

Arab Bank MENA Fund

Performance Report 28.07.22

A fund of the Arab Bank MENA Fund Company B.S.C. (Closed)

NAV PER SHARE

\$9.85

OBJECTIVES OF THE FUND

The Arab Bank MENA Fund is an open ended mutual fund that offers investors the opportunity to invest in the capital markets of the Middle East and North Africa region (MENA), with a particular focus on listed equities. The Fund aims to achieve an annual average net return in the range of 10% to 15% over a full investment cycle. The Fund aims to carry a lower volatility than that of the market, by dynamically rotating across asset classes, geographies and sectors, depending on market conditions.

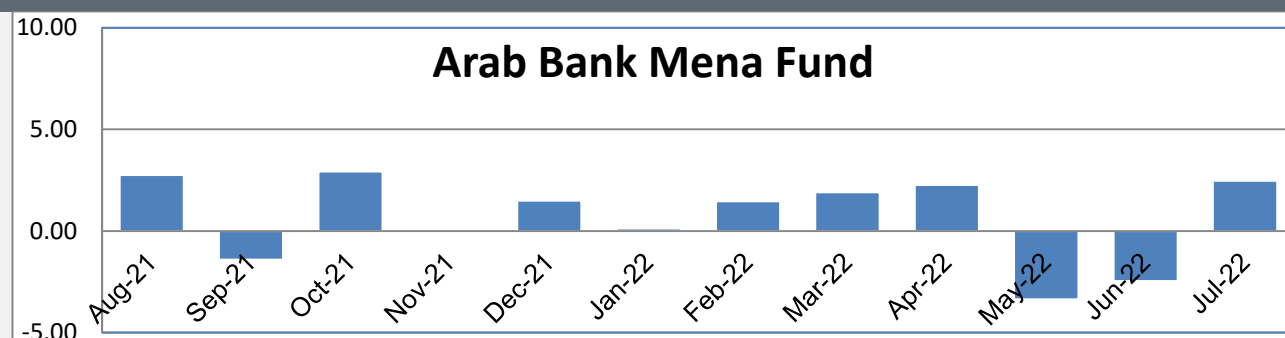
KEY FEATURES

Domicile	Kingdom of Bahrain	Valuation point	Monthly, last business day of the month
Reference currency	USD	Minimum subscription	USD 25,000 & USD 1,000 thereafter
Fund assets	USD 14,292,207	Dealing frequency	Monthly, 5 business days prior to month end
Launch date	October 2005	Fund manager	Al Arabi Investment Group Co (AB Invest)
Administrator	Gulf Clearing Company	BBG code	ARABMNA BI Equity

MONTHLY PERFORMANCE (%)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Y.T.D.
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2022	0.12	1.46	1.90	2.26	-3.37	-2.46	2.47						2.24
2021	2.93	-1.63	-1.44	1.46	5.11	0.78	-1.31	2.75	-1.41	2.93	0.05	1.49	12.08
2020	0.21	-3.33	-16.49	8.57	-2.27	3.59	-0.63	3.57	2.17	-0.81	3.68	3.45	-0.52
2019	2.05	0.94	1.07	2.48	-1.86	0.33	3.65	-2.17	-0.23	-0.65	-0.32	1.80	7.13
2018	0.23	-0.81	0.79	2.30	-1.19	0.37	-1.14	-0.73	-0.31	-0.31	-0.77	-0.57	-2.18
2017	1.01	0.32	1.39	0.78	-1.70	0.97	0.22	-1.03	0.65	-0.57	-3.49	-0.11	-1.65

MONTHLY RETURN OVER THE PAST TWELVE MONTHS



RETURN PERCENTAGES

1 month	2.47%	3 months	-3.42%	Since inception	-1.47%
6 months	2.12%	12 months	8.24%		

PERFORMANCE STATISTICS

	The Fund
Annualized return	-0.1%
Annualized volatility	13.5%
Sharpe ratio	NM
Maximum month	13.7%
Minimum month	-23.5%
% Positive months	55.9%
Worst 12 months	-74.0%
Best 12 months	119.3%

TOP TEN HOLDINGS

	Country	%
Dubai Islamic Bank	UAE	15.54%
Emaar Properties Company	UAE	10.32%
OOREDOO OMR	Oman	5.23%
Palestine Telecommunications Company	Palestine	3.98%
Saudi Airlines Catering	KSA	3.68%
Arab Bank	Jordan	3.29%
Aramex	UAE	3.25%
Tecom Group	UAE	2.24%
Eastern Company for Tobacco	Egypt	2.18%
Cairo Investment & Real Estate Development	Egypt	1.99%

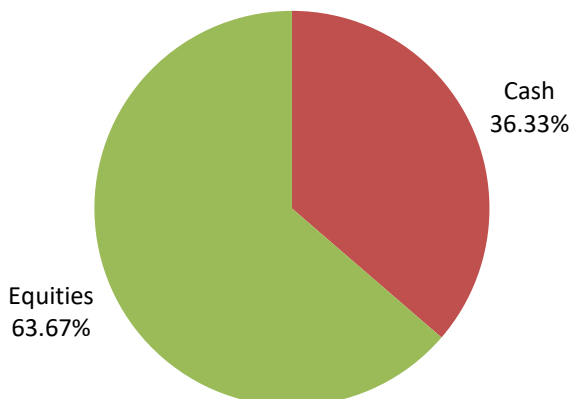


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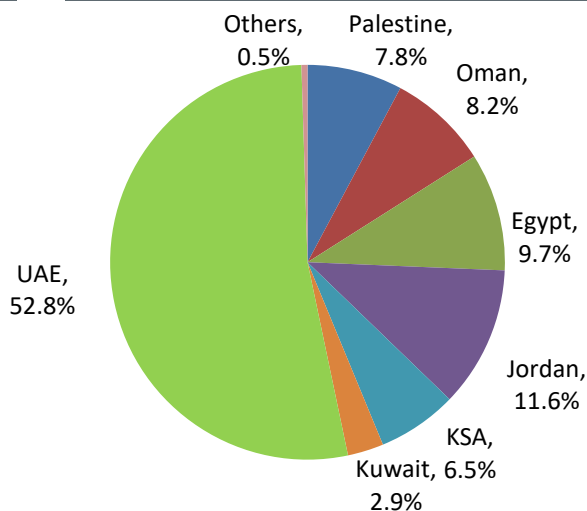
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ASSET ALLOCATION



GEOGRAPHIC ALLOCATION (EQUITIES)



COMMENTARY

During the month of July, MENA markets bounced back strongly to recording gains - after two straight months of steep losses - due to a combination of strong Q2 earnings and high oil prices. The S&P Pan Arab Investable Index was up 5.41% (YTD 4.01%), and the Dow Jones MENA Index was up by 5.55% (YTD 4.61%). The Arab Bank MENA Fund has also gone up, rising by 2.47% (YTD 2.24%). The Dow Jones Islamic Market MENA Index followed suit, recording gains of 2.29% (YTD 1.56%). The IIAB MENA Feeder Fund consequently was up by 2.12% (YTD 1.03%).

All of the MENA region's equity markets ended the month of July in the green. The Omani Stock Exchange was at the forefront of all advancers, recording gains of 9.93% (YTD 9.75%), followed closely by the Qatari index which has advanced by 9.67% (YTD 15.00%). They were followed by the Saudi Arabian TASI, the Jordanian ASE index, the Kuwait Premier Market index, the Bahraini Index, the Dubai Financial Market index, the Abu Dhabi market and the Egyptian Stock Exchange which have gained 5.29% (YTD 23.05%), 4.37% (YTD 12.62%), 3.58% (YTD 6.02%), 3.56% (YTD 4.44%), 3.08% (YTD 13.84%) and 2.62% (YTD -20.77%) respectively.

Global capital markets also recorded positive performances in the most, with indices in the U.S. and Europe largely up, while Asia's equity indices suffered from large drops. The S&P 500 Index rose by 9.11% (YTD -13.34%), while the Dow Jones index gained 6.73% (YTD -9.61%). In Europe, the French CAC 40 Index shot up 8.87% (YTD -9.85%), the German DAX rose 5.48% (YTD -15.11%) and the FTSE 100 gained 3.54% (YTD 0.53%). Asia on the other hand was mostly down. The Nikkei index was the sole exception, rising by 5.34% (YTD -3.44%), while the Hang Seng shed an incredible 7.79% (YTD -13.85%) and the Shanghai Composite was down 4.28% (YTD -10.62%).

In July's marquee news, Federal Reserve officials raised interest rates by 75 basis points for the second straight month and Chair Jerome Powell said a similar move was possible again, rejecting speculation that the US economy is in recession. Policy makers, facing the hottest cost pressures in 40 years, lifted the target for the federal funds rate to a range of 2.25% to 2.50%. That takes the cumulative June-July increase to 150 basis points, the steepest since the price-fighting era of the early 1980s. Mr. Powell said it was too soon to say whether the Fed would dial down the size of its rate increases to a half-percentage point or a quarter-percentage point at its next meeting in September. But he said that at some stage, it would be appropriate to slow the pace of rate increases to assess their cumulative impact on the economy.

Furthermore, the International Monetary Fund cut its global growth outlook for this year and next, warning that the world economy may soon be on the cusp of an outright recession. Global economic expansion will likely slow to 3.2% this year, less than the 3.6% forecast by the fund in April and the 4.4% seen in January, the IMF said in an update to its World Economic Outlook. The series of interest-rate increases that central banks have unleashed to contain inflation is expected to bite in 2023, with global output growth set to slow to 2.9%. In regional news, the UAE central bank's quarterly report indicated that total real GDP increased by 8.2% annually in the first quarter of 2022. The central bank expects real GDP to grow by 5.4% in 2022 and 4.2% in 2023 and expects non-oil GDP to increase by 4.3% and 3.9% in 2022 and 2023, respectively. The report also mentioned that there is a higher probability for growth being stronger, driven by higher oil production and by the government commitment to double the size of the manufacturing sector by 2031.

As the second half of 2022 officially begins, we continue to monitor our holdings to benefit from selling opportunities for the names with limited upside and buying opportunities for the names still trading below their intrinsic value. Our elevated cash levels should cushion any blow resulting from an unexpected downturn in markets and allow us to pick up stocks at attractive valuations should that scenario materialize.



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