LHV Persian Gulf Fund

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Fund Manager's Comment

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In the beginning of March the ongoing confrontation between Russia and Ukraine made markets nervous. The souring of relations among GCC countries also didn't bode well for the risk appetite of the investors in the GCC stock markets. In March Saudi Arabia, Bahrain and the

United Arab Emirates recalled their ambassadors to Qatar due to differences of opinion in foreign policy but in the second part of the month the fears of possible quick escalation of both of these events decreased (for example during 2002-2008 Saudi Arabia didn't have an ambassador in Qatar) and systematic buying interest returned to the GCC markets.

In March LHV Persian Gulf Fund's unit value increased by +2.7%. When looking at MSCI country indices then the strongest markets during the month were Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates that in local currency increased by +7.0% and +6.2% respectively, weakest markets were Oman and Bahrain that decreased by -1.1% and -6.2% respectively.

During March I travelled to Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates where I visited local companies. I also participated in the multi-day conference hosted by EFG in Dubai that was attended by 410 investors and where 96 different Middle Eastern companies gave presentations of their businesses. Region's strong economic figures and positive future outlook has become more evident in the GCC countries' everyday lives and is also encompassed in the regional companies' business confidence as many companies are working on various expansion projects. The upgrade to Emerging Markets Index given to the United Arab Emirates and Qatar by MSCI becomes effective in two months and that should provide additional buying interest in the region.

Monthly Return NAV of A unit NAV of B unit Fund Size 2.68% 14.1020 EUR 9.0112 EUR EUR 46 701 558

A unit price movement (last 36 months)



Investment Objective

LHV Persian Gulf Fund invests in listed equities in the GCC (*Gulf Cooperation Council*) region – Bahrain, Oman, Qatar, Kuwait, United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia. Due to the specific nature of the fund, the recommended minimum investment period is at least 3 to 5 years.



Historical Returns*

	1 month	12 months	36 months	2012-2013 average	2011-2013 average	2009-2013 average	YTD
Fund	2.68%	52.14%	92.01%	29.50%	17.87%	17.06%	14.98%

Country Breakdown

Industry Breakdown

Telecom Real estate 1.4% Cash & Equiv alents 6.5% Regional Industrial materials 1.4% Regional funds 2.56% 16.1%

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Top	10	Investments

Name	% of Assets
Emaar Properties	8.83%
Dubai Financial Market	6.51%
Qatar National Bank	6.00%
Samba Financial Group	4.74%
Union National Bank	4.73%
Barwa Real Estate	4.27%
Agility Public Warehousing	4.19%
Depa	3.93%
Bank Muscat	3.85%
Ras Al Khaimah Ceramics	3.76%
Value of TOP 10 Investments	51%
Total Number of Investments	38

Fund Details

Saudi Arabia

Cash &

Equivalents

6.5%

 Type:
 eurofund (*UCITS IV*)

 ISIN of A-unit:
 EE3600095287 (EUR)

 Registrar of A-units:
 AS LHV Pank

 ISIN of B-unit:
 EE3600095295 (EUR)

 Registrar of B-units:
 EVK

 Fund Managers:
 Joel Kukemelk

6.0%

 Depositary:
 AS Swedbank

 Issue Fee:
 0%

 Management Fee:
 1.75%

 Redemption Fee:
 1%

 Established:
 10.01.2008

 Launched:
 13.02.2008

*The fund`s historical performance does not promise or offer any indications regarding future performance.

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