



# AWRAQ FUND

A Fund of the Awarq World Investments Fund Company B.S.C (closed)

NAV / Share

May-16

53.37

## Fund Objective & Strategy

The Fund seeks to achieve long term capital appreciation by investing in a diversified portfolio of stocks listed on the MENA stock exchanges. The Fund employs a semi-active fund management style with a blend of growth and value and is benchmarked to a customized S&P Pan Arab Index limited to a country maximum of 30% and a position maximum of 7% to reflect the Fund's investment guidelines. The investment process is based on a bottom-up stock selection methodology coupled with a thorough analysis of top-down macro economic drivers.

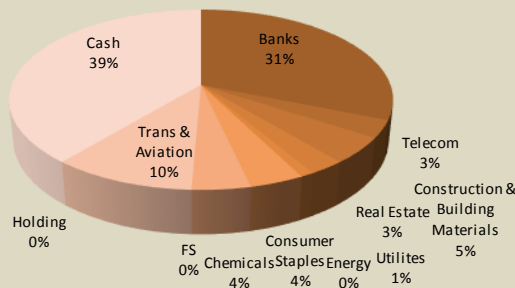
## Fund Information

<b>Asset Type</b>	Equity
<b>Fund Manager</b>	Awarq Investments
<b>Sponsor</b>	Cairo Amman Bank
<b>Custodian</b>	Gulf Custody Company
<b>Fund Listing</b>	Bahrain
<b>Fund Structure</b>	Open Ended
<b>Fund Size</b>	USD 4,599,284
<b>Liquidity</b>	Bi Weekly
<b>Indv. Min Sub</b>	USD 25,000
<b>Corp. Min Sub</b>	USD 100,000
<b>Management Fee</b>	2.0% p.a.
<b>Performance Fees</b>	15% over 10%
<b>Launch Date</b>	31-Oct-07
<b>Bloomberg Ticker</b>	AWRAAQ BI Equity

## Fund Characteristics & Risk Metrics

Number of Holdings	27
Alpha	3.96%
Beta	0.81
Standard Deviation	15.33%
Information ratio	0.62

## Sector Allocation



## Country Allocation

Country	Benchmark (%)	Fund (%)
Saudi	24.00%	15.93%
Egypt	8.85%	6.29%
Qatar	17.82%	17.72%
UAE	17.29%	15.10%
Jordan	5.60%	4.38%
Kuwait	16.55%	4.31%
Oman	5.29%	0.18%
Morocco	4.61%	0.00%

## Market Review

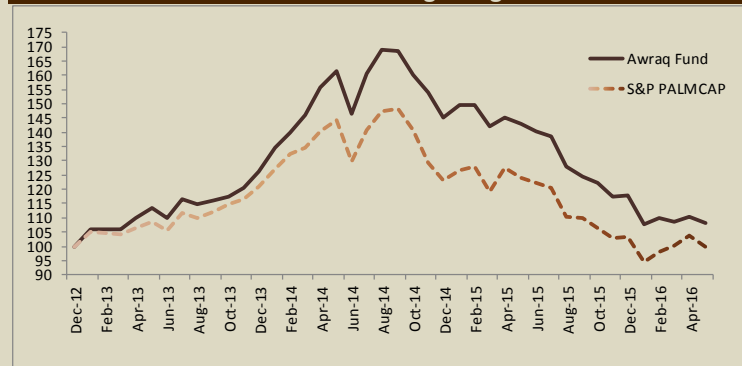
Global markets closed the month of May 2016 on a mixed note, with the S&P 500 and Dow Jones Industrial Index finishing 0.74% and -0.58%, respectively, while all MENA major indices slipped during the same month. Awarq Fund dropped 1.91% compared to the benchmark, which lost 3.79% for the same period.

On the global front, speculation over the next Fed interest rate hike dominated the scene, as the FOMC minutes of meeting hinted towards a possible hike next June. This sent FX and equity markets into a frenzy as investors have been underestimating the probability of such action before end of 2016. On the other hand, oil continued to trend upwards, with Brent achieving another 3.26% rise during May to close at USD49.69 per barrel. This came on the back of reports by the International Energy Agency (IEA), which expected supply to decline during the second half of the year, on the back of lower US production. Further, the IEA report indicated an upward revision of the demand expectations, mainly coming from India, China and Russia.

Regional Markets, however, lost momentum during the month as volumes dropped across the board. The Qatari and Abu Dhabi markets recorded the worst performances, dropping 5.48% and 4.91%, respectively. In addition to the lower volumes and lack of catalyst within the region in the coming period, the results of the MSCI EM May Semi-Annual Index Review indicated that the MENA markets, i.e Qatar and the UAE, witnessed passive outflows of around USD157 mn during the month, due to the phase two of China overseas listings within the EM universe.

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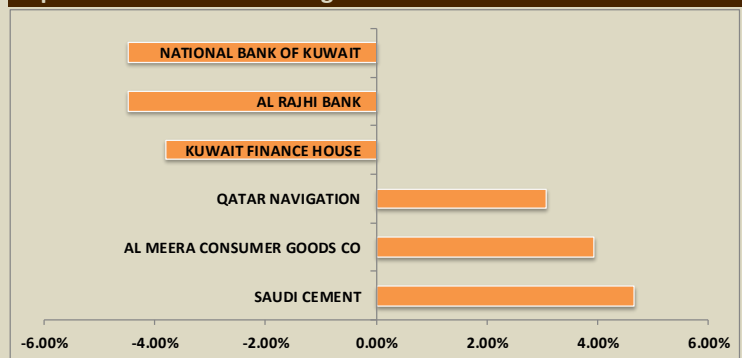
## USD 100 Invested Since 2013 Year Beginning



## Cumulative Returns (%)

	1 M	3 M	1 Y	YTD	Since Incp
Fund	-1.91%	-1.47%	-24.19%	-8.07%	-46.63%
Benchmark	-3.79%	2.13%	-19.40%	-3.34%	

## Top Three Under & Overweight vs Benchmark



## Top Five Fund Holdings

SAUDI CEMENT	4.67%
FIRST GULF BANK	4.62%
ARAB BANK PLC	4.38%
AL MEERA CONSUMER GOODS CO	3.93%
COMMERCIAL INTERNATIONAL BAN	3.83%

## Market Outlook

Further, the Saudi market lost 3.99% of its value during the month. Major news coming from the country during May indicated that Saudi Arabia is preparing to sell its first bonds in the international capital markets as it seeks foreign financing to plug its budget deficit. The kingdom has sent invitations to banks to arrange the sale, which will probably take place after the Muslim holy month of Ramadan ends. Saudi Arabia is poised to join other countries from the six-nation Gulf Cooperation Council in tapping foreign markets in a sign the world's biggest oil-exporting region wants to move away from plundering rainy-day funds to bridge the \$900 billion fiscal shortfall the International Monetary Fund estimates they will face through 2021. Abu Dhabi raised \$5 billion in a Eurobond sale last month and Qatar is meeting investors for a possible deal, its first after a five-year break.

Going forward, we expect MENA markets to continue to ease as we enter the holy month of Ramadan and the summer effect, where historically volumes have come under pressure. We continue to trade selectively on fundamentally sound names across the board, while monitoring the possibility of a Fed interest rate hike and the continuous volatility of the oil markets.

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