Al Mal MENA Equity Fact Sheet

April 2025

NAV Per Unit: USD 12.08

Fund Manager Commentary

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Amid this challenging backdrop, the IMF revised down its global growth outlook, reflecting both the direct impact of new trade measures and secondary effects through supply chains and sentiment. Global real GDP is now forecast at 2.8% in 2025 and 3.0% in 2026, while the MENA region saw a sharper revision, with 2025 growth lowered by 90 basis points to 2.6%—largely driven by a weaker outlook for oil exporters. However, the UAE remains a relative bright spot, with 2026 growth projected at 5.0%. For the broader GCC, trade realignment may present medium-term opportunities as production shifts out of high-tariff jurisdictions. The UAE stands to benefit in sectors, where cost advantages and supply chain diversification trends are increasingly relevant.

Despite global headwinds, the region maintains strong macroeconomic fundamentals: low debt-to-GDP levels, substantial sovereign wealth reserves, and a stable currency pegged to the US dollar. These strengths reinforce its position as a relative strength within emerging markets. While sustained weakness in oil prices remains a risk to longer-term growth, current price levels are not yet a cause for concern.

In the near term, markets are likely to remain volatile as developments unfold around US trade negotiations with China and the EU. We view this as an opportunity to selectively build exposure to high-quality companies with predictable earnings and strong governance, positioning the portfolio to benefit from eventual market normalization while managing downside risk.

Objective

Achieve capital appreciation, primarily through investment in equity and equity related securities in the Middle East and North African markets.

Performance[1]	Fund	Benchmark[2]	Alpha
1 Month	-0.9%	-0.7%	-0.2%
YTD*	-0.9%	0.6%	-1.5%
2024	3.0%	1.9%	1.1%
2023	23.1%	9.8%	13.3%
2022	-0.9%	-5.9%	5.0%
Since Inc.	67.2%	-16.3%	83.5%

[1] Performance is net of fees; return is cumulative
[2] S&P Pan Arab Composite Index
[3] As of 30th April 2025

Holding	Top 5 Holdings	% of Fund
Emaar Properties		5.2
Saudi National Bank		5.0
Saudi Ground Services Company		4.0
Riyad Bank		3.9
Al Masane Al Kobra Mining Company		3.7

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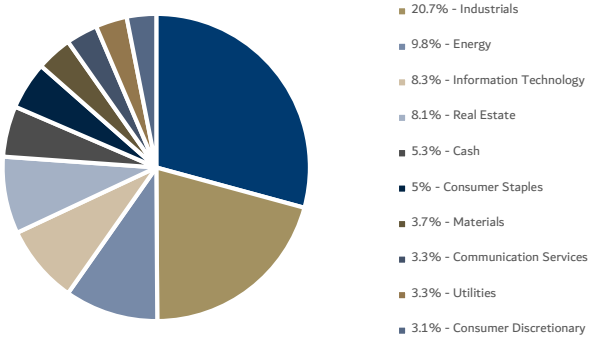
Matrix[4]	Fund	Benchmark
Standard Deviation	12.4%	12.5%
Tracking Error	5.7%	
Beta	0.9	
No. of Holdings	32	

[4] Calculated using 3-year weekly data

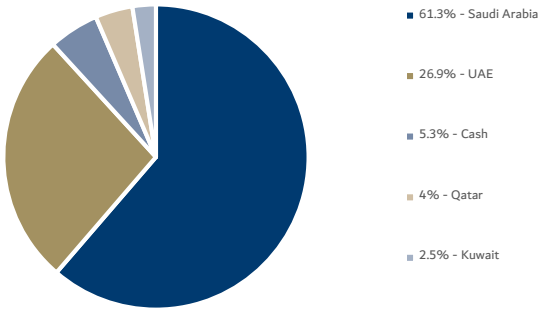
Fund Information

Fund Manager	Faisal Hasan, CFA
Inception Date	15th June 2008
Fund Size	USD 23.6 million
Strategy Size	USD 250 million
Domicile	Bahrain
Currency	USD
Subscription & Redemption	Weekly
Min Subscription	USD 50,000
Bloomberg Code	MALMENE BI
Management Fee	1.75%
Benchmark Index	S&P Pan Arab Composite
Fund Type	Open Ended
Administrator	Apex
Custodian	Standard Chartered

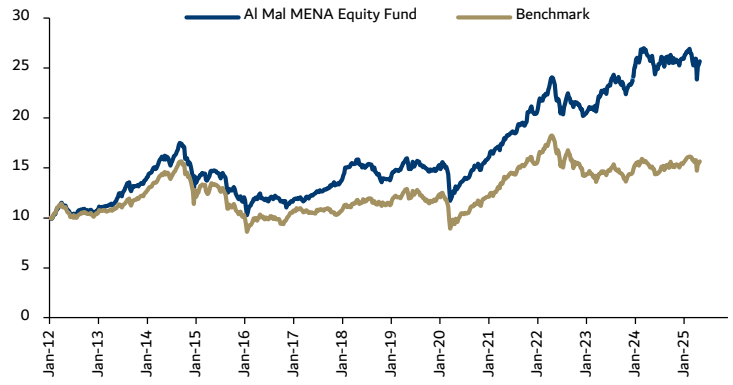
Sector Allocation



Geographic Allocation



10Y Fund Strategy Performance



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Al Mal UAE Equity Fact Sheet

April 2025

NAV Per Unit: AED 1.93

Fund Manager Commentary

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Objective

Achieve medium to long-term capital growth by investing primarily in equities listed on the UAE Exchange.

Fund Performance

Performance[1]	Fund	Benchmark[2]	Relative Perf.
1 Month	2.7%	2.8%	-0.1%
YTD*	-0.2%	2.3%	-2.5%
2024	17.9%	12.2%	5.7%
2023	14.5%	7.6%	6.9%
2022	6.2%	5.4%	0.8%
Since Inc.	179.3%	-14.1%	193.4%

[1] Performance is net of fees; return is cumulative
[2] S&P UAE Domestic 10% Capped Index
[3] As of 30th April 2025

Top 3 Holdings

Holding	% of Fund
Emaar Properties	6.0
Adnoc Logistocs and Services	5.8
Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank	5.0

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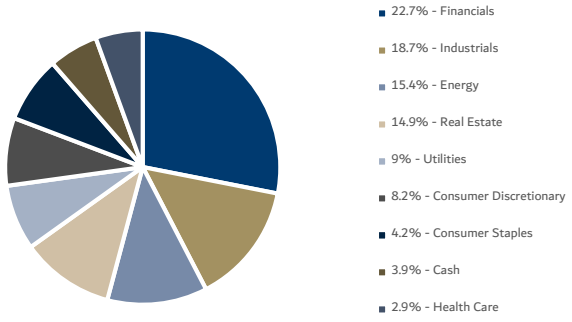
Matrix[4]	Fund	Benchmark
Standard Deviation	10.1%	13.6%
Tracking Error	6.2%	
Beta	0.7	
No. of Holdings	25	

[4] Calculated using 3-year weekly data

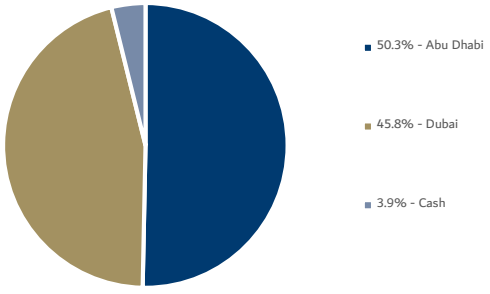
Fund Information

Fund Manager	Faisal Hasan, CFA
Fund Size	AED 52 million
Domicile	UAE
Currency	AED
Subscription & Redemption	Weekly
Min Subscription	AED 40,000
Management Fee	1.50%
Performance Fee	20% over 10% hurdle with high watermark
Financial Year End	31st December
Benchmark Index	S&P UAE Domestic 10% Capped Index
Fund Type	Open Ended
Administrator & Custodian	Standard Chartered

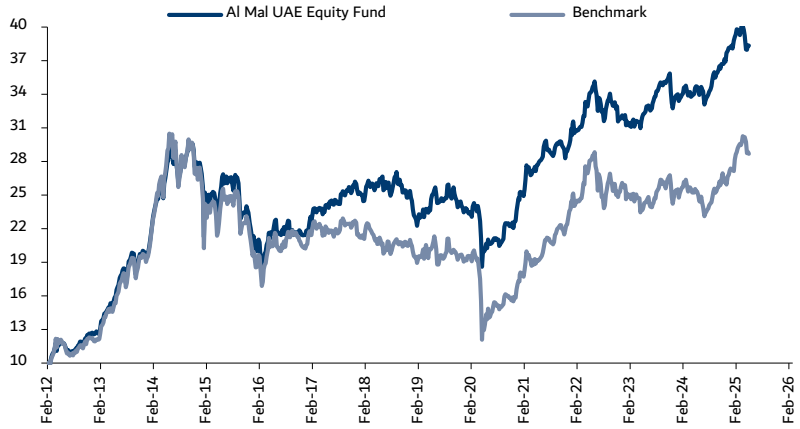
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