

TFI GCC Equity Opportunities Fund (Q)

MAY 2014
FACTSHEET

Fund Objective

The First Investor GCC Equity Opportunities Fund (Q) (the "Fund") is an open-ended collective investment scheme registered under the Laws of Qatar, founded by Barwa Bank Q.S.C. and managed by The First Investor Q.S.C.C. The objective of the Fund is to achieve long-term capital growth through investments in a broadly diversified portfolio of equities and equity related securities of companies listed on exchanges within the Gulf Cooperation Council (the "GCC") countries. Investment in the Fund is limited to Qatari individuals and institutions. This fund was awarded "Best Islamic Investment Fund" by *Banker Middle East*, Product Awards 2013.



Fund Facts

Fund Information		Top 5 Holdings			
Net Asset Value / Unit	31 May 2014	QAR 1,392.30	Saudi Basic Industries Corp.	9.0%	
Net Asset Value / Unit	30 April 2014	QAR 1,405.52	Industries Qatar	7.7%	
Fund Type	Open Ended, Shariaa Compliant			Al Meera Consumer Goods	5.8%
Risk Level	High			Medicare Group	5.4%
Subscription / Redemption	Monthly			Qatar Navigation Co.	5.2%
Next Subscription Deadline	24 June 2014			Fund Fees	
Next Redemption Deadline	17 June 2014			Subscription Fee	1.00%
Inception Date	31 October 2012			Management Fee	1.50% per year (paid monthly pro-rata)
Founder	Barwa Bank Q.S.C.			Performance Fee	10% p.a. above hurdle rate of 10%
Fund Manager	The First Investor Q.S.C.C.			Redemption Fee	0.50%
Custodian	HSBC Bank Middle East Limited, Qatar			Fund Capital	
Auditor	KPMG, Qatar			Assets Under Management	QAR 142m
Benchmark	Bloomberg GCC 200			Minimum Subscription	QAR 100,000

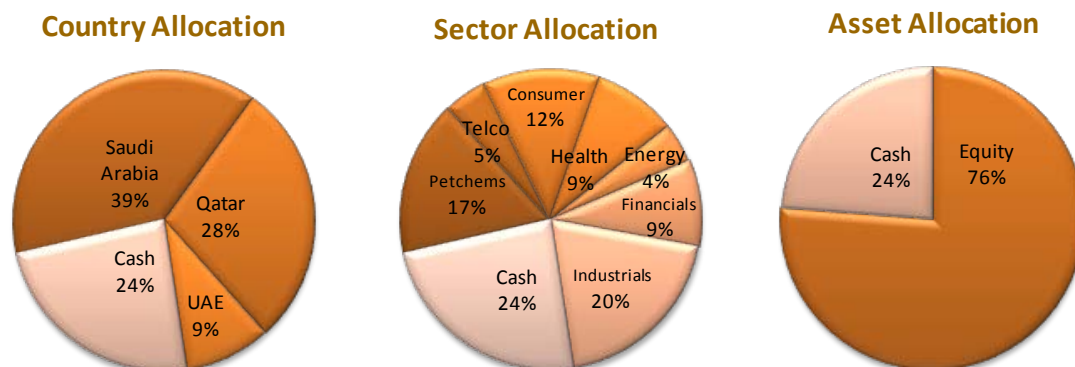
Fund Managers Comment

In May, the Fund decreased by 0.9% MoM while the Bloomberg GCC200 Index increased by 2.3% MoM. Since Inception (31st of October 2012), the Fund is up by c.39% and c.12% Year-to-Date while focusing primarily on capital preservation.

Globally, falling discount rates continues to contribute to a relatively healthy stock market performance. Regionally, equities continue to outperform their Emerging Markets (EM) peers. In May, we have momentarily reduced our appetite for beta and shifted to a slightly more defensive strategy notably by trimming our allocation to the UAE and increasing our cash position, thus lowering the overall portfolio volatility ahead of a potential summer slowdown in trading activity.

We advocate the quality style comprising high growth, defensive earnings, high dividend yield and low debt / equity in the mid-large cap part of the market while actively managing beta. Within the GCC, we continue to favor Saudi Arabia which trades at relatively attractive valuations, high dividend yields, strong visibility in cash flows, relatively high earnings growth and low(er) systemic risk (5 years sovereign KSA CDS trading at 44 vs. 91 GCC average). We also see a longer term catalyst in the fact that Saudi could be moving towards a more institutional-oriented equity market. On valuation, the GCC trades on 15.7x forward P/E yielding 2.6% and EM (Emerging Markets) on 11.2x forward P/E yielding 2.7%.

Investment Allocation



Fund Managers

Robert Pramberger, CFA (over 15 years of experience in financial markets)
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