

UNITED GCC FUND

Investor Communiqué | NAV RO 1.667 Ytd +4.97%

February 2024

Market commentary for the month

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 LLC

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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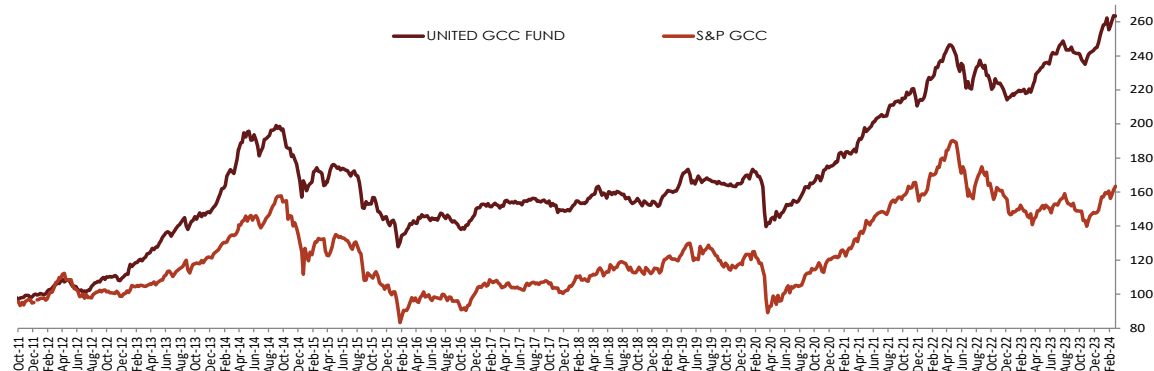
In February, the S&P GCC Index found its groove again, jumping up by 4.3%. Saudi Arabia was the top gainer, with its index surged up by 6.9% bolstered by structural stories aligning with the Kingdom's Vision. Qatar and Dubai also had a good run, with their markets going up by 3.9% and 2.91%, respectively. Conversely, Abu Dhabi and Oman didn't share in the exuberance, closed lower by -2.84% and -0.64% respectively.

The IPO market continued to thrive, highlighted by Avalon Pharma's exceptionally successful public debut, which concluded at an impressive 240% higher than its initial offering price, following an oversubscription rate of 138.7 times. Meanwhile, Jeddah's Modern Mills secured orders worth \$40 billion for its IPO, positioning itself as the second flour milling to be listed on the stock market in Saudi. This follows the government's recent decision to divide the previously state-managed sector into four entities and privatize them. In a similar vein, Parkin's IPO in Dubai also experienced strong initial demand, achieving full subscription on the very first day, indicating sustained interest from investors in new market entrants.

Globally, equities maintained their upward trajectory with 4.1% gain, fueled by expectations of a dovish turn in interest rate policies. Notably, Chinese equities experienced a February renaissance, rising sharply by 8.1% as investor confidence was piqued by prospects of governmental backing, rebounding from a 50% plunge from March 2021's high.

Moving forward, despite the surge in the Saudi market, the announcement of many earnings is still pending, which is essential for further recalibration of market perspectives. The ongoing enthusiasm for IPOs in the GCC region reflects a strong and persistent interest in equity markets, indicating a solid foundation that could continue to drive market momentum, assuming the global macroeconomic environment remains supportive.

United GCC Fund Capital Growth



PERFORMANCE	YTD 2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	Since ince
UNITED GCC FUND	5.0%	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%	163.5%
S&P GCC Index	3.6%	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%	62.9%
Saudi Index	5.4%	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%	96.3%
Qatar Index	-3.2%	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%	24.9%
Dubai Index	5.7%	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%	180.9%
Abu Dhabi Index	-3.5%	-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%	248.6%
Oman Index	0.4%	-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%	-21.3%
Kuwait Index	8.8%	-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%	22.3%
Bahrain Index	2.7%	4.0%	5.5%	20.3%	-7.5%	20.4%	2.4%	9.1%	0.4%	-14.8%	13.9%	17.2%	-6.9%	-10.8%	57.7%

*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.

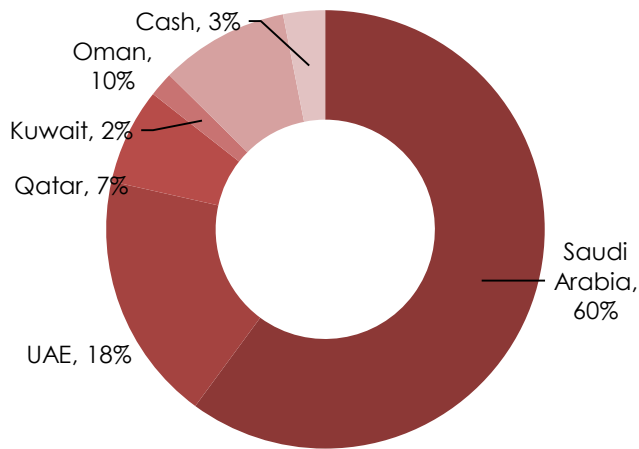
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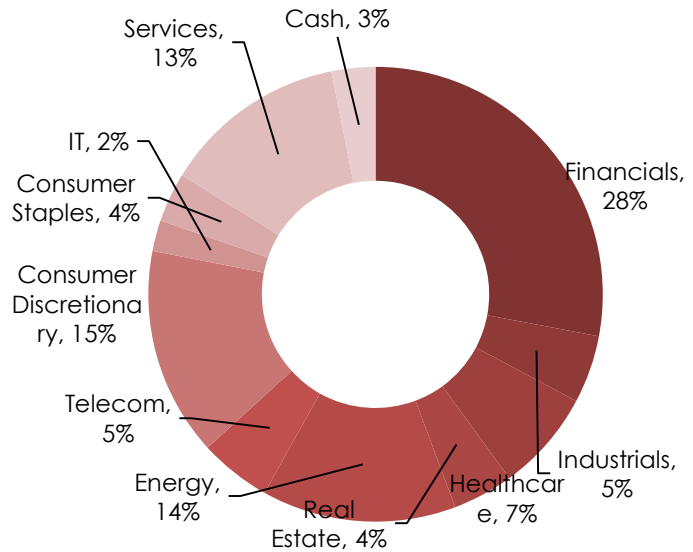
Comparative Statistics

	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	663	399	264	6.16%	-8.98%	0.15%	1.36%	0.41
S&P GCC P INDEX	663	385	278	13.51%	-12.51%	0.08%	2.04%	(0.00)
S&P GCC TR Index	663	391	272	13.51%	-12.46%	0.14%	2.06%	0.24
Saudi Index	663	376	287	13.89%	-12.92%	0.12%	2.49%	0.08
DSM Index	661	343	318	10.52%	-13.10%	0.03%	2.33%	(0.13)
DFM Index	657	352	305	26.36%	-21.89%	0.19%	3.09%	0.20
ADSM Index	661	360	301	15.35%	-19.74%	0.21%	2.27%	0.39
MSM Index	663	321	342	16.31%	-9.51%	-0.02%	1.70%	(0.48)

Countrywise allocation



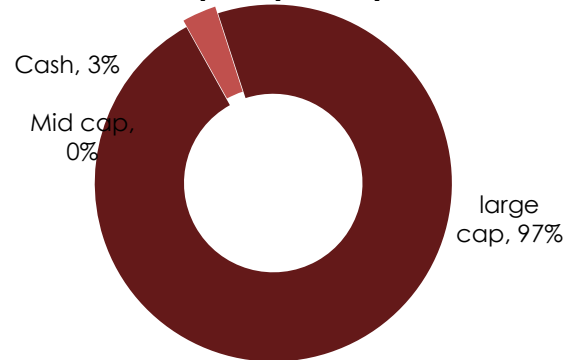
Sector Allocation



Top 3 Holdings

Top 3 Holdings	% of NAV
Saudi National Bank	5.9%
United electronics	5.0%
OQ Gas Networks	4.8%

Liquidity Analysis



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