

# Watani Gulf Equity Fund

## Fact Sheet - March 2025



**NAV**  
**USD 19.3517**

### Fund Structure

Open-ended

### Currency

USD Dollar

### Inception Date

3rd March 2016

### Minimum Investment

USD 1,000 and increments of USD 10

### Subscription / Redemption Deadline

Wednesday of every week

### Subscription: (one-time)

- %2 subscriptions less than USD 500,000
- %1 subscriptions between USD 500,000 but less than USD 2,000,000
- No Fees for subscriptions USD 2,000,000 and above

### Fees (Annual)

Management: %1.5  
Performance: %10 of any positive variance between the return of the Fund and the index during the financial year.  
Inv. Controller: %0.0625 per annum

### Fund Manager

Watani Investment Company K.S.C.C.

### External Auditor

Mr. Safi Al Mutawa  
KPMG Al-Qenae & Partners

### Investment Controller

Gulf Custody Company

### Custodian and Registrar

Gulf Custody Company

### Fund Regulator

Capital Markets Authority - Kuwait

### Executive Committee

Fahad Al Bader, Deputy CEO | Shadi Khadder, CFA, FRM | Rana Atallah, CFA | Ali Sarab Rajat Bagchi | Abdulmohsen Al Hamad CFA, FRM | Muneera Al Marzooq | Abdullah Al Saad | Fatema Al Bader | Yousef Al-Abdullah

Bloomberg: GULFEQ:KK

Morningstar: FS0000DFWC

## Investment Features and Risk

- There is risk inherent in all investments, and the Fund's investments are subject to normal market fluctuations.
- There are no guarantees that the investment value will appreciate. Diversification of investments is used to minimize risk.
- Unitholders should be aware of the risks associated with investing in equity markets, these include liquidity risk, inflation risks, interest rates, in addition to risks associated with the underlying economy, all of which can affect the Fund's performance and investment value.

## Fund Manager Contacts

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## Objective and Strategy

The Fund seeks long-term capital appreciation by investing in equities of companies in the Gulf Cooperation Council. The Fund will follow an active strategy of allocating its investments between the various markets in the GCC. Allocation among the various markets in the GCC will contribute towards achieving this objective, along with investing in money market instruments such as deposits or equivalent in Islamic banks, sukuk or bonds issued or guaranteed by the governments of the GCC, either in Kuwaiti Dinars or any other foreign currency, and also with investing in other investment funds, based on the investment. To help measure the success of the Fund, its performance will be measured against the S&P Custom GCC Composite LargeMidCap.

## Team

NBK Wealth has been managing MENA equity investments on behalf of clients for over 15 years. The fund management team has a long track record and consists of seasoned investment professionals with a combined experience exceeding 60 years. The teams' in-depth knowledge of the local and regional markets, strong research capabilities, and disciplined investment strategy enabled it to be among the top asset managers in Kuwait and the MENA region.

## Fund Performance

	1 M	3 M	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yrs	Ann. 3 Yrs	SI*	Ann. 3 Yrs SI	Ann. SI
<b>Fund</b>	-0.35%	4.04%	4.04%	7.99%	2.69%	0.89%	122.53%	10.55%	9.21%
<b>Benchmark</b>	-0.06%	2.52%	2.52%	6.66%	-6.48%	-2.21%	142.94%	14.82%	10.27%

\*Calculated Since Inception Date : 3rd March 2016

Source: Fund Manager based on the Investment Controller valuation

## Top 5 Holdings

Company	Country	Fund
Al-Rajhi Bank	SA	14.39%
Saudi National Bank	SA	8.15%
Emaar Properties	UAE	6.10%
National Bank Of Kuwait	KU	5.35%
Qatar National Bank	QAR	3.70%

## Sector Allocation

Sector	Fund	Benchmark
Banks	47.49%	52.58%
Real Estate	10.57%	7.63%
Telecom	6.67%	7.95%
Materials	5.66%	7.93%
Cash & Others	29.62%	23.91%

## Country Allocation

Country	Fund	Benchmark
Saudi	52.51%	61.58%
UAE	24.14%	19.44%
Kuwait	8.21%	10.19%
Qatar	7.89%	8.33%
Cash & Others	7.25%	0.46%

1: Others includes Bahrain & Oman

## Portfolio Characteristics

	Fund	Benchmark
Median Mcap (USD Mn)	16,942	6,630
PE (x) - LTM	14.02	14.51
PE (x) - Fwd.	13.15	14.06
PB (x)	2.93	3.11
Div. Yield (%)	3.87	3.71

## Key Statistics

	1 Yr.	3 Yr.	5 Yr.
Tracking Error (%)	2.69%	2.78%	2.59%
Sharpe Ratio <sup>1,2</sup>	0.33	-0.19	1.00
Ann. Standard Deviation	10.52%	14.70%	14.30%
Ann. Standard Dev. - BM	9.86%	14.44%	14.42%
Beta	1.03	1.00	0.98

1: Risk Free Rate used is the 1-month T-Bill.

2: The negative Sharpe Ratio is non significant

## Distributions

Year	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Amount*	0.125	-	0.566	0.442	0.354	0.417	0.497	0.500
Type	Cash	-	Cash	Cash	Cash	Cash	Cash	Cash

\* Amount per unit

## Monthly Performance

Yr	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
25'	4.0%	0.3%	-0.3%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.0%
24'	-0.04%	4.5%	-2.3%	-1.4%	-5.8%	4.1%	4.4%	-0.4%	0.9%	-1.4%	-0.2%	4.0%	5.8%
23'	-0.3%	-3.6%	3.6%	5.2%	-2.3%	3.1%	3.8%	-2.4%	-2.4%	-4.8%	5.2%	6.5%	10.9%
22'	8.5%	4.4%	6.1%	5.4%	-7.6%	-9.8%	7.0%	0.6%	-7.0%	1.8%	-3.0%	-4.7%	-0.3%
21'	1.8%	3.8%	6.9%	5.2%	1.2%	3.2%	0.9%	4.8%	2.4%	3.7%	-4.4%	4.2%	38.1%
20'	-0.7%	-6.5%	-18.8%	8.6%	1.4%	1.6%	0.3%	6.6%	0.4%	-1.2%	7.4%	1.4%	-2.3%