

Monthly Factsheet

Markaz Islamic Fund

NAV KD 2.267 As of April 30, 2021



Fund Objective: To obtain returns through investments in Islamic Sharia Equities in Boursa Kuwait.

Fund Performance	Fund
Total Return (Oct 03 - Dec 03)	9.3%
Total Return (Oct 03 - Dec 05)	153.5%
Total Return (Dec 05 - Dec 08)	-33.4%
Total Return (Dec 08 - Dec 11)	-14.7%
Total Return (Dec 11 - Dec 14)	10.1%
Total Return (Dec 14 - Dec 17)	-1.3%
Total Return (Dec 17 - Dec 20)	23.6%
Total Return (Oct 03 - Mar 21)	107.4%
CAGR Since Inception	4.8%
Volatility (SD) [36 months]	17.2%
Number of Holdings	15

*Total Return: Net of Fees

Fund price performance Rebased @1 KD since inception*



Annual Total Return %

	2003	'04	'05	'06	'07	'08	'09	'10	'11	'12	'13	'14	'15	'16	'17	'18	'19	'20
Fund	9.3	40.4	65.2	-10.5	34.9	-44.8	-9.5	8.6	-13.2	11.4	4.0	-4.9	-13.6	5.1	8.7	7.8	21.7	-5.7

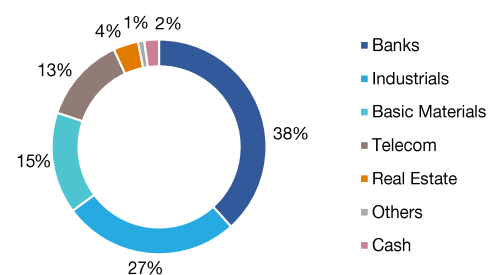
Key Facts

Net Assets	KD 20.289 Million
NAV per unit	KD 2.26712238
Type	Open-ended
Fund Manager	Kuwait Financial Centre K.P.S.C.
Sharia External Auditor	Raqaba Global for Shariah Consultations
Fund Inception	October 2003
Management Fees	1.50% p.a.
Subscription Fees	0.50%
Redemption Fees	0.50%
Minimum Subscription	100 units
Subscription/Redemption	Weekly
Fund Valuation	Weekly
Custodian	Kuwait Clearing Co
Auditors	RSM Albazie & Co.
ISIN	KW0EQ0903314
Bloomberg	MARISLM KK
Lipper Code	LP65038183
Zawya Code	KFCISLM.MF
Morning Star SecID	F00000251U

Top 5 Holdings (68% of NAV)

Kuwait Finance House
Agility
Mobile Telecommunication Co. (ZAIN)
Boubyan Bank
Boubyan Petrochemical Co.

Sector Allocation



Awards



Winner of four Lipper Fund Awards
2008 .2010 .2011 .2012

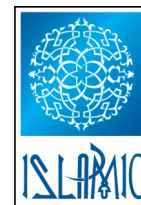


"Kuwait Equity Fund of the Year"
Award from MENA FM
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Market Commentary

During April, Boursa Kuwait All Share index gained 6.7%, bringing the total gains for the year to 12.16%, and the average daily value traded reached KD 51.60 million, an increase of 25% vs. March. Boursa Kuwait led the GCC markets during April, adding KD 1.98 billion to its market gains and bringing its capital value to KD 35.6 billion, an increase of 5.9% compared to March. The strong performance is a result of investors purchase wave of blue chips, especially Agility Public Warehousing during the last week of the month, after its deal with DSV Panalpina (Denmark). Also, small and medium stocks witnessed a trading revive during April, and Main Market index was up by 5000 bps to end the month at 5127 bps, recording 9.3% gains compared to March.

In a quarterly Reuters survey, economists revised down their 2021 expectations for Kuwait to 1.8% growth from 2.2% previously as it faces a possible liquidity crunch. However, the 3.5% growth seen next year is comfortably above the January forecast of 2.7%, with 2023 expectations at 2.9% versus 3.0%.

Mohamed al-Hashel, Central Bank of Kuwait Governor, expected economic activities in the country to grow during the current year, indicating at the same time that a pre Covid-19 status will take some time. Al-Hashel added that the early monetary, precautionary and financial policy interventions at the beginning of the pandemic prevented the country's production capacity from being severely damaged, the matter that will help in a rapid recovery after controlling the pandemic. He explained that there is "a state of uncertainty surrounding the economic outlook", as we are still in the midst of the pandemic, pointing out that the optimism resulting from the availability of vaccines and the start of the vaccination campaign in the country has improved the public mood and raised expectations about the economic conditions.

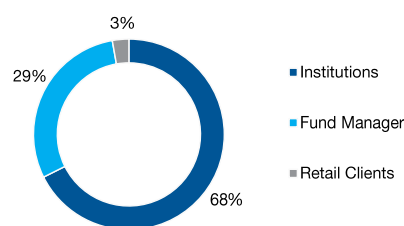
Moody's Investors Service issued a report regarding the regular review of the sovereign credit rating of Kuwait, in which it praised the prudence of the monetary policy applied by the Central Bank of Kuwait, and the strength of the conditions of the banking sector in the country. The agency indicated that the management of Kuwait's monetary policy is a source of institutional strength, as evidenced by the relatively low and stable levels of inflation since the application of the Kuwaiti dinar exchange rate system based on a weighted basket of currencies. The agency indicated the limited risks of infection that the bank-

ing system in Kuwait may pose to the state's general budget, as the agency classifies these risks at the level of "baa", and although the agency expects weak banks' profitability due to the negative repercussions of the Corona pandemic, it praised the banks' enjoyment of High capitalization rates, liquidity and provisions, which support the performance of the banking sector. The agency stated that liquidity risks in particular threaten the country's credit rating in the near term, adding that the possibility of the executive and legislative authorities continuing to introduce temporary and partial measures that would prolong the uncertainty about the financing situation in the medium term. On the positive side, the agency indicated that Kuwait has a huge stock of sovereign assets in the Future Generations Reserve Fund, estimated at 420% of GDP until the end of 2020, and that the assets and investment revenues resulting from the Future Generations Reserve Fund are currently excluded from the general budget under The law, and the financing challenges facing Kuwait can be reduced by amending laws to allow withdrawals from the Future Generations Reserve Fund to fill the public budget deficit, which was recently proposed by the government in a draft law that was submitted to the National Assembly. Consequently, the obstacles that Kuwait faces to solve its financing challenges are primarily political. According to the agency's assumptions for international oil prices in the medium term, the agency expects the balance of the current account balance to continue to record fiscal surpluses.

The Capital Markets Authority (CMA) fixed May 2nd for the launch of NETTING service (allocation accounts and the removal of the fresh money rule). It is also expected that the coming period will witness additional important tools, most notably short selling and swap deals, specially that their legal and legislative regulations are in place, but they are awaiting a CMA decision.

The CMA plans to amend the conditions and executive frameworks for the listing and subscription process, aiming to reduce the documentary cycle and to save time and costs. This will be through the acceleration of the process, by focusing on short listing and IPO timelines, to approximately two working weeks.

Fund Shareholders



Fund Executive Committee Members

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