

# LHV Persian Gulf Fund

31 May 2019

Monthly Return **-4.50%**  
 NAV of share **11.2321 EUR**  
 Fund Size **4 578 804 EUR**  
 LHV Asset Management **1 279 118 830 EUR**

## Fund Manager's Comment

Joel Kukemelk



LHV Persian Gulf Fund's performance in May was -4.5%. The strongest GCC market in May was Kuwait that rallied by +4.3% (MSCI index, local currency, net) and weakest market was Saudi Arabia that declined by -9.2% due to sharp rise in speculative interest in the local stock exchange in previous months before the implementation of MSCI emerging market index upgrade at the end of May. Phase two of the index upgrade implementation takes place already in August and that should help to boost buying interest in the stock exchange fairly soon.

Regionally, month of May was impacted by increasing tensions between the US and Iran due to the sanctions being imposed by the US. In global news flow, an increasingly dominant position was taken by US-led trade war and implementation of tariffs or threatening to implement tariffs on its major trade partners.

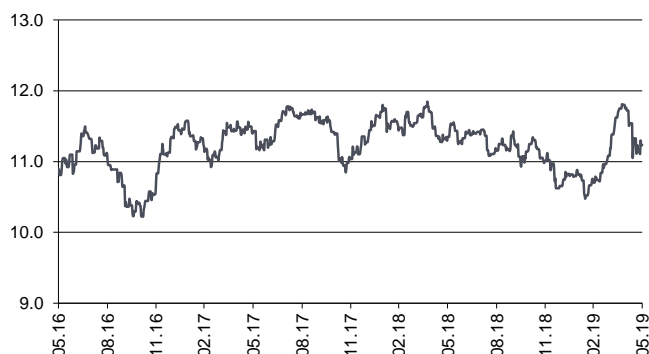
We did not make any major changes in the portfolio in May as we analysed the rapidly growing health sports sector in Saudi Arabia and looked at opportunities to participate in that long-term trend.

As of end of May, fund's investment portfolio trades at just 9.2x 12 month estimated P/E, 1.3x trailing P/B and offers 4.5% 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)



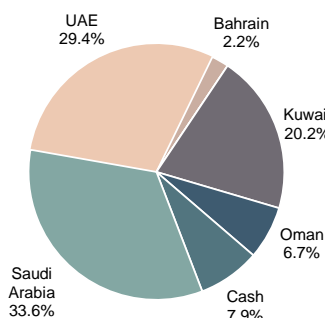
## Fund Details

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

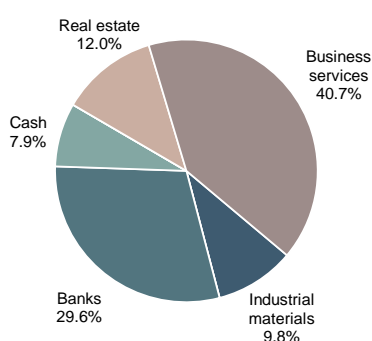
## Historical Returns\*

	1 month	12 months	36 months	2017-2018 average	2016-2018 average	2014-2018 average	YTD
Fund	-4.50%	-1.04%	3.07%	-3.07%	-2.39%	-2.78%	5.44%

## Country Breakdown



## Industry Breakdown



## Top 10 Investments

Name	% of Assets
United Electronics Co	9.31%
Emirates NBD	9.10%
Bank Muscat	6.73%
National Bank of Kuwait	5.10%
Al Rajhi Bank	4.67%
Agility Public Warehousing	4.48%
Humansoft Holding Co KSC	4.37%
Seera Group Holding	4.33%
United International Transport	4.26%
Emaar Development PJSC	4.12%
Value of top 10 Investments	56%
Total Number of Investments	22

\*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.