## AL HAYER GCC FUND



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#### Manager's Commentary

The GCC markets ended the month in a mixed note. Saudi Index closed the month down by 4.8% followed by Oman 2.5%, Kuwait 2.5%, Qatar 1.8% and Bahrain 0.5%, both DFM and ADX closed the month higher by c. 2.0%. While Brent gained c7% signalling a significant decoupling between the market performance and Oil prices.

The rally in oil prices over the past two months saw crude prices reaching a new 2 years peak on the back of improving market fundamentals further supported by geopolitical threats in addition to the anticipated extension of oil output cut by OPEC producers on 30-November-17 continues to support prices.

The Fund was down 0.5% compared to the Index decline of 2.9%, the outperformance was a function of our de-risking strategy that we embarked on early in third Quarter to reduce Saudi and the UAE as the political tension hasn't subdued yet, on a year-to-date basis the Fund is positive 3.7% compared to the Index 3.6%

During the month, most of the of companies reported their results for the Third Quarter, where our core holdings continued their solid growth and outperformance compared to their sector peers, however the positive Third Quarter results didn't manage to stir investor interest as investors continued the wave of selling on strengths, notably however was that foreign investors were net buyers of Qatar and net sellers of Saudi.

We began to modestly build positions in Saudi and the UAE post the sharp declines and strong quarterly results as we began to see value in the these markets, however we remain underweight as we see no short-term catalyst to fully deploy back into the Equity markets and continue to prefer holding positions in our core ideas and short term Money Market investments.

### **Fund Information**

Fund NAV as of 31-Oct-2017	USD 99.95 per unit	
Fund NAV as of 30-Sep-2017	USD 100.49 per unit	
Fund AUM	USD 10.3 million	
Fund Launch Date	23 September 2013	
Fund Manager Inception Date	1 June 2014	
Fund Type	Open ended	
Subscription/Redemption	Monthly	
Bloomberg Ticker	ALHAYER QD Equity	
Investment Objective	Long term capital appreciation investing in listed GCC equities	
Founder	Doha Bank Q.S.C.	
Fund Manager	Amwal LLC (Since June, 2014)	
Management Fee	1.5%	
Performance Fee	15% over 10% annual hurdle rate	
Auditors	KPMG	
Custodian and Administrator	Standard Chartered	

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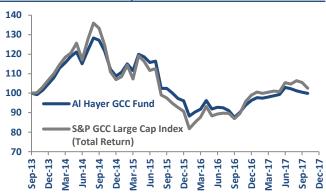
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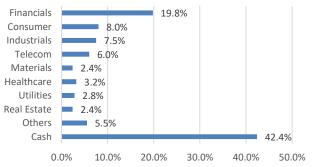
Performance Metrics	Fund	Index*
Return – October 2017	-0.5%	-2.9%
YTD 2017	+3.7%	+3.6%
Return Since Inception	0.0%	+2.5%
Volatility	13.0%	16.6%

\* S&P GCC Large-Cap Index

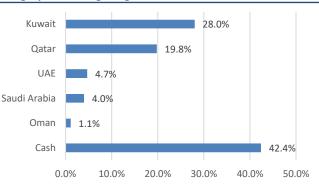
### **Performance Since Inception**



### Sector Weightings



**Geographical Weightings in %** 



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