

# Boubyan Local and GCC Equity Fund

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31 May 2024



## Fund Objective & Strategy

A regional equity fund that seeks to generate competitive returns within an acceptable risk level by investing in the securities of companies listed on Boursa Kuwait and other GCC stock markets with a preference to blue-chip companies.

The Fund also aims to distribute dividends, if any, on an annual basis upon the discretion of the Fund Manager.



## Fund Features

- Low minimum investment
- Well diversified Portfolio
- Weekly liquidity
- Online subscription/redemption
- Possible annual distributions



## Fund Facts

Fund structure	Open ended
Inception date	16 January 2020
Liquidity	Weekly
Currency	Kuwaiti Dinar (KWD)
Minimum subscription	KWD 1,000
Subscription fees	None
Redemption fees	None
Management fees	0.75% annually
Fund manager	Boubyan Capital Investment Company K.S.C.C.
Distributor	Boubyan Bank K.S.C.P.
Custodian and investment controller	Kuwait Clearing Company
Sharia Auditor	Legitimate Auditor House Company
Auditor	KPMG (Kuwait)
Domicile	State of Kuwait
Executive Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Badria Hamad ALHumaidhi</li><li>• Abdulmohsen Samir ALGharaballi</li><li>• Mohammad Manea ALAjmi</li><li>• Omar Abdulaziz ALRasheed</li><li>• Asok Kumar Nayer</li></ul>



## Profit Distribution

Date	February 2022
Type of distribution	Cash
Percentage	2.5%

NAV | KWD 1.2503



## Performance

One Month Return	-2.49%
12 Months Return	6.01%
2 Years Return	-0.19%
Cumulative YTD Return	-0.25%
Cumulative Since Inception Return	27.53%
Standard Deviation	1.56%
Sharpe Ratio	-1.881



## Fund's Top Five Holdings

Name	Weight
Cash & Cash Equivalent (Net of Liabilities)	23.45%
Beyout Investment Group - IPO	9.65%
Al Rajhi Bank	7.51%
Zain	7.01%
Integrated Holding Company	6.56%



## Manager's Comments

Amidst the severe correction experienced by regional markets during May, Boubyan Local & GCC equity fund managed to outperform relatively better than the markets, and close the period from April 30th to May 31st lower by -2.49%, -0.25% YTD, while return since the fund's inception reached +27.53%.

Globally, markets witnessed a notable rebound since last month's lows in light of positive inflation readings from the US & lower energy prices during the period. Accordingly, the MSCI World Index closed the period up around +4% during May.

Regionally, GCC markets underperformed their global counterparts by a hefty margin during May, mainly driven by end of dividends season, lower oil prices (down more than 7%), as well as negative economic data coming from Saudi. Where the S&P GCC index closed the period down around -6%. Negative absolute performance came mainly from all main markets, except for Kuwait, which was the best performing market in the region during the period. Which in turn helped our fund's outperformance & stability during May, and YTD.

Although we still maintain a degree of caution as we foresee some fluctuations to persist over the short to medium term. Primarily driven by the anticipated economic repercussions of the monetary tightening policy that central banks around the world have adopted over the past two years, by raising interest rates to curb inflation. Which might cast a shadow over the real economy's performance next year, as has been the case with the banking sector in the United States and Europe last year. However, we are optimistic about the region's economies over the medium to long term, as we believe they can withstand relatively higher inflation, being predominantly commodity-based economies. Therefore, we believe that the regional governments, thanks to their financial reserves, can navigate through this phase by maintaining high spending rates to support economic activity, continuing to diversify their economies, and supporting the private sector, which in turn, will continue to provide alternatives for sustainable growth. This is likely to assist operationally and financially robust companies in continuing to generate strong performance and provide value for investors in the long term.

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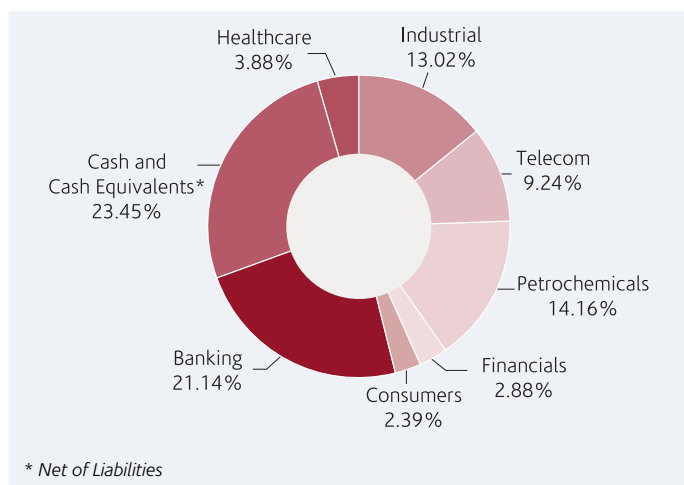
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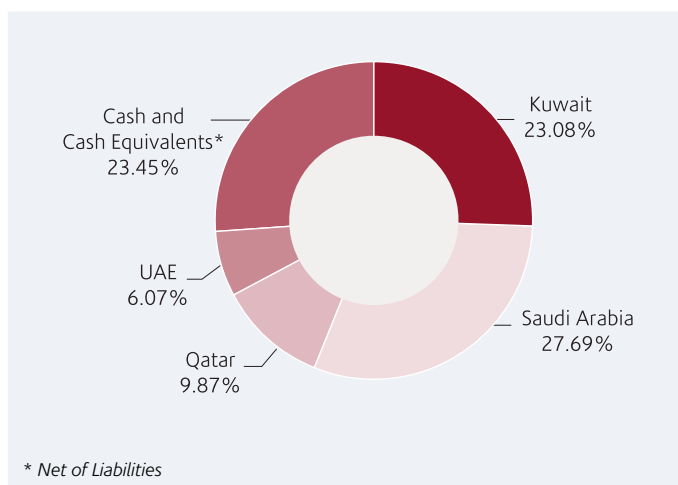
## Monthly Performance (%)

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Return for the year
2020	0.01	-0.52	-5.66	2.50	-0.32	0.64	-0.80	0.37	0.41	-0.05	1.03	0.78	-1.82
2021	2.59	0.85	4.70	3.05	2.97	2.61	-1.94	2.37	-0.76	2.53	0.39	0.33	21.32
2022	4.13	-0.06	4.45	2.77	-3.97	-5.62	2.54	0.64	-3.75	0.08	-0.43	-1.72	-1.39
2023	0.94	-0.92	0.73	1.97	-0.13	3.68	2.60	-0.53	-0.29	-1.41	0.87	1.28	9.03
2024	1.01	0.49	0.09	0.68	-2.49								-0.25

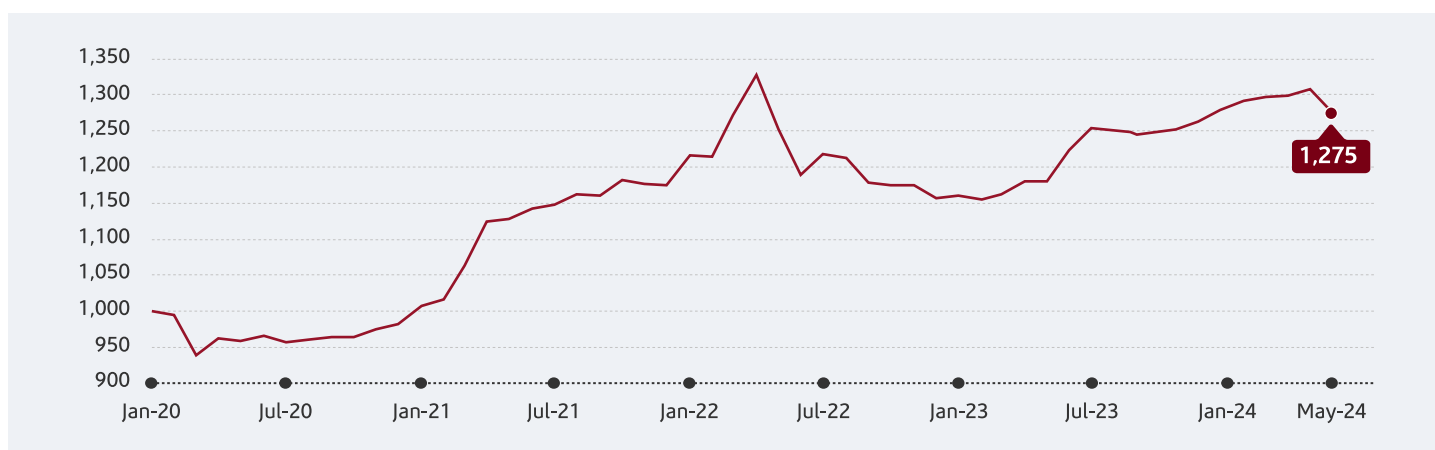
## Sector Breakdown



## Geographic Allocation



## KWD 1,000 Invested Since Inception (inclusive of cash distributions)



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