

Arab Bank MENA Fund

Performance Report 31.10.23

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

NAV PER SHARE

\$9.96

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.

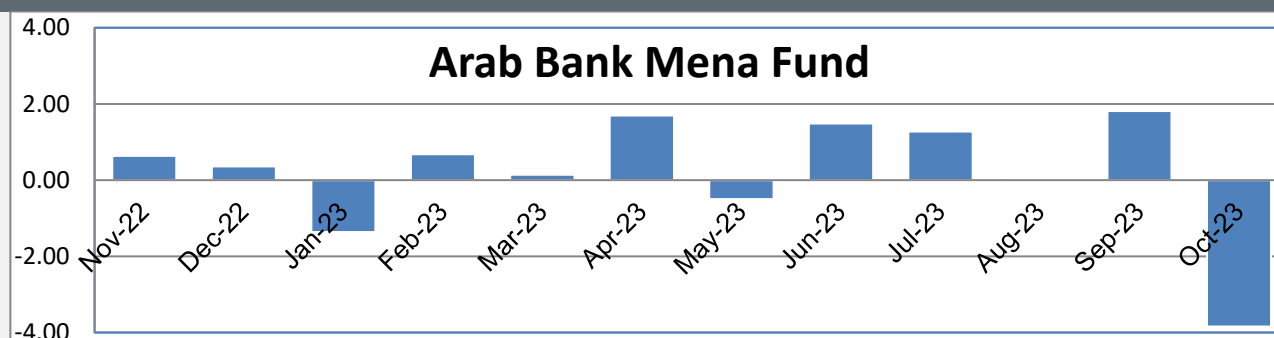
KEY FEATURES

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 13,865,025	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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2023	-1.36	0.68	0.14	1.70	-0.48	1.49	1.28	-0.05	1.81	3.84			1.25
2022	0.12	1.46	1.90	2.26	-3.37	-2.46	2.47	1.33	-1.33	-1.13	0.64	0.36	2.08
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

MONTHLY RETURN OVER THE PAST TWELVE MONTHS



RETURN PERCENTAGES

1 month	-3.84%	3 months	2.14%	Since inception	-0.39%
6 months	0.10%	12 months	2.26%		

PERFORMANCE STATISTICS

	The Fund
Annualized return	0%
Annualized volatility	13.1%
Sharpe ratio	NM
Maximum month	13.7%
Minimum month	-23.5%
% Positive months	55.8%
Worst 12 months	-74.0%
Best 12 months	119.3%

TOP TEN HOLDINGS

	Country	%
Dubai Islamic Bank	UAE	14.84%
Emaar Properties Company	UAE	11.49%
OOREDOO OMR	Oman	4.34%
Palestine Telecommunications Company	Palestine	3.58%
Aramex	UAE	3.39%
Arab Bank	Jordan	2.97%
Al Tajamouat For Touristic Projects	Jordan	2.56%
Cairo Poultry Company	Egypt	1.76%
Dubai Electricity & Water AU	UAE	1.75%
Cairo Amman Bank	Jordan	1.71%

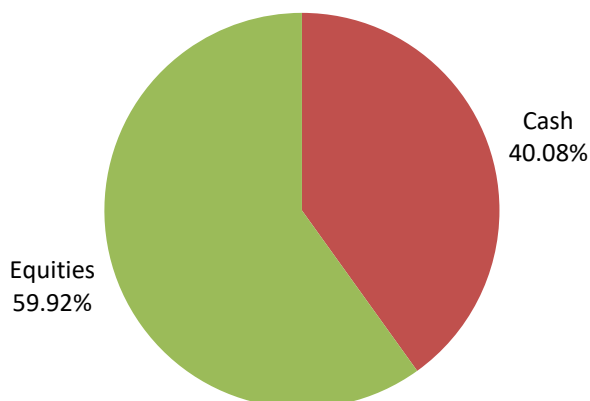


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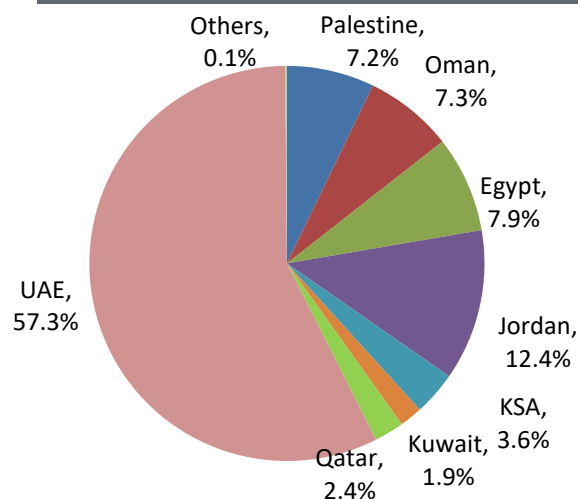
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ASSET ALLOCATION



GEOGRAPHIC ALLOCATION (EQUITIES)



COMMENTARY

MENA's equity markets have endured a very rough month in October as the aftermath of the Israeli -Gaza offensive hammered markets amid fears that the war will spread and erased all the YTD gains. The S&P Pan Arab Investable Index was down by 4.59% (YTD -3.83%), and the Dow Jones MENA Index fell by 4.50% (YTD -4.62%). The Arab Bank MENA Fund was also down for the month, although was still up for the year, falling by 3.84% (YTD 1.25%). The Dow Jones Islamic Market MENA Index also ended the month of October negatively, recording losses of 5.87% (YTD -3.17%). The IIAB MENA Fund followed its conventional brethren, losing 2.94% (YTD -3.64%). The IIAB MENA Feeder Fund consequently also lost 2.94% (YTD -4.21%).

The performance of the region's equity markets was overwhelmingly negative for October bar two markets. The list of advancing indices was led by the Egyptian Stock Exchange which gained nominally 11.78% (YTD 54.47%) and the Jordanian ASE index which has inched up 0.03% (YTD -3.47%). On the other front, the Qatari Index led the losers, shedding 7.11% (YTD -10.84%), followed by the Dubai Financial Market which lost 6.88% (YTD 16.22%). Next in line were the Kuwait Premier Market Index, the Abu Dhabi index and the Saudi Arabian TASI which have shed 5.03% (YTD -11.99%), 4.51% (YTD -8.49%) and 3.21% (YTD 2.02%) respectively. The list is rounded by the Omani Stock Exchange which fell 2.84% (YTD -6.42%) and the Bahraini Index which lost 0.51% (YTD 1.79%).

Global capital markets were unanimously down on the other hand. The S&P 500 Index lost 2.20% (YTD 9.23%) while the Dow Jones fell 1.36% (YTD -0.28%) erasing all of the year's gains. In Europe, the French CAC 40 Index was down 3.50% (YTD 6.36%), the German DAX shed 3.75% (YTD 6.37%) and the FTSE 100 had gone down by 3.76% (YTD -1.74%). Asia market indices all ended the month in the red. The Nikkei index lost 3.14% (YTD 18.26%), while the Hang Seng finished the month down by 3.91% (YTD -13.49%) and the Shanghai Composite fell by 2.95% (YTD -2.28%).

In major news for the month, the US economy grew at the fastest pace in nearly two years last quarter on a burst of consumer spending, which will be tested in coming months. Gross domestic product accelerated to a 4.9% annualized rate, more than double the second-quarter pace, according to the government's preliminary estimate. The economy's main growth engine — personal spending — jumped 4%, also the most since 2021. A closely watched measure of underlying inflation cooled a bit more than expected to the slowest pace since 2020. This comes on the backdrop of the U.S. government posting a USD 1.695 trillion budget deficit in fiscal 2023, a 23% jump from the prior year as revenues fell and outlays for Social Security, Medicare and record-high interest costs on the federal debt rose. The Treasury Department said the deficit was the largest since a COVID-fueled USD 2.78 trillion gap in 2021. It marks a major return to ballooning deficits after back-to-back declines during President Joe Biden's first two years in office.

In regional news, Saudi Arabia's economy shrunk by 4.5% year-on-year in the third quarter, according to preliminary data, after the kingdom cut oil production to push up prices. It is the first contraction in Saudi Arabia's quarterly growth since the start of 2021. Non-oil growth, the main driver of employment and in which Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman is investing trillions of dollars, grew 3.6%, according to the General Authority for Statistics. Furthermore, the managing director of the International Monetary Fund said Egypt will "bleed" precious reserves unless it devalues its currency again, as she praised other steps her institution's second-largest borrower has taken to right its stricken economy

Geopolitical risks have cast their shadow again on the region's equity markets. With the hostilities continuing we remain vigilant, we will continue to be prudent in addition to looking out for value as the market weakness offers chances to accumulate stocks at attractive valuations.



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