

# **Qatar Gate Fund**



## January 2017

Fund Information	QGF Q	QGF N
Fund NAV Per Share (QAR)	118.9499	115.0451
Fund AUM (QAR)	QAR 6.5 million	QAR 9.0 million
Bloomberg Ticker	QTGATEQ QD	QTGATEN QD
Reuters Ticker	LP65038685	LP65038686

Q share class for Qatari investors; N share class for non-Qatari investors

#### **Manager Commentary**

Great start to the year! With the increase in prices in almost all sectors the Qatari stock exchange kicked off 2017 with a vibrant and an optimistic investor sentiment which lasted for a solid two weeks. The investor confidence however was slightly shaken during the second half of the month specially after companies that reported in January showed little or no growth in revenue or earning which led investors to slow down their pace to get a clearer picture.

The Fund continued its strong performance from 2016 and increased by 1.3% during the month of January compared to the benchmark which increased by 1.5%. A slight underperformance attributed to our underweight position in the real-estate sector which rallied significantly during the month. Our return for month is a function of a strong performance to our core holdings which rallied significantly. Names like Qatar Fuel, Masraf Alrayan and Qatar Gas which rallied by 10.7%, 6.5% and 4.0% were strong contributors to our returns, while avoiding names like Qatar Investors Group, Industries Qatar and GISS helped us protect the portfolio's capital from any declines in value.

We expect markets to slow down a little after the momentum in January and continue to monitor corporate earnings developments and assess our investment thesis. We have been on the road meeting listed Qatari companies and have identified a number of investment ideas that we are looking to explore.

### **Cumulative Performance Since Inception**



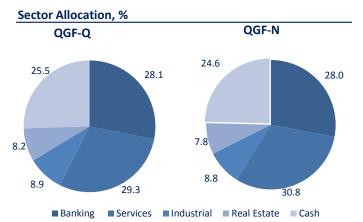
Risk / Return I	Metrics	1-Year	5-Year		
Return	QGF Q	+16.1%	31.5%		
	QGF N	+16.0%	29.6%		
	QE Price Index	+11.8%	23.7 %		
Annualized	QGF Q	14.2%	14.4%		
Volatility	QGF N	13.9%	14.3%		
	QE Price Index	16.3%	17.4%		
Sharpe Ratio*	QGF Q	NM	0.32		
	QGF N	NM	0.30		
	QE Price Index	NM	0.22		

<sup>\*</sup> Based on excess monthly return against 1-month QAR bank deposit rate. Note: QE Price Index returns calculated using last traded prices, while Portfolio returns calculated using last bid prices.

#### Periodic Performance, %

	Jan 2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005*	Since Inception*
QGF Q	+1.0	+4.8	-14.4	+17.4	+25.4	-3.1	+7.1	+34.4	+9.4	-27.7	+38.8	-32.9	-13.4	+18.9
QGF N	+1.3	+4.0	-15.7	+18.4	+24.5	-2.7	+7.0	+37.1	+8.7	-27.2	+36.1	-32.7	-15.1	+15.0
QE Price Index	+1.5	+0.1	-15.1	+18.4	+24.2	-4.8	+1.1	+24.8	+1.1	-28.1	+34.3	-35.5	-9.4	-13.2

<sup>\*</sup> Fund inception in September 2005.



Top 3 Holdings, %	QGF-Q	QGF-N
Qatar National Bank	15.1	15.3
Ezdan Real Estate	7.8	7.1
Qatar Electricity & Water	7.4	7.5



# **Qatar Gate Fund**



### **Fund Objective and Investment Strategy**

The Fund aims to achieve long term capital appreciation, through investments in publicly traded Qatar and GCC equity securities, with a focus on Qatari equities.

The Fund's investment strategy combines proprietary bottom-up fundamental analysis of individual stocks, top-down portfolio construction and risk management. The Fund's underlying investment style is long-term value investing.

#### **Investment Manager**

Amwal LLC is the Fund's investment manager. Based in Doha, Qatar, Amwal LLC is authorised by the QFCRA and wholly owned by Sheikha Hanadi Nasser Bin Khaled Al Thani.

Amwal serves institutional, family office and high net worth investors regionally and globally. We employ a research-driven approach committed to fundamental, proprietary research with a focus on total return and risk-adjusted performance.

Amwal offers global investors direct investment capabilities spanning Qatari, MENA and Turkish securities across equity, fixed income and absolute return strategies.

#### **Key Terms & Conditions**

Fund Founder	Ahli Bank Q.S.C.
Fund Manager	Amwal LLC
Investment Team	Talal Samhouri, CFA
Administrator and Custodian	HSBC Bank Middle East Ltd
Auditors	KPMG
Fund Type	Open-Ended
Inception Date	16 September 2005
Subscription/Redemption	Monthly
Next Subscription Deadline	26 Feb 2017
Next Redemption Deadline	14 Feb 2017
Management Fee	1.50% p.a.
Performance Fee	15% Over 10% Hurdle Rate
Custody and Administration Fee	0.30% p.a.

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> EMEA Finance, February 2016



"Amwal is an <u>alpha</u> <u>champion</u>, with its flagship fund outperforming its benchmark every calendar year since inception, an impressive 9 years running."

> EMEA Finance, February 2015



"...the firm's ability to consistently outperform the benchmarks across funds makes it a very deserving winner."

> EMEA Finance, January 2014



"...best-performing
Qatar equity fund over
various timeframes...
should be applauded for
performance in such a
competitive market."
EMEA Finance,
January 2013



"We are very impressed with the performance of the firm's funds and the managers' consistent ability to outperform local and regional indices" EMEA Finance, February 2012

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