

# LHV Persian Gulf Fund

31 March 2019

Monthly Return **3.54%**  
 NAV of share **11.0816 EUR**  
 Fund Size **4 573 849 EUR**  
 LHV Asset Management **1 257 353 609 EUR**



## Fund Manager's Comment Joel Kukemelk

LHV Persian Gulf Fund's performance in March was +3.5%. The strongest GCC market in March was Kuwait that rallied by +9.9% (MSCI index, local currency, net) and weakest market was Qatar that declined by -2.1%.

In the beginning of March we participated in a Middle Eastern conference held in Dubai and in First Abu Dhabi Bank's investor day held in Abu Dhabi. Feedback from the meetings was that in general GCC economies have adapted to new \$60-\$70 Brent oil price reality and strong headwinds that economies have faced during the last years are starting to subside and 2019 financial results can even show very significant growth depending on the industry and specific company.

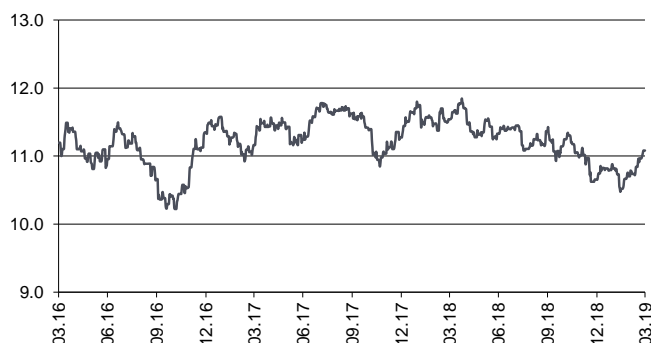
After meeting with the companies we exited our position in Saudi Arabia's insurance company Walaa and entered into a position in Saudi Arabia's Mouwasat that operates private hospitals. Our conviction in fund's largest holdings – Emirates NBD, United Electronics, Aluminium Bahrain and Bank Muscat – continued to rise as a result of meeting the company managements as we find very favourable risk-reward dynamics in these names at today's price levels.

As of end of March fund's investment portfolio trades at just 8.3x 12 month estimated P/E, 1.1x 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)



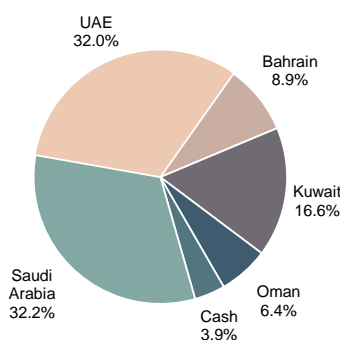
## Fund Details

Type: eurofund (SICAV, UCITS IV)  
 ISIN: LU1138349862  
 Depository and Registrar: Swedbank AB (publ) Luxembourg Branch  
 Fund Manager: Joel Kukemelk  
 Issue and Redemption Fee: 0%  
 Investment Management Fee: 1.75%  
 Launched: 13.02.2008  
 Re-domiciled: 13.04.2015

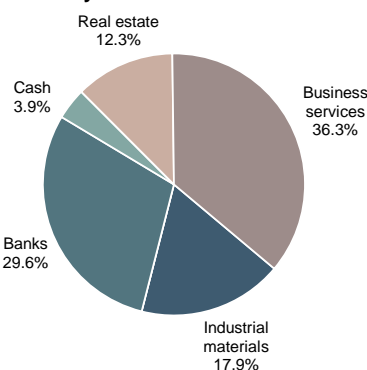
## Historical Returns\*

	1 month	12 months	36 months	2017-2018 average	2016-2018 average	2014-2018 average	YTD
Fund	3.54%	-3.99%	-1.03%	-3.07%	-2.39%	-2.78%	4.02%

## Country Breakdown



## Industry Breakdown



## Top 10 Investments

Name	% of Assets
Emirates NBD	9.95%
Aluminium Bahrain	8.88%
United Electronics Co	8.44%
Bank Muscat	6.40%
Al Tayyar Travel Group Holding	5.14%
United International Transport	4.85%
Al Rajhi Bank	4.70%
National Bank of Kuwait	4.69%
Agility Public Warehousing	4.67%
Emaar Properties	4.34%
Value of top 10 Investments	62%
Total Number of Investments	20

\*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.