

# LHV Persian Gulf Fund

31-Jul-17

**Monthly Return** 3.66%  
**NAV of share** 11.6546 EUR  
**Fund Size** 11 507 934 EUR  
**LHV Asset Management** 1 048 953 297 EUR  
**Share price movement (last 36 months)**

## Fund Manager's Comment

**Joel Kukemelk**

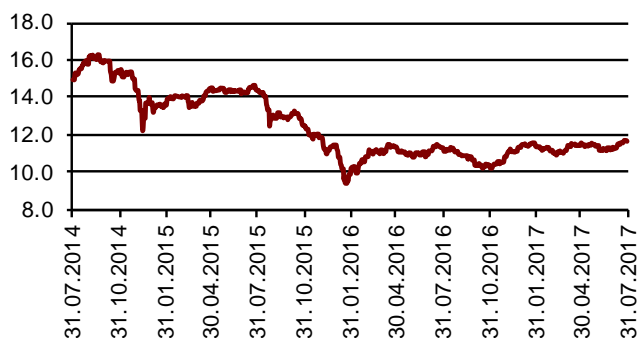


In July LHV Persian Gulf Fund's return was +3.7% with year-to-date performance rising to +2.8%. The strongest markets in July were Kuwait and the UAE that rose by +6.5% (MSCI index, local currency, net) and weakest was Saudi Arabia that decreased by -4.9% after a very strong June performance.

Last month we wrote: "As a result of the Qatar crisis we have used the opportunity to somewhat add to our Qatar positions after the drop witnessed in local equity markets". This move paid off since already in July we witnessed Qatar shares rise by +4.9% after some relaxing in tensions. Market's attention has by now once again turned back to the movement of oil price – on August 7th and 8th OPEC and non-OPEC countries are set to meet in Abu Dhabi where Russia and Kuwait chair the meeting dedicated to improving compliance in oil production cuts.

In July we completely exited our position in Bahrain Telecom and reduced our holding in Kuwait's logistics' company Agility (which has risen by +50% since the beginning of the year). In turn we have increased our holdings in Oman's Bank Muscat, in Qatar's utility company Qatar Electricity & Water and in UAE's real estate developer Emaar Properties.

As of end of July fund's single investments' portfolio trades at 10.1x 12 month estimated P/E, 1.1x trailing P/B and offers 3.6% dividend yield.



## 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.

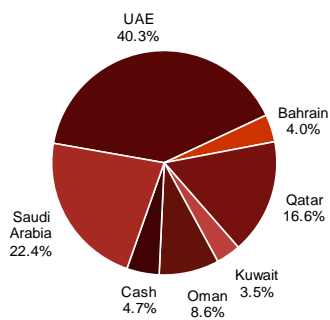
**Morningstar Rating**  
5 Year



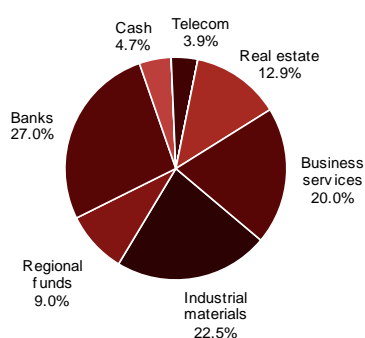
## Historical Returns\*

	1 month	12 months	36 months	2015-2016 average	2014-2016 average	2012-2016 average	YTD
Fund	3.66%	2.94%	-22.01%	-9.09%	-2.58%	9.17%	2.78%

## Country Breakdown



## Industry Breakdown



## Top 10 Investments

Name	% of Assets
EFG-Hermes Saudi Arabia Equity	9.04%
Emaar Properties	8.71%
Bank Muscat	8.62%
Ras Al Khaimah Ceramics	7.37%
Sipchem	6.47%
Dubai Islamic Bank	6.12%
Al Meera Consumer Goods	4.51%
Aldar Properties	4.24%
Emirates NBD	4.10%
Fawaz Abdulaziz Alhokair	4.03%
<b>Value of top 10 Investments</b>	<b>63%</b>
<b>Total Number of Investments</b>	<b>21</b>

## Fund Details

Type:	eurofund (SICAV, UCITS IV)	Depository:	Swedbank AB (publ) Luxembourg Branch
ISIN of share:	LU1138349862	Issue and Redemption Fee:	0%
Registrar of share:	Swedbank AB (publ) Luxembourg Branch	Investment Management Fee:	1.75%
Fund Manager:	Joel Kukemelk	Launched:	2/13/2008, re-domiciled 4/13/2015

\*The fund's historical performance does not promise or offer any indications regarding future performance. The performance chart shows the performance of the LHV Persian Gulf Fund - Class A Unit (EE3600095287) until the merger of LHV Persian Gulf Fund into the SEF-LHV Persian Gulf Fund on 2015-04-13 and since then the performance of the SEF- LHV Persian Gulf Fund Share (LU1138349862).

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Historical annual average performance figures are geometrical averages based on last calendar years.