

Monthly Factsheets

December 2023

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Market Update

Global Markets

Global markets ended the year with a strong rally across asset classes in December, driven by growing expectations that central banks would cut interest rates in early 2024. Developed markets rose by 5.4%, contributing to the global index's overall increase of 5.2%. Emerging markets also participated in the rally, gaining 3.5%.

In the US, the S&P 500 closed on a high note, gaining 4.4%, while the Dow and Nasdaq rallied 4.8% and 5.5%, respectively. The positive momentum in equity returns was underpinned by better-than-expected corporate earnings and a dovish shift at the Fed's December meeting. The FOMC maintained its fed funds target rate range of 5.25% and 5.5%, given that inflation had eased from its peak levels in 2022, supporting expectations of inflation reaching the Fed's target of 2% by the end of 2024. Bond markets began pricing in 80% probability that the FOMC would cut rates by May 2024. Despite various challenges, US consumer spending remained resilient.

In European markets, December concluded with notable gains, including the FTSE rising by 3.7%, the DAX gaining 3.3%, and the CAC increasing by 3.2%. UK witnessed a surprising drop in inflation for November, attributed to easing fuel costs, which raised expectations of a potential policy shift at the Bank of England. Meanwhile, UK GDP declined by 0.3% in October. In the Eurozone, inflation also eased in November, and economic sentiment showed improvement for the second consecutive month.

In emerging markets, India's Sensex and Korea's Kospi experienced significant gains of 7.8% and 4.7%, respectively, offsetting weakness observed in China's Shanghai Composite, which lost 1.8% for the month. Official data from China indicated an acceleration of deflation in November, and the economy grew at 4.9% for Q3. Japan's Nikkei was flat for the month, with business indicators signaling growth, while Bank of Japan kept rates on hold.

Commodities, particularly energy prices, exhibited weakness throughout the month, with Brent down by 7% and natural gas experiencing a significant decline of 10.3%. Despite heightened geopolitical tension in the Red Sea leading major shipping operators to pause or reroute vessels from the Suez Canal, oil prices remained subdued. Earlier in the month, OPEC+ maintained production cuts. In contrast, gold saw a rise of 1.3%.

	MTD	YTD	P/E
Commodities			
Brent spot	-7.0%	-10.3%	-
Gold	1.3%	13.1%	-
Leading Benchmarks			
S&P Global BMI	5.2%	19.2%	19.6x
S&P Developed BMI	5.4%	20.7%	20.5x
S&P Emerging BMI	3.5%	7.6%	14.1x
S&P GCC Comp Index	5.9%	6.2%	16.6x
S&P GCC Shariah Index	6.1%	10.4%	20.2x
MSCI World	4.8%	21.8%	20.2x
MSCI Emerging	3.7%	7.0%	15.4x
MSCI GCC	6.3%	3.7%	15.8x
Developed Equities			
Dow Jones	4.8%	13.7%	22.2x
S&P 500	4.4%	24.2%	22.9x
Nasdaq	5.5%	43.4%	39.4x
FTSE	3.7%	3.8%	11.3x
DAX	3.3%	20.3%	14.7x
CAC	3.2%	16.5%	13.3x
Emerging Equities			
Nikkei	-0.1%	28.2%	27.5x
Sensex	7.8%	18.7%	25.2x
Shanghai	-1.8%	-3.7%	13.7x
Hang Seng	0.0%	-13.8%	9.5x
KOSPI	4.7%	18.7%	18.5x
GCC Equities & Egypt			
Saudi Arabia	7.1%	14.2%	20.3x
Abu Dhabi	0.2%	-6.2%	27.1x
Dubai	1.7%	21.7%	9.1x
Oman	-3.1%	-7.1%	13.4x
Kuwait	2.5%	-6.5%	14.5x
Doha	7.9%	1.4%	12.9x
Bahrain	1.6%	4.0%	7.0x
Egypt	0.6%	70.5%	12.0x

GCC

GCC markets ended on strong gains albeit underperforming the global markets. During December, Qatar was the best performing market gaining 7.9% followed closely by the Saudi Market which ended up by 7.1%. The S&P GCC composite ended the month with gains of 5.9% taking FY 2023 returns to 6.2%. Kuwait's Premier index gained 2.5% and Bahrain rose 1.6%. Dubai and Abu Dhabi markets rose 1.7% and 0.2% respectively. The Oman market ended the month lower by 3.1%. For the year to date, the Dubai market emerged as the best performing market with gains of 21.7% followed by Saudi Arabia which rose 14.2% and Bahrain up by 4.0%. On the other hand, Kuwait and Abu Dhabi remained laggards for FY 2023 declining by 6.5% and 6.2% respectively. The Oman market also ended the year lower by 7.1%.

Dubai was the best performing market in the GCC for 2023, the third consecutive year of gains in the index. The Consumer Discretionary Index witnessed the biggest increase during the year recording a 49.6% growth, followed by the Real Estate and Industrial Sector Indices which registered 38.4% and 26.7% growth during the year, respectively. On the other hand, the Consumer Staples Index registered 34.8% decline during 2023, the largest fall among the indices followed by the Communications Index (-10.5%) and Materials Index (-3.0%).

Saudi Arabia's TASI was the second-best performing market in the GCC. The Software & Services was up by 91.1% followed by Capital Goods and Pharma, Biotech & Life Science indices with full year gains of 90.0% and 69.0%, respectively. Large-cap sectors like Banking and Energy were up by 5.7% and 14.6%, respectively, during the year. The overall performance of the Energy sector was supported by 13.1% gain in the shares of Saudi Aramco.

For Bahrain, the Consumer Discretionary Sector recorded the largest yearly growth in the Bourse with a gain of 5.1% followed by the Materials Sector. On the other hand, Kuwait remained laggard for the year largely on account of sectors like technology, energy and industries that declined the most during the year.

Abu Dhabi recorded a negative year to date performance for 2023. The Consumer Discretionary Index recorded a 43.7% gain during 2023, the biggest growth among the indices, followed by the Real Estate Index which increased 23.5% and Consumer Staples Index up by 19.4%. Comparatively, the Industrial Index declined by 18.8%, the biggest decline among the indices, followed by the Basic Material Index which recorded a 15.5% fall in 2023.

Oman remained a laggard in GCC during 2023 as compared to 2022 performance when it was the second-best performing market in the GCC region. The Industrial Sector was the worst performing index on the MSX recording a decline of 14.8%. The Financial index followed with a decline of 6.5% while Services index declined 3.2%.

Vision Funds

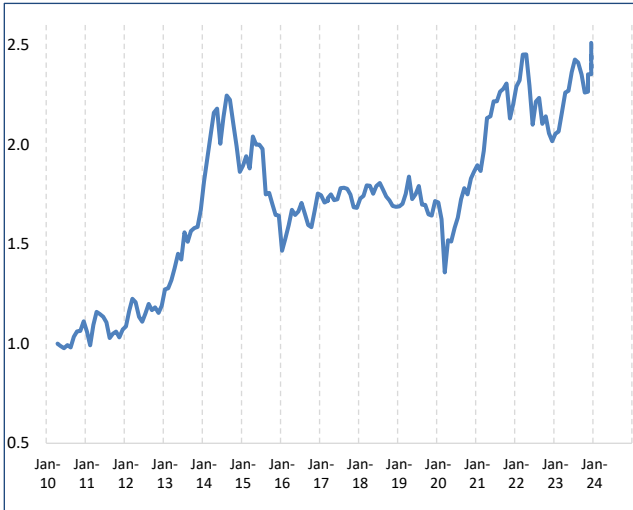
The Vision Real Economy GCC Fund rose 6.7%. The Sharia focused Vision Al Khair GCC Fund rose 6.5% for the month. Vision Focused Fund rose 7.1% for the month with its concentrated portfolio strategy. For FY 2023, Vision Real Economy GCC Fund rose 24.5%, Vision Al Khair GCC Fund gained 21.7% and Vision Focused Fund rose 20.6%.

Outlook

GCC economies look positioned to effectively navigate through the decelerating global economy aided by relaxation of OPEC+ oil production quotas, continued government investment campaign to achieve effective diversification. In contrast, the World Bank expects advanced economies growth to slow down from 1.5% in 2023 to 1.2% in 2024 largely on account of aggressive monetary tightening undertaken to curb inflation. Sovereign balance sheets in the GCC are much stronger than a few years ago, with lower public debt and healthy FX reserves, which should allow governments to tap capital markets at attractive rates. This should lead to expansionary monetary policy and provide impetus to overall growth.

NAV (per unit) **RO. 1.373 (USD. 3.571)**

Performance Chart *



(* Adjusted for dividends, assuming dividends are reinvested)

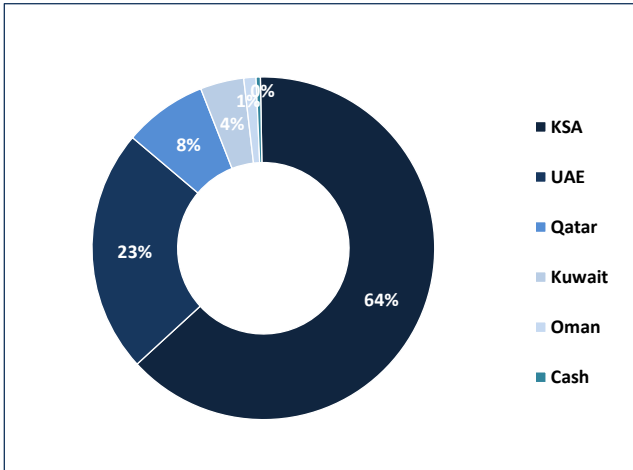
Fund Objective

The objective of the Fund is to achieve capital appreciation and income generation by providing its investors the opportunity to participate in the growth of Real Economy Sectors of GCC.

Fund Information

Date of Inception	April 14, 2010
Lipper ID	68053041
Bloomberg ID	VIREGCC OM
Investment Manager	Vision Capital SAOC
Custodian & Administrator	National Bank of Oman
Auditors	Moore
Fund type	Open Ended
Annualized Standard Deviation	13.7%
High/(Low) Monthly Return	11.9% (Apr 20), -16.4% (Mar 20)
Latest Dividend Paid	50 baiza (Mar 2023)
Total Dividend Paid	780 baiza

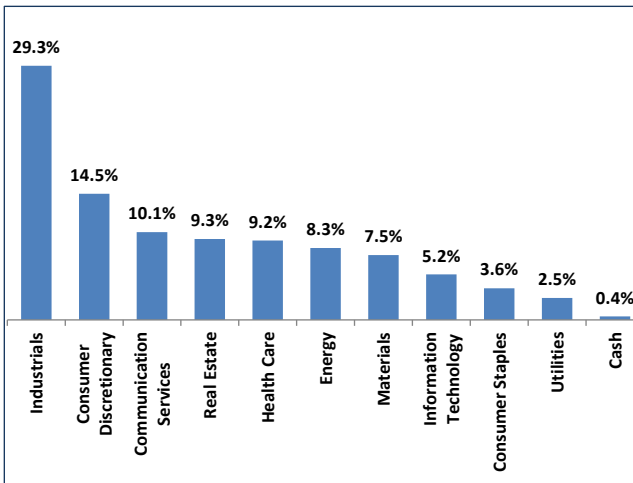
Country Allocation



Top 3 Holdings

Scrip	Country	Allocation
Emaar Properties Pjsc	UAE	3.8%
Arabian Contracting Services	KSA	3.5%
Saudi Telecom Co	KSA	3.3%

Sector Allocation



Fund Performance *

Dec-23	YTD	3 Years	Since Inception
6.7%	24.5%	34.6%	151.0%

(* Adjusted for dividends, assuming dividends are reinvested). Sector allocation based on GICS Methodology.

NAV (per unit) **RO 1.195 (USD 3.107)**

Performance Chart



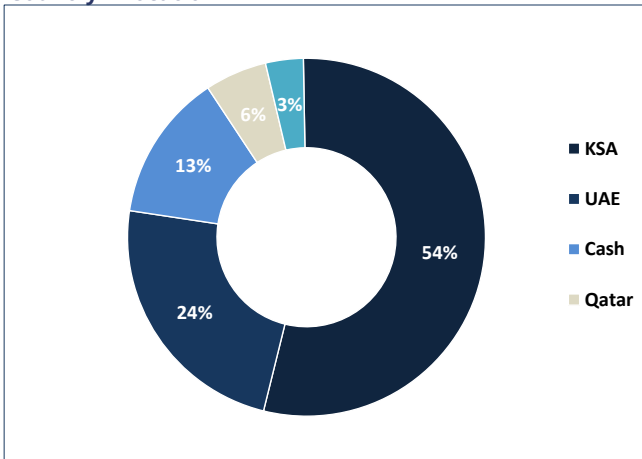
Fund Objective

The objective of the Fund is to pursue long-term capital growth by investing in a concentrated set of select stocks in the middle east equity market sphere.

Fund Information

Date of Inception	January 12, 2017
Lipper ID	68404006
Bloomberg ID	VISFGCC OM
Investment Manager	Vision Capital SAOC
Custodian & Administrator	National Bank of Oman
Auditors	Moore
Fund type	Open Ended
Annualized Standard Deviation	10.7%
High/(Low) Monthly Return	6.9% (Jul 22), -23.7% (Mar 20)
Latest Dividend Paid	60 baiza (Feb 2022)
Total Dividend Paid	60 baiza

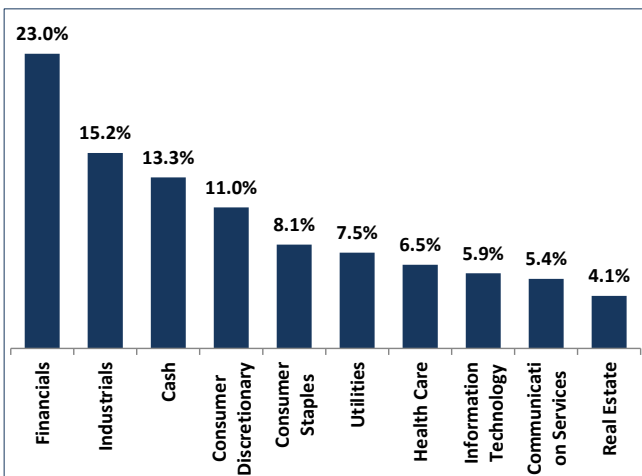
Country Allocation



Top 3 Holdings

Scrip	Country	Allocation
Al-Dawaa Medical Services Co	KSA	8.1%
Seera Group Holding	KSA	7.6%
Power & Water Utility Co For	KSA	7.5%

Sector Allocation



Fund Performance

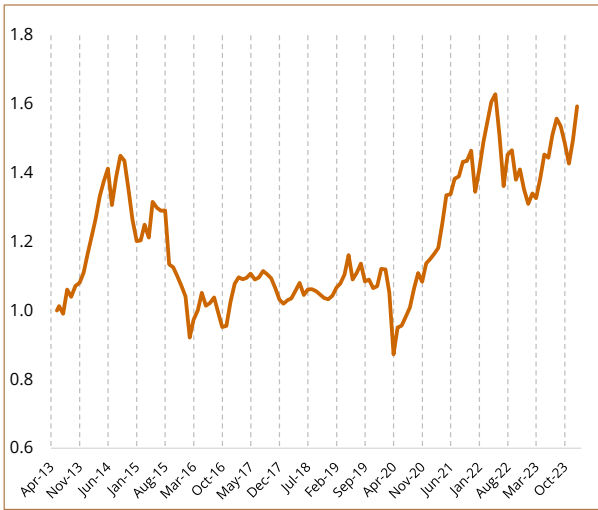
Dec-23	YTD	3 Years	Since Incep.
7.1%	20.6%	50.1%	25.8%

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NAV (per unit)

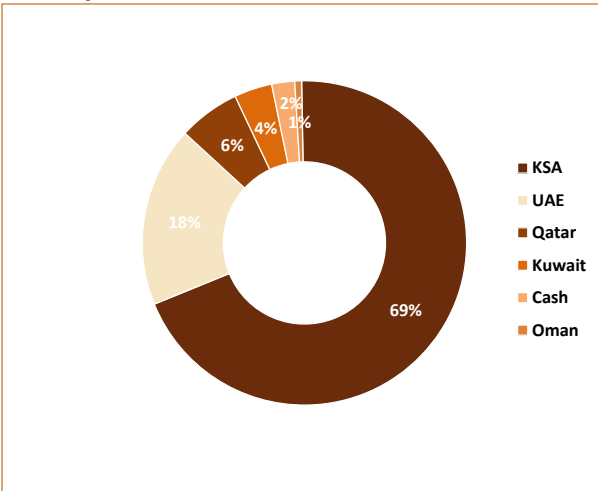
RO 1.274 (USD 3.313)

Performance Chart*

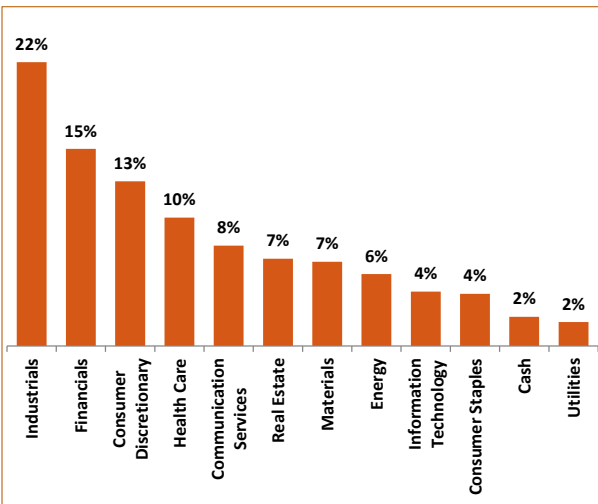


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Countrywise Allocation



Sector Allocation



Fund Objective

The objective of the Fund is to achieve capital appreciation and income generation by providing its unit holders an opportunity to invest in the listed securities in the GCC economies that are compliant to Shariah principles. The Fund will follow a dynamic allocation policy with investments spread across a diversified range of industries in the GCC.

Fund Information

Date of Inception	May 15, 2013
Lipper ID	68212188
Bloomberg ID	VISAKGC OM
Investment Manager	Vision Capital SAOC
Custodian & Administrator	National Bank of Oman
Auditors	Moore
Shariah Advisor under AAOIFI	Shariyah Review Bureau W.L.L.
Fund type	Open Ended
Ann. Standard Deviation	11.0%
High / (Low) Monthly Return	9.0% (Apr 20), -17.1% (Mar 20)
Latest Dividend Paid	50 Baiza (Mar 2023)
Total Dividend & Bonus Paid	200 baiza (Dividend), 5% (Bonus)

Top 3 Holdings

Scrip	Country	Allocation
Alinma Bank	KSA	5.8%
Emaar Properties Pjsc	UAE	3.8%
National Medical Care Co	KSA	3.3%

Fund Performance*

Dec-23	YTD	3 Years	Since Inception
6.5%	21.7%	38.5%	59.3%

(* Adjusted for dividends, assuming dividends are reinvested). Sector allocation based on GICS Methodology