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# Bank Muscat Oryx Fund

### Objective

The main objective of the Fund is to achieve long-term capital appreciation through a diversified portfolio. The Fund will invest in equity securities and equity-related investments in companies in Oman and other countries in the MENA Region. The Fund may invest upto 25% of its assets into the securities listed in international markets.

### **Portfolio Report**

Global equity markets maintained their winning streak for the second straight month. In the backdrop of declining inflation and softening bond yields, growth stocks once again outperformed their value counterparts. The MSCI World Index pocketed a gain of 1.9% during June, led by strong gains in the U.S. (NASDAQ +6%, S&P 500 +3.5%). Emerging markets also participated in the rally with MSCI EM index advancing 3.6%.

Regional markets made a strong comeback after multiple IPOs and Aramco FPO had created liquidity squeeze in May. Oil prices gaining by ~6% also boosted investor sentiment. Qatar snapped a 3-month losing streak to deliver a 7% monthly gain. Abu Dhabi, Saudi Arabia and Dubai posted gains of 2.2%, 1.5% and 1.3%, respectively. On the flipside, Oman (-3.3%), Kuwait (-1.8%) and Bahrain (-0.7%) closed lower. On the sectoral front, all sector indices posted gains, barring Utilities (-5%), Materials (-1.6%) and Energy (-0.3%). Healthcare (+7.4%), Industrials (+4.5%) and Financials (+3.8%) delivered the best returns during the month.

The fund appreciated 7.4% during the month, compared to a 2.5% gain in the S&P GCC index, thus outperforming by 4.9%. Since the beginning of the year, the fund has gained 2.5% as against a decline of 4.1% in the benchmark, thus outperforming by 6.6%.

With inflation showing signs of easing in the U.S., the expected interest rate trajectory remains downward. The European Central Bank cut interest rates in June and the Federal Reserve is also likely to slash rates this year. The first-quarter corporate performance in the GCC was affected by seasonal factors and we remain optimistic about businesses operating in non-oil sectors to benefit from local structural drivers. The corporate credit growth in Saudi Arabia remains strong. The valuation of the regional markets remains attractive with further support from higher dividend yields. The fund continues to benefit from these trends, aiding outperformance over underlying benchmark.

### **Fund Highlights**

Fund Manager	Bank Muscat Asset Management	
Inception Date	05/09/94	
Structure	Open Ended Mutual Fund	
Custodian	Bank Muscat SAOG	
Domicile	Oman	
Benchmark	S&P GCC Composite Index	
Currency	OMR/USD	
Risk Profile	High	
Minimum Initital Purchase	OMR 50	
Minimum Additional Purchase	OMR 50	
Annual Management Fee	1.85%	
Valuation	Daily	
Subscription & Redemptio	Daily	

# **Top 3 Holdings**

Company Name	Weightage (%)
ALKHORAYEF WATER & POWER TEC	3.0
ALINMA BANK	2.9
AL RAJHI BANK	2.8

### Portfolio Performance

Portfolio Name	MTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Years*	10 Year*
Bank Muscat Oryx Fund	7.4%	2.5%	15.0%	14.7%	9.1%
S&P GCC Composite Index	2.5%	-4.1%	-1.0%	0.5%	1.0%

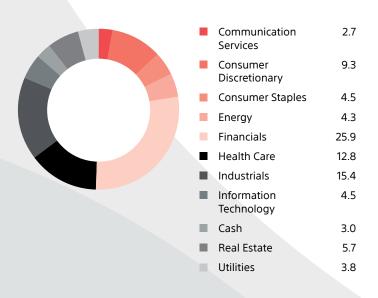
<sup>\*</sup> Annualized

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### **Sectoral Allocation**



# **Geographic Allocation**



### **Risk History**

Volatility 3 Years	16.8
Sharpe Ratio 3 Years	0.8
Sharpe Ratio 1 Year	0.7

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