

LHV Persian Gulf Fund

30 April 2018

Monthly Return **1.29%**
 NAV of share **11.6907 EUR**
 Fund Size **10 777 369 EUR**
 LHV Asset Management **1 142 977 284 EUR**



Fund Manager's Comment Joel Kukemelk

LHV Persian Gulf Fund's performance in April was +1.3% bringing year to date result to +3.7%. The strongest market in April was Qatar that rallied by +7.6% (MSCI index, local currency, net) and weakest market was Bahrain that declined by -5.2%.

Most of the companies where we are invested are reporting their Q1 financials in the end of April or in the beginning of May. As the year progresses we expect to see improvement in quarterly results and business outlook since temporary period of low consumer- and investor confidence caused by low energy prices, enforced economic reforms and new taxes (including 5% value added tax in Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates) is being left behind now.

In April we added Walaa (Saudi Arabia insurance company) to the fund portfolio and significantly increased our stake in Aluminium Bahrain (Bahrain's aluminium producer), Qatar Fuel (Qatar's fuel distributor) and Emaar Development (UAE real estate developer). We fully exited our position in EFG Saudi Arabia Equity Fund leaving us with direct investments only.

As of end of April the fund's single investments' portfolio trades at 8.6x 12 month estimated P/E, 1.0x trailing P/B and offers 4.4% 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.

Share price movement (last 36 months)



Fund Details

Type: eurofund (SICAV, UCITS IV)
 ISIN: LU1138349862
 Depository and Registrar: Swedbank AB (publ) Luxembourg Branch

**Morningstar
Rating
5 Year**

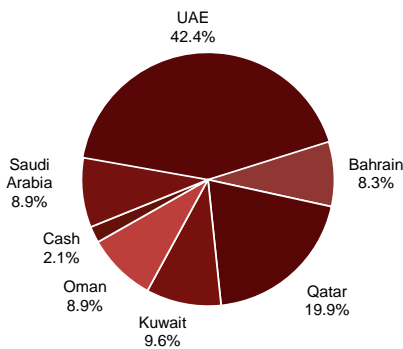
Fund Manager: Joel Kukemelk
 Issue and Redemption Fee: 0%
 Investment Management Fee: 1.75%
 Launched: 13.02.2008
 Re-domiciled: 13.04.2015



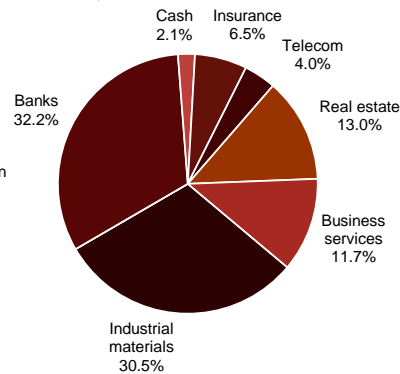
Historical Returns*

	1 month	12 months	36 months	2016-2017 average	2015-2017 average	2013-2017 average	YTD
Fund	1.29%	2.22%	-19.42%	-0.80%	-6.34%	6.56%	3.71%

Country Breakdown



Industry Breakdown



Top 10 Investments

Name	% of Assets
Bank Muscat	8.85%
Aluminium Bahrain	8.27%
Ras Al Khaimah Ceramics	7.85%
Depa	6.20%
Emirates NBD	5.65%
National Bank of Kuwait	5.00%
Qatar Fuel Company	4.73%
Qatar National Bank	4.60%
Emaar Properties	4.54%
Aldar Properties	4.39%
Value of top 10 Investments	60%
Total Number of Investments	23

*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.