	2.36%	(0.01)
DFM Index	536	284	252	26.36%	-21.89%	0.18%	3.36%	0.13
ADSM Index	536	288	248	15.35%	-19.74%	0.25%	2.11%	0.53
MSM Index	536	264	272	16.31%	-9.51%	-0.05%	1.77%	(0.55)
KSE Index	536	286	250	11.23%	-21.32%	0.04%	1.96%	(0.16)

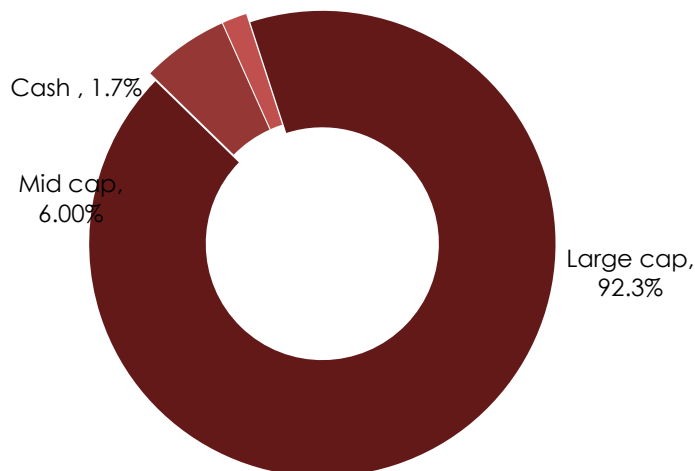
Countrywise allocation



Sectorwise allocation



Liquidity Analysis



Top 3 Holdings

Top 3 Holdings	% of NAV
Al Rajhi Bank	8.49%
Saudi National bank	8.00%
United Electronics	5.39%

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