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Market Update

Global Markets

September was a pivotal month for global markets and the economy, as the Federal Reserve initiated its rate-cutting cycle with a significant 50 basis point reduction—the first since March 2020. This move was driven by easing inflation and signs of a cooling labor market. Fed Chair Jerome Powell expressed confidence in inflation trends, with projections suggesting interest rates could reach 3% by 2026. Central banks around the world, including the European Central Bank, Bank of England, and Bank of Canada, also began monetary easing, expected to support global economic growth. Lower borrowing costs could benefit consumers and corporations alike by easing the financing of projects and expansions. A less hawkish stance from Japan and new stimulus in China further lifted market sentiment. Developed markets gained 1.6% in September, boosting Q3 gains to 6.1%. The Nasdaq rose 2.7%, the S&P 500 gained 2.0%, and the Dow Jones increased by 1.8%.

European equity returns were relatively muted in Q3 2024, with markets in the UK and Europe ex-UK delivering 2.3% and 1.6%, respectively. Eurozone economic activity remained weak, prompting expectations for downward revisions in 2025 growth forecasts. Inflation showed signs of easing, with the CPI falling from 2.2% in July to 1.8% in September, and the ECB cut rates by 25 bps rate cut. The DAX gained 2.2%, the CAC remained flat, and the FTSE declined by 1.7% during the month.

Emerging markets also remained mixed with Hang Seng and China's Shanghai on one hand gaining 17.5% and 17.4%, respectively following a raft of stimulus measures introduced by the Chinese government. India's BSE Sensex gained 2.3% for the month. On the contrary, Korean KOSPI and Japanese Nikkei remained negative shedding 3% and 1.7%, respectively.

In commodities, the S&P GSCI Commodity index declined, with energy being the weakest performer due to weakened global demand despite tensions in the Middle East. However, agriculture, industrial metals, livestock, and precious metals saw gains. Brent crude oil prices dropped 8.9%, while gold reached record highs for the second consecutive month, benefiting from global rate cuts and a weakening US dollar.

	MTD	YTD	P/E
Commodities			
Brent spot	-8.9%	-6.8%	-
Gold	5.2%	27.7%	-
Leading Benchmarks			
S&P Global BMI	2.2%	16.2%	22.6x
S&P Developed BMI	1.6%	16.2%	23.2x
S&P Emerging BMI	7.5%	16.6%	18.5x
S&P GCC Comp Index	1.3%	1.4%	16.0x
S&P GCC Shariah Index	1.7%	3.0%	20.3x
MSCI World	1.7%	17.5%	23.1x
MSCI Emerging	6.4%	14.4%	16.3x
MSCI GCC	0.9%	-0.2%	14.7x
Developed Equities			
Dow Jones	1.8%	12.3%	23.0x
S&P 500	2.0%	20.8%	26.3x
Nasdaq	2.7%	21.2%	40.7x
FTSE	-1.7%	6.5%	14.6x
DAX	2.2%	15.4%	16.1x
CAC	0.1%	1.2%	14.1x
Emerging Equities			
Nikkei	-1.9%	13.3%	22.8x
Sensex	2.3%	16.7%	25.6x
Shanghai	17.4%	12.2%	16.1x
Hang Seng	17.5%	24.0%	11.3x
KOSPI	-3.0%	-2.3%	13.4x
GCC Equities & Egypt			
Saudi Arabia	0.7%	2.2%	20.3x
Abu Dhabi	1.5%	-1.6%	17.1x
Dubai	4.1%	10.9%	8.7x
Oman	-0.8%	4.3%	12.1x
Kuwait	-0.6%	4.7%	18.9x
Doha	4.0%	-2.0%	11.8x
Bahrain	2.8%	2.1%	7.9x
Egypt	2.6%	26.9%	8.2x

GCC

GCC equity markets mostly gained in September, driven by positive sentiment across global markets as GCC central banks mirrored the US Federal Reserve's rate cuts. The fall in funding costs is expected to boost investment across various sectors. Geopolitical tensions in the Middle East had minimal impact on performance through September 2024. The S&P GCC Composite Index rose 1.3%, led by Dubai with a 4.1% gain, followed by Qatar and Abu Dhabi, which gained 4.0% and 1.5%, respectively. Saudi Arabia posted a return of 0.7%, while Oman and Kuwait saw slight declines of 0.8% and 0.6%, respectively.

Dubai marked its fourth consecutive monthly gain, driven by an 11.1% rise in the Communication services sector, a 5.7% increase in Consumer staples, and a 5.2% gain in Utilities. Materials was the only sector that declined, shedding 4%. Qatar also saw its fourth consecutive monthly gain, led by a 6.9% rise in the Banks and Financial services index, with Real estate and Telecom services gaining 6.1% and 5.9%, respectively. The Transportation index saw the largest decline of 2.1% in Qatar.

In Abu Dhabi, the Utilities sector led with a 26.5% gain, followed by Consumer Staples, which rose 12.1%. On the other side, the Consumer Discretionary and healthcare sectors saw declines of 4.3% and 1.4%, respectively.

Saudi Arabia's Tadawul index also continued positive momentum for the fourth straight month, with the Utilities index up 12.5%, and Software & Services and Media rising 10.6% and 6.7%, respectively. On the other hand, the insurance sector declined by 6.7%, followed by Commercial & Professional services and Energy, which fell by 3.0% and 2.9%, respectively.

In Kuwait, the Healthcare index topped the gains with 6.6%, followed by Insurance (6.2%) and Real Estate (2.4%). On the downside, the Technology sector saw the steepest decline at 9.5%, followed by Industrials and Utilities, down 4.6% and 3.3%, respectively.

Vision Funds

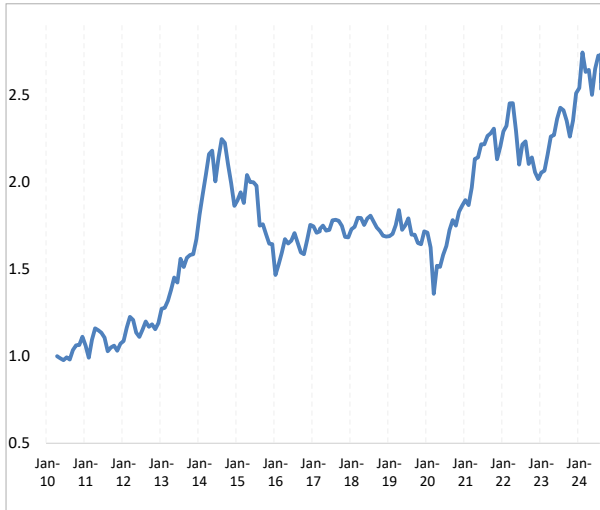
The Vision Real Economy GCC Fund gained 0.68%. The Sharia focused Vision Al Khair GCC Fund declined 0.17% for the month. Vision Focused Fund gained 0.63% for the month with its concentrated portfolio strategy.

Outlook

Despite numerous factors that could create negative externalities, global equity markets have largely sidestepped major challenges in 2024. Even August's market sell-off was short-lived. Historically, when central banks cut rates without an imminent recession, equity markets tend to stay supported. Market returns are typically driven by earnings growth and valuation expansion, both of which are likely to rise as interest rates decline. Positive momentum in GCC markets is expected to continue, supported by robust non-oil GDP growth, as indicated by expansionary PMI data and capital inflows for planned development projects across the region.

NAV (per unit) **RO. 1.452 (USD 3.775)**

Performance Chart *



(* Adjusted for dividends, assuming dividends are reinvested)

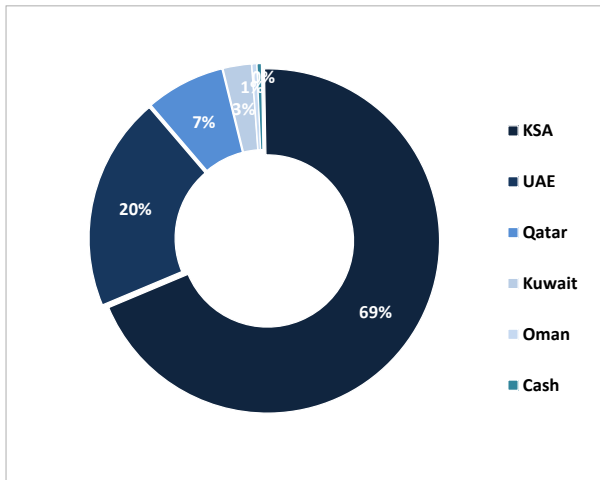
Fund Objective

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	Talal Abu Ghazaleh & Co
Fund type	Open Ended
Annualized Standard Deviation	14.7%
High/(Low) Monthly Return	11.9% (Apr 20), -16.4% (Mar 20)
Latest Dividend Paid	50 baiza (Mar 2024)
Total Dividend Paid	830 baiza

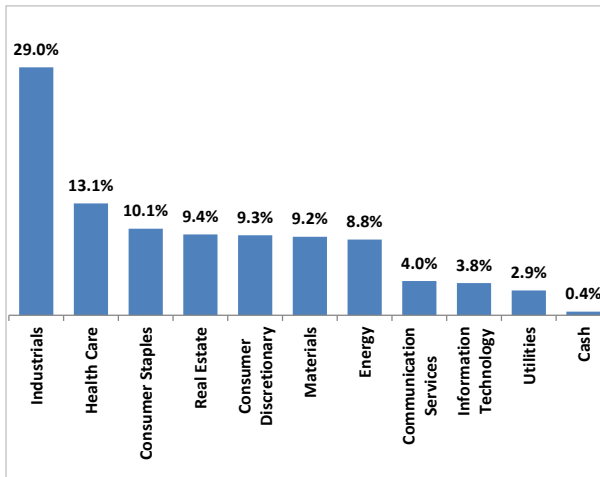
Country Allocation



Top 3 Holdings

Scrip	Country	Allocation
Emaar Properties	UAE	3.6%
National Medical Care	KSA	3.1%
Leejam Sports	KSA	2.8%

Sector Allocation



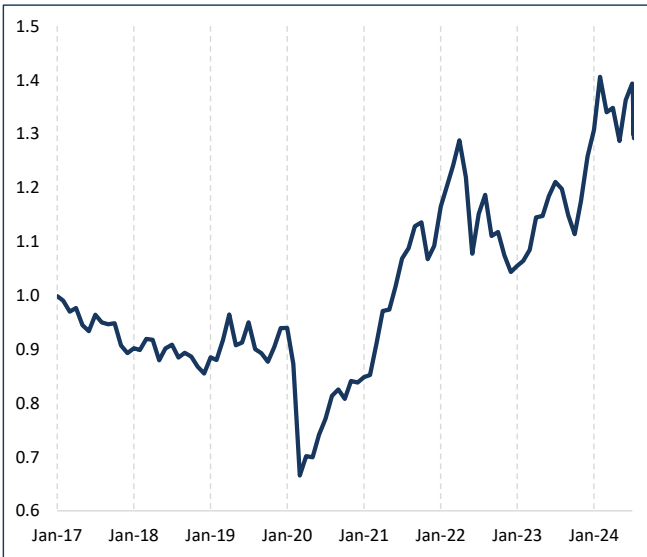
Fund Performance *

	Sep-24	YTD	3 Years	Since Inception
	0.7%	9.5%	20.6%	174.9%

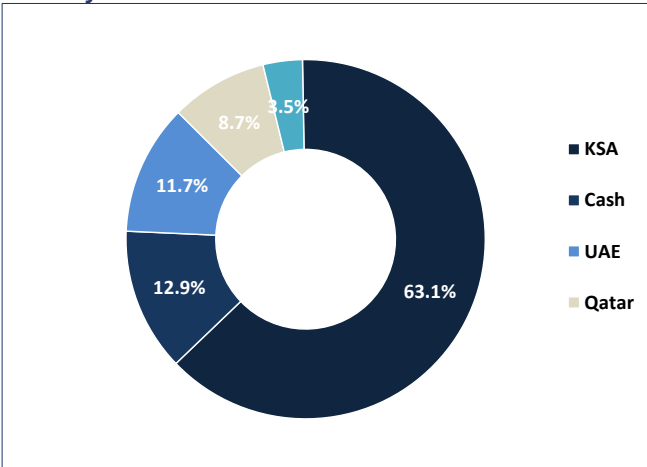
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NAV (per unit) **RO 1.256 (USD 3.267)**

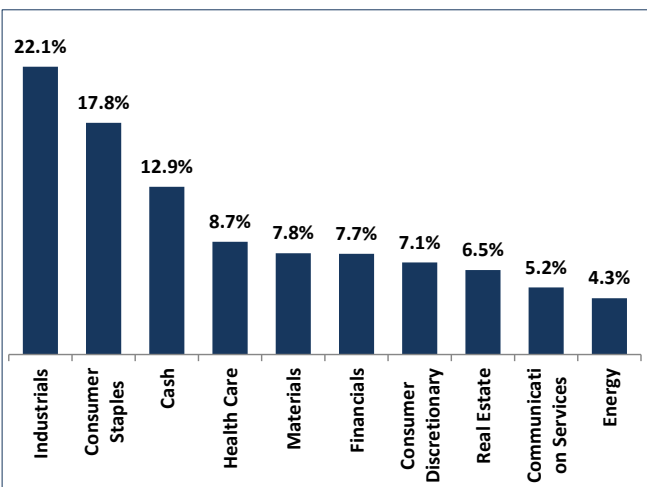
Performance Chart



Country Allocation



Sector Allocation



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	Talal Abu Ghazaleh & Co
Fund type	Open Ended
Annualized Standard Deviation	15.6%
High/(Low) Monthly Return	7.5% (Feb 24), -23.7% (Mar 20)
Latest Dividend Paid	50 baiza (Mar 2024)
Total Dividend Paid	110 baiza

Top 3 Holdings

Scrip	Country	Allocation
East Pipes Integrated Co For	KSA	7.8%
Saudi British Bank	KSA	7.7%
Leejam Sports	KSA	7.1%

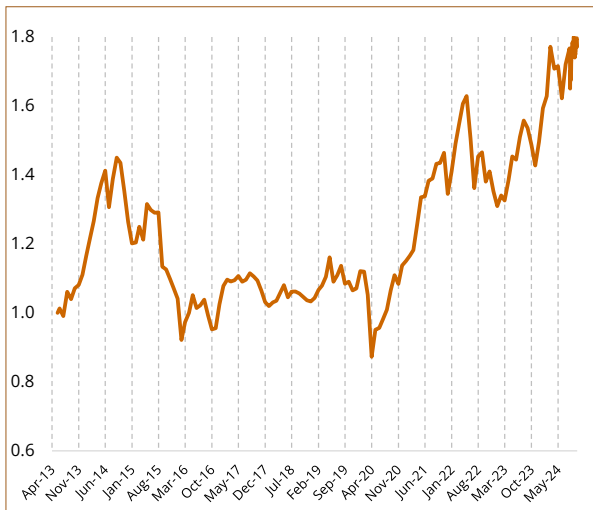
Fund Performance

Sep-24	YTD	3 Years	Since Incep.
0.6%	9.3%	21.8%	37.5%

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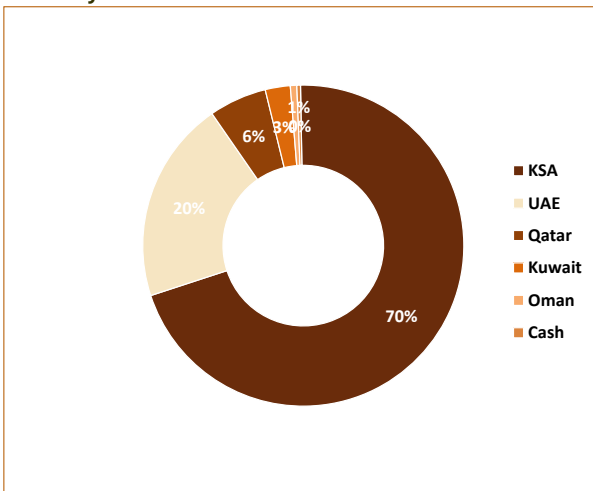
NAV (per unit) **RO 1.354 (USD 3.522)**

Performance Chart*

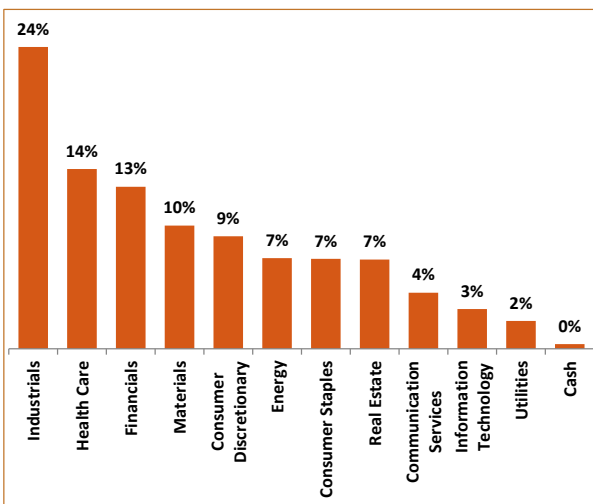


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Countrywise Allocation



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	Talal Abu Ghazaleh & Co
Shariah Advisor under AAOIFI	Shariyah Review Bureau W.L.L.
Fund type	Open Ended
Ann. Standard Deviation	14.7%
High / (Low) Monthly Return	9.0% (Apr 20), -17.1% (Mar 20)
Latest Dividend Paid	60 Baiza (Mar 2024)
Total Dividend & Bonus Paid	260 baiza (Dividend), 5% (Bonus)

Top 3 Holdings

Scrip	Country	Allocation
Alinma Bank	KSA	4.0%
National Medical Care	KSA	3.8%
Emaar Properties	UAE	3.4%

Fund Performance*

Sep-24	YTD	3 Years	Since Inception
-0.2%	11.2%	23.5%	77.2%

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