

# **Qatar Gate Fund**



# **July 2017**

Fund Information	QGF Q	QGF N
Fund NAV Per Share (QAR)	109.5968	106.0336
Fund AUM (QAR)	QAR 5.6 million	QAR 7.5 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**

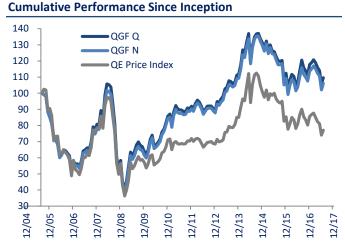
Strong start to the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2017, with majority of the Benchmark constituents ending the month on a positive note. The benchmark recovered sharply peaking at 6.2% during the month to end the July with a positive return of 4.2% after the sharp decline of 8.8% witnessed in June.

The second quarter results were at the center stage of the month. In the banking space Qatar National Bank reported a net income increase of 1.4% while Masraf Al Rayan's net income inched up by 0.8% YoY, Qatar International Islamic Bank reported an increase of c4%. While Ooredoo's net income however declined by c9% for the quarter.

The largest index movers for the month were Qatar National Bank, Masraf Al Rayan, Industries Qatar, highest returning stocks were Vodafone which appreciated by 14%, while QNB and GISS returned c12%.

The Fund appreciated by 3.8% compared to the Benchmark return of 4.2%, a slight underperformance of 0.4% which was a function of the Fund not investing in names like Vodafone. On a year to date basis, the Fund is down by 6.7% while the benchmark is down c10%.

Our strategy for the month of July was carried forward from the second quarter, which focused on capital preservation and reduction of volatility and riskiness of the Fund. We believe that the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter despite the strong start will be range bound as the market lacks any short term catalyst.



Risk / Return M	Metrics	1-Year	5-Year		
Return	QGF Q	-4.0%	+21.7%		
	QGF N	-4.0%	+19.4%		
	QE Price Index	-11.3%	+13.3%		
Annualized	QGF Q	13.4%	14.7%		
Volatility	QGF N	13.4%	14.6%		
	QE Price Index	15.2%	17.9%		
Sharpe Ratio*	QGF Q	NM	0.26		
	QGF N	NM	0.24		
	QE Price Index	NM	0.17		

<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.

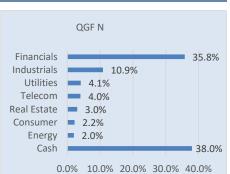
### Periodic Performance, %

	Jul 2017	YTD 2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005*	Since Inception *
QGF Q	+3.8	-6.9	+4.8	-14.4	+17.4	+25.4	-3.1	+7.1	+34.4	+9.4	-27.7	+38.8	-32.9	-13.4	+9.6
QGF N	+3.8	-6.7	+4.0	-15.7	+18.4	+24.5	-2.7	+7.0	+37.1	+8.7	-27.2	+36.1	-32.7	-15.1	+6.0
QE Index	+4.2	-9.9	+0.1	-15.1	+18.4	+24.2	-4.8	+1.1	+24.7	+1.1	-28.1	+34.3	-35.5	-9.4	-22.9

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

#### Sector Allocation, %





Top 5 Holdings (%)	QGF-Q	QGF-N
Qatar National Bank	15.0	15.0
Industries Qatar	9.8	9.8
Masraf Al Rayan	9.2	9.2
Qatar Islamic Bank	7.1	7.0
Qatar Electricity and Water	4.2	4.1



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## **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.

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 investors direct investment capabilities across regional equity, fixed income and absolute return strategies, in addition to global real estate and private equity opportunities.

## **Key Terms & Conditions**

Fund Founder	Ahli Bank Q.S.C.
Fund Manager	Amwal LLC
Investment Team	Talal Samhouri, CFA Rami Jamal
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	29 August 2017
Next Redemption Deadline	17 August 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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"We are very impressed with the performance of the firm's funds and the managers' consistent ability to outperform local and regional indices"

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