

# **Qatar Gate Fund**



## August 2017

QGF Q	QGF N
104.7254	99.9215
QAR 5.3 million	QAR 5.3 million
QTGATEQ QD	QTGATEN QD
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	104.7254 QAR 5.3 million QTGATEQ QD

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

#### Manager Commentary

The momentum seen in July failed to push through in August as the Qatar Exchange recorded a sharp decline of 6.4%. The ongoing political tension concerning Qatar led to a sovereign rating downgrade from Fitch to AA– with a 'Negative' outlook, Fitch also highlighted that Qatar may curtail spending on infrastructure projects if the ongoing sanctions intensify, contradicting other rating Agencies and government officials which have insisted on the continuation of infrastructure projects as planned.

The long-awaited listing of Investment Holding Group (IHG) took place during the month and the name witnessed heavy selling across the board leading to the name losing 25% of its value by closing of the month.

The Funds declined by 4.4% & 5.8% respectively for August outperforming the Index which declined by 6.4%. On a YTD basis the Funds are down 11.0% & 12.0% significantly outperforming the Index which declined 15.7%.

We have two major events that in our opinion will shape the near term direction of the market 1) FTSE rebalancing; which we believe will make the situation tougher after the removal of QNNS, QIGD and AHCS while GWCS made it to the index and 2) 3Q earnings; which are going to reflect the real impact of the blockade on Qatar.

However, we are positive that the market is looking at a rebound as valuations right now are at their lowest compared to previous years, and this indicates that the market has been oversold and unjustifiably punished by some investors.

We continue to actively manage and monitor the developments on both geopolitical and fundamental levels and are confident that our strategy will pay off by both outperforming the benchmark as well as protecting the capital of the Fund.





Risk / Return I	Vetrics	1-Year	5-Year
Return	QGF Q	-13.1%	13.9%
	QGF N	-13.7%	10.3%
	QE Price Index	-19.9%	3.7%
Annualized	QGF Q	12.4%	14.9%
Volatility	QGF N	13.1%	14.9%
	QE Price Index	15.2%	<b>18.2%</b>
Sharpe Ratio*	QGF Q	NM	0.17
	QGF N	NM	0.13
	QE Price Index	NM	0.07

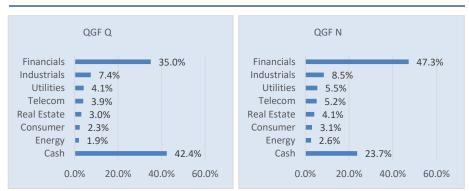
\* Based on excess monthly return against 1-month QAR bank deposit rate. Note: QE Price Index returns calculated using last traded prices, while portfolio returns calculated using last bid prices.

#### Periodic Performance, %

	Aug 2017	YTD 2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005*	Since Inception *
QGF Q	-4.4	-11.0	+4.8	-14.4	+17.4	+25.4	-3.1	+7.1	+34.4	+9.4	-27.7	+38.8	-32.9	-13.4	+4.7
QGF N	-5.8	-12.0	+4.0	-15.7	+18.4	+24.5	-2.7	+7.0	+37.1	+8.7	-27.2	+36.1	-32.7	-15.1	-0.1
QE Index	-6.4	-15.7	+0.1	-15.1	+18.4	+24.2	-4.8	+1.1	+24.7	+1.1	-28.1	+34.3	-35.5	-9.4	-27.9

\* Fund inception in September 2005

### Sector Allocation, %



Top 5 Holdings (%)	QGF-Q	QGF-N
Qatar National Bank	14.6	19.8
Masraf Al Rayan	8.9	12.0
Qatar Islamic Bank	7.2	9.7
Industries Qatar	5.0	5.2
Qatar Electricity and Water	4.1	5.4

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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, topdown 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 QFMA.

Amwal serves institutional, family office and high net worth investors regionally and globally. We employ a researchdriven 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	26 September 2017
Next Redemption Deadline	14 September 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



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EMEA Finance, January 2013



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